

August 2023



Chapter #40

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1956 Ford Ranch Wagon

Owner: Bill Greene, Vice President

July 19, 2023

Message from Prez Jim Ellerbrock

Thanks to all who attended the June 6th and July 11th meetings. Sorry that I missed last month's President Message as I was attending to personal issues.

The Secretary and Program Director positions are still open. Val Ellerbrock will be assisting Joe DiFatta for getting speakers for future. They currently have Steve Hedke and his wife Janet for the August 1st meeting. (contact thru Howard Brown) They have participated in the "Great Race" for a number of years. This year they placed 15th out of 125 entries. For the September 5th meeting, they tentatively have "Johny Martinez" who is a "World Class Pin Stripe Artist" (contact thru Kenny Sapper). Both should be very interesting.

Our own Whitney Rydbeck has donated his 1946 Ford Taxicab to the "Early Ford V-8 Foundation". His story is on page 20 of the May/June issue of the National V-8 Times. (Also in this issue).

Ed Iskenderian turned 102 years young on July 10th. Happy birthday Ed.

Hold the date of Sunday, September 10th for the annual BBQ at Steve and Sue Boskovich's. Sign up and details will be at the next meeting.

Please remember our members who are currently under the weather and in the hospital: Monty Goff, Whitney Rydbeck and Larry Ofria. Larry Caplan is currently out of the hospital and recuperating.

Ernie Baily has again been busy organizing our next driving excursions. The next one will be to the "Woodies at the Beach " in Santa Barbara. Howard Brown has sent out an E-Mail with Flyer info. We will be meeting next Saturday the 29th at the Park and Ride parking lot off of Stearns in

Simi Valley at 8:00 AM and leaving at 8:30. Contact Howard or Ernie if you are going (or not) so they will not leave anyone behind. A second trip to the Camarillo Air Show is being planned. Details to come.

Our club Treasurer Joanie Sapper has mentioned that we have been carrying extra cash in our account. It was suggested that we make a club donation to charity (or charities). Please think about this and offer suggestions to which ones have meaning to you.

If at all possible, please encourage the recruiting of new members. If you are attending a car event, drop off a car club business card with your return info on it on any Ford. Hopefully they will respond. We need new blood.

See you next meeting.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY

AUGUST 1 AT 7PM

LULU'S RESTAURANT

16900 ROSCOE BLVD

(GATHER 5:30-6:00 FOR DINNER)

GUEST SPEAKERS

STEVE & JANET HEDKE

Tour Director

Ernie Baily



Our August Tour is "Wings over Camarillo" Classic Car Show. I plan on touring from the Park n Ride off of Stearns on the 118 Fwy and drive the back roads to the Camarillo Airport. There is a small fee of \$30 to enter. Vehicles must be entered by Aug 15th. with online registration only, NO drive up registration. Remember to bring Chairs & Sunscreen. Please RSVP to me Ernie Baily at 805-433-5540 or ernestnaily@att.net

I would like to list a few future Car Shows and Cruises the might be of interest. I get most of this info from a web site I like to look at: [www. socalcarculture.com](http://www.socalcarculture.com)

Up Coming Cars Shows:

August 11th,12th, & 13th the Big Bear Fun Run car show

August 19th the Wrightwood Mountain Car Show

Recommended Cruise-ins:

