VOICE OF THE V8

A monthly newsletter of the Early Ford V-8 Club of the Inland Empire #23

MARCH 2023

Dear V8ers,

Well, hopefully the snow is gone for a while. Now we can start to get our old V8s ready for the summer.

We had a good turnout at our meeting night, but still missing a few blue birds from the south.

The only issue was the charitable giving. The club treasurer wrote checks to the Valley Food Bank and the Post Falls Food Bank and sent them out. At the time we voted on what to do with the monies, the club didn't have anyone to chair the charitable giving committee. At the March meeting, Shirley Adams volunteered to take it over. Gail Whitman stated that she would stay on, because of Shirley volunteering. I want to thank them both for stepping up to fill the chair.

At this month's meeting, we talked about the July meeting. The sixteen years I have been a member, we have never had a July meeting except, for the last week in June. The swap meet kept the club from that. This year the 4th falls on Tuesday. By a show of hands, the members voted on having the July meeting on the 9th. I talked with Annette of Darcy's Cafe and they are closed on Sundays during July and August. The club meeting in August will be at B.J.'s daughter's and son-in-law's place on the Pend Orielle River (camp out).

I need to apologize to the bereavement head (B.J.) for not getting in touch with her before I said anything about Chuck Tremblay at the meeting. It won't happen again and if any member hears of a member passing please contact B.J. first.

It is still a little early for tours, but Jack has some in mind for when the weather is nice enough to have the club driving the old Fords. I'm putting together a tour for the last weekend in April. I will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting. I will be keeping my fingers crossed that it won't be raining.

Our next meeting is at Darcy's Cafe on April 2nd. Come a little early and have a bite. We will start the meeting a 6:00 p.m. Until then, please stay safe. Take good care of yourself and others. The medical people are still saying that the Covid is still very much alive. New kits are available for testing for the public.

See all of you at the April Meeting.

Club President,
Chuck McVey

UPcoming EVENTS

APRIL 2
Regular Meeting

APRIL 14-16
Spokane Speed & Custom Car Show

MAY 7
Regular Meeting

JUNE 4
Regular Meeting

JULY 4
Independence Day

JULY 9
Regular Meeting

JULY 7-9
All Wheels Swap Meet

JOIN the FUN

Bereavement Information

If you hear information about a member's death, please let me know ASAP. As of late, there has been information or rumors regarding club members' passing that has not been accurate. Calling me (bereavement chair) ensures that the information we pass along to all of you is accurate. We appreciate your help in making sure that we are able to support families in the best way possible.

Much appreciated,
B.J. Glander

EARLY FORD V-8 REGIONAL GROUP #23
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES ♦ MARCH 5, 2023 ♦ 6:00PM ♦ DARCY'S RESTAURANT

Meeting called to order: 6:10 pm

Officers in attendance: Chuck McVey, Tom Davis, Jack Guinnane and Gary Davis

Flag Salute: Led by Dale Furnish

Introduction of any guests: No guests

Old minutes of the February 5th meeting as published in the newsletter. Any questions or comments?

Motion to accept the minutes: Gail Whitman, 2nd by Jerry Honeycutt. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Gary read the report. Motion to accept the report by Gail Whitman, 2nd by Dave Voelker. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Badges: Shirley Adams–no report

Sunshine: Brigitte Leidel–card sent to Kellie Pemble. The club received thank you cards from the Tefft family and Vonnie Satchwell

Bereavement: No report

Charitable Giving: No report

INCCC: Jack Guinnane gave the report in Wally's absence. The Show-No-Shine had 264 people in attendance, which is a record. The band was great and people had a good time. Awards this year went to Man of the Year–Brian Anderson, Woman of the Year–Annette Barton, Couple of the Year–Jeff and Gwenn Williams, Business of the Year–Andy's Classic Mustangs, Jr. Hot Rodder of the Year–Logan Anderson (new award), and Newsletter of the Year–Corvair Club. The 2023 scholarship forms are available. There will be 15–$1,500 scholarships given in 2023.

Lady Luncheon: If enough ladies are interested, there will be a gathering. Please let Gail know as she has a sign-up sheet.

Legal: No report.

Newsletter & Webmaster: No report. If you have anything for sale or wanted please let Becky Swenson know so she can get it in the newsletter.

Nominating Committee: No report

Property Accountability: Shirley Adams–no report.

Tour Committee: Jack is working on tour in April–stay tuned, more info to follow.

Flag Day: Don Leidel has contacted the city and is waiting on the paperwork.

Budget Committee: No report

Christmas Party: No report

New Business: Chuck wanted club members to pick a date for the meeting in July. The options were July 2nd or 9th. With a show of hands, the club picked the 9th for the meeting at Darcy's.

