



# VOICE OF THE V8

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

APRIL 2026

Hi EFV-8ers,

Thanks to all who attended our fourth meeting of the year. It was a good one and the summer of '26 is shaping up to be exceptional.

VP Rick True is getting us off to an early start with "The Spring Tune-up" lunch run to the Coeur d'Alene Casino on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet at Darcy's at 10:00 AM. It's a great opportunity to get our old cars out and driven. No matter what vehicle you drive, it will be an enjoyable day and a good warm up for many more summer outings like the annual Flag Day Parade in Fairfield, WA, Drive Your Early Ford V-8 Day and many others being planned.

Speaking of great shows to attend, this year's Speed and Custom show, at the Fairgrounds April 10-12, has the earmarkings of being a "Best of Year" show. Every space has been sold, so it should live up to its reputation.

See you there,  
Sam  
Irvin Kohlmeier  
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**MESSAGE**  
FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Upcoming EVENTS

### APRIL 10-12

- Speed & Custom Show
- Portland Swap Meet

### APRIL 16

Ladies Luncheon

### APRIL 23

Spring Tune-Up Lunch

### MAY 3

Regular Meeting

### MAY 16-17

Monroe Swap Meet

### JUNE 7

Regular Meeting

### JUNE 13

Fairfield Flag Day

### JUNE 20

Drive Your V-8 Day

JOIN  
the  
FUN

## THIS MONTH'S *Feature Car*



*Len Bush's 1939 Ford Tudor*

### Attention

If you would like to have your car featured in our newsletter, please send a photo to [earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com](mailto: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 – MARCH 29, 2026 – 6:00 PM

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

**Meeting called to order:** 6:05 pm

**Flag Salute:** Yes

**Prospective New Members or Guests:** None

**Treasurer’s Report and Approval:** Dale Furnish

**Moved:** BJ Hokanson

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Loren Gill

**Motion Carried**

**Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:**

**Moved:** Carrole Helman

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** John Clarizio

**Motion Carried**

**Committee Reports**

**Nomination:** None

**Bereavement:** B J Hokanson – no report; everyone is doing well.

**Sunshine:** Norma Skidmore’s son, Donald, was in the hospital for some thyroid issues, and we mailed him a card.

**Badges/Property:** Dale is working on getting some badges for people who need them.

**Ladies Luncheon:** Brigette Leidel – April 16 at 11:30 AM at The Porch Public House, 1658 E. Miles Ave., Hayden, Idaho.

**INCCC:** Jack Guinnane / Wally Graham

- **Calendar:** Remember to check INCCC Calendar for tours and car shows. You can also check the INCCC website for any updates. [www.incarclubcouncil.com](http://www.incarclubcouncil.com)
- **Scholarship Fund:** Funded 21 scholarships awarded for \$2000.00 each.

**Hutton Settlement:** The INCCC Scholarship Car Show will be at the Hutton Settlement again this year. More info to follow.

**Tours:** Richard T.

- **Spring Tune-Up** – CD’A Casino for lunch on Thursday, April 23, 2026. Meet at Darcy’s at 10:00 AM to start the tour. Lunch funded by the club.

- Official **Flag Day** is June 14<sup>th</sup>. Need to confirm what day it is celebrated in Fairfield. (*Editor’s note: Parade is on June 13<sup>th</sup>.*)
- **National Drive Your Early Ford V-8 Day** is Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

**Club Dues:**

**Car Photos:** Always looking for current photos.

**New Business:** Annette Long presented information from the Mirabeau Park Hotel, as JoAnn Davis had done the groundwork to secure the location. The Christmas Party will be held at the Mirabeau Park Hotel on Sunday, December 6, 2026.. John Clarizio, we’ll try Mirabeau this year and see how it goes.

**Moved:** John Clarizio

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Phil Steveson

**Motion Carried**

Annette also said we are looking for a Chairperson for the Christmas Party. We just need someone to coordinate some of the fun activities of the party. They can choose whatever activities they want to do. Renee Shawgo had mentioned that she would be happy to lead the 50/50 raffle.

If we do not find a chairperson, then we can go ahead and have the party but there won’t be any activities like a gift exchange or raffle. Please think about this and call Annette if you would like to chair this. She will also have a separate write up in the newsletter. We will discuss it again at the May meeting.

**Discussion:** Flag Day Parade is June 13, 2026. More info to follow.

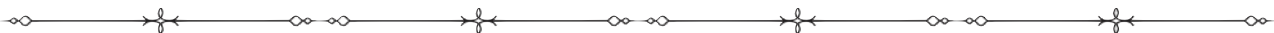
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**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:** B J Hokanson  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Wes Kimball


Respectfully submitted by Deana Solomon

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**April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30**  
**Porch Public House**  
 1658 East Miles Ave, Hayden Idaho  
 Contact Brigette Leidel for more information





*Ladies*  
 LUNCHEON





**IN SEARCH OF A CHRISTMAS PARTY CHAIRPERSON**

We have secured the Mirabeau Park Hotel for our Christmas party, which will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2026.

We are in need of a Christmas Party Chairperson. This person can work with the hotel as needed on setup items. Basically, the menu and most details are set, but they may need to assist with any last-minute adjustments.

This person can also oversee any fun activities that they might want to do. In the past we have done the silent auction. Last year we did the Gift Exchange and the 50/50 raffle. So, the chairperson can select their committee and the activities that they want to do (new people doing this means new ideas on activities).

We do have a person willing to do the 50/50 raffle. That person could take on that part of the committee. We also need to check with the Charitable Giving person to see what they might like to do this year.

So, the job is easy. Come up with a committee, figure out the activities and get it organized for the party. More hands working make less work for everyone.

Please contact Annette Long if you are interested in chairing the committee. We will also discuss this again at the May meeting.

I know people are busy and some people may not be able to commit to this. If we cannot find a committee chairperson, we will still be able to have the Christmas party but there will not be any activities. We will just come and visit and have dinner.

Thank you in advance for considering doing this!

Annette Long

**We Still Need Volunteers to Plan the Following**

- Tour to Fairfield WA for their **Flag Day Parade** on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Event for **Drive Your Ford V-8 Day** on June 20<sup>th</sup>.





**Next Regular Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</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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