



Ford Australia introduced the Pilot to Australia in 1949, importing the model in both fully assembled and semi-knocked down form. The Pilot came with Flathead V8s a 60 and later 80hp.  
This story of a Pilot in Australia from the Torque Newsletter by the Regional Group #143

## *THE STORY OF MY 1948 FORD PILOT*

*By John Moore*

I've owned old cars since I was a teenager. In fact, I bought my first car when I was 14 – it was a 1938 Morris bakers van which I paid £4 for. I've also had Austin's, old Holden's including an FJ Holden, two 1955 Customlines and Falcons. But I have always liked Ford Pilots, and I've had a few of them over the years since I was about 15 years old.

In 1976, I found the Pilot in a fellow's shed in Burwood, NSW. He had owned the car for years but hadn't driven it for ten years or more, so I made an offer to buy it. And he accepted the offer of \$200 and I brought the car home the following day.

It took a lot of work to get it running properly but eventually I did and then registered it with the original number plates still on the car. At the time, I had two other Pilots which at best, were parts cars. So after getting parts off these cars, I sold the rest to a young bloke in North Queensland who came down to Sydney with his truck and trailer and hauled them back home. In general, I've never had a problem finding parts for the Pilot as they were always able to be sourced.

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**General and Board meetings usually held at Redmond Eagles 11440 Avondale Rd NE Redmond, WA 98052 On the second Saturday of each month**





My particular car has a built in jacking system called a 'Jack-All System' which was an accessory at the time of purchase. I am reconditioning the system at the moment and shortly it will be fitted back on the car. There are very few Pilots in the country with this system fitted.

The car has been repainted over the years as the original colour was a horrible beige/brown, so I picked another paint that was lighter – a Holden paint. It's also been re-upholstered but I have tried to keep the Pilot as original as I can. Years ago I rebuilt the engine and gearbox and the car has travelled many thousands of miles including to numerous National meets and countless intra state rallies. Actually, I took it to the first National Meet and it has never missed one National meet since. I did most of the maintenance over the years myself but have recently had help from a few good mates both from the Club and elsewhere.



I'm a member of the Early Ford V8 Club of NSW, which I joined in 1979 after previously being a member of Classic Historic Automobile Club of Australia (CHACA). My Pilot is probably the longest continuing club car in our NSW club. Over the past 41 years in the Club, I have been the Editor for 12 of those years, sometimes co-sharing the role with my son Simon. I have also been the Events organizer and I'm currently the Vice President. See more on page 11



# Presidents Words

*Paul Keller*

Hello V8er's,

Well, Summer has passed, and we are into the cooling months. I hope everyone had a great time working on, driving, and showing off our Fords. We had pretty good turn outs at many events including our Tour of the Year, The North Bend Car Show, and our Summer Picnic.

Our next meeting will be at the Redmond Eagles on Saturday, October 12 at 2:00pm (board at 1:00). The Husky game should be at 9:00 AM and Oktoberfest at the Monroe Swiss Hall does not start until 5:30 PM, so maybe we can have a great turn out. We need to get our officers & board for next year voted in as well as vote for our annual recognition award winners.

Last month's meeting was sparsely attended due to some conflicts so we did not get as many nominations as I would hope to see. We will accept nominations up to the time of the vote (Oct. meeting) by email to Mary or I and at our next meeting. Please include a bit on why you are making the nomination. The Inspiration, Participation, and Restoration awards will be given out at our November 16 banquet. We will also present next year's board & officers. Maybe even a Vice-President?

Interest in next year's swap meet is building and we are in the process of setting up a committee and taking care of the long lead items. We always could use help in this great undertaking so let us know if can lend a hand. The swap meet is how we support our club expenses for the most part and it has become more difficult over the years to gather up enough people to pull it off.

Speaking of volunteering, Dave Hoffman has stepped up to fill Dave Ellis's position on the Board for the remainder of the year. This gives us the benefit of being more likely to have a quorum at our board meetings to allow needed decisions to take place. Thank you Dave!

I also would like to thank Bruce Goodrich and our Treasurer Bob Merz for resolving our hiccup with no added cost to the club.

Take care and happy Fording,  
Paul Keller



# Meeting Minutes

*Mary Lamken*

PSRG #18 BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2024

Present: Bill Meade, Chris Knudson, Rich Troberg, Paul Keller, Mary Lamken

Called to order: 1:15pm

Elmo made a motion to approve Bill Meade to the remainder of Dave Ellis' term.

