



# VOICE OF THE V8

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

SEPTEMBER 2025

Hi Early Ford V-8er's,

August was a good month with lots of options. September is following suite, with its potential weather twists. Weather put a little damper on the Gondola Ride, but it was good. We started at Carol Langstaff's, which was as always, just plain terrific. There was more than enough food for everybody and everything tasted better outside in a beautiful place. Phil Stevenson was at the grill and Carol's delicious cake topped it off.

The summertime Tuesday night *Early Ford V8 Club at Ferraro's* was a hit again, as all enjoyed owner Angie's well known Italian fare.

Like remembering no ladders, it is getting dark earlier so we need to be more alert and watchful. There are more cars and drivers who shouldn't be behind the wheel and we don't want to end up as a car accident statistic.

Take care and enjoy the beautiful region in color this fall!

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## Upcoming EVENTS

**OCTOBER 4**

Washington State Hot Rod  
Hall of Fame Banquet

**OCTOBER 5**

Regular Meeting

**OCTOBER 8**

Fall Colors Cruise

**NOVEMBER 2**

Regular Meeting

**DECEMBER 7**

**@4:00PM**

Christmas Part at Darcy's

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## THIS MONTH'S Feature Car



### Congratulations to Chuck Little!

On October 4th, Chuck Little will receive the prestigious honor of being inducted into the *Washington State & Greater Northwest Hot Rod Hall of Fame*. This recognition celebrates individuals who exemplify outstanding service to their communities and local charities while promoting the car club community in a positive light. Chuck's dedication to encouraging safe driving, family values, and goodwill both on and off the road truly reflects the spirit of the Early Ford V8 Club.

This honor is not only well-deserved for Chuck, but also a proud moment for our entire club. Chuck, we are grateful to have you and Judy as members and thank you for all you've contributed to our club and community.

Once again,  
congratulations,  
Chuck!



**EARLY FORD V-8 - REGIONAL GROUP #23**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

**Officers in attendance:** Sam K, Tom D, Dale F, Annette L.

**Meeting called to order:** 6:02 pm

**Flag Salute – Dale Furnish**

Before we got started Sam wanted to thank both Arlene Stromberger and JoAnn Davis for the articles they did in the newsletter.

**New Members and Guests:** Larry Kiewert & his friend. Larry was a member before and he wants to get his 1950 Ford back on the road and needs some mechanical assistance. He gave his application and check to Dale.

Frank Seebeck moved that we approve his membership (Larry is also a member of national)

Gail Whitman 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion Passed

Welcome back Larry!

**Motion to accept old minutes:**

**Moved:** Phil Stevenson

**Second:** BK Hokanson

**Motion Carried**

**Treasurers report – Dale Furnish** Dale read the report

**Moved:** Phil Stevenson

**Second:** Wally Graham

**Motion Carried**

**Committee reports:** President Sam asked Secretary Annette to run through the committee reports.

**Tours: Tom Davis**

**Gondola Ride & Tour** to Carl Lanstaff House to meet was passed on the August meeting. Phil Stevenson had the information from Carol. The numbers need to be called in to Silver Mountain by September 8<sup>th</sup>. We had about 16 members signed up. The date is Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. For anyone wanting to do a pot luck at Carol Langstaff's, you can be to her house by 11 a.m. Phil Stevenson will be at Carol's house early with a BBQ to BBQ any meat that you want to bring.

BJ has offered to meet anyone that wants to drive over together to meet at the gas station at Exit 15 (NOT THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ST EXIT). Meet around 9:30 am to caravan over and be at Carol's between 10 am and 10:30 a.m. The club is paying for the gondola ride. Phil had the sign-up sheet and will call in the numbers on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Dale can have a check ready on the 14<sup>th</sup> to buy tickets for those attending.

**October Fall Color Cruise** up the St. Joe River – 1 ½ hour tour. Cost \$28.75 per person (for those of us over 55) The club voted to do this on Wednesday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2 pm. The weather should hopefully be good and there is an enclosed area in case we need to be inside. A sign-up sheet was sent around. We will also have it at our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Sunshine: Brigitte Leidel – No report**

**Bereavement: BJ Glander – No report**

**Ladies Luncheon: Ruth Kohlmeier** Ladies luncheon will be Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at the Max at Mirabeau Hotel. A sign-up sheet went around. If you were not at the meeting

and would like to attend, please contact Ruth Kohlmeier by Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanksgiving 2025:**

Turkey Buffet Dinner 11/2/25 (BJ said the cost will be \$26 per person). The club will pay for this dinner.

Dinner at 5:00, meeting at 6:00. Sign-up sheet was sent around so we have a count. We will have the sign-up sheet again at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you were not at either meeting and would like to attend, please contact Annette by October 27<sup>th</sup> so we can get the restaurant a count before our meeting.

