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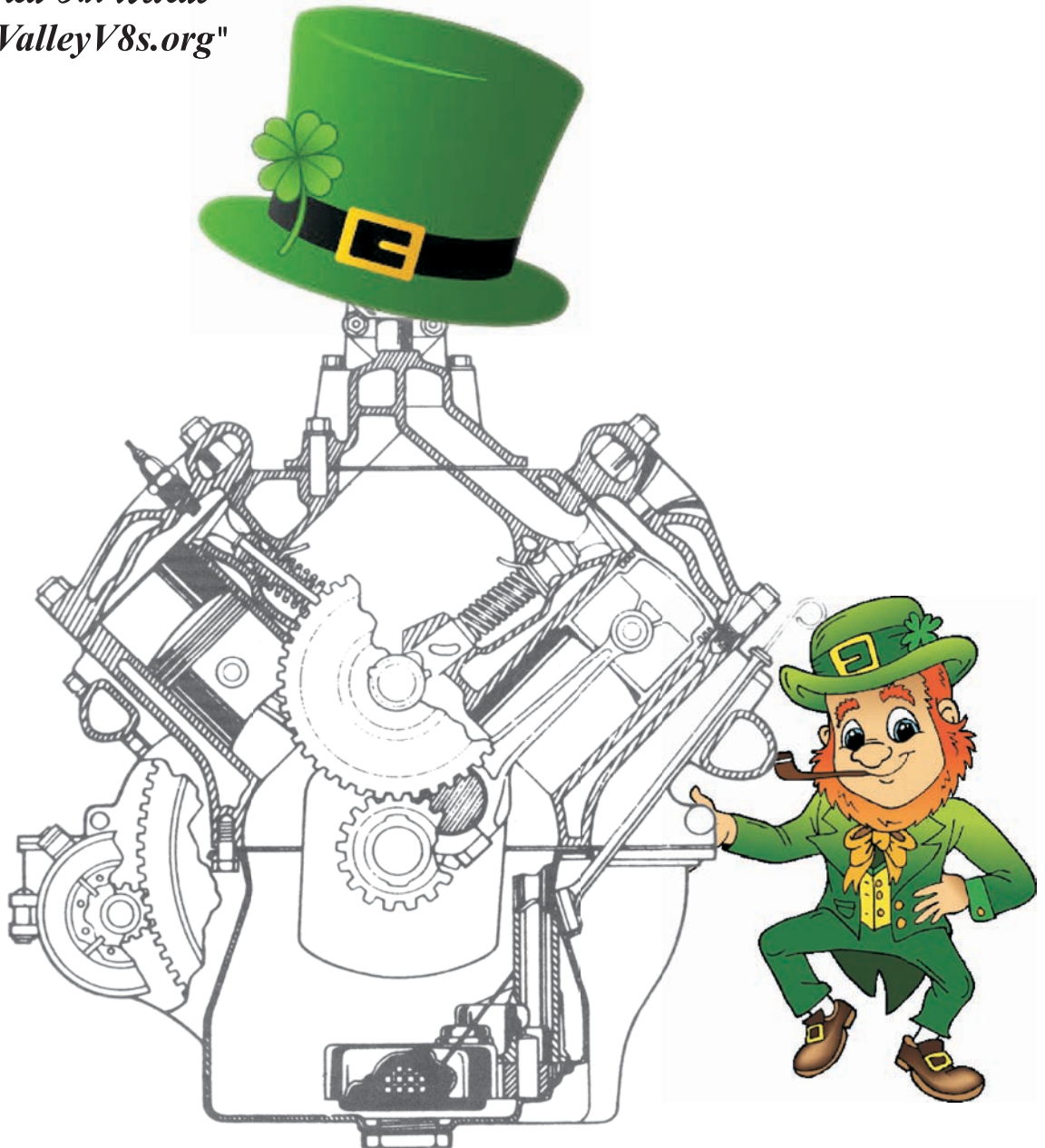
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Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the Month, 6:00p

