

PUGET SOUNDS

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Bill Meade and Mark Keenholts help Brian Pickrell with his 46 Merc engine

A quick public thank-you to Mark Keenholts and Bill Meade for coming over to help me pull the engine from my recently purchased '46 Merc. Mark had talked about making this a club garage session but it turned into a lot of work with no advance notice, so no word went out.

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usually held at
Redmond Eagles
11440 Avondale Rd NE
Redmond, WA 98052
On the second Saturday of
each month



Bill Meade and Mark Keenholtz help Brian Pickrell with his '46 Merc engine

The engine wouldn't turn over. But interestingly, when we got it out of the car and opened it up, nothing was rusted out or seized or even worn much. All we had to do was take the main bearing caps off and put them back on, and the engine now turns. After the new gaskets arrive and I get the old ones scraped off the mating surfaces, I can put it back in as-is. I'm looking forward to getting this car going! Thanks also to Richard for the loan of an engine hoist.

Hi everyone, I was hoping I'd be able to come to tomorrow's club meeting with a story of how I, Mark, and Bill got the engine back together and back in my '46 already, but things aren't moving that fast. I'm still scraping off pan gaskets, etc. Here's a picture of me and the engine surrounded by oil, tools and parts cleaner.

Brian Pickrell





Presidents Words

Paul Keller

Hello V8er's,

It was great seeing everyone that could make it to our annual banquet. We had more than 30 members join us for a wonderful meal prepared by Stephanie & Beth of the Redmond Eagles. Both women work as Executive Chefs at Microsoft and their amazing talents were evident in all the great dishes they presented. Mark Keenholts did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies, and we could not have pulled it off without Jackie Blumenstetter & Amy Quillizapa who showed up early and got everything set up and ready for the festivities.

Like most of our get-togethers there was not enough time for catching up with others, but Mark did a good job of keeping us on track for the most part as we had much to cover. Officers and award winners were announced, and we saw a short film from Shoreline College to explain how some of our donation money is used and why these donations are important. Last on the agenda was the door prize drawing and we had one for everyone in attendance.

At the banquet in addition to our legacy awards Elmo Lewis was presented with the first annual Elmo award. This award was created to recognize the amazing service Elmo has provided the club throughout the years. Anytime there is a need, Elmo is there to help. Although the award is meant to be given again in the future, I know it will be hard to measure up to its namesake. We also presented Elmo with an Honorary Lifetime Membership to PSRG. Our Bylaws include this membership, and I am not sure why it has taken us this long to approve this.

Our work parties to assist members with their cars have begun. Mark Keenholts and Bill Meede have been working with Brian Pickrell to get his frozen engine unstuck and back in his car. Rich Troberg chipped in by lending his engine hoist. Dave Hoffman has said he could use some assistance with his brakes and I would like to put something together soon to attack this as well. If you need some help, or want to be included in these events, make sure to let it be known.

Our longtime newsletter editor, Scott Jenkins has let us know he will be leaving the group and we will need someone to take over his duties. We all know what a great job Scott has done for so many years. The newsletter is really what binds the club together. Not everyone makes it to our meetings and events, but all of us receive the news of what we are up to via the *Puget Sounds* each month. It will be very hard to find a replacement and the person that steps up will have an even harder time living up to Scott's legacy. If you would like to take on this monumental task, please get ahold of me. Thank you, Scott. Hoping your future adventures are fantastic.

The first orders for club jackets have been placed, and I expect them to arrive shortly. If you have not ordered one you may still do so. For now, they are only \$60 for active members with the club picking up approximately half of the cost. You may send in your order or order at our next meeting.

Our next monthly meeting is December 13 at 2:00PM (Board at 1:00P). We will hold our annual gift exchange. Bring along a wrapped gift worth approximately \$20 if you wish to participate. We usually mark the gifts "Man", "Women", or "Both" and stealing a desirable gift is part of the fun.

