



# VOICE OF THE V8

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

APRIL 2025

Dear Early Ford V-8er's,

Weather has been too nice as we get to mid

April. Is the other shoe going to drop?  
Let's hope not.

It was good to see quite a few EFV-8er's at the *Spokane Speed and Custom Show* over the weekend. The days were perfect and there were cars and trucks, from mini to monster, from original to unbelievable and events and demos for every interest group. The show has been described as better than any previously ones.

The new Early Ford V-8Club rosters, already getting broken in and dog eared, reflect the color of our heritage and goals... blue for Ford and skies. Thanks again to all involved, particularly Gary and BJ. We appreciate your work every time we open to a page.

Without infringing on our Events Coming Up calendar, I would like to comment on a couple.

- **Ferraro's Cruise In** every Tuesday night: Great home style Italian food. Great hosts with reasonable prices. Lots of room for our cars. Nice outside patio when weather turns. 11204 E. Sprague Avenue, Spokane Valley, WA
- April 26th is a tour to the **Inland Empire Model Makers National Reflections Museum**, 24203 E. Dalke Ave, Otis Orchard. Please check out [this video](#) forwarded by Tom Davis to see the amazing details of what this museum has to offer. Meet at 8:30 AM at Ottis Orchards Elementary School, 22000 E. Wellesley Ave, Otis Orchard. If raining, proceed to the museum where they will be waiting for us. If any need for directions, google or call one of us. This should be a neat tour.
- Another highlight is that Bobbie Welch has generously invited us to a **get together at the K-Bar Ranch** on August 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00PM. Details will be following, and thank you Bobbie. We look forward to another wonderful afternoon at the ranch.
- **Christmas Party** reservations have been made with Darcy's for 4:00 PM, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 to start for the Christmas Party. We should vote on whether to start at 4:00 or perhaps 3:30 to allow a little more time before dinner for Christmas chatter.

- Closer in, there is a **board meeting** scheduled for Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at Darcy's at 11:00AM. Plans are to discuss more events for the summer, including checking out potential for taking advantage of nearby things of interest such as Waste Management Plant, Fairchild Air Base, etc. Always welcome to more suggestions.

We will also continue our efforts to make sure the club is doing all it can to be up to date on all our statuses for continuity and sustainability of the club. We have recently confirmed that we are definitely a 501(C)-(03) corporation. While this may not be a surprise to everyone, it is important that we do these things to make sure we keep this important status. We will continue this work and will keep everyone updated on these and any other necessary business or club news with the goal for complete transparency for the club through our established communications procedures as outlined in our bi-laws.

Fingers crossed for dry roads and being out and about in our cars and more! Time to enjoy the things we enjoy.

Sam  
Irvin Kohlmeier, President  
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There is a new '36 Cabriolet in town!  
Can you guess who it belongs to? 😊

Hint... the owner's photograph is usually on this page. 😊

Upcoming  
**EVENTS**



**JOIN the FUN**

## TUESDAY NIGHTS

Ferraro's Cruise In

**APRIL 26**

Model Makers Museum

**APRIL TBD**

Ladies Luncheon

**MAY 4**

Regular Meeting

**MAY 17**

Harrington Car Show

## JUNE 1

Regular Meeting

**JULY 6**

Regular Meeting

**JULY 12-13**

All Wheels Swap Meet

**JULY 17**

INCCC

Scholarship Car Show

**AUGUST 3**

Regular Meeting

## AUGUST 10

K-Bar Ranch Get Together

**SEPTEMBER 7**

Regular Meeting

**OCTOBER 5**

Regular Meeting

**NOVEMBER 2**

Regular Meeting

**DECEMBER 7 @4:00PM**

Christmas Part at Darcy's

## EARLY FORD V-8 - REGIONAL GROUP #23

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2025 ◆ 6:00 PM ◆ DARCY'S RESTAURANT

**Officers in attendance:** Sam K, Tom D, Annette Long for Glen Terry

**Meeting called to order:** 6:10 pm

**Flag Salute** – Led by Sam

**New Members and Guests:** None

**Motion to accept old minutes:** Minutes of the March meeting were printed in the newsletter. There was a portion of the minutes that were not included in the March meeting minutes. There was an amendment to have the signers on the bank account be Jack Guinnane, Dale Furnish and Gary Davis. Annette Long moved that the minutes be corrected as stated, John Clarizio 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

**Treasurers report** – Dale Furnish was not in attendance tonight so President Sam read the report. He also said bills were paid and he is waiting for info on where to send the Spokane Meals on Wheels check.

**Moved:** BJ Hokanson

**Second:** Dave Voelker

**Motion Carried**

### OLD BUSINESS

Gary Davis handed out the new rosters. John Clarizo thanked Gary for his hard work on this and also for the special mention of the longtime members that are no longer active, but still a big part of this club. They were mentioned on the last page.

Gail Whitman had suggested at the last meeting to bring your suggestions for car tours and other club ideas to the meeting. If you do have any ideas please contact Tom Davis.

Sam mentioned that the Saturday breakfasts will be pushed out to the fall as it now getting into the busy car show/tour season. Jack also mentioned that Fredneck's in Rockford is open Fri, Sat, Sun mornings for breakfast. Darcy's also now serves breakfasts on Sundays. These were suggestions if anyone wants to continue this or include it in a tour.

A couple of ideas were mentioned after the meeting. One was to bring back the drawing for members that drive their "old" car to the meeting. Also possibly bring back the membership drawing.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Tours:** Tom Davis – There will be a tour Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to a museum in the Valley. Meet at the Otis Orchards Elementary School at 8:30 am. Then we will head over to the museum at 9 am. The museum will be a bit of a surprise.