Old Business: No old business, Don Leidel won the drawing and gave the pot to the club.

Next meeting at Darcy's April 2nd at 6pm.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting made by Gail Whitman and 2nd Jerry Honeycutt. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Tom Davis, Secretary

Fun Facts about Ford Motor Company

The well-known Ford Blue Oval badge was first introduced in 1907 and the current emblem was introduced in 2003 to celebrate 100 years of Ford.

The very first Ford sold was to a Dr. Pfennig in 1903. The cost was $850! He bought the "Model A" which had a two cylinder engine and could reach a max speed of 30 mph!

In 1964, after the Mustang was first debuted, 94,000 pedal powered toy mustangs were bought for children the following Christmas season! That is a lot of pedal-powered toy mustangs!

Henry Ford and Thomas Edison were lifelong friends! Henry Ford first worked for Thomas Edison and then they ended up becoming lifelong friends.

The Ford Thunderbird was first manufactured in 1955 and finished production in 2005. During this 50 year period 11 different models of the Thunderbird were released. Ford has produced over 4.4 million Thunderbirds throughout its lifespan. The Thunderbird was also famously called the "T-Bird."

https://www.prestonmotor.com/blogs/3407/preston-ford/fun-facts-ford-motor-company/

Below are inspection sheets for street rods, but they can still be used for the old Ford with a little imagination and common sense. Great guide for owners to check over their cars before summer driving. Thanks, Wally Graham.

NSRA Vehicle Safety Inspection Requirements

The 16 items that follow are REQUIRED. If the vehicle being inspected satisfies all of the items outlined below, an annual NSRA Safety Inspection Verification Sticker will be affixed to the vehicle's windshield by the NSRA State Inspector. This annual inspection certification sticker will be honored through May of the following year.

HORN

An electrically operated horn which can be heard at a distance of at least 200-feet in front of the vehicle is required. A switch (horn button) used to engage the horn must be easily accessible to the driver when operating the vehicle.

SPEED INDICATOR

A working speedometer or tachometer is required. If a tachometer is used, a mark indicating 65-mph is required.

REAR VIEW MIRROR

One required on either inside of vehicle, or outside on driver's side. Mirror must be securely mounted with no cracks.

GLASS

Safety plate, Lexon, or tempered glass required. No cracks which interfere with the driver's vision or allow one piece of glass to be removed. No exposed sharp edges allowed. No stone chips larger than 1-inch in diameter.
All openings designed for glass must have glass installed unless vehicle is modified to eliminate window openings.
If vehicle doesn't have identification markings on glass (AS-2, safety plate, etc.), use an object such as a pencil to check for a double image. Plexiglass not allowed.

LIGHTING

Two headlights required. All headlights must be equipped with two position dimmer switch which will lower and raise the candle power of the headlights. Rheostat type switch not allowed.
Vehicle must be equipped with a taillight, brake light and a license plate light which illuminates the license plate.
Two taillights and two brake lights are recommended.

WINDSHIELD WIPER

Vehicle must be equipped with at least one electric or vacuum operated wiper located in front of driver. Hand operated wiper is not acceptable.
Clamp on electric wiper is acceptable on open vehicles only if wiring and clamp mechanism are well engineered. Clamp on wiper not allowed on convertibles with folding tops and closed vehicles. Wiper assembly may be installed in removable top.
Suction cups and magnetic devices not allowed.
Wiper arm and blade must be installed at time of inspection. Blade cannot be damaged.

AUTO. TRANS. LOCKOUT

Vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission must be equipped with a neutral safety switch which allows the vehicle to start in either neutral and/or park only.

TIRES

D.O.T. marking required. Must have 3/32-inch minimum tread depth. Should not rub body or frame of vehicle. No side wall cuts, cracks, or tread cuts which expose tire cord. Slicks not allowed.

STEERING

Two-inch play in steering wheel allowed. Three-inches of play allowed in vehicles equipped with a flexible steering coupler (rag joint).
The steering box and column must be mounted in a manner that allows only minimum flex or movement of the steering box or column when pressure is applied to the system.
The steering system cannot have any bind in it or come in contact with tires, headers, radius rods, etc. when turned to the entire right or left.
Unconventional steering components are not allowed (example: chain drive, sprockets, electrical solenoids, etc.). Steering components must be produced for automotive use.

THROTTLE LINKAGE

Vehicle must be equipped with an accelerator control system which returns the vehicle's throttle to an idle position when the driver removes the actuating force (generally the foot) from the accelerator (gas pedal). Check to make sure the linkage does not travel past center of the carburetor in a fully depressed position.
Accelerator pedal and linkage must be securely attached.
Check so there are no obstructions that would cause the accelerator pedal to stick in the open position.
If the vehicle is equipped with cruise control, the device cannot interfere with the normal operation of the throttle linkage. Dual return spring recommended.