Rich Troberg seconded the motion.

The Board agreed unanimously to appoint Bill Meade for the remainder of Dave Ellis' term.

The minutes were read and approved.

## Old Business:

The roster was sent into National.

Paul spoke with Robin Ordonez, he has transmissions and a lot of heavy stuff he will give away. If you have any need for your car, contact him.

## Treasurer Report:

Bob gave out a budget sheet with last year, this year and current amounts spent through July 2024. Information on swap meet shows August through July, which covers the fiscal year for the swap meet.

On bank balances it is as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

We still have the IRS issue that is being worked on. There is a CPA working on it, the IRS has the correct forms waiting for processing. It could take 6 to 9 months for them to view the amended form. We will hold off on putting too much money into a CD to ensure we have money if we end up needing to pay the IRS.

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On my way to Eagle Cap, In the small town of Elgin, Oregon, I spotted some old Fords, look like the coupe has been lighted up with some speed holes, maybe it was a racer ?











# Membership

*Guy Generaux*

## PSRG Membership Dues

As you know, we are on a three-year membership rotation: one-third of the club renews their dues every three years. So, about 45 PSRG members will be receiving membership renewal notices for the 2025-2027 cycle. If you do not receive a letter, your dues are still current.

Those members up for renewal are: Akers, Baker, Barbee, Broderson, Christensen, Coleman, Costello, Crook, Dally, Duff, Hegdahl, Hernandez, Hoffman, Howard, Jauch, Keenholts M, Keller, Knudsen, Knudson, Kufel, Manelski, Mann, Maxwell, McCluskey, McCutcheon, Moser, Nichols, Obert, Olson, Ozeroff, Petersen, Porter, Poulson, Prusia, Rawlings, Rees, Scott, Sharp, Stotts, Stubbs, Von Wald, Warbrouck, Wells, Wilk.

If you're on the list, watch for a dues renewal letter to arrive in your mailbox around November 1. Please return your renewal form & check promptly!

Anybody who has changes for the upcoming 2025 PSRG Membership Roster: new address, e-mail, phone? Buy a car? Sell a car? Double check your information in the current 2024 Roster. Please e-mail any updates ASAP to Guy Generaux (or call him). Guy will reply to all e-mails, so you know he has received your new changes.

## National Membership Dues

Please keep in mind National V8 Club dues are on a cycle system and renewed on the anniversary date you joined. National will notify you when those dues are slated for renewal. You must be a National member to maintain your local PSRG membership. National also offers a three-year plan, like PSRG.

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# Leads & Needs

Leads & Needs listings are free for club members. All listings will run for 3 months unless they are renewed or terminated early.

Contact Scott to have them kept in another month or to have them removed earlier.

E-mail your listing to the newsletter editor at [editor@efv8psrg.org](mailto:editor@efv8psrg.org) or call 206-778-9097

**Lead: 1935-'36 FORD PARTS** and later FORD PARTS Available items include a "core" 1936 passenger radiator; a '36 transmission case; a '36 sedan spare-tire mount , a pair of '36 horns, and several other parts for 1935-36 Fords: a horn rod, a pair of outer bumper brackets, and a pair of closed-car windshield hinges. I have several '35-'36 DOOR PARTS, including one new set of '35 outer handles, a 5-window coupe latch, 4 used control posts and 2 hinge pins. I have a rear-deck lid handle, a convertible top hook, and a stock '35-'36 steering box mounting bracket. I also have a '35-'36 closed-car rear window garnish molding and several tail-light bodies, trim rings and lenses. For later years: some 1941 and 1946-48 flathead engine parts (cylinder heads, pistons, connecting rods, crankshafts, 2 camshafts, and an oil pan). I have two flywheels, three generators and three starters w/parts, most of a 59A distributor, a 9-inch clutch plate, and a '42-'48 rear transmission mount. There's one hydrostatic fuel-tank sending unit, one 15-inch solid Ford wheel and a pair of French "Auteroche" headlights. Shipping only to the U.S.  
Larry Lange, (206) 525-3678, or [eaglesunrise35@gmail.com](mailto:eaglesunrise35@gmail.com)

**Need:** Your editor is always looking for **articles or photos** for the newsletter, Please send them my way at [editor@efv8psrg.org](mailto:editor@efv8psrg.org)

