

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY KEN STOBBE.....

Long time club member, Ken Stobbe, has hit the milestone of 90 years old!

Ken's award winning 1950 Ford sedan has been a constant fixture at club events and car shows for more years than we can remember.

Ken also has been club secretary and board member multiple times.

Ken produced several wood working gems given out as club prizes; the quality was always unsurpassed.

Their son Grant was always a delight and joy to interact with at club meetings.

He gave a great hug!!

Ken, his wife Merrilla, and the rest of the Stobbe family have held down the office and night security at the Monroe Swap Meet for many years.

Ken's tireless contributions to the club are greatly appreciated by all of us who have had the pleasure to know him!

HAPPY 90TH KEN!

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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**





Hello V8er's,

Two weeks ago, we sent out the first email to Swap Meet vendors and the response has been very good. We have sold more than 100 stalls since then to add upon the approximately 200 stalls that were prepaid for at last year's meet. The first reminder to vendors with stalls reserved from last year, that have not yet been renewed, went out this morning and three PayPal payments came in immediately. The interest is high and I believe we will come close to selling out again. There have been a few vendors that have told me they are unable to come this year. Our Facebook posts should bring in new folks to backfill and applications awaiting placement after the deadline for returning vendors have arrived.

I am looking forward to seeing the next issue of our newsletter, *Puget Sounds*. Mike & Trina have taken the reigns after Scott's retirement, and I am sure they will do a great job. Of course they cannot do this without material to include. If you have items of interest including events others would enjoy, please pass these along to Mike & Trina. They cannot do this alone.

Our member assistance work parties have resumed. Brian Pickrell sent notice that his unstuck engine has fired up with Mark's help. Starting fluid & a hot-wired starter should soon progress to proper functioning systems. I look forward to getting in there and helping with electrical items. Dave Hoffman's brakes are on our need list, and I hope we get on with this soon. If you need some help, or want to be included in these events, let it be known.

We passed out the first batch of club jackets, and I will be picking up a few more soon. These are still available so get your order in. The consensus is they came out very well and I agree.

A gentleman contacted me by email after an appraiser suggested he reach out to us. His father passed and left behind an unfinished 1936 Ford 4 Door Convertible. He describes it as unfinished and in a few pieces. The appraiser valued it at \$2500 so this is a clue to the work needed. I sure would like to see a member that is familiar with these cars bring it back to life and save it from being a rat rod. If you need more information let me know. I may try and get a look at it soon.

Our next monthly meeting is February 14 at 2:00PM (Board at 1:00P) at the Redmond Eagles. Mary and I cannot make this one. We will be at the "World Center of Racing" getting revved up for the Daytona 500 the next day.

Happy Fording, Paul Keller



# Meeting Minutes

*Mary Lamken*

## PSRG 18 Board Meeting

January 10, 2026

**Present:** Paul Blumenstetter, Jackie Blumenstetter, Amy Quilizapa, Jesse Quilizapa, Chris Knudsen, Bill Meade, Mark Keenholts, Elmo Lewis, Paul Keller, Mary Lamken, Rich Troberg, Cliff Winfrey, Louis Moore

**Called to Order:** 1:07

**Reading of Minutes:**

### **Announcements**

- Rosters are done and were given out at the meeting. The rest will be mailed out.
- Mike and Trina Rees are now the Newsletter Editors – please give information for the newsletters to them.
- Elmo Lewis announced that Ken Stobe turns 90 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January. We could send a birthday card from the Club. We can put an article in the newsletter thanking him for his service to the swap meet and the club. (Someone will contact Randy for this information).

### **Treasurers Report**

Bob was not present. Swap Meet expenditures have begun. A complete financial report can be requested from Bob Merz.

### **Jackets:**

We are waiting for three to be delivered due to size issues. (Due January 22<sup>nd</sup>)

### **Swap Meet:**

We need to get the shadowing started.

Data base is revamped to include the new pricing for being a vendor and camping rates

Emails were sent to 473 vendors.

The chrome lady with 8 stalls was willing to get a temporary business license. That is a positive for the new rules.

Club Information Booth: We will try to get a better spot for this. Paul will run the booth

The Club's Vendor booth will need someone to man it. (Tom Daily ran it last year)

## Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

### **Tools – Engine Hoist**

Elmo said the club can store this at his house for now. It will become part of the Tool Library

### **Assist Parties**

- Mark helped a member (Brian) with his vehicle. There is more to do so they will start another work party at his house to help with his car project.
- Dave Hoffman needs help with brakes for his '48 Coupe. (Complete brake job including lines and cylinders.)
- It was suggested we start an availability calendar for club members to help.

