



VOICE OF THE V8

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

JULY 2026

Dear EFV8 Club Members,

Thanks to everyone who joined us for dinner and the meeting on Sunday evening during the 250th birthday weekend celebration of the United States of America. The Continental Congress voted for independence from Great Britain on July 2nd, and officially adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. Some of the founding fathers believed that July 2nd should have been the day to be remembered as our celebration, but July 4th stuck.

Some creative research found that several members of our Early Ford V-8 Club are descendants of some of our early history makers, Rick True is related to the Abraham Lincoln family, Dave Swenson is a descendant of William Bradford, and your club president is a descendant of James Monroe. In his passing in 1831, Monroe became the third president and Founding Father to die on the Fourth of July. The other two were Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. Only one president was born on July 4th, Calvin Coolidge.

There are lots of car events this month. It's always worth the effort to get out, catch up with friends, and see what's happening in the car world. Enjoy the summer—and get out and drive!

Sam
Irvin Kohlmeier
Early Ford V8 Club
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MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Upcoming EVENTS



JULY 16
Farm Country Tour

JULY 16
INCCC Scholarship
Car Show

JULY 31-AUG 2
Campout

AUGUST 2
Regular Meeting

AUGUST 30
Regular Meeting

OCTOBER 4
Regular Meeting

NOVEMBER 1
Regular Meeting

**JOIN
the
FUN**

THIS MONTH'S *Feature Car*



Jim & Deana Solomon's 1935 Ford

Attention

If you would like to have your car featured in our newsletter, please send a photo to earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com. Be sure to include "V8 Club Newsletter" in the subject line so your message isn't missed.

In your email, please include:

- Your name
- The year, make, and model of your car
- An optional short write-up or story about your vehicle

Your car will also be showcased on our club website, where we have a page dedicated to members' vehicles.

(Club photo page link included [here](#).)



EARLY FORD V-8 - REGIONAL GROUP #23

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES – JULY 5, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Officers in Attendance: Sam K, Richard T, Dale F, Deana S.

Meeting called to order: 6:15

Flag Salute: Yes

Prospective New Members or Guest:

Treasurer's Report and Approval:

Motion: Jack Guinnane

2nd: Loren Gill

Motion Carried

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:

Motion Moved: Annette Long

2nd: Loren Gill

Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Bereavement:

Badges & Property:

Charitable Giving:

Sunshine: Jo Ann Davis has been sick, Glen Terry had a hip replacement, Irene Hugill passed in June.

Ladies Luncheon: July 22, 11:30, True Legends Grill - 1803 N. Harvard Rd, Liberty Lake, WA. Contact Deana Solomon at 509-710-3826

INCCC: Hot Rod Hall of Fame Award Banquet, September 19th, Mirabeau Park Hotel/Event Center, \$75.00 a plate. Members will pay individual to Early Ford V-8 Club, funds will purchase a table in club's name.

TOURS: July 16th—Farm Country Tour. Meet at Darcy's at 8:30 a.m.; departure is at 9:00 a.m. Back roads to Sprague then to Medical Lake for pizza & ice cream.

Old Business:

Club Annual Campout: July 31st – August 2nd. Meeting on August 2nd at 2:00.

A head count is needed by July 23rd. The club will purchase chicken. Please bring a side dish and beverage. Water will be provided. Contact: BJ Hokanson at 208-946-6085.

INCCC Annual Scholarship Car Show: July 16th, 6:00 p.m. at the Hutton Settlement. 9907 E Wellesley Ave, Spokane Valley, WA

All clubs will meet with their cars at Plantes Ferry on Upriver Drive starting between 4:00 & 4:30 p.m. There should be enough room for every club to get their group together. At 5:00 PM, the parking team will start having the cars go over to Hutton Settlement, club by club. At the settlement, there will be people directing the clubs where to park. The announcements and scholarship presentations begin 6:00 PM. There will be food and beverages, a lemonade truck, music by Snodgrass & Olson and awards. For information, call 509-981-7480 or 509-995-6562. For EFV8ers, call Sam Kohlmeier at 617-650-8775.

