



VOICE OF THE V8

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

JANUARY 2026

Dear Early Ford V-8ers,

Our good January meeting gave us a nice start for the year. It got even better when several days later, we received the official notice from the IRS that the Inland Empire Regional Group #23 Early Ford V8 Club of America qualifies as a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable corporation. It's nice to have this finally confirmed. A special thanks to Annette Long, Dale Furnish and John Clarizio whose efforts and perseverance led to this favorable result. A board meeting has been planned for January 20th.

And by the way, for those of us who missed the message to put the covers on for the winter, we have enjoyed a few nice days to get out and wave back at the thumbs up we get. Everybody loves our cars in the summer, but in the winter, after starving for a few months, they are excited to see some of us out and about again. Gets us all started on dream'n 'bout the "Summer of '26!!"

Enjoy the good days thinking about the warmer ones to come, stay warm, well and safe!

Sam
Irvin Kohlmeier
Early Ford V8 Club

MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Upcoming EVENTS

JANUARY 20

BOD Meeting

FEBRUARY 1

Regular Meeting

MARCH 1

Regular Meeting

APRIL 5

Regular Meeting

APRIL 10-11-12

Portland Swap Meet

Speed & Custom Show

MAY 5

Regular Meeting

MAY 16-17

Monroe Swap Meet

JUNE 7

Regular Meeting

JOIN
the
FUN

THIS MONTH'S *Feature Car*



Don & Brigitte Leidel's 1953 Mercury Hardtop

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 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 – JANUARY 4, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

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

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Flag Salute: None

Prospective New Members or Guests – Loren Gill was introduced and had his membership form and money. Annette Long made a motion to accept Loren as a new member, 2nd by Jerry Honeycutt, motion passed. Welcome!

Treasurer's Report and Approval – Dale Furnish – Dale read the report. We had some renewal of CD's and put some in the checking account. All bills are paid. We will have money for the INCCC Scholarship that we do every year, which will be \$1500.

Moved: Phil Stevenson, 2nd: Wes Pemble, **Motion Carried**

There was discussion on purchasing a raffle basket for the INCCC Show No Shine.

Motion was made by Annette Long to purchase the raffle basket, 2nd: Ruth Kohlmeier. **Motion Carried**

There was also discussion on having the club run a business size card ad for INCCC Calendar of Events.

Amount up to \$300. **Motion** was made by Tim Stromberger, 2nd: BJ Hokanson, **Motion Carried**

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval –

Moved: Jerry Honeycutt, 2nd: Arlene Stromberger, **Motion Carried**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nomination: Annette Long: No report.

Bereavement: B J Hokanson – BJ reported Sue Harms passed away in November. Club sent flowers.

Badges/Property: Shirley Adams – No report for property. Current badges passed out.

Charitable Giving: Gail Whitman No report.

Secretary read cards from Cup of Grace and the CDA Police Department for donated from the Christmas party.

Sunshine: Brigetta Leidel No report.

Ladies Luncheon: BJ Hokanson- No Report start in the spring

INCCC: Wally Graham–Jack G. said scholarship forms will be ready in 10 days for applicants.

Tours: Richard True – Richard is looking for ideas. He would welcome any ideas. Dale will give him a list of all the past tours. Richard will be gone for a couple of months and will get started when he returns.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Dues: Are due now. Please Contact Dale.

Car Photos Needed: If you have a picture of your car, please sent photos to Sam or Becky.

NEW BUSINESS:

Announcement of Board for 2026:

- Jack Guinnane
- John Clarizio
- Annette Long
- Phil Stevenson
- BJ Hokanson
- Carol Langstaff

Clothing: TBD – The club did purchase some clothing items and they were at the meeting. Sam will bring them again to the next meetings.

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

For Sale or Wanted: If you want anything in the newsletter please contact Becky Swenson at earlyfordV8ie@gmail.com

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Annette Long, 2nd: Kelli Pemble.

Adjourn Meeting: 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Deana Solomon

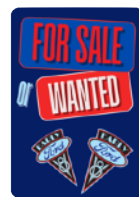


The first **Board of Directors** meeting for 2026 is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20th at 11:00 am** at the Washington Trust Bank, 407 N. Sullivan Rd, Spokane Falls, WA 99037. All members are welcome to join. Please let Deana Solomon know if you plan to attend. Thank you!

FOR SALE

- 5 - Show condition double pin striped wheels
- 5 - 650 x16 WW, pie crust, biased tires with tubes
- Under 500 miles on tires.
- \$1200 for the set.

Sam Kohlmeier
617-650-8775



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. 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.**



Hey, V8 members! The annual Show No Shine is coming up Feb 21 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel. This is always a fun time and is an important evening of fundraising to support the Calendar of Events. The theme for this year is Prom Night and you're encouraged to dress the part. Corsages and boutonniers will also be available for \$10 per couple.

Remember the prom, with dancing to the great bands? Well, we will have The Kevin Shay Band and they always lead us in a rockin' good time. There will be raffles of items donated by the various clubs so come out and give your support. Tickets are \$65 per person and includes a fantastic meal, dancing, raffles, and entertainment galore. Call Melissa at 509-995-6562 or Christina at 509-869-6815 for tickets or more information. See you there!

Arlene



2026 MEMBESHIP

DUES are now past due. If you have not already renewed, please do so as soon as possible. The renewal form can be downloaded [HERE](#).

We are also looking for a volunteer to take over ROSTER DUTIES. If you are interested, please let Sam know. The system is already set up, making it easy to step into the role.



Early Ford V8 National Club

The [National V8 Club](#) requires that every member of a Regional Group be a member of the National Early Ford V8 Club as well.

Memberships are \$50.00 (Joint – husband and wife), \$45.00 (Individual), both options receive the V-8 TIMES as well a roster. You may also join for \$10.00, but only receive a roster – no magazine. All membership options receive a ballot to vote for National Directors. Click [HERE](#) to join or renew.



If your contact information has changed, please email the club at earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com to let us know. Current information would also include V8 cars that you own (or no longer own). We would like for our rosters to be updated with correct membership information.

Thank you!

welcome to the CLUB

LOREN GILL



1932 Ford Victoria (S)

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RUSS & PATTY MORGAN



1935 Ford Roadster (S)
1936 Ford Phaeton (S)
1947 Ford Phaeton (S)

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Dalton Gardens, ID 83815



Next Regular Meeting
Sunday, February 1st
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



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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