### **New Business**

Jesse has some people who want to help with the swap meet.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:36

## GENERAL MEETING:

PRESENT: 16 MEMBERS

Called to Order: 2:15

### **Leads and Needs:**

- Bill Meade needs a vacuum for a '35-'36 Columbia
- He also needs information to isolate some chicken wire for the radio. Any advice would be welcome. He can explain the current set up.

### **Swap Meet:**

- Presented Area Captains List from last year. Needs to check in with many of them
- Sky Valley Tractors may come back to volunteer for layout Thursday
- Elmo will have a sheriff inside the park but will not have traffic control. It is suggested we have someone else provide security inside
- The stall map has been changed in several areas. Dave brought

### **Food:**

Mary checked with *"Don't Worry, Brie Happy"* (Sarah Laush) for Friday morning breakfast and Friday afternoon lunch, plus breakfast burritos on Saturday.

## Gen Meeting – Swap Meet (continued)

**Business License:**

If one vendor spends \$200 on stalls, they must get a temporary business license to be registered with the meet.

**Cost:**

Raised to \$60 per stall.

**Pre-registration:**

Reservations are good through March 1<sup>st</sup>, then stalls are released. If vendors will not get the license, they will not be able to reserve their spots.

**Golf Carts:**

Elmo has rented them.

**Trailer:**

Club trailer will be there early Thursday

**Lay-Out:**

Will be started early Thursday – done by students who need to get volunteer hours.

**Mail-Chimp:**

First emails have been sent out to volunteers with the Code of Conduct enclosed.

**Volunteers:**

Many of the volunteer clubs are returning to help in the areas they had last year (car corral, vendor lot, etc).

**Facebook:**

Log-in and “Like” the page to encourage more interaction

**Vendor Assist:**

Mirror tag for the vendor assist is \$20. May not print those this year.

**Security and Coffee:**

Elmo confirmed that Stobe’s will be there.

**Exit:**

Mike and Trina will man the exit at the end.

**Meeting:**

Dave will set another meeting at Bill Meade’s house

## Gen Meeting Minutes – Swap Meet (continued)

### **Volunteers w/RVs:**

They will park in DOT lot

### **Scrap Metal:**

Paul will contact them to come back

### **Questions:**

Do we have information about the Tour of the Year? Guy has talked about Ellensburg as a possibility.

The LeMay Marymount event is August 29<sup>th</sup>, we need to promote the even to the club.

### **Raffle:**

Mark Keenholts won the \$50 Raffle.



## Membership

*Guy Generaux*

### **2026 PSRG Rosters**

If you attended the January 10 general meeting at the Redmond Eagles, you should have picked up your new 2026 club roster there. For members who were unable to make the meeting, your rosters were mailed. Thank you to Mark and Carol Keenholts for handling distribution. Thanks to everybody for updating your roster information, if you had changes. If you notice any errors or have corrections to the new roster - please contact Guy Generaux, preferably via e-mail. This information is saved in a special file for next year's book.

### **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.

## 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 Mike and Trina 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

**Need:** Your editors are always looking for articles or photos for the newsletter, please send them our way at [editor@efv8psrg.org](mailto:editor@efv8psrg.org)

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Color:  Navy Blue or  Royal Blue  
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## Ford Logo History: Evolution of an Icon

Below is the progression of the iconic Ford logo over the years, from the original ornate emblem to the blue oval that most people are familiar with.

### 1903: The Dawn of an Icon



Source: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

The first Ford Motor Company logo was a complex emblem that included the words “Ford Motor Co” and “Detroit Mich” to showcase the brand’s place of origin. The logo was surrounded by an ornate frame of leaves and swirling shapes, with the letters designed to follow a wave of motion, resembling natural handwriting. The color scheme was primarily black, with a white frame and white wording.

This is perhaps the most elaborate version of the Ford logo, and is quite popular with buyers of Ford merchandise.

### 1907: Simplification Begins



Source: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

Back in 1907, the Ford logo got a big makeover. They ditched the fancy border and cursive writing, opting for big, bold letters that spelled out “FORD” in the middle of an oval. They also threw in phrases like “Every car guaranteed twelve months” and “for quality, hallmark, and economy” to show that they’re all about trust and quality. And instead of just black and white, they added shades of gray to the mix.

It’s a relatively simple logo with several imperfections. This logo shows Ford means business, but it is still grounded and relatable for consumers.

## 1909: Emergence of the Recognizable Ford Logo



Source: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

In 1909, the Ford logo really started to look like the one we recognize today. They rolled out a new design that had “Ford” written in a style that mimicked the handwriting of Henry Ford himself, complete with a fancy, stretched-out “D” that kind of looks like the “Coca Cola” logo. It was a pretty big deal and a great way to make the logo personal to the company’s founder.