**Need:** I am looking for someone to restore & paint **USED 1947 Ford Tonner pickup hubcaps** to Period Correct. any leads would be appreciated.  
Rick 425 766 7408 [rickr449@gmail.com](mailto:rickr449@gmail.com)

**Lead:** Four **1934 rims** and want to give them to someone in the club, Free. Mark Vinson [mark\\_vinson@outlook.com](mailto:mark_vinson@outlook.com) or 206-999-4030

*See more on the next page*

**Lead: 1946 Ford 1/2 ton Blue Panel truck.** 239 CI FH Rebuilt V8, 58,500 miles, 3Speed with Columbia 2speed, Extensive Exterior & Interior work, 15" Radials, 12V, Front disc Brakes, Dual Exhaust, Runs Great, many extras, Photos on Request, \$28,000. It was previously owned by Butch Kent. Located in Spokane Valley, Washington rickr449@gmail.com, 425 766 7408 Rick Rawlings



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**Lead: 1950 MERCURY CONVERTIBLE** Recently appraised by John Porter. His comments are as follows: Third owner for over 30 years. 68,121 original miles. Original flathead, all mechanicals restored & in excellent running condition. Three speed manual transmission with factory overdrive. Repainted exterior. Exceptional original interior with clear seat covers since new. Power windows and seat. Newer power soft top, in good working order. Strong Class 2 condition. Ready for show or touring. \$60,000. Tom Beffa 206-498-1211. More photos available by e-mailing: [linda@beffa.us](mailto:linda@beffa.us)



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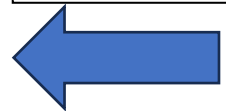
## 1932 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan

### **ENGINES FOR SALE**

- Early 1936 Ford flathead V8 (babbitt bearings)
  - Boiled out and magnafluxed
  - Hardened valve seats(?), rebuildable cylinder cores
  - Included parts: heads, manifold cover, pistons/rods, valves/springs, crank shaft, cam shaft (front & rear plates)
  - Asking \$350
- 1933 Ford flathead V8 (babbitt bearings)
  - Boiled out and magnafluxed
  - Harden valve seats(?), rebuildable cylinder cores
  - Included parts: heads, manifold cover, pistons/rods, valves/springs, crank shaft, cam shaft (front & rear plates)
  - Asking \$350
- Late 1936 Ford flathead V8 (LB, insert crank shaft bearings)
  - Boiled out and magnafluxed
  - Hardened valve seats, rebuildable cylinder cores
  - Included parts: heads, manifold cover, pistons/rods, valves/springs/guides, crank shaft, cam shaft (front & rear plates), oil pump, fuel pump drive rod, flywheel, etc.
  - Asking \$1,000



Late 36 Ford  
Flathead V8  
LB, Insert Brgs



Call (434)713-4185 (cell) anytime to discuss or arrange viewing.  
[Duane Dahlquist, East Wenatchee, WA—Early Ford V8 Club member]



## **Pilot storey continues here**

Next year the National Meet is scheduled for May in Toowoomba, Queensland, so I will get the car ready to attend again. The car travels well on the open road and sits comfortably at 50-60 miles an hour and also is fuel efficient on long trips. I estimate I've driven the Pilot 180,000 miles since I've owned it.

Yes, I heard all the jokes over the years about owning a „Pommy car“ {A British car}. But they must be good if even the Queen has one in her collection – a 1951 Woody station wagon with the 'Shooting Brake' body style (pictured below). The term „Shooting Brake“ refers to cars that were intended for use by shooting parties to carry their equipment and trophies. Occasionally, the full collection of the Queens vehicles are put on display to the public, including her Ford Pilot.



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## Pilot storey continues here

*The Pilots lined up at the 16th National Meet, Renmark, South Australia - 2018.*

Story & photos by John Moore



Below: 1950 Pilot Ute Photo By Tooma





# AMERICAS CAR MUSEUM

<https://www.americascarmuseum.org/>

## If Cars Could Talk – Porsche Decades with Jay Gillotti

**October 19 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Author Jay Gillotti will present on the creative process for car books. Using his own books as examples, Jay will cover concept, structure, the research and writing process, layout and design collaboration, the role of the publisher, and some technical and behind-the-scenes views of producing a new book. Jay will also preview the specifics on his new book, “Porsche Decades”, along with some interesting and amusing anecdotes about the journey.