**Christmas Party 2025: No Chair Person just committees**

**Renee Shawgo** volunteered to do a 50/50 raffle to split with charity. Gail has been taking care of Idaho charities and Shirley Adams has been taking care of Washington Charities. They will figure out which charities to donate to and we will split the 50/50 raffle sale between the two states. We will sell tickets through cocktail hour and dinner. After dinner we will announce that we are closing it. We will be sure to get any last-minute orders before we do the drawing.

**Gail Whitman** volunteered to head up a Toys for Tots drive. Everyone that wants to participate can bring an unwrapped toy. Gail will get them to Toys for Tots

**BJ Hokanson** volunteered to run the White Elephant Gift Exchange – If you would like to participate, women bring a women's gift and men bring a men's gift. BJ has raffle tickets we can use. The people that bring gifts will get a raffle ticket. After dinner we will start drawing the tickets. The person drawn goes up and picks out a gift, they open it and go sit down. The next person drawn can choose to open a gift or steal one. The person that had it stolen goes and opens another one. Each gift can only be stolen twice and then it is dead. Women steal from women and men steal from men.

We started a sign-up sheet and will have it at the upcoming meetings

**Badges: Shirley Adams – Shirley** brought some new badges. A couple of them were for out-of-town members and Sam will mail the badges to them

**Charitable Giving:** Gail Whitman is taking care of Idaho charities and Shirley Adams is taking care of Washington charities.

**INCCC: Wally Graham – Wally** gave the report. He mentioned that there were quite a few Early Ford club members at the car show at the Skyway Café fundraiser car show. This car show raised about \$9,000 for the café. He and Glenda even got a cute award. It was "The couple that travels together stays together award." Wally reported there were a little over 40 car shows in August between Washington & Idaho. He also mentioned the All-Car Club Car Show on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Wally also mentioned the Hot Rod Hall of Fame banquet that will be in Spokane this year at the Mirabeau Park



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Hotel. Our own Chuck Little will be inducted this year. Tickets are \$65 each. John Clarizo made motion for the club to buy a table, which is a table of 10. There was no 2<sup>nd</sup> so there was no vote.

Wally also mentioned things that are going on in the Washington State legislature that he heard from the SEMA Rep. One is a bill for a more efficient tire, and one is to register used cars and one is regarding chop shops in Washington. This one is dealing with stolen cars and chopping them. Hopefully this will close them down.

**Nominating Committee: Annette Long/Judy Little** – So far we have one position filled and are waiting to hear back from a couple of other people. We will have a slate by October.

**Property: Shirley Adams:** She still has our property stored in her garage.

**Legal:** No report

**Roster Membership Data:** No report

**Old Business:**

501 (c) (3) status. The BOD met and went over the IRS form to bring the club back to a 501 (c) (3) status. The cost was \$275. After going over the form the BOD voted to move to pay the fee and file the form. Annette completed the form and filed it on August 20<sup>th</sup>. This will streamline our filing at the end of the year. This will allow us to be tax exempt so that we do not have to pay taxes on our annual gross receipts up to \$50,000 in the year or for our assets up to \$250,000. None of which we have since we no longer do the swap meet. People can also donate to us and can write the donation off and members can deduct their membership dues as a donation.

**New Business:**

**Dues Increase:** At the August meeting someone suggested that we raise the dues to help pay for some of

our tours. Bill Degnan asked the question, why do we want to raise the dues at this time if we have money in the bank? It was noted that we have about 63 members and some of those do not pay because they are Golden, Charter or Lifetime members. Our revenue from dues is \$600. By raising the dues, we would only make another \$300. Sam suggested that we hold off on this. BJ Hokanson moved that we hold off on this since we do have money in the bank right now. Ruth Kohlmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Sam also brought up the subject of insurance for the club. This is with National so we get a great deal on this. It is \$140 for the year. It covers the officers and directors and members.

**Website / Newsletter:** Please send any tidbits or news articles to Becky Swenson so she can get it in the newsletter.

**For Sale or Wanted:** If you do have something please let Becky Swenson know.

**Announcements:**

**Ferraro's dinner/car show on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>:** There were two drawings for the Ferraro's gift cards for September 9<sup>th</sup>. Tim Stromberger won one ticket and then so did Arlene so we drew another ticket and Phil Stevenson won the drawing.

Again, if anyone would like to caravan over to Carol Langstaff's on the 14<sup>th</sup> meet BJ at the Gas station that is at Exit 15. Meet between 9:30 and 10 am.

**Motion to adjourn**

**Moved:** Gail Whitman

**Second:** Phil Stevenson

**Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Annette Long



**Thursday, September 17th  
11:00 AM**

**Max at Mirabeau Hotel  
302 N Spokane Street  
Post Falls, ID 83854**

Please call **Ruth Kohlmeier**  
at **781-635-6242** if you would like to go.