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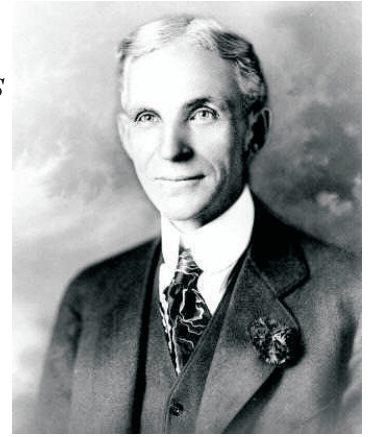
Our Next Meeting
7 Mar 23

HELLO FELLOW MEMBERS

We would like to know more about You, Your Car...
So, What I would like from our members is a picture of you with your car, with a small story. (1 Paragraph)
That way, We get to learn more about our members, & we can put a face to a name & car
Please make all submissions to ether "Drivelines" at madmodelr@aol.com, or "Drivelines" 9700 Farralone Ave. Chatsworth, Ca. 91311

Thank You
Rob Glucksman, DL Editor

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From The President

Jim Ellerbrock our new President



Message from Prez Jim Ellerbrock

Thanks again to all who attended the February 7th Meeting. The turnout was good with great information being shared on the "California Roadster Show" by those who attended.

Our own Kenny Sapper had his 1932 Roadster named "Precious" stolen and heavily damaged in Las Vegas a couple of years ago. It was recovered and taken to "Dominator Street Rods" to be rebuilt and updated. Upon completion, Ken and Joanie entered it in this year's competition class for "Americas Most Beautiful Roadster" trophy where they became finalists. Congratulations to the Sappers.

The Secretary and Program Director positions are still open. We really need someone to step up. If anyone is slightly interested, please let us know.

Joan and Ken have received word that one of our members, Jim Kelley has passed. We do not have many details at this time but will keep you posted.

We also have two other members recovering, Bobbie Searl and Larry Caplan. Bobbie is currently with her son. Larry is in the same facility as his wife Ann. Speedy recovery to the both of you.

Thanks go out to our Tour Coordinator and Guide, Ernie Baily. We had a nice drive from Simi Valley to the Antique Store in Ventura on Sunday January 29th. We had four cars making the drive. We were met at the Antique Store by Rex and Reen Jaramillo. Fun was had by all as we explored the goodies in the store. The items were in separate independent stalls and sold on consignment. After we got our fill of shopping, we drove up the street to the Black Bear Diner and enjoyed a casual lunch. Thanks again Ernie and I know we will enjoy future outings

On the early morning (5:45 AM) of February 8th, four of us (Ernie, Howard, Scott and myself) met at Vice-President Bill Greene's house where we proceeded in his Suburban to the National Board Meeting in San Diego. We arrived at the Hotel in Old Town around 9 AM. The meeting was already in session. We got to see our National Board in action with our own Jerry Littner participating. About a half hour later we were given the floor. Our new National President Rick Claybaugh welcomed us. Howard proceeded to voice opinions on membership dues. We had a long discussion on the future of the club. Phil Hall led the discussion with Ken Bounds, National Chief Judge. (Please see Howard's details of the meeting in separate article). We were encouraged by Ken and Rick that we should head up a Western National Meet in 2024. (We don't have the resources to pull that off). Rick thanked us for coming down and for our input. We then proceeded towards the freeway where we found a restaurant advertising the best breakfast in San Diego. Stopped, had Lunch /Breakfast and proceeded back to the Valley.

See you next meeting

Jim

Chapter 40 -- San Fernando Valley V-8's Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday Feb. 7, 2023

7:05 pm Meeting called to order. President Jim Ellerbrock started the meeting by welcoming everyone. He then led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Another member transitioned to Hot Rod Heaven: Jim Kelly died around 3 weeks ago. Ken Sapper got an email from his daughter Sandy. Jim will be remembered as an avid hot rodder with countless stories, also for his years of service as Club secretary.

