



VOICE OF THE V8

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

MAY 2026

Hi EFV-8ers,

Terrific attendance at the May 3rd Early Ford V-8 Club monthly meeting, which was as upbeat and positive as the great weather it brought. Rick's tour to Coeur d'Alene was a highlight of March events, and the next one is already scheduled for May 21st. Read all about it in this newsletter. Thank you Rick.

Lots more coming, so make sure pre-event and pre-tour vehicle checks don't miss anything. Waiting for tow service does not make for a happy picture!!

Team up with some of your Early Ford V-8 friends, or others, to go to some meets together and tell us about it at the next meetings... what you saw, learned, etc. It's good to know what's going on and helps us all understand what "we" car clubs do for the community. Wally Graham gave us a nice history about the Street Tins Car Club and the terrific show for charity they put on in collaboration with the Late Great Chevy Club. Estimated count was somewhere in the 250 range. And by the way, there were a lot of Early Fords and Early Ford Club members there too. Car guys and gals, significant others, young and older kids. Add in a swap meet and it's the recipe for one heck of a terrific Sunday.

See you there.
Sam
Irvin Kohlmeier



Upcoming EVENTS



MAY 16-17
Monroe Swap Meet

MAY 21
Surprise Location Tour

JUNE 7
Regular Meeting

JUNE 13
Fairfield Flag Day

JUNE 20
Drive Your V-8 Day

JULY 5
Regular Meeting

JOIN the FUN

WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

Larry Easterly passed away last week. Larry and his wife, Karen, were valued members of our club for many years. Together, they dedicated countless hours helping with our annual swap meet and were always willing to lend a hand wherever needed. Larry's service will be held on May 16th at 1:00 p.m. at Calvary Chapel Lighthouse.

We also remember longtime member **Rod Lord**. Rod and his wife, Inga, received Dearborn, Michigan's highest award for driving their beautifully restored 1941 Ford Coupe Deluxe. The restoration was truly a labor of love, completed over many years of traveling far and wide in search of parts—long before the convenience of the internet. Their dedication and craftsmanship resulted in a vehicle restored to near showroom quality.

Chuck Trembly passed away on April 3, 2026. Chuck and his wife, Myrna, were also long standing members of our club. Chuck owned a tractor repair business and proudly served in the Navy during his younger years. He will be remembered for his hard work, kindness, and friendship.

Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to the families and friends of these wonderful men. They will all be greatly missed by our club and community.

THIS MONTH'S Feature Car



Bill & Judi Degnan's 1938 Standard Coupe

EARLY FORD V-8 - REGIONAL GROUP #23
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES – MAY 3, 2026 – 6:00 PM

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

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

Flag Salute: Yes

Prospective New Members or Guests: Jason Little from North Carolina visiting his dad, Chuck Little.

Treasurer’s Report and Approval – Dale Furnish

Moved: Loren Gill
2nd: Jerry Honeycutt
Motion Carried: Yes

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

Moved: BJ Hokanson
2nd: Annette Long
Motion Carried: Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nomination: None

Bereavement: BJ Hokanson - Chuck Trembly and Larry Easterly both passed these last couple months.

Badges/Property: Loren Gill received his badge.

Ladies Luncheon: Carrole Helman is doing the May Ladies Lunch. It will be on May 19th at Ambrosia Bistro, 9211 E. Montgomery, Spokane Valley. Call Carrole at 509-903-6153 if you would like to go.

INCCC: Jack Guinnane / Wally Graham – Twenty-one scholarships for \$2000.00 will be handed out. One went to the Hall of Fame for \$1000.00. Only four of the twenty-one went to individuals going into trades.

Don Audel’s children and grandchildren have received scholarships over the years. Don thanked the INCCC Scholarship Committee for their years of service on this. Don also thanked everyone that helped get his car out of his basement for the Speed & Custom Show.

Calendar: Remember to check Cruise Nights for date changes.

Tours: Richard T. – April trip to Coeur d’Alene Casino was well attended with eight vehicles and lunch was provided by the club. A May tour is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st and will be a surprise location heading north. Meet at 9:00 am at Richard’s shop, located at 5512 North Rees Court, 99216. Call for more info at 509-994-1433. Bring your own lunch or purchase lunch at a restaurant.

Chuck Little will be directing the drive to the Fairfield Flag Day Parade on June 13th and the tour will continue to Spangle, WA for lunch. Meet at 7:30 am at the Safeway parking lot located at 32nd and Highway 27. The tour leaves at 8:00 am. Contact Chuck at 509-953-6298 for more info.

Old Business: Sam has some clothing if anyone is interested. He also said there has been some interest in sun visors if anyone is interested.

Car Photos: Always looking for current photos.

New Business: BJ Hokanson – The club campout is scheduled for July 31st through August 2nd, with the club meeting on the 2nd. Contact 208-946-6085 for more info.

Holiday / Christmas Party: Brigitte Leidel & Becky True have volunteered to share the chairperson position. Thank you both!

Renee Shawgo has also volunteered to do the 50/50 raffle, and Gail Whitman is working on a food drive or something for charitable giving.

Discussion: Phil Stevenson’s father passed away in April and Phil gave a tribute presentation and the Venture Car Club history.

Loren Gill, while fishing in Michigan, took time out to visit the Ford F-150 pickup assembly plant and museum.

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

For Sale or Wanted: Shirley Adams has a 1970 Ford F-100 red pickup for sale. Make contact at 509-290-4399 if interested.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 7:10p.m.