Paul Keller



Meeting Minutes

Mary Lamken

No minutes taken as it was our banquet

PSRG#18 Members Visit Shoreline Community College Automotive Training Facility

Words and photos from Paul Keller

In November club members along with members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club responded to an invitation to visit Shoreline Community College's Automotive Training Center. The visit was coordinated by Dave White, a member in both clubs so that members could see the facility and learn how our donations to the Shoreline Community College foundation are used and how important such donations are to the success of the students in the program.



The facility is impressive, very clean and organized. The shop and attached classrooms make up a very large building. Inside and out were a very large assortment of modern automobiles used in the training. We learned that these cars for the most part are donated to the program by the participating manufacturers. GM, Honda, MOPAR, Toyota, & Tesla are currently involved. These cars for the most part were either prototypes used in development, cars removed from the production line for fatal flaws, or cars that were bought back for reasons such as lemon law returns after they could not be repaired. The cars will never see the road beyond the school and will need to be destroyed when they are no longer used. We were told that the students were able to repair almost all the items in the returned cars.

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They use the most modern diagnostic tools that would be found in today’s dealerships as well as specialized consoles and breakout boxes that lend themselves to training. One such console had all the lighting components of a Toyota located on the same panel where specific faults could be induced for troubleshooting practice. An alignment rack could be programmed to show a faulty alignment without the need to take the car out of adjustment beforehand.



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Membership

Guy Generaux

PSRG Membership Dues

If your name is on the list, please get your dues in NOW to Guy Generaux, who is currently working on the 2026 PSRG Roster. All renewals should be in by December 15. If you've already sent in your dues - thank you! Questions? Contact Guy at 206-423-7563.

Members up for renewal include:

Arnold, Baker, Beffa, Balint, Brown, Cordas, Dermond, Dye, Eilert, Farris, Goodrich, Harman, Hoffer, Karas, Kilmer, Lamkin, Lee, Lewis, Lindstorm, Maxwell, Menzel, Nicholson, Norris, Obert, Ordonez, Pai, Parks, Pickrell, Profit, Quillizapa, Stobbe K, Stobbe R, Troberg, Vinson, Wait, Weber, White, Wilson.

PSRG Membership Chairman

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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 or call 206-778-9097

Need: Your editor is always looking for **articles or photos** for the newsletter, Please send them my way at editor@efv8psrg.org Oh and also looking for a new editor of this fine publication

Lead: 1953 FORD

Owners: Pete & Lois Lowman. Model: Custom line Fordor / Present miles 25244. V8 Flathead engine & Fordomatic transmission with dual exhaust Cascade green (medium light green) a spring color – only offered for a limited time, Interior: dark gray green, cloth, Additional features: full hub-caps / radio / clock / front seatbelts / P205/75R15 white wall tires. The car has always been driven to National Early V8 Ford meets and many other car events winning several awards. Asking price: \$ 17,100 will consider offers. Contact Lucetta at email lucettalightfoot@msn.com or phone 206.282.2641 for more information or questions.



Lead: 1941 Ford Pickup, a project waiting for you ! Lots of Stainless Steel bits, rebuilt rear end, of course extra parts, flathead V8 and three on the tree transmission. \$15K OBO Scott scottzq@yahoo.com 2067789097

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We learned that this is an extremely popular program with a two-year waiting list. The students first find a job with a participation dealership where they will share their time between school and real-life experience. Having the students demonstrate they are employable contributes to the high success rate for students in the program. After completing the two year long program they will be qualified for very high paying technician positions.

Gary Fantozzi, Director of Automotive Instruction, took us through the facility and answered our questions. He let us know how important donations such as ours are to the student's success. Sometimes a small expenditure to provide breakfast to a hungry student or a tank of gas to get a student to class can make a life changing difference to a student that may need to drop out otherwise. He related that he personally gave \$50 to a student that was struggling and the difference that gesture made.



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Our members can be proud of the small, yet important impact our donations to the colleges and Sno-Isle TECH Skills Center are making. I highly suggest members participate when these tours come up. They are informative and encouraging. Remember our annual Swap Meet is the source of our donations and your help in this effort is very much appreciated. Without the Swap Meet we would no longer be able to provide these donations.