Bobbie Searl, yay! Rob spoke with Bobbie last Sunday. She's down but not out. She's had gall bladder issues and related complications. So she won't be back for awhile. Members are encouraged to email her a note of encouragement. We miss you, Bobbie and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

V-8 National, here we come! There's an Early Ford V-8 Club 'National' meeting tomorrow in San Diego. Members Ernie Baily, Howard Brown, Jim Ellerbrock, Bill Greene & Scott Doudrick drove down to attend. National membership has dropped significantly in the past few years. So our transcendent crew will share ideas on turning that around. Questions such as opening up the year limits for early Ford owners to be members will be raised. Good luck, warriors!

Club cruises and activities: Ernie Baily talked about some potential activities being considered: A possible re-visit to the Nethercutt Museum, the Peterson Automotive Museum, an Aqua Dulce wine tour, the Camarillo Air in August, an overnight cruise to a Solvang car show, also the Big Bear Car Show, the Fabulous Fords Forever Car Show, the Vintage Car and Trailer Show at Bonelli Bluffs, and the list goes on. Man, Ernie's been busy! If you have any more ideas, please contact Ernie. (805)428-0558.

The Early Ford V-8 Club Ventura Chapter: They've had no meetings since COVID hit a few years ago. We're considering ways of teaming up with them to help jump-start their Club again.

Club Holiday Party: Vice-President Bill Greene discussed our Annual Holiday Club celebration. It will be the same place as the past few years: Woodland Hills Country Club. He asked members for any new ideas, mentioned that he had been in conversation with the Activities Director. The date for this year's party will be Sunday Dec. 3, 2023. We'll have the same most excellent food menu as in the past. Thanks for stepping up, Bill, well done!

Reports from Officers:

Rex Jaramillo, Acting Secretary: All is OK

Joan Sapper, Treasurer: All is OK.

Howard Brown, Membership / Directory Chairman: Many Club members haven't paid their 2023 dues yet. If you haven't done so, please contact Howard right away to renew. Reminder: If no pay no printed name in Club roster.

Rob Glucksman, Drive Lines Editor: All is OK.

Break called: 7:20 pm

Meeting Resumed: 7:45 pm

Rob Glucksman, Car of the Month: The honors go to **Jerry Case** and his swell '47 Ford Sedan Delivery. He bought it from Dick Scritchfield in 1988. Dick is the founding father of the L.A. Roadsters Club. After purchase, Jerry started a mobile repair business from the back of the Sedan Delivery and still operates it today. Jerry has driven the '47 as far as Austin Texas to a music festival. Well deserved, Jerry, congratulations!

Scott Doudrick: Larry Caplan is 'out sick': He busted his left Leg and is in rehab at this time. Larry we wish you all the best, our thought and prayers are with you.

The meeting centered around the Grand National Roadster Show (GNRS).

Club members' impressions of the GNRS: Jim Ellerbrock then handed the microphone around to various Club members who described their thoughts and observations of the 2023 Grand National Roadster Show.

Ken Sapper, 50/50 raffle: Won by Vasken Hagopian.

Prize Raffle: Many nice raffle prizes won by many happy people.

8:25 Meeting adjourned.

G N R S

The meeting centered around the Grand National Roadster Show (GNRS). This is an annual event started in 1950 in Oakland, CA, and is one of the oldest and longest continuously operating exhibitions of hot rods and custom vehicles in the United States.

This year's Grand National Roadster Show was a three-day event that opened to the public on noon Friday February 3, and ran through Sunday afternoon February 5.

Ken and Joan Sapper entered their beautiful fresh-build '32 Ford roadster in the AMBR (America's Most Beautiful Roadster) competition. So in anticipation of this opportunity, Ken, Joan, and friends, have been burning the midnight oil for months to prep their new '32 Ford roadster for the Competition.

