

September 2023



Chapter #40

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1939 Ford Pickup

Owner: Scott Doudrick, Web Master

Photo courtesy of Jerry Littner

August 17, 2023

Message from Prez Jim Ellerbrock

Again, thanks to all who attended the August 1st meeting. A special thanks to Steve and Janet Hedke for their presentation on the "Great Race". Also for the Q&A session afterwards. It was very entertaining and informative. It takes a lot to successfully compete in this. They finished 15th out of 125 entries. They are also involved in mentoring new participants. Very impressive. Johny Martinez, who is a "World Class Pin Stripe Artist" is scheduled for our September 5th meeting.

Hold the date of Sunday, September 10th for the annual BBQ at Steve and Sue Boskovich's. See Steve for Sign Up for duties if you have not done so already.

Those of us that attended the "Woodies at the Beach " in Santa Barbara had a very enjoyable outing. We left early enough to avoid a lot of the traffic. We caravanned up with members from the Studebaker club. Bob Pearson (from the Studebaker Club) won an award for the best non-woodie with his 31 Coupe. Val and I were allowed to park our Colony Park Wagon in the main area. (Not really a true woodie). Vice-President Bill Greene drove his 1956 Parklane Station Wagon. In the parking lot he met a couple with the same type car. What are the odds of that?

The Air show at Camarillo was cancelled for Sunday the 20th due to weather. The tour was moved to Saturday. Details will be covered in the next issue.

Treasurer Joanie has been talking to various members and the idea of donating to the Maui Relief effort seems to be the most popular. She has a friend with contacts. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Again, 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.

Tour Director

Ernie Baily



For our Sept tour I'm planning a "Driving Tour" up through Fillmore, Santa Paula, Heading to Frazer Park for a lunch stop. Then proceeding through Gorman down to Lake Hughes, then to Castaic, down the 5 Fwy to the 118 Fwy and back to Simi Valley. Further details to come.

Up Coming Cars Shows:

Sept 2nd.- Cool Run in the Mountains 42900 Big Bear Lake Blvd. Big Bear

Sept 3rd- Ventura Nationals Ventura Fairgrounds

Sept 10th- Cops & Cruisers Car Show 3901 Alamo St. Simi Valley



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Saturday September 30 at 3 pm - Tickets available thru Ticketmaster (\$73-\$83)

Fred Kavli Theater – 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd– Thousand Oaks

(Several club members have already purchased tickets)

One Night in Memphis® created and directed by John Mueller is the number one booked and critically acclaimed tribute to legendary Sun Records recording artists Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley performed live and starring former cast members of the Broadway smash, "Million Dollar Quartet." Several club members have already purchased tickets.

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



I started in 2002 with what would become a parts pickup and restored its chassis. When I got my 2nd pickup in 2005 it had a great body but did not run well. You could not even get it going fast enough to shift into 3rd. New plugs and a coil later it ran somewhat respectably. I drove it for about 1000 miles but it started smoking and pushing oil out the breather. Finally it smoked so badly that a bicyclist flipped me off on the way by - that is when it was parked for an engine rebuild. The pieces I had restored from the first pickup were put under it. I sold the frame, cab and doors to free up some space. I drove it as a daily driver for about 5 years, putting thousands of miles a year on it. As of now I have driven it about 45,000 miles! – Scott Doudrick

AUGUST MEETING GUEST SPEAKERS

On Tuesday August 1st, Steve and Janet Hedke, did a 'presentation' at our Valley V8s August meeting, about their most recent (this year) experience competing in Hemmings Great Race. The Hedkes have competed in many "Great Races" with a variety of cars. They have done the race previously (multiple times I believe) in a flathead powered '27 T-Bucket roadster and placed well up in the standings. They have also raced their '64 Studebaker Daytona and have placed as high as 5th overall (out of about 125 competitors). This year, they again raced the Studebaker (from St. Augustine, FL to Colorado Springs, CO) and they finished 15th overall. It was very well done, and the Valley V8 members thoroughly enjoyed it.



Club members Rex & Reenie's '39 Ford 'semi-custom'

This sweet cruiser started life as a '39 Ford Deluxe Tudor sedan. We bought it in year 2010. It was in rough shape, owned by our friend 'Miguel', who has dual citizenship/residency: San Diego and Tijuana. Now Miguel is an interesting fellow: He owns a restoration and hot rod shop in Tijuana. And he's a supplier of old Ford car parts: he scours the back roads of Mexico, always on the lookout, finds the parts, brings them back to sell north of the border to hot rod builders and at swap meets. So for 20-plus years, Miguel used the '39 to transport old Ford parts.

Before commissioning the '39 as a parts-chaser, Miguel performed a mechanical restoration on the car, re-did the suspension, added disc brakes, swapped out the Merc flathead for a Chevy 327, A/T, and Ford 9-inch rear, all for safety, and dependability. After the mechanical restoration, Miguel used the '39 as mentioned above: driving the back roads of Mexico in search of old Ford parts. During that time, the '39 had a gutted interior for easier parts transport: the only windows in the car were the windshield. All this time, I knew the car well: I'd see it often at car shows and swap meets. It looked shabby on the outside and interior, but had safe and reliable underpinnings and running gear.

Finally, Miguel decided to sell the '39. I always liked the car and knew of its interesting history, so I bought it, with all of its outer flaws, but the heart of gold. Now because Miguel has a restoration shop in TJ, I commissioned him to do a frame-off re-do of the car. Going in, I had a certain theme in mind: a 'semi-custom' look from the late 1950's/early 60's. And I think Miguel came through. It took about a year for the whole job on the '39 including paint, upholstery, chrome, etc. all re-done in TJ. However, during that time, it was a little touch-and-go. Here's why: In Mexico, if the cartel sees something they like, they take it! So after the restoration, when the '39 rolled up the street on a flatbed from TJ looking like new, I breathed a sigh of relief for sure!