Moved: Annette Long
2nd: Jay Honeycutt

Respectfully submitted by Deana Solomon



10th Annual Spokane Speed & Custom Show

With warmer weather and spring flowers in bloom, our thoughts turn to getting our vintage cars out of winter storage, polishing them up and sharing them with other car enthusiasts. What better way to celebrate spring but to go to the 10th Spokane Annual Speed & Custom Show? Or, better yet, putting our cars in the show? Beginning on April 10th, many of us did just that, along with over 400 other car owners. It was the largest indoor car show in the state of Washington, put on by Brian Anderson with help from family and friends.

Along with the special customs that participated in the West Coast Challenge and the Spokane Cup, there was everything imaginable for your enjoyment, as well as things for the kids. Model car competition, spark plug challenge and more. There were not only cars, but motorcycles, pickups, a Bronco section, race cars, dragsters and more.

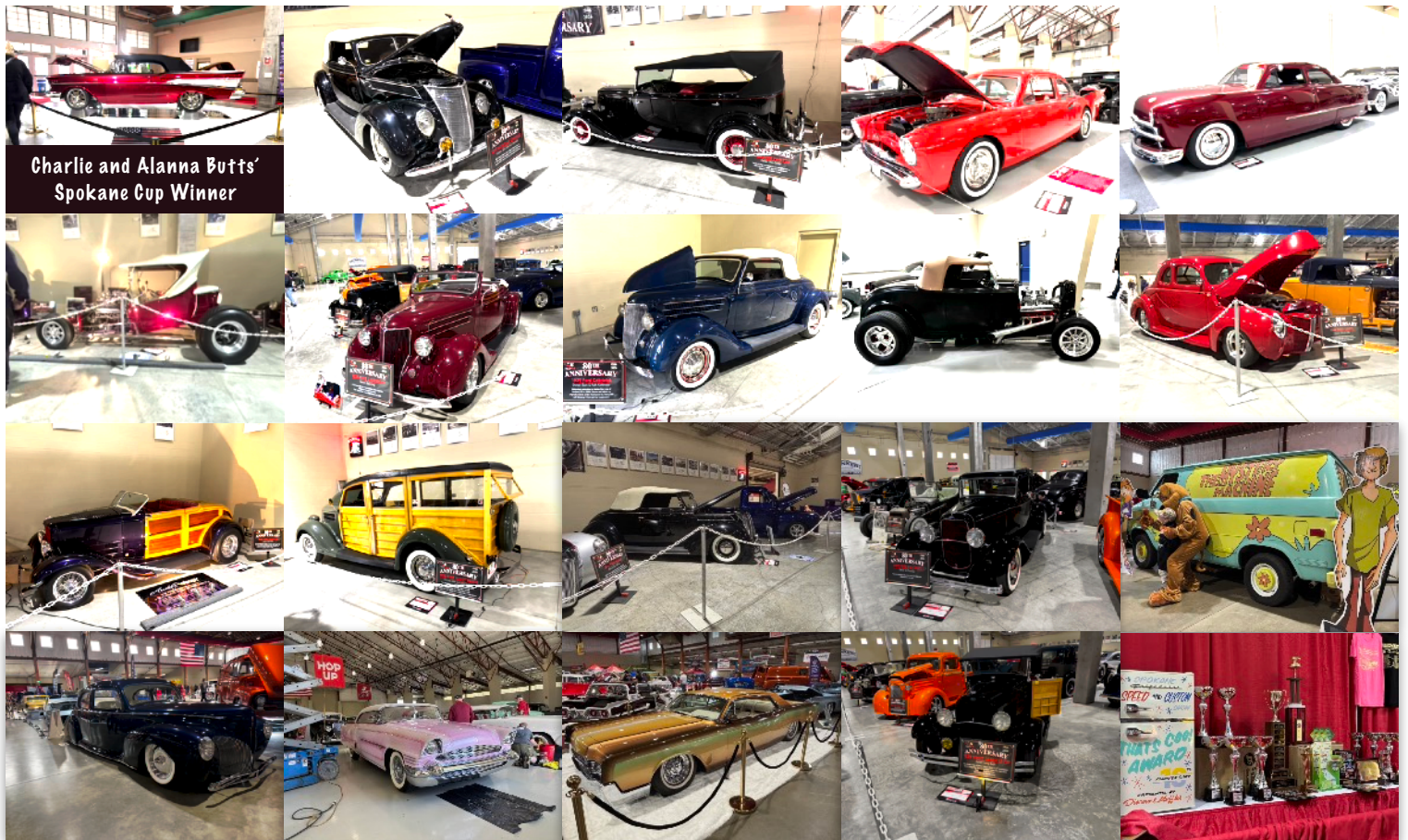
One large room at the Fair and Expo Center was the Hop Up room, full of old time restored classics, retro rods, rat rods, and vintage hot rods. The Dukes Car Club had a great display in another room for their 80th anniversary with all of their Club Calendars on display, neatly tacked on the walls around the room. There was also a video playing as you entered. Nicely done.

The Gents also caught our attention with all of their club cars in one area. This club was started in 1963 by five local Spokane teenagers, all in attendance at the show, and it has grown to more than sixty members. The Gents' Garage "Evolution of a Dream" was well received, along with their Spark Plug Challenge. Well done.

The highlight of the show is the awarding of the plaques and special recognition awards. The winner of the Spokane Cup and \$5,000 was Charlie and Alanna Butts with their gorgeous '57 Chevrolet Convertible out of California. This in no way diminishes the special awards going to our local car friends, some of which were given to our Early Ford V8 members.

All of us car buffs are so appreciative for all the work that goes into putting on a successful show such as this. Thank you, Brian, and all participants. See you next Spring!

Arlene Stromberger



Charlie and Alanna Butts' Spokane Cup Winner



Next Regular Meeting
Sunday, June 7th
Dinner at 5:00 pm - 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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