It all started four years ago on a trip for a NASCAR test at the Las Vegas Speedway: Ken and Joan towed their beautiful roadster in an enclosed trailer to Las Vegas. Sometime during the early morning, the trailer and roadster were stolen. Eventually they got the roadster back. However the car was badly damaged, so they sent it to Dominator Street Rods, for repair. This turned into a new build with a new steel Brookville body. Time went on, and they finally received their roadster back from Dominator Street Rods, still in need of finishing. So for the past 7 months, Ken, Joan, and friends have been working on the roadster to finish the build.

Fast forward to a few months ago: Because their roadster is a 'new build', no published magazine pictures, and because of the theft trauma and subsequent rebuild, Ken and Joan were told they qualified for a very prestigious honor: to enter their freshly built '32 Ford roadster into the Grand National Roadster Show as a contender for the AMBR (America's Most Beautiful Roadster) competition. It was like a dream come true, a fantastic opportunity! Hence the months of preparation beforehand: Hours spent cleaning, polishing, adjusting, in anticipation of the Event.

Finally, the day arrived: Last Wednesday (Feb. 1) they trailered their roadster to Pomona Fairplex. The day started on Wednesday, Ken described the first phase: He drove the new Roadster before a panel of judges who looked at the roadster from a 'high-level' point of view: How it sounded, how it drove, how the driver sat, and so forth. Ken didn't see the judges after that point: Much of the judging took place late at night.

Did Ken and Joan win the AMBR award? No, but what an opportunity! Ken said that throughout the whole process, the judges treated him and the other contenders with utmost courtesy and respect. All in all, it was a great experience: Congratulations, Ken and Joan, for the honor!



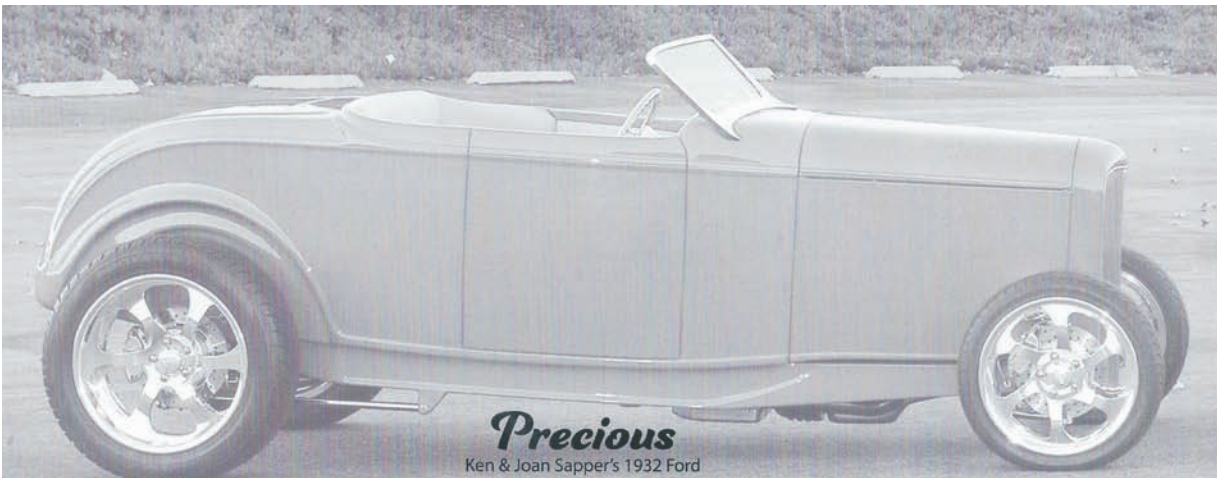


THE STORY OF

Precious

The 1932 Ford of Ken and Joan Sapper

"Precious" is the rebirth of the 1932 Ford hi-boy owned by Ken and Joan Sapper. Originally a fiberglass Deuce, it was unfortunately stolen and damaged heavily. The decision was made to take the remains to Dominator Street Rods for a frame-up rebuild using a new Brookville steel body. The crew at Dominator performed numerous custom upgrades and the net result is an exemplary combination of classic styling, contemporary technology and a contender for the 2023 America's Most Beautiful Roadster trophy.