The next Ladies Luncheon host will be Shirley Adams.



**FOR SALE:** 1935-36 Ford Delivery Car. Basket case. Lots of extra parts. Rare car that's valuable when restored. \$3,000 or best offer. Contact Harvey Dunham at (509) 218-1437.

\*For sale or wanted listings are free for club members. They should be old car or vintage related. 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). Pictures are welcome to be included. Be sure to put a price for the for sale item and include your name and contact info (can be phone and/or email address).

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

## SO MANY CHOICES!

This summer has given us so many choices of car shows and events to attend that you can't possibly go to them all. One Saturday, Tim and I actually took our regular pickup and stopped by three shows. The next day, on to more. Our area has so much to offer for car enthusiasts!

The Third Annual Great Northwest Gathering wasn't a regular car show, it was an EVENT. To get the complete experience, you pack your bags and make it a weekend. This year's show was held at the Coeur D'Alene Resort and Casino near Worley, Idaho, with 109 cars in attendance.

To start, the best goodie bag I've ever seen was handed out to those that registered. This event started on Friday. It was followed by a Country Drive to see some of the surrounding beauty of the area and a visit to some interesting places. We were especially impressed by Gibson Performance Engines in Rockford, WA where the Dyno was demonstrated. This company has been in business since 2011. The final stop was Jack and Rosey Haley's cool shop in Post Falls.

The grounds at the Casino are gorgeous with green grass and beautiful flowers everywhere. They let us park our cars on the grass for Saturday's car show if desired, and with the perfect sunny weather, there was plenty of shade to sit and experience the show. A lot of food choices inside when you needed fuel. You could find a hot wheels track for

racing and hot rod bingo for your enjoyment. I found the guy with the suspenders!

We all enjoyed a live band on Saturday afternoon, the Sammy Eubanks Band. It added so much to the day. After drive-through awards and dinner, an outdoor movie was set up, The Snake and the Mongoose, along with free popcorn and candy. Sunday morning was time for a leisurely breakfast before driving home. The timing of this event made it possible to get home at a reasonable time. Put it on your calendar for next year!

We stopped by the Millwood Show, which is always a fun show. They close down some streets, and with the beautiful trees that line those streets, it's a nice show to enjoy in the shade. Several vendor booths keep it interesting and gives you something else to do.

The 34th Annual Camaro Show is always fun at Mirabeau Meadows Point Park. Not just for Camaros, but for everyone!

The 17th Annual Pontiac Roundup Show hosted by the Inland Empire Pontiac Club was held at the Spokane Tribe Casino in Airway Heights. Once again, not just for Pontiacs, but for everyone. Their patio shaded us with umbrellas and barbecued food was offered to those attending the event. I highly recommend the BBQ Chicken sandwich!

Be sure and check your INCCC schedule for upcoming events. There is still so much to experience!

By Arlene Stromberger

## GREAT NORTHWEST GATHERING





## THE CAMARO CAR SHOW

## THE MILLWOOD CAR SHOW

## THE PONTIAC CAR SHOW





## RISE FROM THE ASHES!

An amazing thing happened on Sunday, the 8th of September, when a benefit took place at the SCC parking lot for the staff at the Skyway Cafe. As I'm sure you know, the cafe burned last January and is being rebuilt. The Inland Empire Late Great Chevys got together, and with the help of volunteers from Street Tin and other clubs, hosted the "Rise From The Ashes" benefit. With 220 cars attending, it was a great success, especially considering they had the idea only a month ago.

Skyway memorabilia and other donations were bid on, with KXLY's Mark Peterson doing the live auction. There were several great items to bid on in a silent auction, and raffle tickets sold for other items. Final tabulations showed \$515.00 collected in the donation jar, and \$9,752.00 collected from the auctions and raffles, for a total of \$10,267.00. Wow! Great job everyone. The Skyway Cafe plans to reopen January 2, 2026.

By Arlene Stromberger



## Hot Rod Hall of Fame

For the first time, the Washington State and Greater Northwest Hot Rod Hall of Fame is holding their banquet on our side of the state. The Hall of Fame was organized in 1987 to recognize those who have been involved in the hot rod community by their generosity, whether it be by donating their time, money, expertise or more. Inductees are honored and recognized at the annual banquet. All proceeds go to charities in the area.

It's a fun time, with creative automotive related art donated for guests to bid on, with all money going to charity. The art raffle begins at 4:00 and the meal will be served at 5:00, with induction program to begin at 6:00.

The event will be held this year at the Mirabeau on Sullivan Rd on Oct 4, so get your tickets now. <http://www.wahrhof.com>. Let's show our support for this great event with all money going to charity.

By Arlene Stromberger



## Next Regular Meeting Sunday, October 5<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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