This German-built custom body represents the end of an era.

Glaser Coachworks was a German body maker that created custom cars on Ford chassis. Glaser produced three models, including this four-passenger, two-door "blind quarter" cabriolet. The company held several patents on the folding top and window lifts.

The distinctively low top, enclosed spare tire, and flowing line of the raised side body molding are signature Glaser design. In 1937, the German government confiscated all open cars for military use. Most were destroyed in bombing raids during World War II.



PSRG jackets are now available!

\$60 price applies to all active members
Choose style, color, & size and we will get
them ordered

Port Authority Core Soft Shell



NAVY



ROYAL



LADIES

Port Authority Challenger



NAVY or
ROYAL

Sport-Tek Varsity Insulated



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Fill out below & send with check made out to PGRF to:

PSMG #18
P.O. Box 903
Kirkland, WA 98043

Note: Availability of all choices not guaranteed. We will notify if your choice is not available. If shipping is needed, please call & arrange.

Questions: Contact Paul Keller or Mary Larkin

Coat #1 (also for member)

Style: Port Authority Soft Shell - ☐ Men's or ☐ Women's
Port Authority Challenger - ☐ Men's or ☐ Women's
Sport-Tek Varsity - ☐ Men's
Color: ☐ Navy Blue or ☐ Royal Blue
Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3XL

Coat #2 (also for spouse member)

Style: Port Authority Soft Shell - ☐ Men's or ☐ Women's
Port Authority Challenger - ☐ Men's or ☐ Women's
Sport-Tek Varsity - ☐ Men's
Color: ☐ Navy Blue or ☐ Royal Blue
Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3XL

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Mark Keenholts - Master of Ceremonies

Members lost in 2025: Dick Foster (Lifetime member, put up his home to finance 1st Swap Meet) Carol Scott, & Tom Bewley

Awards: Restoration – Scott Kilmer & Guy Generaux (tied)

Participation – Elmo Lewis (Amy Quillizapa close runner-up)

Inspiration – Paul Blumenstetter (Gary Duff & Jim Cormier nominated as well)

Appreciation – Scott Jenkins (long time newsletter editor)