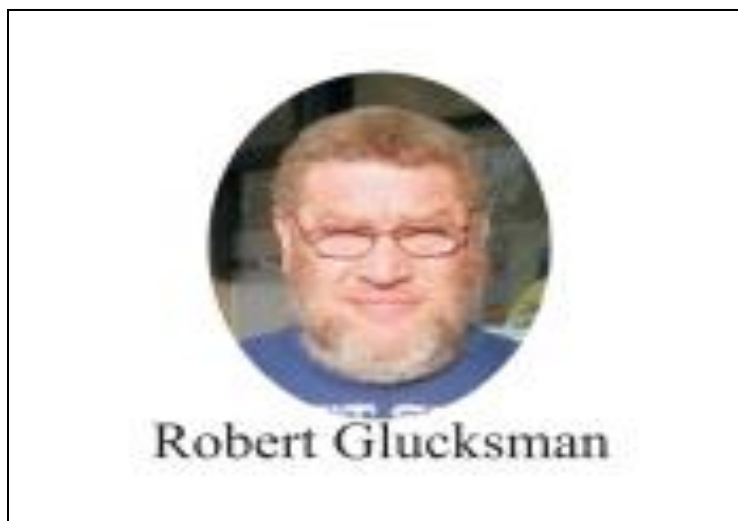
1. Every Thursday morning at Earl's Donuts (Steve's Donut Run) at 8am at 20429 Devonshire & Mason in Chatsworth.
2. Every Fri night at 4pm-8pm at Bob's Big Boy in Northridge at 8876 Corbin Ave. @ Nordhoff Way
3. Every Tuesday Night a 6pm in Chatsworth at 18090 Chatworth starting a 6pm.
4. On the 2nd Saturday of every month, 5pm-9pm at the "Route 66 Classic Grill" with a small \$10 entry fee. Has a Live band playing too!
5. On the first Friday of the month (April-October) The Santa Paula Cruise Night starts at 5pm in Downtown Santa Paula between 7th St. and 10th St.
6. The Coachmen Cruise Night in the Old Town Simi parking lot 2196 Tapo St. on the 1st Saturday 4pm- 8pm of the month April-Nov.
7. Every Sunday Morning 8am-11am Antique Adventures in Ventura Ca. 6587 Ventura Blvd.

Car of the Month



Bill Greene - Has had his '56 Ford station wagon for 20 years. Body work and suspension and been in primer for 15 years. 3 on tree conversion to 4 on floor. 3:31 positraction in back. NOS hubcaps. Indigo blue.

Joe DiFatta, The Sanborns, The Potters, The Doudricks, Jim Kelley (and many more) and now Rob Glucksman - all former Editors/Publishers of the Drive Lines. After many years of service to the club, Rob has stepped away from the Drive Lines. It is a big job, collating information from various parts of the club, formatting text and pictures, proofreading and readying final copy. Now-a-days there are not 100+ copies to print and mail out, but there are still about 20 of our members who get a paper copy, the rest receiving it digitally. That all takes time and dedication. Thank you, Rob, for doing the job for the last few years - I've actually lost track of how many!




With Rob moving on, Val Ellerbrock, Howard Brown and Scott Doudrick have graciously stepped up to TEMPORARILY keep Drive Lines published. That is where you come in - please consider taking over as editor of the Drive Lines. It can be done digitally as it has been done for years, or you could go old school and cut and paste paper. There are a few of us that could digitize it for you. It is a great way to keep up with what the club is doing and a great service to your fellow club members.

The Valley V's

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TAXI! TAXI!



taxi around Southern California for over 40 years. But when he decided to get rid of it, he donated it to the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum, instead of selling it. "It was the right decision," he said. "Now, I know it will be preserved for future generations to see and enjoy."

The way the TV personality became a part of the Museum was simple enough. "Whitney called me," explains Josh Conrad, "and asked me if I wanted a '46 Ford taxi that had been in a television show, and I said, yes! Three months later, he put it on a truck and shipped it here. He wanted us to keep it as a taxi and save the provenance of the car. That is why Whitney gave us the car."

All of the Ford V-8s donated to the Museum are fabulous, of course, but none quite so unique as this 1946 Ford taxicab.

Back in the eighties, it was just a wannabe hot rod—a black Fordor Sedan with flames on the sides. But then a television production company in Los Angeles bought it and turned it into a yellow taxicab for the children's TV show "Whitney and the Robot," which ran Saturday mornings. The program was about a robot which came from another planet and was found by a taxi driver named Whitney. The two undertook many adventures in the yellow cab to teach young viewers about Earth and its people.

While it's common for actors to use character names in their acting, in this case, the taxi driver's name was indeed Whitney—Whitney Rydbeck.

Rydbeck enjoyed driving the little Ford so much that he bought it from the production company once the TV show went out of production. He then joined the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and the Valley V-8s Regional Group. Rydbeck enjoyed driving the