Car photos for newsletter. Carrole Helman, Rick True and Jerry Honeycutt will check to make sure photos of their cars were sent to Becky Swenson at earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com for the newsletter.

September General Meeting will be on August 30, 2026 at Darcy's.

New Business: July 11-12—ALL Wheels Swap Meet & Car Show. \$20.00 includes entry to swap meet.

Special thanks to Becky Swenson for her continued hard work and dedication in producing our club newsletter.

Website / Newsletter: Becky Swenson @ earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com

For Sale: 1954 F-100 pickup project vehicle, Contact Don (206) 769-1893 or email msportevo@yahoo.com

50/50 Raffle was \$76.00 with Jim Solomon generously donated his \$38 winnings back to the club.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Jerry Honeycutt
2nd: Loren Gill
Motion Carried

Minutes submitted by Deana Solomon



Campout, Picnic & Meeting July 31-August 2, 2026



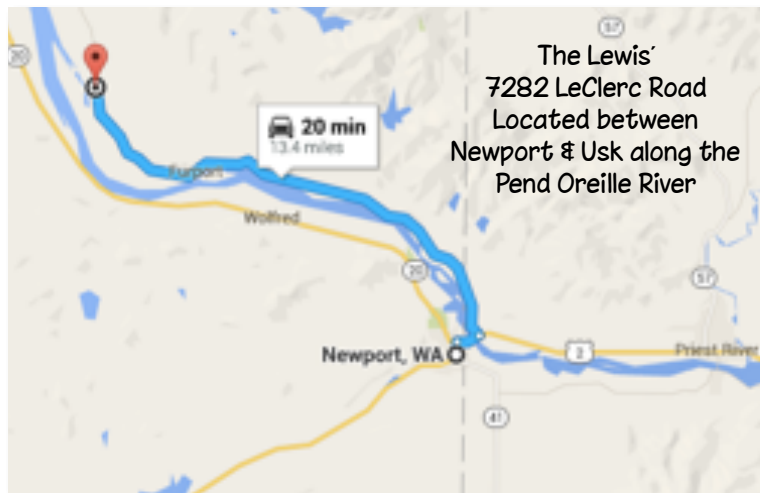
It's that time of year again for our summer campout and picnic. Once again, we are fortunate to have it at the Lewis' cabin on the beautiful Pend Oreille River. A big thank you to B.J.'s daughter and son-in-law for inviting our

club to their cabin for this event.

The picnic will be on Sunday, August 2nd at 1:00 p.m. with the meeting at 2:00pm. The club will provide chicken, coffee and water. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own beverages and lawn chairs. Also, **please let B.J. know if you plan to camp and/or come to the picnic at (208-946-6085) by July 23, 2026.**

The address is 7282 LeClerc Road, Usk, Washington. Directions are as follows: Go through Newport toward Priest River. Take a left at the end of the bridge. Go about 10 miles. There will be a large green A-frame on the right, up on a hill. A sign with "Lewis" will be at the driveway.

Everyone is invited and we hope you are able to attend. It's a beautiful drive getting to the Lewis'. Make the trip even more enjoyable by driving your Early Ford V-8!



FOR SALE

1935 and 1936 parts. Also, 1935 or 1936 Sedan Delivery body with enough parts to make a complete 1935 or 1936 Sedan Delivery.

Contact Harvey Dunham at 509-218-1437 for more information.



WANTED

1934 Ford Roadster parts: front bows, front seat, roadster doors. Any condition considered.

Contact Harvey Dunham at 509-218-1437 if you are able to help out with any of these parts.



SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED!

The Inland Northwest Car Club Scholarships for 2026 will be awarded at the Hutton Settlement during a special car show on Thursday evening, July 16. The show will start at 6:00 p.m. so come on out for a festive evening. Bring those old Fords!

