



VOICE OF THE V8

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

JUNE 2026

Hi EFV-8ers,

As we were just ready to start our Sunday meeting, Rick True asked when we were going to have the 50/50 Raffle!! What raffle??? To say Rick's little nudge was small would be an understatement. I had a roll of tickets in my speaker bag and Dale found a bucket for the drawing bowl in Darcy's kitchen, so all of a sudden, we had everything we needed and we had a raffle. It got us out of our chairs, moving around, talking, and buying tickets. A great way to get energized for the meeting. It was a great way to raise money for the club while putting a little extra green stuff in our pockets.

June really kicks off the summer season, and we have a couple of great events planned for the EFV8 Club. Check them out in the meeting notes: First, on June 13th, our usual support of Flag Day in Fairfield WA with the town that had the first Flag Day in the country, and second on June 20th is the Drive Your Ford Day Tour on National Drive your Ford Day. Both should be fun for all of us.

The weather is trying to get better, so do your final check-ups and get ready to tour and go to meets. It is going to be a busy summer.

Drive safely and watch out for the other drivers.

Sam
Irvin Kohlmeier
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MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Upcoming EVENTS

JUNE 20

Drive Your V-8 Day

JULY 5

Regular Meeting

JULY 11-12

Speed & Custom Show
All Wheels Swap Meet

JULY 31-AUG 2

Campout

AUGUST 2

Regular Meeting

SEPTEMBER 6

Regular Meeting

OCTOBER 4

Regular Meeting

NOVEMBER 1

Regular Meeting

JOIN
the
FUN

THIS MONTH'S Feature Car



Sam & Ruth Kohlmeier's 1940 Ford Pickup

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



EARLY FORD V-8 - REGIONAL GROUP #23

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2026 – 6:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order: 6:25pm

Flag Salute: Yes

Club Update:

A thank you to our Board of Directors is in order. We are fortunate to have a board that continues to work to assure the stability, longevity and enjoyment of the Early Ford V8 Club.

The results over the last year are positive as our status as a 501©3 has been formalized, we now have insurance protection and lastly at the June 5, 2026 meeting, the Board unanimously approved three authorized signers for the new credit card to be issued to the Early Ford V8 Club by Washington Trust Bank. At this time the signatories will be the president-Irvin Kohlmeier, the treasurer-Dale Furnish, and the past president and Board member-Jack Guinnane. The card will be held by the club treasurer, Dale Furnish.

Prospective New Members or Guests: Kaye Founds, Gary & Wendy Frahm

Treasurer's Report and Approval – Dale Furnish. The Columbia Bank accounts should be closed in a couple of weeks, after receipt of credit card from Washington Trust Bank.

Moved: BJ

2nd:

Motion Carried: Yes

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

Moved: Jerry Honeycutt

2nd: BJ

Motion Carried: Yes

Committee Reports: None

Nomination: None

Bereavement: Received thank you card from Caren Easterly.

Badges/Property: Working on new member badges.

Ladies Luncheon:

- **June:** Julie Shea, 509-209-0293:
Thursday June 18, 11:55am
Ten/6, 1705 North Government Way, Suite 101
Coeur D'Alene, ID
- **July:** Deana Solomon, 509-710-3826:
Wednesday July 22, 11:30am
True Legens Grill
1803 N. Harvard Road, Liberty Lake, WA

INCCC: Jack Guinnane / Wally Graham

The newsletter has a new editor and should be published soon.

Calendar: Carrole Helman, Richard True, Jerry Honeycutt, Wes & Kelli Pemble and Mel & Beryl Fitzpatrick provided photos.

Tours: *Fairfield Flag Day Parade* is June 13th– Meet at 7:30 at the Safeway Store on 32nd and Highway 27. Leaving at 8:00. Pancake feed at 9:00, Parade is at 11:00, then the tour continues to Spangle, WA for lunch at The Harvester. Contact Chuck 509-448-0154.

Drive Your Ford Day is June 20th–All Ford owners are invited to participate; your vehicle does not need to be an antique Ford. Meet at 8:30am at Richard True's Shop 5512 North Rees Court, 99216: 509-994-1433.