Precious

Ken & Joan Sapper's 1932 Ford

Builder—Dominator Street Rods
Steel Brookville Roadster Body

Suspension—Front Control Arms by Dominator Using
Front and Rear Sway Bars by Speedway Engineering

Quick Change—Speedway Engineering, Super Max

Shocks/Springs—QA1

Fasteners—ARP Automotive Racing Products

Brakes—Wilwood Engineering

Interior—Ron Mangus

Paint—PPG Torch Red

Wheels—Bonspeed

Horsepower—Small Block Chevrolet w/Imagine Injection

Transmission—700R4

Cooling—C&R Aluminum Radiator

Body Modifications by Dominator:

- Custom cowl for DuVall windshield frame
- Aluminum hood and side panels
- Hidden door hinges
- Custom front grill shell
- Custom hood side panels
- Rear roll pan
- Set all body panel gaps

Tour Director, Ernie Baily



Hello, Everyone

Well, we started the year with a dark and drizzly day with intermiten rain. We had a total of 12 people join us on the tour. We drove in 4 cars, My 55 Dodge with my wife Diane, her sister Linda and Joan Sapper. Then our President Jim and his wife Val along with Howard Brown were in Jims Mercury Wagon. Rob joined us but decided to drive his van due to the fact that the wipers are in need of attention on his 55 Ford. (Ernie's being nice, I wimped out, Rob / DLE). Harry and Helen Baker joined us driveing there modern truck. We also met up with Rex and Reen Jaramillo at "The Antique Adentures building". There was a few other vintage cars already there when we arrived. We arrived there about 10:30 I believe, we all went into the Store and started our Antique shopping. It was a lot of fun wandering thru the store seeing and talking about the old items that we all remembered from out pasts. A number of us found some "Antique treasures" that we could not leave there without. After about 2 hours at 12:30 we decided to head out to Lunch/Brunch at the Big Bear Diner a short distance away. We had a brief wait at the restaurant, and they were able to seat us all together. It seemed like everyone had a lot of conversation along with a great meal. After We all said out fairwells and then everyone departed on our own. All in all it was a fun tour!

Ernie Baily, / Tour Dir.



One Board meets another Board

Those of you who attended our January meeting, probably remember some discussion with Phil Hall (from the Ventura Region) regarding an upcoming meeting of the Early Ford V8 Club of America Board of Directors in San Diego. A number of our board members decided to attend the meeting in San Diego and see what the 'parent club' is planning for our future. I contacted National President Rick Claybaugh to get the location of the hotel and the time for the meeting. We (President Jim Ellerbrock, VP Bill Greene, Tour Chairman Ernie Baily, webmaster Scott Doudrick and I) loaded ourselves into Bill Greene's Suburban EARLY (5:45) in the morning of February 8th and headed for San Diego. We arrived (after passing the hotel twice due to poor signage) at about 10 minutes to 9. We had been told that the meeting on Wednesday would run from 9 AM until noon. We opened the door to the meeting room and were surprised to see that the meeting was already under way. We quietly took seats. We then observed as the meeting continued, until we were asked to introduce ourselves and open our discussion. We had a short list of questions, observations, etc. that we wanted to discuss. Among our items were;



Howard Brown
Membership, 2023

1. The fact that we found no announcement of when, where, etc. the meeting was going to take place in the V8 Times magazine. We were told that the info is on the national website (www.earlyfordv8.org). We suggested that this information should also be in V8 Times.