First Annual Elmo Award & presentation of Lifetime Membership – Elmo Lewis

Presentation of Officers: President – Paul Keller

Vice-President – Bill Meade

Secretary – Mary Lamken

Treasurer – Bob Merz

Director (New) – Amy Quillizapa

Director (Re-elected) – Jackie Blumenstetter

Director (Vacancy) –

Directors (Continuing 2nd year of term) –

Richard Troberg

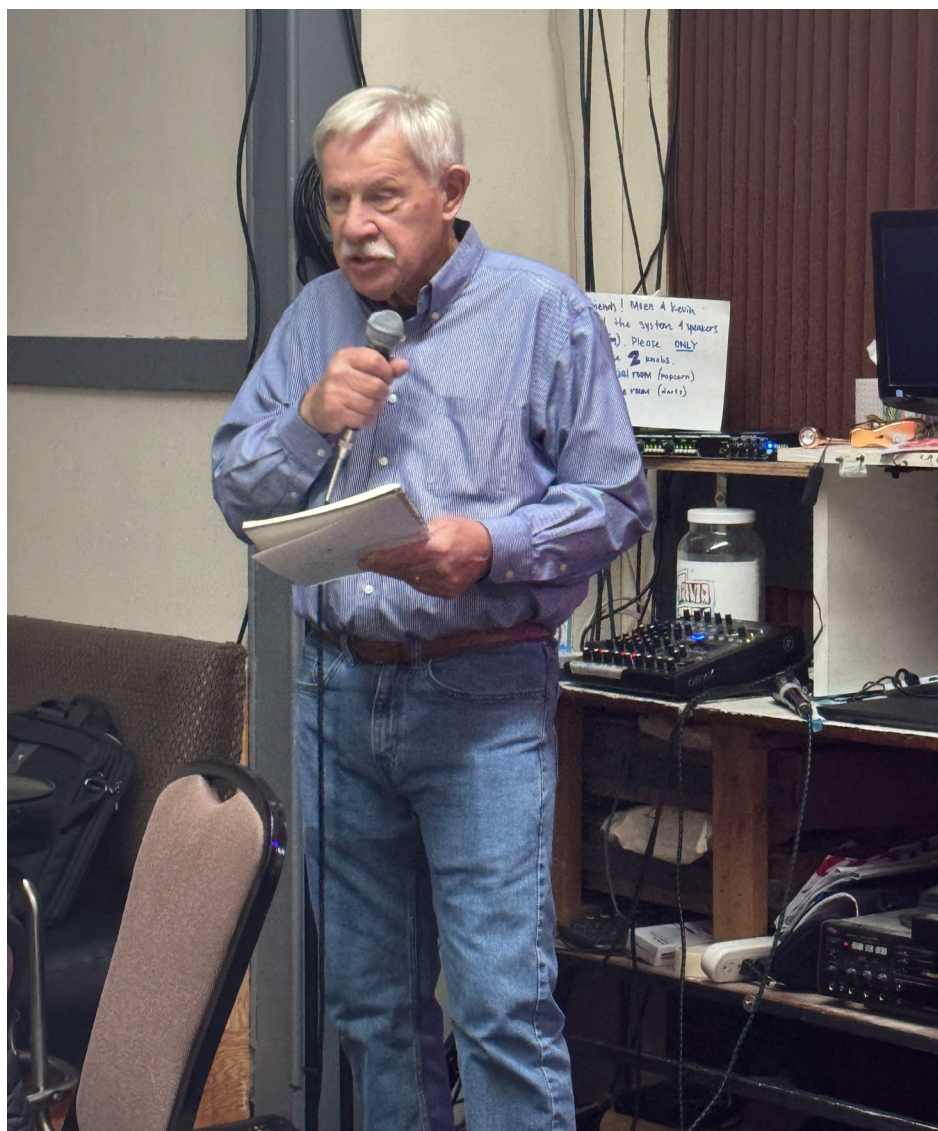
Chris Knudsen

Mark Keenholts

Directors (Retiring) –

Paul Blumenstetter

Elmo Lewis



GIVE YOUR FAMILY A NEW FORD V-8 FOR CHRISTMAS!

Make your first
time payment
February 10



THE KEY TO A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

If you purchase a Ford V-8 for Christmas delivery you will receive this gold colored symbolic key to the car in a beautiful Christmas gift case, to hang on tree or place in stocking for the biggest Christmas morning thrill your family has had in years.

Ask your Dealer about the Christmas Purchase Plan

If you act now you can have a new 1936 Ford V-8 (any body type) driven up to your front door at the hour you set on Christmas morning . . . with no time payment to make until Feb. 10. That is the special Christmas purchase plan which Authorized Ford Dealers of New England offer you through UCC, Authorized Ford Finance Plan.

Most 1932 or later cars in good shape will cover your down payment on a Ford V-8, leaving you with nothing to pay right now.

Act today. See your dealer for further details on the Christmas Purchase Plan.

THE NEW 1936 FORD V-8 GIVES YOU:

NEW BEAUTY THROUGHOUT: Longer lines, brighter colors, rich new interiors.

25% EASIER STEERING: The result of two new roller-type bearings, a longer steering knuckle-arm, an increased steering ratio.

SUPER-SAFETY BRAKES: With exceptionally large braking surface (186 sq. in.).

EASIER SHIFTING AND STILL QUIETER GEARS: With silent helical gears for all speeds, and shorter "throw" of gear shift lever.

NEW DRAWN STEEL WHEELS: Enhance the car's beauty and, by reducing unsprung weight, help to insure easier riding.

85 h. p. V-8 ENGINE: 8-cylinder smoothness, pick-up and power with V-8 economy proved by more than 2,000,000 owners.

SAFETY GLASS: All around in all models, at no extra cost.

