



VOICE OF THE V8

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

OCTOBER 2026

Dear Early Ford V-8ers,

September followed August with a busy schedule of shows and tours. Two highlights were the Rathdrum Rumble, sponsored by North Idaho College's School of Technical Skills, which gave everyone a tour of its unbelievable facilities, and Valleyfest at Mirabeau Park. The cars at both events were outstanding, and John Clarizio's Woody took home some silver at the NIC show.

The Christmas Party is taking shape for December 6th. The Mirabeau Park Hotel is offering a special room rate of \$99 for the night of the party, along with a complimentary Bloody Mary, with or without alcohol, at breakfast the following morning. Thanks to that team. We are all looking forward to it.

So far, October has brought beautiful weather. Enjoy the fall colors!

Sam
I. G. Sam Kohlmeier.
617-650-8775



Upcoming EVENTS

OCTOBER 22

Ladies Luncheon

NOVEMBER 1

Regular Meeting

DECEMBER 6

5:00 PM

Christmas Party
Mirabeau Park Hotel

DECEMBER 31

Dues Renewal Deadline
[Download Form Here](#)

JANUARY 3

Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY 7

Regular Meeting

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the
FUN

THIS MONTH'S Feature Car



Lynn & Geri Ulrich's
1932 Roadster

EARLY FORD V-8 - REGIONAL GROUP #23 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES October 4, 2026 – 6:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order: 6:10 p.m.

Flag Salute: Yes

Prospective New Members or Guests: None

Treasurer's Report and Approval:

Moved: Ruth

2nd: Loren

Motion Carried: Yes

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:

Moved: (not recorded)

2nd: (not recorded)

Motion Carried: Yes-All in Favor

Committee Reports:

Nomination: Judy accepted four candidates for 2027 officer positions; Dale Furnish/Treasurer, Deana Solomon/Secretary, Richard True/ Vice President, and Wally Graham/ President. Nominations are still open. Anyone wishing to throw your hat in the ring, contact Annette Long at 509-951-2716.

Bereavement: None

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GENERAL – MEMBERSHIP MINUTES – October 4, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**Badges/Property:** None

Ladies Luncheon: October 22 at Azteca Mexican Restaurant located at 14700 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley Mall. Call B.J. Hokanson at 208-946-6085 if you plan to attend.

INCCC: Wally Graham shared interesting facts; there were 36 car related events during the month of September. The Ventura V8 Car Club was successful in updating the Leno Law in California to include cars 1980 and prior.

Calendar:

Tours: October 10 – Tour to Sandpoint, ID. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Darcy's Restaurant. Contact: B.J. Hokanson 208-946-6058.

Old Business: Christmas party approaching December 6, 2026 at Mirabeau. If you are attending this event, please contact Brigitte Leidel at 208-818-9129.

Car Photos: Members are reminded to submit photos of their V-8 vehicles.

New Business: Discussion about raising membership dues as costs are far exceeding income. Several

notations were made: without swap meet income, current dues fall far short of sustaining the club, current EFV8 dues are comparatively less than 50% of other clubs with some club's dues at over \$100.00. EFV8 unit membership is lower than most resulting in less income, and all costs continue to rise.

The board requests any thoughts and suggestions for acceptable remedial action be sent to the president or secretary at once for consideration and review at next BOD meeting.

Discussion: 50/50 Raffle: \$81.00 and \$40.00 to lucky winner Brigitte Leidel.

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: 7:00 p.m.

Moved: B.J. Hokanson

2nd: Phil Stevenson

Motion Carried: Yes

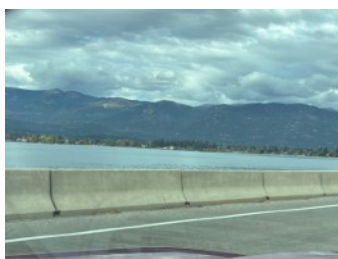
Respectfully submitted by Deana Solomon

FALL COLORS TOUR by Arlene Stromberger

This time of year we see the leaves of the deciduous trees turning beautiful shades of gold, orange and red, reminding us it's almost time to put those old Fords away. So B.J. Hokanson and Dave Nelson put a Fall Colors Tour together while Rick and Becky True were on vacation.

We met at Darcy's on October 10 and followed B.J. and Dave north, picking up two more cars at Chattaroy. We then headed east on Elk/Chattaroy Rd. and into Blanchard, where we stopped and enjoyed a choice of B.J.'s delicious homemade cookies. We then turned north onto Hwy 41, and followed the Old Priest River Road along the Pend Oreille River to Hwy 95. We drove into Sandpoint to park and enjoy a lunch at either Dubs or a BBQ place.