Source: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

In 1911, the script of “Ford” underwent a transformation to enhance its readability. An oval frame was added, encircling the brand name, and the extraneous tail of the letter ‘D’ was removed. Atop this oval border, the phrase “The Famous” was etched, and at the bottom, “Motor Cars” was inscribed, both in a classic serif typeface.

## 1912: A Brief Departure



Source: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

In 1912, Ford unveiled a new logo design, replacing the oval badge with a shape resembling a bird or wings perched atop a triangle. Designers chose blue and white for the bird, and the company adopted “The Universal Car” as its new tagline.

This marked the most significant departure from the classic oval logo, apart from the original 1903 design. Interestingly enough, this was the first time Ford used the blue and white combination of colors which became a staple design element later on.

### 1917: Return to the Oval



Source: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

In 1917, Ford returned to the oval shape for its logo, with shades of gray and black, and a much lighter font for the “Ford” typograph. The gray oval emblem came with a thin black border, adding a touch of sophistication and elegance. This also marks the last time that company used a non-blue oval logo throughout the long Ford Logo history.

### 1927: Introduction of Blue and White



Source: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

In 1927, the Ford logo underwent a significant transformation, transitioning its color scheme from gray to a combination of blue and white. The emblem’s border was also revamped, now featuring a prominent white outline that encases the main badge, complemented by a slender, deep blue line that adds depth to the design.

### 1957-1976: Experimentation without Major Changes



Source: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

During these two decades in the Ford logo history, the company played around with different looks, like how thick or slanted the letters were and what kind of borders to put around the logo. But even with all these little tweaks, they didn’t make any really big changes to the logo during that time.

## 1976: The Three-Dimensional Ford Badge



Source: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

In this year, Ford introduced their three-dimensional emblem that is now widely recognized. The typography and border of the emblem were altered to a silver color, while the blue background was given gradients to produce a tactile effect that resembles a vehicle badge.

## 2003: Simplification and Refinement




In 2003, Ford released a simplified version of the logo, removing the 3D gradients and shading. This version is very similar to the one from 1961 but with slightly different dimensions and more refined contours of the inscription. This is the logo that most people know and love, and is a worthy emblem for some of the most popular vehicles sold in America, including the Ford F-Series and Ford Explorer.

## Ford Logo History: The Progression

As you can see, over the years, the Ford logo has seen its fair share of alterations, yet it has preserved much of its initial charm. The emblem, characterized by the brand's name in a handwritten font set against an oval backdrop, is both simple and impactful. While the Ford emblem saw various transformations in its shape, the oval has remained a constant and became the iconic symbol for the car manufacturer.

## 2026 Event Calendar

General meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month

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| <p><b>January</b><br/> <b>10th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br/> Meeting. Board meeting at 1 pm</p> | <p><b>February</b><br/> <b>14th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br/> Meeting. Board meeting at 1 pm</p> <p><b>14-15th</b> 57th Annual Early Bird<br/> Swap Meet Puyallup</p>  | <p><b>March</b><br/> <b>14th</b> General meeting. 2pm<br/> Meeting. Board meeting at 1pm</p> <p><b>PSRG Ford club forms in 1969</b></p> |
| <p><b>April</b><br/> <b>11th</b> General meeting Board<br/> meeting at 1 pm</p>                 | <p><b>May</b><br/> <b>9th</b> General meeting. 2pm Board<br/> meeting 1pm</p> <p><b>16-17</b> Monroe Auto Swap Meet</p>  | <p><b>June</b><br/> <b>13th</b> General meeting. 2pm Board<br/> meeting at 1 pm</p> <p><b>27th</b> Greenwood Car Show</p>               |
| <p><b>July</b><br/> <b>11th</b> General meeting. 2pm Board<br/> meeting at 1 pm</p>             | <p><b>August</b><br/> <b>8th</b> General meeting. 2pm Board<br/> meeting at 1 pm</p> <p><b>29th</b> 48th LeMay Annual Show</p>   | <p><b>September</b><br/> <b>12th</b> General meeting. 2pm Board<br/> meeting at 1 pm</p>  |
| <p><b>October</b><br/> <b>10th</b> General meeting. 2pm 20th<br/> Board meeting at 1 pm</p>     | <p><b>November</b><br/> <b>14th</b> General meeting 2pm. Board<br/> meeting at 1pm</p>   | <p><b>December</b><br/> <b>12th</b> General meeting. 2pm Board<br/> meeting at 1 pm</p>   |



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