**AUTHORIZED FORD DEALERS
OF NEW ENGLAND**



*Ford V-8
for 1936*

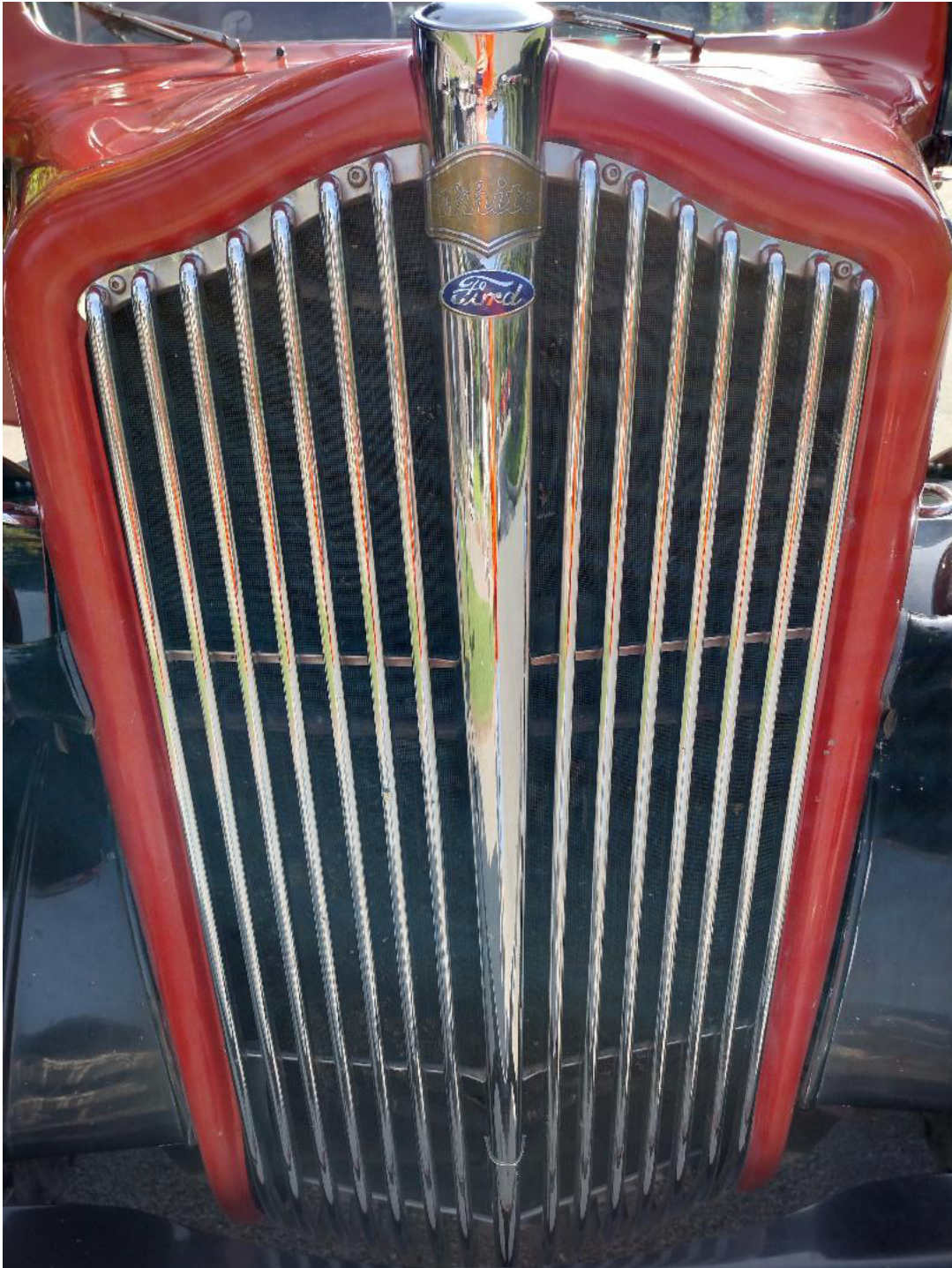
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\$510

AND UP, F. O. B. DETROIT
Standard accessory group in-
cluding bumpers and spare
tire extra. Easy terms through
Universal Credit Co., Authorized Ford Finance Plan.