It turned out to be a beautiful fall day and the tour was enjoyed by all. Thank you, B.J. and Dave!



SPRAGUE DAYS by Arlene Stromberger



Small towns are always happy to see good participation at their events, and Sprague, WA was no exception on September 12. Great weather greeted the 97 car enthusiasts and motorcycles that showed up for a big celebration throughout the day.

The fun started with what was probably the world's shortest parade, but all the motorcyclists made it exciting. The car show participants lined up on both sides of the street for the public's viewing throughout the day. Awards were handed out at 3:00 p.m., with the TOP 20 receiving recognition with unique laser-made trophies, and a special award for People's Choice. The car show trends have been leaning towards choosing the top 10 or top 20, instead of categories that are difficult to divide. A gas gift card was awarded to the car that came the furthest. There were also raffle items where you could purchase tickets and hopefully have your number drawn for exceptional gifts.

A small swap meet added to the list of things to do. Vendor spots were free! So look for a bigger and better swap meet next year.

For food choices, participants could purchase from a couple of vendors or walk over to the Viking Drive-Inn, which probably had its best day ever. There was also a beer garden for those that were needing a cool beverage.

A special thank you to Chris Green from Renegade Restorations for being the main sponsor for the car show. Chris' comment was, "This wasn't just a car show.....we took over Sprague!" It was great fun, and we'll see you there next year!



Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, October 22
at 11:30 a.m.

Aztecca
14700 E. Indiana Avenue
Located in the Spokane Valley Mall
Please call B.J. at 208-946-6085 to RSVP



GREATER NORTHWEST HOT ROD HALL OF FAME by Arlene Stromberger



If you took part in the Greater Northwest Hot Rod Hall of Fame weekend, you experienced a first class array of events. A tour to some local shops reminded us of the talent all around us, as North Idaho College opened up their Automotive Career and Technical Education Center in Rathdrum to show us what they offer their students. Their programs empower students with hands-on training, industry-

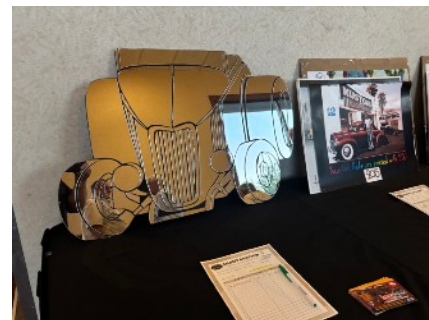
recognized credentials, and direct pathways to high-demand careers. Next stop was River City Helicopters and Platinum Unlimited, where Jack Scanlon's memorabilia and artistic talents were on display. Third stop was Jack Cline's garage on the South Hill where his private collection of cars was on display.

The banquet was held on Saturday evening, where approximately 400 car enthusiasts were first able to view a great array of raffle items and silent auction treasures. When everyone was seated, a first rate dinner was served and enjoyed by all.

Something new this year was the Great Eight, where eight cars were chosen from the outdoor shows and one was given the Ride of the Year award at the banquet. The winner was Martha Gladden's 1933 Roadster built by Chet Jackman's Rod Shop in Idaho, a deserving car for sure. Congratulations to all of the fine cars.

Since this was the first year for the Hall of Fame to expand to four states, (WA, ID, MT and OR), ten inductees were included in the induction ceremony. They are: Brian Anderson, Denny Bickar, Lynn Main, Joe Fredricks, Tom Stewart, Chris Ledgerwood, Paul Wingfield, Justin Dall, Greg Green and Hal Burrows. There was a surprise inductee but I didn't get his name. However, it was the gentleman who made the plaques for all the awards. He was presented with his own plaque that was blank! It was a nice surprise. I'm sure I missed some other highlights as I had no pen and paper and didn't want to have my face in my phone all evening, taking notes. My apologies. You just need to go next year to experience this class act yourself. It was a great evening!

The car club of the year was the Inland Empire Mustang Club. Thirty of their members were in attendance to celebrate together. This club does a lot in their service to the community. Service and focus on the awarding of scholarships were at the forefront, as was raising funds for the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery. The North Idaho College automotive program that was on the tour allowed us to see where some of the students attend that have been awarded scholarships. Thousands of dollars were given away to deserving students and \$8,930 was raised for Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery! Well done, Car Friends!



Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER 6, 2026
MAX AT THE MIRABEAU PARK HOTEL
1100 N. Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley, WA

Join Us for a Night Filled With Festive Cheer and Merry Moments

Our annual Early Ford V-8 Club Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 6, at the Mirabeau Park Hotel. Happy hour begins at 5:00 p.m., with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. This year, we will enjoy a plated dinner instead of a buffet.