2. We asked about the decreasing membership in the national club and whether there has been any discussion of the national club including some later model Ford products in judging at meets. It was made quite clear that ANY Ford products could be SHOWN at a meet, but that nothing but 1932 to 1953 Ford products would be JUDGED. The National Chief Judge was asked by Phil Hall how long he thought this club (national) would continue to exist if it doesn't include some later model Ford products. He indicated that when he joined the club (about 30 years ago) there were 7,000 members and that membership had reached about 12,000 a few years ago, and since declined to again about 7,000. He said he believed the club would be around for 'some time'. Phil Hall said that he would be surprised if the club lasts 5 or 6 years without changing to be more inclusive. We (as a group) concurred.

3. Next, I raised the issue of National membership dues. Presently a 'full' annual membership (which includes a printed copy of V8 Times delivered to your door every 2 months) costs \$35 and every regional member is strongly encouraged to belong to the National Club. A discounted 'digital' membership is available (annual cost \$30) which permits access to the bi-monthly magazine via the national website). Also available is a membership which entitles you to membership ONLY (no magazine either online or printed) for \$5 annually. I suggested that the 'digital' membership should carry a larger discount (maybe \$20 or \$25 annual cost) to encourage those members who can't or don't want to spend \$35 to remain members and still be able to read the magazine. The National Board said that they are reviewing the membership levels.

4. Scott also asked about the shrinking membership. He wanted to know two things. First, where the vehicles were going (and the members that would go with them) as people left the club. There was not any mechanism provided to know where the member's vehicles were going, meaning that potential new members were not known. There was some talk about The Foundation being an intermediary if/when sales went through them. Second, is National doing anything to help ensure that club members have identified a vehicle's next owner? This is trying to get ahead of the first question/problem by recognizing that we are merely our vehicle's temporary caretakers and someone else will continue their legacy after us.

5. On the way home (after a nice local lunch) we discussed whether the National Board is likely to ban us from future meetings as a bunch of California Insurgents!

Howard Brown

From the Editor



Robert Glucksman
Drive Lines, 2023

This one stings, & Me, personally

I'm sad to announce of the passing of LONG time member & previous editor,
Jim Kelley

To Me, Jim was a really good guy. He handed Me the reins of the "DriveLines" far too long ago, & I gave him My assurance that I would always honor The Club & what was left to me, I think I made good ...

I also had a special place of Respect for a Man that at 90+, he drove a Pantera, & He drove it to our meeting from his home over the hill

I am in touch with Jim's Daughter, She will provide Me with a few lines about his life
What a GUY.....Ride Well My Friend, You are Missed

In the process of cleaning My office, I came across this letter I received from Jim, back in 2021 I wanted to share this, Not because it was about Me, but because it is just another reason as to why Jim was such a beloved member of our club, & to all that knew him

DEAR ROB:

March 1, 2021

Now you may not know this but, back a little- maybe more than 3 weeks, I drove my PANTERA to the meeting. You were the only one that knew what it was and let me know what a fine car you thought it was. That day forward I put you in the number one spot on my "A" list. You reached my Irish Leprechaun Heart.

If you sink a forty foot putt and you are all alone, it has little meaning. If you share your putt with the other fine gentlemen in your foursome, now you are rewarded for your outstanding accomplishment.

I am sharing:

With Respect: Lonesome Jim K.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Kelley".

By the way, as past Editor, I know the pay is poor. But I want you to know your doooooing a great job in these times.