Our car community has raised enough funds to award twenty-one scholarships at \$2,000 each this year. That's a total of \$42,000! Great job, everyone! Since the beginning of the INCC Scholarship Fund, a total of \$519,792.00 has been awarded. This year's recipients are:



Aidan Allen, Spokane Valley, WA
 Brayden Burgener, Spokane, WA
 Madison Claar, Nine Mile Falls, WA
 Kadence Denison, Nine Mile Falls, WA
 Noelle Fries, Spokane, WA
 Jale Gendreau, Spokane, WA
 Kaitlyn Hohenstreet, Spokane, WA
 Hayley Kasinger, Deer Park, WA
 Dominic Lundquist, Athol, ID
 Mackenzie Mitchell, Sagle, ID

Duncan Morrow, Coeur d'Alene, ID
 Sarah Orebaugh, Liberty Lake, WA
 Riley Quaschnick, Spokane, WA
 Jacey Rust, Sandpoint, ID
 Jonathan Stromberger, Ritzville, WA
 Kathryne Sturm, Spokane, WA
 Ryan Sulpizio, Spokane Valley, WA
 Jackson Syron, Cheney, WA
 Cole Van Herset, Hayden, ID
 Sara West, Mead, WA

Thank you to all the car clubs and individuals that made this possible and congratulations to all the scholarship winners. We'll see you all there at the car show on the 16th!

Arlene Stromberger

ST. MARIES FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

Perfect summer weather greeted all who attended the Father's Day car show in St. Maries on June 21. If you missed it, please be sure to add it to your calendar next year. This was their third annual show and was the most organized and enjoyable show of the summer so far. A total of 99 cars, trucks and motorcycles came to enjoy the day. The drive around the lake in your hot rod or classic car was something special, before even arriving.

Upon entering the park, participants were greeted warmly and given a goody bag containing some great items. Fee to enter? Nothing. Everything was free of charge for the day.

Since it was on a Sunday, there was an optional church in the park with tents and chairs set up for participants. If you wanted to sing along, paper posters with QR Codes were displayed on the tent poles. "Rust Happens" was the subject for the day. A live band was enjoyed by all.

For lunch, the St. Maries Church of the Nazarene members loaded everyone up with barbecued brisket (hot dogs optional), coleslaw, potato salad, barbecued beans, chips and water. Fantastic meal, and once again, free of charge.

There was play equipment for children available in the park as well as a three-on-three basketball tournament. There was no option of being bored.

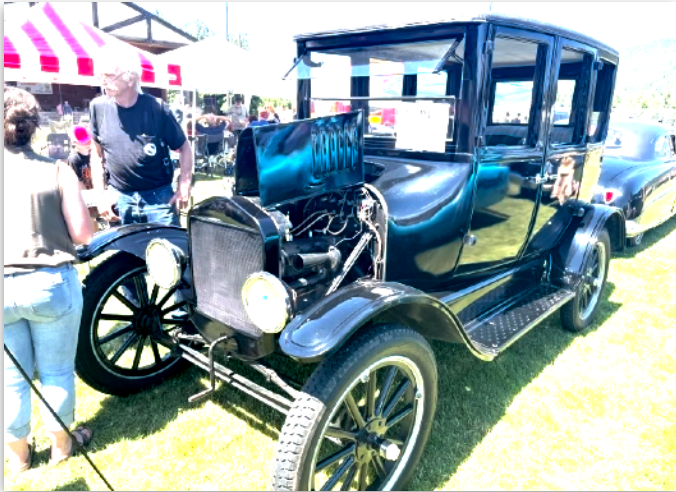
When it came time for awards, the St. Maries car club had a terrific PA system for all to hear. The awards themselves were stunning; made of thick glass, not acrylic, presented in a nice fitted box. Except for Participant's Choice, the awards were chosen by the club members. They checked out all the entrants' cars and placed an adhesive dot on the headlight of their favorite vehicle. The awards were a memorial tribute to a club member of theirs, Jerry Widmer who passed away last year. There was also a raffle but you didn't have to purchase the ticket; once again, everything was free.

Put this show on your calendar for next year. You won't want to miss it!

Arlene Stromberger



St. Maries Father's Day Car Show: continued from page 4





Next Regular Meeting Sunday, August 2nd

Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The Lewis' Cabin
Pend Oreille River

"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



The Early Ford V8 Club of America, Inland Empire Chapter #23 is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of all Ford Motor Company vehicles, 1932 through 1953

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