Brigitte Leidel and Becky True are serving as our Christmas party chairpersons and may be reaching out to members for assistance. We will especially need a couple of volunteers to help check guests in at the front table.

We have some fun festivities planned for the evening! B.J. Hokanson has secured the DJ we enjoyed last year, so we will have music to add to the celebration. Thank you, BJ, for taking care of this!

Renee Shawgo will be organizing the 50/50 raffle, so be sure to look for her and her assistants when you arrive. The club's share of the raffle proceeds will be donated to a charity selected by Gail Whitman in her role as the club's charitable giving chairperson.

Speaking of Gail, she is currently planning a food drive. We will have a designated table in the room for donations. Gail may need some assistance, and it would be wonderful if someone from the Washington side of the club could help. In the past, we have divided the donated food and/or toys between Washington and Idaho. If no one from Washington is available to help, Gail will arrange for the donated food and any monetary contributions to be delivered to two Idaho charities. Please consider bringing canned or other nonperishable food items to donate! Every contribution is appreciated.

We will also be having a "New Elephant" gift exchange! Women should bring a gift for a woman, and men should bring a gift for a man. The spending limit is \$25, and please—no basement finds!

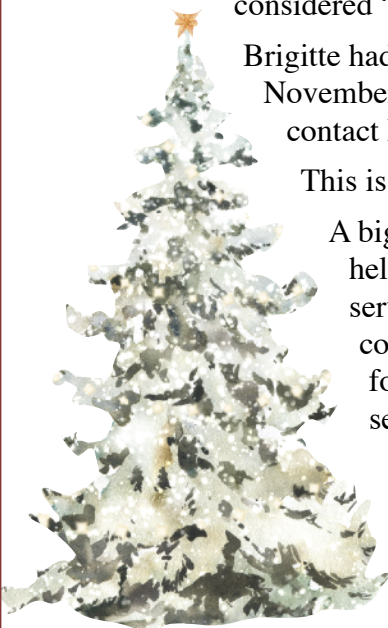
There will be designated tables for the gifts, and participants will receive tickets. When the exchange begins, we will draw a number, and that person will select a gift. We will continue drawing numbers until everyone has had a turn. Each person will then have the option of stealing a previously opened gift or choosing a new one from the table. Each gift may be stolen only twice; after that, it is considered "done," and the final recipient gets to keep it.

Brigitte had a sign-up sheet available at the October meeting and will bring it again to the November meeting. If you cannot attend either meeting but would like to join us, please contact Brigitte Leidel before November 23 to get your name on the list.

This is shaping up to be a fun and festive evening!

A big thank-you to Jo Ann Davis for securing the hotel and to Sam Kohlmeier for helping negotiate with them. We also appreciate Brigitte Leidel and Becky True for serving as chairpersons, Gail Whitman for her work coordinating the charitable giving efforts, Renee Shawgo for organizing the 50/50 raffle, and BJ Hokanson for securing the DJ.

Thank you all for your time, hard work, and dedication to making this a special Christmas celebration for our club. We appreciate everything you do!





Next Regular Meeting Sunday, November 1st

Dinner: 5:00 PM | Meeting: 6:00 PM

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



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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EARLY FORD V8 CLUB
of the Inland Empire
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Year: **2027**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

P.O. Box 176
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"Dedicated to the Preservation of Ford V8s 1932-1953"

Renewal DUE DECEMBER 31ST **No Changes**_____ **Changes**_____

New Member_____

READ

Fill in name, include insurance carrier name and national membership status in the spaces provided. Include any changes. Be sure to check the appropriate renewal space above (no changes/changes). All members must return a membership renewal form. Be sure to check below if you want a newsletter mailed to you.

Please fill out this form completely. Thank you!

Name_____ Spouse Name_____

Address_____ Street_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ Business Phone_____

Cell Phone_____ Spouse Cell Phone_____

Email Address_____ Spouse Email_____

FORD CARS: List make, model, body & condition

S=Show Condition, **PR**=Partially Restored,

PRR=Partially Restored & Running, **UR**=Unrestored, **OC**=Original Condition

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

* Insurance Carrier: _____
(all cars taking part in V8 activities must be covered by liability insurance)

* Are you a member of the National Ford V8 Club _____ (write Yes or No)
(all Chapter Members must be National Members)

All members agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations of the Inland Empire Regional Group #23

- Annual dues are \$30 per membership, which includes an emailed newsletter.
- There is a \$25 charge for members wanting a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to them.
(this includes **REGULAR, CHARTER, GOLDEN and LIFE** members)

Please check appropriate boxes and include payment with this application

_____ \$30 Annual Dues

_____ \$25 Hard copy of newsletter mailed to you

_____ **TOTAL PAID** (to be enclosed with this application)

Thank you RG #23