Rex & Reenie's '39 Ford 'semi-custom'

Roll the hands of time forward to the present: The '39 has been a dependable travel companion since year 2012, starts every time, runs, handles and rolls down the road straight and true in air-conditioned comfort. It's a cruiser, not a racer: However, at the drag strip, it will do nearly 90 mph in the low 15-second range. Not bad for a semi-custom-not-race-car! Oh, and it's for sale.

BEFORE




AFTER



The Valley V's

2023



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23rd Annual Woodies at the Beach Car Show- July 29th

We started the day by meeting at the Park & Ride off of the 118 Fwy in Simi Valley. Howard Brown rode with me in my 1955 Dodge Custom Royal Lancer hardtop. We had our President Jim Ellerbrock and his wife Val drive their 1965 Mercury "Woodie" wagon, our VP Bill Greene drove his pretty 56 Ford Ranch wagon, then we had Bob Pearson drive his Beautiful 1931 Studebaker Coupe. Also a couple of other Studebaker Club members, Bill Longbottom and daughter Janice, and Bob & Geri Anderson, and Mike & Linda Shader joined the tour with their modern cars.

At 8:30 we hit the Freeway heading North to Santa Barbara. The weather was pleasant leaving Simi Valley although we ran into a lot highway maintenance just outside Ventura. It took us a little longer than the planned hour to get there, but by sheer luck we came upon Andrea Enthel and Jerry Sherman in her all original 1960 Edsel 2dr sedan just before we arrived at the Santa Barbara City College Car Show site. By chance if you ever get a chance to speak to Andrea, she has a great story on the history of her car and she has a lot of knowledge regarding the production of the 1960 Edsels.

The Santa Barbara City College is a great location, what a beautiful site on the grass at the back of the College overlooking the ocean with all the Woodies (approx. 75+/-). There was a grass side parking for the non-woodies as well.

I think one of the highlights of the show was Jim & Val's 65 Mercury "Woodie" wagon. We heard more comments on the rear facing back seat from people who grew up riding in the Station wagons of that era. Plus I noticed a number of kids telling their parents that they would like to ride in the rear facing back seat.

It was "Great" to see all of the various Brands of cars that used "Wood" to accent their brands. There was quite a few of Ford "Woodies" in attendance.

All in all we had a great time, a lot of talking old cars was had by all!

Woodies at the Beach Car Show



A Trek to T.R.O.G. On Saturday April 15th, a friend and I journeyed to The Riverside, CA area to a small local airport called FLABOB. Strange name for an airport, hmmm? Apparently named after two guys who bought it to ensure a way to ship their product from a nearby business. Anyway, the reason we were there had nothing to do with the name of the airport. We were there to witness T.R.O.G. (The Race Of Gentlemen). This is a throwback to the old days of drag racing; limited rules, the ability to have 'grudge races', etc.. The Race of Gentlemen has very limited rules, no prizes, no classes, no timing lights. etc.. Pretty much the only rules are that the vehicles raced must be old (I think the rules say pre 1934 vehicles, pre 1948 speed equipment, etc.). The idea is low cost, fun, and competition. We watched all kinds of vehicles (roadsters, t-buckets, motorcycles, etc.) race against whoever they chose to race. Sometimes it was two '48 Fords, sometimes it was a '40 Ford against a '48 Harley Davidson. It was a really wild, interesting event. The spectator cars were almost as interesting as the race cars. Spectator parking was close to the races for '64 and earlier cars, so everyone could get a good look at them. There was probably more variety in the spectator parking area than on the race track! This was an event I had read about many times (including the April 2023 issue of Hot Rod Magazine). I'm glad I finally witnessed it in person.



Valley V8 Club Minutes

August 1, 2023

Call to Order led by President Jim Ellerbrock with Pledge of Alligance

Guests introduced – Louie Buono, guest of Ken and Joanie Sapper

Announcements –

- Next Club meeting Tuesday, September 5. Speaker to be Johny Martinez, “World Class Pin Stripe Artist”. Thanks Ken Sapper for making arrangements!
- Still needing a Secretary to take minutes and now a Drivelines Editor. Please let Jim know if you’re interested.
- Date is set for V8 Club BBQ at Boskovich home, Sunday, September 10th, 3 pm. Flyer was circulated for food sign ups, plus volunteer help with set-up and tear-down. Please call Steve (818-903-6620) if you want to be there and/or help. SUGAR SISTERS will be back for your enjoyment!
- Start planning now for our BIG yearly October Auction meeting!

Tours –

- Recap of Woodies at the Beach, July 29, was terrific! Seeing past member Scott Cramolini was a highlight. Bob Pearson’s beautiful 1931 Studebaker Coupe received “Best Non Woodie!”
- Sunday, August 20th, come with the club to Wings Over Camarillo car and air show. Register online at tickets.wingsovercamarillo.com. Let Jim or Ernie know you signed up.
- Scott Doudrick has a tour of JPL planned, Tuesday, September 26th. He’s limited in size, so let him know asap if you would like to attend! Scott has agreed to give a program re: current JPL projects in November.

Program – Steve and Janet Hedke talking about participating in The Famous Great Race. Very interesting!

Raffles, etc. –

50/50 won by Blake and Sandy Norris

Name Badge won by Stan Miller

Lots of terrific raffle items, thanks to Steve Lehman! As a bonus, he included a \$10 Gift card to O’Reilly Auto Parts!

Submitted by Joan Sapper

Valley V8 Birthdays



September	3	Jay Russell
September	3	Reen Jaramillo
September	18	Art Fernandez
September	20	Val Ellerbrock
September	24	Carolyn Brown
September	30	Dom Nuccitelli