



# VOICE OF THE V8

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

APRIL 2024

## Then and Now

### Spokane's Last Post Office Horses

1941: One of the last two horse-drawn mail carts used by the Spokane Post Office for downtown mail delivery sits beside the original 1909 federal building on Riverside Court.

At the time, there were 95 mail routes in Spokane and five still used horse-drawn mail carts traveling the city's streets, including two in the downtown area.

Mail carriers had extolled how patient and well-trained horses could walk their routes with little or no direction, pausing at regular stops and traffic signals on their own.

Although the horse carts were a quaint sight on 20th century streets, there were conflicts with automobiles. In 1940, Ivan B. Royal, 60, one of the last horse deliverymen, was driving his cart north on Monroe Street when he was struck from behind by a car. Royal limped to a nearby police station for first aid, then was taken home by police car.

Royal had joined the postal service in 1901 in Minneapolis, coming to Spokane in 1908. "Mr. Royal was one of the most faithful employees of the Spokane post office," Sampson said at Royal's retirement in 1943.

The downtown horse fleet was supplied by Falls City Livery Stables at 1020 W. College Ave., one of the last livery in town. The stables were torn down in 1955.

In July 1941, Sampson made the official order to discontinue the last two horse carts in the downtown area. The last suburban mail routes served by horses were in the areas of Vinegar Flats and Minnehaha and ended in late June 1942.

Wahlstrom said horses had been used for mail delivery in Spokane since 1889.

One of the last postal horse cart drivers in our region was Harold Van Horne, who joined the post office and drove horse cart in Spokane starting 1936. Van Horne was also a businessman and later served as postmaster in Elk until 1972. He died in 2004.



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**APRIL 27**

Garage Tour

**MAY 5**

Regular Meeting

**JUNE 2**

Regular Meeting

**JULY 7**

(July 4th weekend)

**JULY 6/7**

All Wheels Swap Meet  
Spokane Fair Grounds

**AUGUST 2-4**

Club Campout and Meet



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Calendar

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FUN



## Ford V8

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**President Jack says....**

**"You gotta drive em!"**

**and**

**"Take a kid to a car show!"**

## EARLY FORD V-8 REGIONAL GROUP #23

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES ♦ April 7, 2024 ♦ 6:00PM ♦ DARCY'S RESTAURANT

**Officers in attendance:** Jack G, Bob L, Annette L, Gary D

**Meeting called to order:** 6:09 pm

**Flag Salute** – Dale Furnish

**New Members and Guests:** BJ's daughter Shawna was in attendance as well as Mel and Beryl Fitzpatrick's son. Welcome!

**Motion to accept old minutes:**

Moved: Gail Whitman  
Second: Harvey Dunham  
Motion Carried

**Treasurers report** – Gary Davis – Gary read the report and Jack also thanked Gary for the new rosters that he handed out.

Moved: Chuck McVey  
Second: Rick True  
Motion Carried

### OLD BUSINESS

Chuck McVey told us that he has ordered 20 of plaques (which are the license plate toppers), but they have not yet arrived.

### NEW BUSINESS

Cookies are needed for Don Fries service. Arlene Stromberger is baking some and another group is baking some. A couple people said they would pick some up for the service.

It was noted that we have lost 5 members so far this year.

Harvey Dunham brought some show and tell items. He had a picture of Chuck Tremblay holding an engine block in one and a cup of coffee or something in the other. He also had some pictures of 1965 GTOs from an old magazine and also had a copy of a chart of bulbs for the various cars and years of the cars. Doug Daulton with ST6 Production Services was supposed to be here to talk to the group. He does some screen and film and photography. If you would like your "old" car in any of his productions, please contact him. There were cards on the table. If you did not get one Jack Guinnane has his contact info. Annette Long also took a card for the record.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Tours:** Bob Long

Bob said we have a garage tour on April 27th. He is in the process of finding a garage closer to him in the valley. The main event for this will be a photo shoot as you come through the tunnel on Madison Road off of Dishman Mica. We will line up the cars and as each person comes through, we will have a photographer there to take pictures of you in your car. These photos

will be in a digital format and we will send them to each member via e mail. If you do not have that ability, we will figure out how to get a printed picture to you.

Bob will probably need some help from a couple of the guys at this point so they can help direct any traffic that may come along.

Meet at Barney's Harvest Foods, 11205 E Dishman Mica Road, Spokane Valley Time: 9:30 am

After the photo shoot we will gather at the Long's for a BBQ at 1 pm. Long's will supply hamburgers, hot dogs buns and beverages. Please bring a side dish or a dessert.

Chuck McVey said that the tour for April 6th to Glen Nickerson's in Pinehurst was cancelled due to weather. Chuck will reschedule for a later date and also asked if people were interested in going on to Thompson Falls and Murray Idaho after the stop at Glen's in Pinehurst. More info to follow later.

Chuck also let us know that the Fish Fry will be at Don and Brigette Leidel's on June 23rd. More info to follow.

**Sunshine:** Brigitte Leidel – Annette read the report for Brigitte. Cards were sent to the Orvis family, Ruth Kohlmeier, Mack Cain, BJ Glander and Carolyn Fries. Secretary Annette read thank you notes from Hospice of North Idaho, Carol Langstaff, Karen Holm. Someone talked to Norma Skidmore and they are all doing better. Don was in the hospital for a short time and is doing much better now.