Old Business: None

Car Photos:

New Business: BJ H. **Club Campout** is scheduled for Friday July 31st through August 2nd with club meeting on the 2nd. Chicken for Sunday is provided by the club; bring a side dish. Contact BJ Hokanson at 208 946-6085.

Discussion: 50/50 raffle drawing was \$108.00. Ruth Kohlmeier donated funds back to the club.

Website/Newsletter: If you want anything in the newsletter, please contact Becky Swenson at earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com.

For Sale or Wanted: None

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 7:05pm

Moved: BJ

2nd: Wes.

Respectfully submitted by Deana Solomon



V8 TOUR TO BEAVER LODGE

The weather was perfect as members of the V8 Club gathered at Rick and Becky True's garage for a tour on Thursday, the 21st of May. Before heading out, we were treated to donuts and coffee while enjoying the cool cars and automobile memorabilia in Rick's garage.

We drove through Rathdrum, Spirit Lake, Old Town, across the Pend Oreille River to Usk, then back across the river to Hwy 20, and north past Cusick to Tiger Pass. We followed Tiger Pass to Beaver Lodge and Resort to enjoy the best hamburgers you will ever eat. The view of Gillette Lake was spectacular as we ate our meal and enjoyed the conversation. We took a group photo outside before leaving but were missing a couple of people as they had to return home earlier. Thanks, Rick for leading us on a tour with beautiful views along the way.

Arlene Stromberger



Reardan Mule Days

The 122nd Annual Reardan Mule Days celebration took place on June 6, bringing together food, family activities, community events and a great car show.

The day started with breakfast options from the food trucks, followed by a parade, a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, a library book sale, vendors in the park, a petting zoo and the car show.

Local history was on display at the fire station, and equestrians could participate in a two-hour poker ride.

The Road Knights of Davenport sponsored a great car show with a diverse selection of cars, trucks, motorcycles and more. If you've never attended, you should add it to your summer schedule. It's always a great time and there's so much to do, you could never be bored. See you there next year!

Arlene Stromberger



The Iconic Milk Bottle

On Dec. 6, 1934, the Benewah Creamery Company and its headline-grabbing owner, Paul E. Newport, revealed an early Christmas gift for the people of Spokane: The popular dairy would be opening six stores shaped like gigantic milk bottles – 38 feet tall and 15 feet in diameter, at a cost of \$3,700 a pop. The bottles would purvey milk, cheese, butter and other products. By most accounts, only two were constructed, including this one in Spokane's Garland District, which opened in February 1935, equipped with the "latest word in refrigeration."



The 1930s were the zenith of roadside architectural adventurism: big ducks, coffee pots, tea kettles. A building that reflected the product it sold was a way to get the attention of newspaper editors and motorists alike. Newport also wanted to get kids to take note, saying he believed "the attention of children can be focused on milk by presenting it in a form that interests them."

This applies, I can confirm, to children of all ages!

This building has survived a lot. The creamery was gone by the 1970s, and rather than meet the bulldozer, the milk bottle served as a second-hand shop for a spell. It later became an ice cream parlor and today houses Mary Lou's Milk Bottle, noted for its comfort food and delicious milkshakes.

With dairy back in the milk bottle, all was well until Sept. 25, 2011, when a fire devastated Mary Lou's and an adjacent business, and the bottle came within 30 minutes of collapsing. But firefighters doused the flames just in time, and by the next year, Mary Lou's was back in business, the stucco-covered milk bottle looking again like it's the Great Depression.

This milk bottle has a twin in Spokane, a few miles from here. It's visible from I-90, making it, along with the Garland milk bottle, icons of this city in Washington State.

Now I want one of Mary Lou's huckleberry milkshakes. I'll be back, Spokane!

Supplied by: #retrologist (at Mary Lou's Milk Bottle) <https://tinyurl.com/mryvv96h>
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CdeiVOAL0v9/?igshid=NGJjMDIxMWI=>



"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



Next Regular Meeting Sunday, July 5th

Dinner at 5:00 p.m. - Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Darcy's Restaurant and Spirits

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4TH OF JULY



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