On a summer trip to Glacier National Park, we spied these **Red Jammers** the vintage White Motor Company/Bender Body Company Model 706 buses used at Glacier National Park in the United States to transport park visitors since 1936. The bus drivers are called jammers because of the sound the unsynchronized transmissions made when the driver shifted gears on the steep roads of the park. Even double-clutching could not eliminate all meshing clatter, permanently eliminated in a 1989 retrofit that added automatic transmissions.

I noticed the Ford Oval on the grill



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Ford Motor Company in February 2000 made a donation of \$6.5 million to renovate the fleet. Glacier's entire operating fleet was modified between 2000 and 2002 by Ford in conjunction with TransGlobal in Livonia, Michigan, to run on propane or gas to lessen environmental impact. Ford 5.4L V8s were fitted to the chassis. The bodies were removed from their original chassis and fitted to modern Ford E Series van chassis. Can you see the 1936 Ford design elements in the bumper and front fenders ?



An early Ford dealer in Kalispell Montana, inside the Kalispell Mercantile building, built in 1892. Thorvald (Thor) Koppang and his partner Ole Jordet had opened the Koppang-Jordet Motor Company in 1912, Kalispell's first Ford automobile dealership. Thor bought out Ole in 1914 and renamed the business the Glacier Park Garage. By 1919, the dealership had sold more than a thousand Fords.



If you squint you can see the 1949 Ford F8 on top of the modern off road hardware, still has a V8, although with 450HP





LEMAY - AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM APPROVED LICENSE PLATE



We are thrilled to announce that our new LeMay – America’s Car Museum specialty license plate design has been officially approved by the Washington State Department of Transportation. This marks an exciting milestone for our Museum and for car enthusiasts throughout Washington State.

As many of you know, our originally proposed black-and-white “throwback” design was ultimately adopted by the State for its own retro plate series and therefore is not associated with ACM. Because that design is now owned by the State, we were required to create a fully new concept that met their detailed specifications—including color palette, layout, and mandatory design elements.

Working through the State’s extensive approval and compliance process, our team developed a new plate that proudly reflects the identity, mission, and bold visual spirit of LeMay – America’s Car Museum. We are excited to share this final, approved artwork with you and hope you are as enthusiastic about the finished design as we are.

At this time, we are awaiting confirmation of the official release date for when the plate will be available for order. Once the State provides this information, we will immediately announce it across our communication channels. When the ordering window opens, you will be able to purchase plates directly through the Washington State Department of Licensing website

Your purchase of an ACM specialty plate directly supports our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, helping us preserve and share America’s automotive story, expand educational programming, and continue honoring the past, celebrating the present, and driving the future of car culture.

Thank you for your continued support, passion, and patience as we’ve worked through this rigorous process. We can’t wait to see these plates on the road across Washington and to share this milestone with our entire community of supporters, members, volunteers, staff, and car lovers everywhere.

2025 Event Calendar
General meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month

January 11th General meeting. 2pm Meeting. Board meeting at 1 pm	February 8th General meeting. 2pm Meeting. Board meeting at 1 pm 15-16th 57th Annual Early Bird Swap Meet Puyallup	March 8th General meeting. 2pm Meeting. Board meeting at 1 pm 15th St. Patrick's Day Parade
April 12th General meeting With BINGO Board meeting at 1 pm	May 10th General meeting. 2pm Board meeting 1pm 17-18 Monroe Auto Swap Meet	June 14th General meeting. 2pm Board meeting at 1 pm 21st Carol Scott memorial 28th Greenwood Car Show
July 12th General meeting. 2pm Board meeting at 1 pm <i>trunk swap meet</i> 20th North Bend Car Show	August 9th No general meeting, Picnic see page 5 30th 47th LeMay Annual Show	September 13th No general meeting , due to the Tour of the year
October 11th General meeting. 2pm Transmission Talk and Nominations 20th Board meeting at 1 pm	November 8th General meeting 2pm. Board meeting at 1pm	December 13th General meeting. 2pm Gift Exchange Board meeting at 1 pm

