



Trophy Winners 2023.

The Early Ford V8 Club has hosted a wide variety of car shows on Vancouver Island over the last 41 years. One of the most important features of every show is the presentation of trophy awards to selected winners. In 2023 there were three separate categories awarded including Participants Choice for best car and best truck. In addition, the 109 club awarded a trophy for the “Best Flathead in the show.

There were so many very special favorite rides in this year’s show it was a complex process to pick the best in each category. We even wound up with a tie in one category which required more votes from participants to determine the final winner. After the dust had settled we are so very pleased to have the best of a very impressive group as our Fords & Friends Trophy Winners for 2023.

Thank you to all participants and guests who joined us this year and have helped in so many ways to make the Fords & Friends Show another solid success.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the winners:

STEVE THOMPSON – PARTICIPANTS CHOICE BEST CAR

DAVE HARGRAVES – BEST FLATHEAD

STEVE LAMB – PARTICIPANTS CHOICE BEST TRUCK

Participants Choice the BEST CAR.

STEVE THOMPSON – 1954 STUDEBAKER REGAL STARLINER

Presented in memory of Anna Meyer.



This magnificent 54 is a classic example of a favorite ride that has been built with loads of patience and TLC. The Starliner is a ground up rebuild expertly rendered by Steve and his patient wife Kathleen, starting in 2020. Black acrylic lacquer paint is stunning..

1954 Studebaker Regal Starliner, engine numbers matching block 232 Studebaker overhead v/8, .030 over with 289 heads & 4bl intake & exhaust manifolds. AVS Eldelbrock 500 cfm carb stainless exhaust and mufflers, 12-volt conversion 3 speed overdrive standard trans with floor shift, 4.09 rear gear, factory power steering, exterior mods 1953 front bumper guards, 1953 free standing grille inserts, early 1953 hood and trunk tri-star emblems, 1956 Studebaker hawk dashboard. Every component has been replaced or rebuilt, all work done by the owner including body and paint. The paint is DuPont 99s diamond black acrylic lacquer, interior by Reg Young, all work performed in my home shop. The only time the Stude left the shop was for a wheel alignment, 2-year project. Chrome plating by electro shine.

***Thank you to Early Ford V8 Club for a great show.
Steve Thompson***



EFV8 Club 109 – Winner of Best Flathead Trophy

DAVE HARGRAVES -1933 Model A Ford competition coupe.

Selected by: Jay Shukin, Metchosin.

Presented in appreciation and recognition of LINDA & DON MACPHERSON for long term support for the 109 club. Thank you both for everything you continue to do.





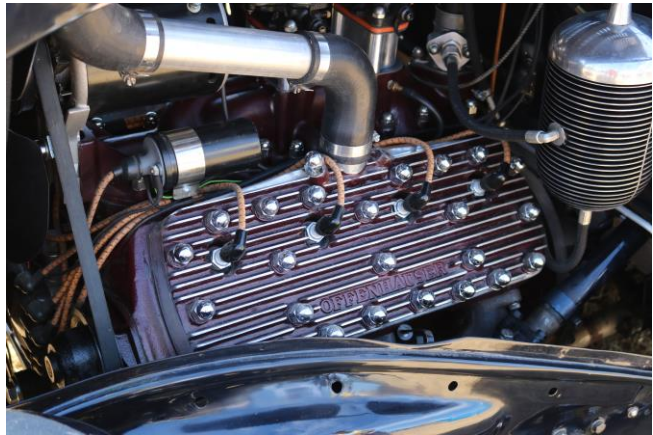
This 33 Model 40 was built by the Rush Brothers (Bill & Dick) about 40 years ago for racing at Bonneville. The history is unique in many respects and includes a period of about 30 years where it sat idle in a field. Very sad state when repurchased by Rush Bros. in 2018.

The entire build is a story in itself with the flathead receiving all kinds of special treatment specifically designed for racing. A true "Hot Rod" is every sense of the word.

The flathead is 276 cu in Stroker with a girdled 4" Merc crank. Ross pistons are 60 over, scat rods and an Isky 400 cam. Top side is Offenhauser heads with dual Holly 94 carbs and adjustable lifters.

Today this special rod is in the creative hands of Dave Hargraves receiving lots of attention to make it even more perfect. It is predictable that this 33 coupe is one of those very special rides that will be a favorite ride throughout eternity.

We thank Dave for attending FNF 23 and offer our most sincere congratulations on such a terrific build. Keep your eyes open for this one to flash up in Esquimalt!



Participants Choice the **BEST TRUCK.**

STEVE LAMB – 1936 PLYMOUTH PICK UP (sort of)

There is only one of these ever built in the history of the world.





There is little wonder why you won't be able to find any photos or history for a 1936 Plymouth pick-up. That's because Plymouth never made a pickup in 1936.

This incredible build has a warm and wonderful story behind it that is a first for the Fords & Friends show. This special 36 started life as a 1932 Plymouth 4 dr sedan until it met the students at Mount Doug auto shop program and their instructor. At that point there was some cutting involved that included removing the back half of the car. The cab was extended and then came the addition of a Ford pickup box. This would never be considered an easy thing to do. Today, with the TLC and expertise applied by Steve Lamb the pickup now sports a 468 big block Chevy fully loaded with all kinds of goodies.



This is a 1930 Plymouth Pick-up, 468 BBC 4 speed. From factory 4 door sedan recreated into a pick-up with extended cab, built late 70's. Tommy's Upholstery did the interior work.