May 21,2023

Agua Dulce Winery Tour

Well, first off we had a beautiful day. A number of us met at the Knollwood Country Club parking lot at 10AM. We had my wife Diane and her sister Linda in my '55 Dodge, Steve Boskovich and his wife Sue joined us in their 1957 Ford Fairlane 500, Harvey Jacobs and his wife Roberta drove their 1951 Ford convertible. We also had Clark Pomeroy and wife Robin in their 1935 Ford Pickup, Vic Timar and his wife came in their 1964 Comet Caliente. Howard Brown and his wife Carolyn with their 1969 Pontiac GTO convertible. We waited until 10:30 to depart and start the tour. Well, everything was going along great until we got close to the Agua Dulce Winery and I missed a turn and it became "Ernie's Lost Tour" which we took a more "scenic" round about tour and finally got to the winery. When we arrived after 11AM the first guided tour of the winery had all ready started, so we just wandered around on our own. We had a couple of our Valley V8 club members, Carlos Wilhem and his wife join us which he said it was his first club event and Bill Longbottom from the Los Angeles Studebaker Club with his '53 Studebaker Starliner joined us too. I spoke to one of the young ladies at the counter and asked if was possible to do a second guided tour? Well about 10min later the manager came out and gathered us up for a guided tour with our group. Some of the group sat and sipped their wine and the rest of us took the guided tour. I then called the restaurant to see if we could get in early; they said yes, so we departed around 12:30 and headed to the "Route 66 Classic Grille". The restaurant staff was very accommodating and allowed us to move the tables and we set up two group tables. We had a couple of late arrivals; Jim Ellerbrock and his wife Val came in their "Mile Long Mercury Wagon" after their church services had ended, and George and Shirley Colvin from the Studebaker Club joined us. Our lunch ended about 2:30 and everyone departed and headed home on their own.



MINUTES

Convened July 11, 2023 at 7:00

Next Meeting first of August

Should we change meeting time with DST?

BBQ Sept 10 - Second Sunday. 3:00 ish. Time TBD. Sugar Sisters will be there
Vaskin requested that Drive Lines be updated to say 7:00 start time for meeting
Valley V8s Member Whitney Rydbeck was in V8 Times because he donated his car
to the National museum. Jerry Case said a few words. Whitney himself is not
doing well. Jerry put an engine in Whitney's car about 25 years ago.

Tours

1. 23rd annual Woodies at the Beach. July 29 Sat. Driving tour. Email will go out
2. Wings over Camarillo. Must register on line. Sunday Aug 20

Speakers

Tonight - Nethercutt recap

Next Month Great Race participant - This year St Augustine FL to Colorado Springs, CO.

Cameron Richards. Great grandson of Nethercutt family in the next couple of months

Val Ellerbrock is going to help Joe DiFatta find speakers

VP Bill Greene- Got his car back!! Wagon is out front - after 15 years in primer
Secretary – still looking

Treasurer - "Everything is well in the treasury department"

Drivelines editor - Larry Caplan doing better. Bobbie Searle passed away. No services outside of family. Larry Ofria had a heart attack in Visalia. Moved him to Kaiser Woodland hills in ICU.

Question about ladies raffle - may roll into raffle

Birthdays - Ed Iskenderian is going to be 102 on Saturday!!!

Break at 7:35 / Restarted at 7:55

Nethercutt recap

50/50 Won by Al Mooney

Name badge - missed

Regular Raffle

Adjourned 8:45

The Valley 's

PAST PRESIDENTS

Past Presidents

Jim Rowe	1971
Doug Peterson	1972
Don Durkee	1973-1974
Ed Warnock	1975
John Busk	1976
Chip Werstein	1977
Stan Misraje	1978
Bill Culp	1979
Al Spencer	1980
Larry Caplan	1981
Bob Rose	1982
Don Durkee	1983
Paul Kirk	1984
Kent Lowry	1985
Dave Sanborn	1986
John Kemmerer	1987
Dudley Ochsner	1988
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Joe DiFatta	1991
Chuck Shubb	1992-1993
George Richards	1994
Jerry Littner	1995
Dick Smith	1996
Chuck Mair	1997
Dennis Keene	1998
Rose Golt	1999
Don Stout	2000
Steve Boskovich	2001-2002
Joe DiFatta	2003
Wendi Potter	2004
Ken Sapper	2005-2006
Steven Batesole	2007
Harry Baker	2008-2009
Dave Bergman	2010
Randy Watson	2011-2012
Steve Boskovich	2013-2014
Stan Miller	2015
Don Durkee	2015
Vasken Hagopian	2016-2018
Ernie Baily	2019-2022
Jim Ellerbrock	2023 - ????

Valley V8 Birthdays



August	3	Carole Jensen
August	3	Mike Quiroga
August	5	Chuck Noppe
August	9	Diana Larios
August	10	Chris Haynes
August	12	Michael Ewing
August	13	Steve Batesole
August	17	Carlos Wilhelm
August	22	Karen Lehman
August	25	Larry Pearson