## FAMILY STEAM DAYS – NOT A BOX (CARS)

**October 19 | 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

October is Tacoma Arts Month and we are celebrating by exploring three-dimensional artwork and designing our very own cars. “Why are you sitting in a box? It’s not a box!” Today, we’ll be inspired by the children’s story “Not a Box” and use our imaginations to make our very own car sculptures with cardboard boxes and other recycled materials.

Design, build, tinker and learn together as you explore the world of automobiles and its relation to science, technology, engineering, art and math on Family STEAM Day. On the third Saturday of each month, you and your child, grandchild, or family can spend quality time together exploring activities available in the Education Studio and Family Zone.

Family STEAM Days are free for ACM Members and is also included with Museum admission. Museum visitors age 18 and under receive FREE admission on Family STEAM Days.



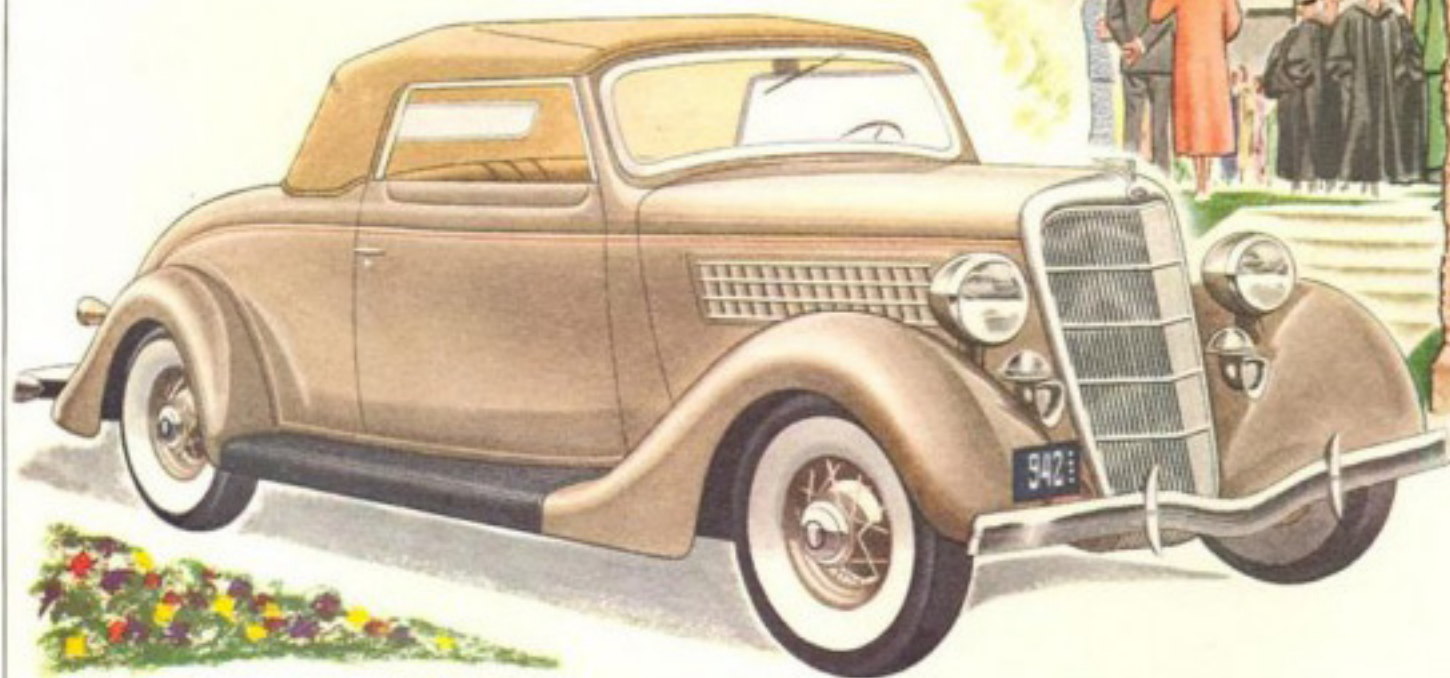
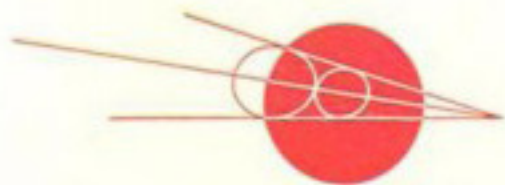
## TRUNK OR TREAT

**October 31 | 3:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

This Halloween, bring your car to the Museum to hand out treats to little goblins and ghouls! With live entertainment, raffles, extended museum hours and more, this is a spooky good time to be had by all! We encourage you to decorate your car and be sure to bring your own treats, you’ll get to personally hand them out during the event from the trunk of your car.