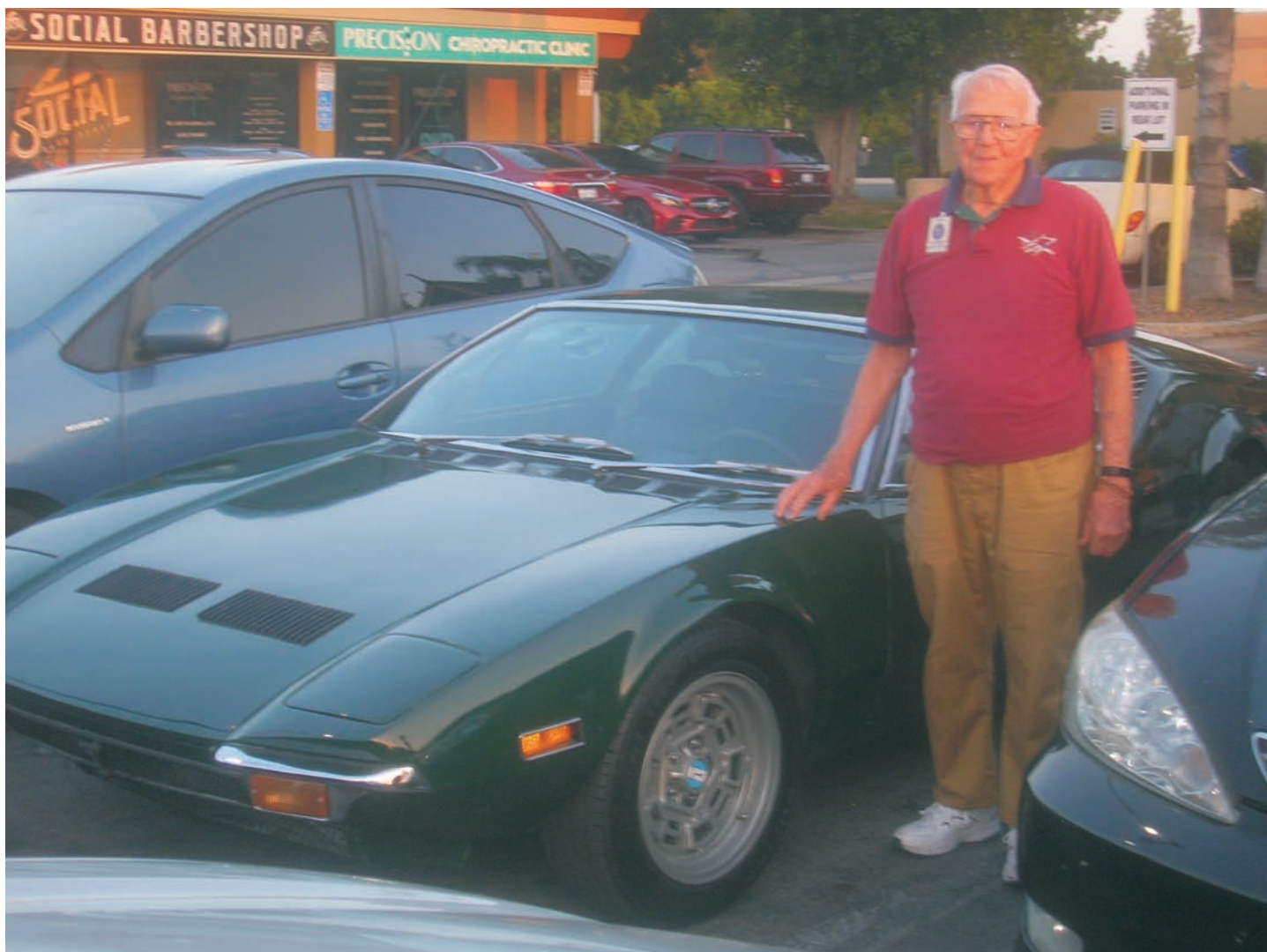
On to somewhat better News.....

I have been in touch with **Bobbie Searl**. A number of months ago, Bobbie had some health issues, that Kicked her A\$\$.

She IS on the mend, however, she will be unable to attend any meetings for the next few months. She is staying at her Sons. She misses everyone & is looking forward to returning

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I also have been in touch with **Larry Caplan**... He fell I broke his leg, So he has been laid up for the past few weeks. Luckily, He is able to share a room with his wife, Ann. As of this writing, he has about 3 more weeks of being down, then He should be able to be home, with some assistance.

He wont be able to drive So, fellow members, if you could reach out



Jim Kelley

R.I.P.

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