FUEL SYSTEM

No leaks allowed.
If fuel tank is located in trunk or interior of vehicle, the tank must be vented to the outside of the vehicle, and have a sealed inlet (filler) pipe.
Check venting of fuel tanks on T-buckets which are usually installed in the bed area along with the battery.
Clear plastic fuel lines not allowed unless the lines have braid showing through the plastic.
Copper tubing and neoprene allowed.

EXHAUST SYSTEM

No leaks allowed.
The system must be mounted in a safe and secure fashion so as not to interfere with the operation of the vehicle.
No part of the exhaust system may pass through the passenger carrying compartment of the vehicle.
Tail pipes cannot end before the rear edge of the front door and must exit exhaust away from vehicle.

SELF ALIGNING ROD ENDS

Check for cracks and fractures in housing.
Check for wear, sloppiness, or binding of inserts.
This check will also include checking tie rod ends for fractures and excessive play.

SHOCK ABSORBERS

One automotive type shock absorber per wheel required.
Shocks should have a minimum of two-inches of travel in each direction. Smashed or severely leaking shocks (not slight dampness) are cause for rejection.
If vehicle is depressed, it should stop vertical motion in two cycles.

BRAKES

Four wheel hydraulic brakes required.
Check brake pedal travel in both directions. Rod to master cylinder must not fall out when pedal is pulled back, and adequate pedal must remain when pedal is depressed.
No leaks. All brake lines must be steel or equivalent. No copper tubing allowed.
Check for damp spots on lower edge of backing plate and on disc rotors.
Check length and condition of flexible brake lines when front wheels are turned to extreme right or left. All flexible brake hoses must have a bracket installed between the flexible line and the steel line. This bracket must be securely mounted to the body, frame, or another part of the vehicle such as the differential housing.

SCRUB LINE

On both the front and rear suspension of the vehicle, stretch a taut string from the bottom of each wheel rim to the bottom of each of the other three tires at the road surface. If any part of the steering, suspension, or chassis is below this string, the vehicle will fail scrub line. Allow an additional 1/4-inch assuming the tire will not come off the rim if the tire should go flat. Items exempt from scrub line check will include body sheet metal, bumpers, exhaust system, oil and transmission pan.

The 7 items that follow are RECOMMENDED. If the vehicle being inspected satisfies all of the items outlined above and all of those that follow, a "SAFETY 23" pin will be awarded to the vehicle owner in addition to the NSRA Safety Inspection Verification Sticker.

WINDSHIELD

Must be safety plate. AS-1 recommended.

SHIFT PATTERN

Shift pattern must be visible within area of shift lever. A permanently attached plate is recommended. Masking tape or equivalent not allowed. Not required on 3-speed manual transmission equipped vehicles.

FUEL LINES

Should be safely mounted and routed. If the fuel lines need an additional clamp or can be moved without a major problem, the vehicle will pass. However, if any fuel line is leaking or is mounted in such a manner that it comes in contact with the exhaust system or any moving part of the vehicle and cannot be moved, the vehicle will fail.

PARKING BRAKE

Place vehicle in drive or slip clutch. Parking brake should keep the vehicle from moving at engine idle. Line Loc is not recommended because it uses the vehicle's hydraulic system.

SELF ALIGNING ROD ENDS

All rod end bearings that have any misalignment should have 1/8 to 1/4-inch spacer on each side of the ball.
Misalignment should not exceed 10-degrees.
Rod ends and 4-bar parallel radius rod system rubber bushed rod ends should have a safety washer at least the same outside diameter as the housing or larger.

BRAKE LINES

Should be safely mounted and routed.
If the brake lines need an additional clamp or can be moved without a major problem, the vehicle will pass.
If the brake line is leaking, crushed, or mounted in such a manner that it comes in contact with the exhaust system or any other moving part of the vehicle and cannot be moved, the vehicle will fail inspection.

CHASSIS FASTENERS

All chassis fasteners should have some type of locking device (lockwashers, cotter pins, self-locking nuts, or safety wire) installed. A minimum of at least one thread should be exposed. If Ny-Loks are used, thread should pass through the plastic and be exposed. Loctite not accepted because it is impossible to prove it has been used.

OPTIONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The following items are not part of the NSRA Inspection Program, but should be considered for your own safety:
Fire extinguisher (in driver/passenger compartment), seat belts, third brake light, dual master cylinder.

Next Meeting

Sunday, APRIL 2nd

Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Darcy's Restaurant and Spirits
10502 E Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99206

"The gifted man bears his gifts into the world, not for his own benefit, but for the people among whom he is placed; for the gifts are not his, he himself is a gift to the community." ~Henry Ford

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