Parents, bring your trick-or-treaters to ACM for a scary and sweet event designed for all ages!

# FORD V-8



## *Happy Days Ahead*

The Ford V-8 is an invitation to enjoy many thousands of miles of motoring. For the mother in the home. The young woman in business. The June Bride. And the girl graduate who has been longing for a car of her own. . . . For the purchase of a Ford V-8 is in itself something of a graduation—a step upward to a higher plane of motor car performance and all-around satisfaction. . . . Formerly you had to pay more than \$2000 for a car with a V-8 engine. The Ford has brought it within your reach at a low price. And provided beauty, comfort, safety and richness of upholstery and appointment to match that fine car performance. . . . The Ford V-8 is thoroughly modern throughout. It stands at the head of its class in everything that means top honors for a motor car.



PSRG #18 BOARD MEETING minutes continue here:

We will need to pay taxes in 2025 on the 2024 income from the swap meet, likely we will owe \$4,000 to \$5,000 (approximately). We can offset that by donating to Shoreline Community Foundation as a qualified charity. Bill asked if we could find out from the Tech program what they are doing with the donated money. Bob mentioned that Mac Tools might match our donation for tools for the shop or to support scholarships.

Elmo made a motion to give Shoreline Community Foundation the \$2000 donation, Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Swap Meet**

Dave White is on board to help with the swap meet. Bill Meade met with Dave talking about the swap meet. Dave is willing to participate, may call Bob regarding a logo using his car for the swap meet logo for t-shirts and such. Price is \$55 until March 1<sup>st</sup>, then after that it is \$60.

Elmo suggested we talk to the fairgrounds to re-line the fire lanes. Lining out the stalls for volunteer parking is also an issue.

Vendor tags were mentioned as an issue. A \$20 fee for an extra tag was suggested. The DOT lot is expensive with fees and percentages. 1 vendor parking per stall. Should be in the vendor paperwork.

A suggestion to include a second club to help manage the swap meet. The liability is a concern for smaller clubs. Bill mentioned offering to another V8 Club first, then we would need to decide the percentage split. The amount of responsibility would be a key determinant.

We need to get started ASAP to order printing and such.

We need to pay the \$1500 up-front fee to the fairgrounds soon and set the firm date.

### **Awards Nominations:**

Mark Vinson was nominated for restoration award.

### **Directors**

Most have 2 years as being on a director.

Rich – year 2 – he will serve again

Paul B. - will contact

Chris – will continue

**2024 Event Calendar**  
General meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month

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| <b>January</b><br><b>13th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Meeting. Board meeting at 1 pm                                                               | <b>February</b><br><b>10th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Meeting. Board meeting at 1 pm<br><b>17-18th</b> 56th Annual Early Bird Swap Meet                                                 | <b>March</b><br><b>9th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Meeting. Board meeting at 1 pm                                                |
| <b>April</b><br><b>13th</b> General meeting. Skagit Tour,<br>See Page 16,17                                                                        | <b>May</b><br><b>11th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Board meeting 1pm at Redmond Eagles<br><b>18th-19th</b> SwapMeet                                                                       | <b>June</b><br><b>8th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Board meeting at 1 pm, all at Redmond Eagles<br><b>29th</b> Greenwood Car Show |
| <b>July</b><br><b>13th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Board meeting at 1 pm<br><b>21st</b> Northbend Car Show<br><b>24-25th</b> PSRG Tour of the Year | <b>August</b><br><b>10th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Board meeting at 1 pm<br><b>11th</b> Summer Picnic see page 6<br><b>16th</b> Eagles car show<br><b>31st</b> 46th Annual Le May Show | <b>September</b><br><b>2nd</b> Cascade Early Ford V8 Club car show<br><b>14th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Board meeting at 1 pm  |
| <b>October</b><br><b>12th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Board meeting at 1 pm                                                                        | <b>November</b><br><b>9th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Board meeting at 1 pm                                                                                                              | <b>December</b><br><b>14th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br>Board meeting at 1 pm                                                     |

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