**Bereavement:** BJ Glander – Service for Don Fries will be Saturday, April 13th, 1 pm, Calvary Spokane, West 511 Hastings, Spokane WA.

Service for Butch Glander will be Saturday April 20th, 2 pm at Hope Lutheran Church, 17909 Broadway Avenue, Spokane Valley, WA

Carol Langstaff is having a celebration of life for Jim at their place in Idaho on May 19th at. Time is to be determined. She will be at our May meeting to give us more info. There was a sign-up sheet that went around. She will supply the meat and cake, please bring a salad.

**Ladies Luncheon:** Gail and Bobbi had a sign-up sheet for the monthly ladies luncheons. Please pick a month and we can let everyone know when and where.

**Christmas Party 2024:** Chuck McVey – Will be the 1st Sunday in December (12/08/2024). It will probably be at Darcy's again. More info to follow as plans are confirmed.

**Minutes continued....**

**Badges:** Shirley Adams – Shirley brought badges for our new members! Yea!

**Charitable Giving:** Gary Davis read the list of checks that were sent on behalf of our members that have passed away. They are below:

1. *Jim Adams* (check sent to Union Gospel Mission)
2. *Don Fries* (check sent to Horizon Hospice)
3. *Butch Glander* (check sent to Early Ford V8 Foundation)
4. *Jim Langstaff* (check sent to Carol Langstaff)
5. *Al Holm* (check sent to Karen Holm) he is a past member.

**INCCC:** Wally Graham did not make the meeting so President Jack gave a report. It was a packed meeting with 17 car clubs in attendance.

The Show No Shine was a huge success. The auction they had was also a big success. The Early Ford V8 club was one of the 1st to give a scholarship award. This year they will be able to give 16 scholarships to area kids.

The calendar of events has been printed and is now out. There were a couple of car show/events that did not make it, but they are now on the website. Lost in the 50's is May 17,18, 19. She is going to put it on again this year despite losing about \$55,000 last year. If you can, please support this event.

The INCCC Scholarship car show will NOT be Downtown this year as Downtown wanted them to do too much this year and they did not like the way the cars are parked for the car show. The car show will

take place the night before the Great NW Gathering and will be at the Fairgrounds.

**Nominating Committee:** No report yet. Annette will be contacting the membership later this year, so please be thinking of an office that you would like to hold.

**Property:** Shirley Adams – She still has tables and chairs and other items of the club stored in her shop.

**Legal:** Harvey Dunham was in attendance tonight and it was great to see him! He said we were all legal!

**Roster Membership Data:** Gary handed out the new 2024 Rosters!

**Website / Newsletter:** Please send any tidbits or news articles to Becky Swenson so she can get it in the newsletter.

**For Sale or Wanted:** If you do have something please let Becky Swenson know. Email info to [earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com](mailto:earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com) and put V8 Club Newsletter in the subject line.

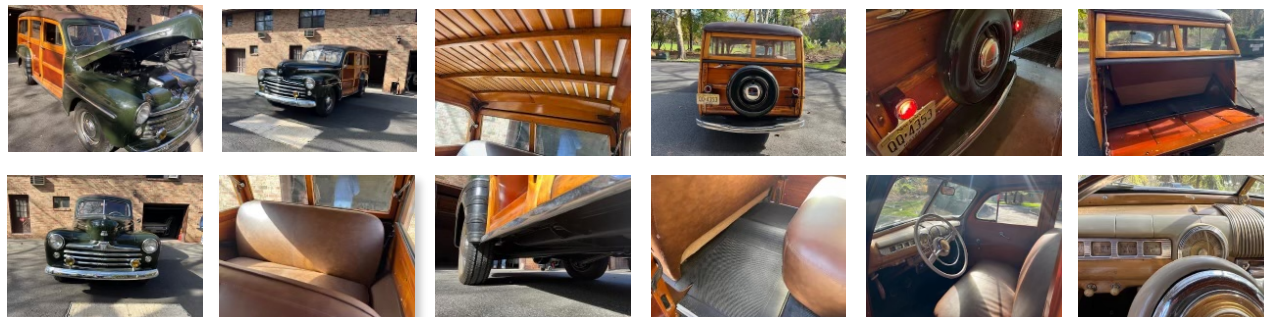
**Announcements:** Spokane Speed and Customer Show is April 12, 13 14. Please support this great show! Brian has about four great celebrities that will be there.

**Motion to adjourn:**  
 Moved: Glen Terry  
 Second: Chuck McVey  
 Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:04 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Annette Long

**FOR SALE: 1948 Ford Woody.** I believe they called this color Brewster Green. 45,800 original miles. The body has totally been gone through. New LeBaron Bonnie kit for the upholstery and the headliner – all of that stuff. The motor has been taken out and gone through. One hundred percent all new nuts and bolts in the body. The car has been taken apart and put back together, so it's like a brand new car. \$50,000. If you're interested call Al Pharness at 509-220-7978.



**If you have something to sell or wanted, please submit your ad to [earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com](mailto:earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com). Be sure to put "V8 Club Newsletter" in the subject line. Ads must include price and contact information.**



## Next Meeting Sunday, May 5<sup>th</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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