Sam would also like us to gather for the National Drive Your Early Ford Car Day which will be on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Nothing is planned right now but more will info will follow.

Flag Days will be coming up soon. Annette will check with Judy on if they would like to head this one up again.

**Sunshine:** Brigitte Leidel – The club sent flowers to Gail Whitman for a recent surgery.

**Bereavement:** BJ Glander – No Report

**Ladies Luncheon:** Bobbi Welch will do the April lunch and more information will follow as she does not have anything planned yet. Info will be on the website and an e mail blast will go out.

**Badges: Shirley Adams** – New badges were at the front table. She has a list of a couple more badges that are needed and will have those at the next meeting.

**Charitable Giving:** No report as Gail was out.

**INCCC:** Jack Guinnane reported that the Scholarship Car Show will be at the Hutton Settlement Children's Home at 9907 E Wellesley Ave. on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Downtown is no longer an option as it costs too much with all the permits and meters that they have to buy for the event. Jack did mention that the scholarship fund has been fully funded and they will actually be giving out 17 \$2,000 scholarships this year. Since 1993 they have awarded \$472,750 in scholarships.

Jack also inquired about our club's giving to the foundation. We committed to give out \$1500 scholarships out of the proceeds from the sale of the swap meet. We think we have a couple years left and will check into it. Jack mentioned that the INCCC can make up the difference on the \$500 portion of the amount we give. More info to follow on this.

Jack also brought Calendar of Events and they were at front desk.

**Logos & Logo wear items:** Sam has gotten this started with a new vendor and items and everything is set up. He just needs someone to take this over. Please contact Sam if you are interested.

**Heard on the Street:** Alice Dailey mentioned that Tom was looking on the National Early Ford Club souvenir shop. They found a blanket on there that had their 1939 Mercury on it. She ordered one, which happened to be the last one, and shared it with the club. It was a nice blanket with their car on it and a few others. She was not sure what meet the picture had been taken.

**Website / Newsletter:** Please email any tidbits or news articles to Becky Swenson so she can get it in the newsletter: [earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com](mailto:earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com)

**For Sale or Wanted:** If you do have something please let Becky Swenson know. It was posted on Facebook that Al Pharness has a 1936 Roadster for sale.

**Announcements:** Sam will call a board meeting for April 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss tours and other club business. It will be at Darcy's at 10:30 am. For those that may want to eat we can do that first and then start the meeting around 11 am or so.

**Please Note:** After the meeting, Sam spoke with Darcy's and they have a group coming in on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The BOD meeting is changed to Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at Darcy's.

**Motion to adjourn**

**Moved:** Bill Degnan

**Second:** Bobbi Welch

**Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Annette Long for Glen Terry





**TUESDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 PM**

**Birdie's Sports Bar**  
 North Side Spokane  
 12908 US 395 (Division)

Please **RSVP** At the Wandermere Shopping Center  
**Renee Shawgo** There is an outside patio if the weather  
 (509) 550-9671 permits. Happy Hour is at 1:00 PM!

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



**Future Ladies Luncheon Hosts**

- April Renee Shawgo
- May Brigitte Leidel
- June Julie Shea
- July Annette Long
- Aug K-Bar Ford Club BBQ  
(details to be announced)
- Sept Ruth Kohlmeier
- Oct Shirley Adams



The annual Flag Day Parade will be held this year on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

We will meet at 7:30 AM at the Safeway parking lot (32<sup>nd</sup> and Hwy 27) and leave at 8:00 AM sharp to drive together to Fairfield, which will take about 30 minutes. Once there, we will attend the Pancake Feed sponsored by the Latah Firefighters (about 9:00 AM).

After the parade we will enjoy a cruise together through the beautiful Palouse and have lunch in Spangle at the Harvester restaurant.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Our club has supported this wonderful "small town America" event for many years. **LET'S DO IT AGAIN!!**

Thank you so much! Stay healthy and happy!  
 Judy Little

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- Deluxe
- Early Ford
- Flathead
- Fordor
- Hood Ornament
- Kelsey Hayes
- Original
- Panel
- Phaeton
- Pickup
- Restored
- Roadster
- Rumble Seat
- Spider Cap
- Standard
- Stromberg
- Sunliner
- Tudor
- Twolite
- Victoria



UPCOMING EVENTS



The Inland Northwest Scholarship Fund will be awarding 17 scholarships at \$2,000 each this year.

Recipients will receive their checks during the Scholarship Car Show on July 17<sup>th</sup>, to be held at Hutton Settlement due to expenses attached to the downtown venue.

Since its inception, a total of \$472,750 has been given out. Thank you, car community, for your support. Give yourselves a hand!

By Arlene Stomberger



For sale/wanted listings are free for club members. All listings will run for three months unless they are renewed or terminated early. Email your listing to [earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com](mailto:earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com). Be sure to put a price for the for sale items and include your name and contact info (can be phone and/or email address).

Please put "V8 Club Newsletter" in the subject line.





“If I had asked people  
What they wanted,  
They would have said  
Faster horses.”

~Henry Ford

# DIFFICULTY



**“Nothing is particularly hard  
if you divide it into small jobs.”**

**-Henry Ford**

“There is no disgrace  
in honest failure;  
there is disgrace  
in fearing to fail.”

- Henry Ford





**Next Regular Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dinner at 5:00 p.m. - 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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