



Chapter #40

December 2023

# *DRIVE LINES*



## *Life Imitating Art*

1955 Ford Fairlane

Owner:

Howard Brown,  
Membership  
Coordinator



December 9, 2023

## Happy Holidays from the Prez

Thanks to all who attended the 2023 Holiday Party at the Woodland Hills Country Club. It was a very enjoyable event as usual. Vice-President Bill Greene and Ruby are to be congratulated on a job well-done. Again this year Steve and Sue Boskovich handled the "silent auction". Thanks to them for purchasing the quality items that were appreciated by the lucky winners.

The updated 2024 Club membership renewal form is in the Drivelines. Please return it with the dues to Joanie Sapper as soon as you can.

I have been in contact with Dan Castallini who is incoming President of the Palomar Mountain chapter (#148). Dan has been contacting the Southern and Central chapters to see what their issues are. He stated that their chapter is experiencing dropping membership issues such as aging and members passing on. I offered a few suggestions on what we are doing such as making all car owners welcome (not just Fords) and having activities that appeal to spouses and friends.

We will continue discussing our club goals for next year at the next meeting on Jan. 2nd. (Club trips, meeting attendance, speakers etc.)

Due to the Holidays we have decided not to do car of the month. It will be returning in January. Please note that in its place this month is picture of Howard and Carolyn Brown getting their Christmas tree. (Reminds me of a Norman Rockwell print that we have).

Please remember our club members Jim Kelly and Bobbi Searl that have passed this year and those who are fighting illness.

May you all have a pleasant Holiday Season.

See you next meeting,

Jim Ellerbrock

*A suggestion was made to donate from the V8 club funds to the relief effort in Maui after the devastating fires. We received this lovely Thank You card .*

September 19, 2023

Aloha, Ken and Joan Sapper,

I pray you are doing well! Mahalo for your donation to our Disaster Relief Fund & mahalo also to the members of the San Fernando Valley V8's club for their generosity. Mahalo as well for your thoughts and prayers during these heavy times on our island.

It is just moving and comforting to see support and aloha from people near and far. Let us continue praying for each other!

Mahalo and Blessings!

Fr. Ace Iui

*God Bless you  
for your love & care!*

December 9, 2023

## 2023 Holiday Party

A big thank you to all the members who attended the party last Sunday at the Woodland Hills Country Club. Thank you also goes out to Vice-President Bill and Ruby Greene for organizing the festivities. Again this year, Steve and Sue Boscovich were in charge of the silent raffle. There were many quality items that were won by the lucky attendees.

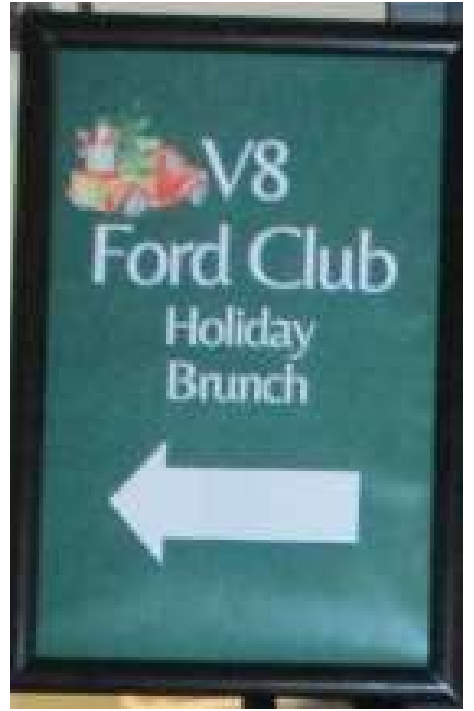
We had the same room location as last year with a beautiful view overlooking the course. The weather was also very cooperative with a nice warm and clear day. Christmas music was playing in the background as we ate. The brunch was delicious as always with all of the breakfast items including loaves and bagels. After lunch we had the raffle followed by more socializing. Also in attendance were guests Phil and Connie Hall. Connie has just been elected as new National Club President and Phil has served as past National President.

The decision was made to not have any live entertainment this year as the club used the money to donate to the Maui Relief Fund. (Thank you goes to Steve, Sue and Joanie for this effort). We also held off doing the salute to "Henry" until after the first of the year after club elections. The brunch wrapped up with the distribution of the table decorations being won by the person with the note under his/her chair.

The only downside of the day was that the attendance was low (31) compared to previous years. This is always a fun event and we hope that more will attend next year. Please let any of the officers know if you have any suggestions for next year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS,

Jim Ellerbrock



## A message from our Membership Coordinator

Hey Valley V8rs:

It's that time of year again. We will elect our officers for the year 2024 in January so we need people to step up and help THEIR club. If you would like to help by being an officer of the club, PLEASE let me know by the end of December. I'll put together a ballot so we can vote at our January meeting.

It's that time again; time to renew your Valley V8 membership.

### PLEASE NOTE

We are making a change in our membership renewal process this year. Since Joanie Sapper as our treasurer receives all funds, we will now be mailing membership renewals **directly to Joanie** and she will send the application/renewal forms to me so I can update our membership list.

Please send your renewal form with your check to:

**Joan Sapper**  
**2948 Mary St.**  
**LaCrescenta, CA 91214**

We are missing a lot of birthdays on our spreadsheet. A reminder to all members to update the birthday fields on our renewal form when you pay your dues 😊

*Thanks,*  
*Howard Brown*  
*Membership Coordinator*



**The Valley V-8's  
Membership Application & Renewal Form  
To renew your membership or  
join our club, please fill out this form  
and follow the instructions at the bottom**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthday Month:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Day:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthday Month:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Day:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Early Ford V-8 Vehicle(s) Owned - if same as prior year write "NO CHANGE"**

**Year      Make      Model      Body      Style**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Style</u>

**For Regional Membership: Send a \$35.00 check - payable to: Valley V-8's**

Mail check to: Valley V8s C/O Joan Sapper, 2948 Mary St. La Crescenta, CA 91214

**If you have any questions please call 818-606-0267 Email: brngarage@gmail.com**

**NOTE: For us to meet insurance requirements, a Regional Group Member MUST also be a member of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. Minimum membership is \$35.00 per year. Please contact me for mailing information or <http://www.earlyfordv8.org>**

## Nethercutt Collection

### Mighty Wurlitzer Concert/Silent Movie

#### "The Phantom of the Opera"

On Oct 28 a few of us V8 Club members made plans to attend a showing the the Silent Movie "The Phantom of the Opera" at the Nethercutt Museum. Myself and my wife along with Howard and his wife and Rob and his wife made plans to attend. However due to conflicting schedules Rob and Howard were not able to attend. So My wife and her friend Sue and her mother attended the show. The event had a full house and to my understanding had to schedule a 2nd show later that night to handle the requests to attend the event. It was very interesting as we found out that very few of the silent movies of that era were saved and this version of "The Phantom of the Opera" movie was made up of versions from 1925 original, 1929 revision and a couple of other later versions in order to have the complete movie. On another historic note the movie was run on only operational original hand crank projector of the era. This projector allowed the projectionist to speedup/slowdown to match to the action and music on screen. All in all we had a great time reliving the History of the Silent Film era. As a added note the Nethercutt Muesum has planed other events around the Mighty Wurlitzer Concert Organ in November and December. Be sure to check out the schedule on there web site; [NethercuttCollection.org](http://NethercuttCollection.org)

Submitted by Ernie Bailly



*Phantom of the Opera - Nethercutt Museum - October 28, 2023*



*The Mighty  
Wurlitzer*


*Silent  
film  
projector*



# The Valley s

## 2023

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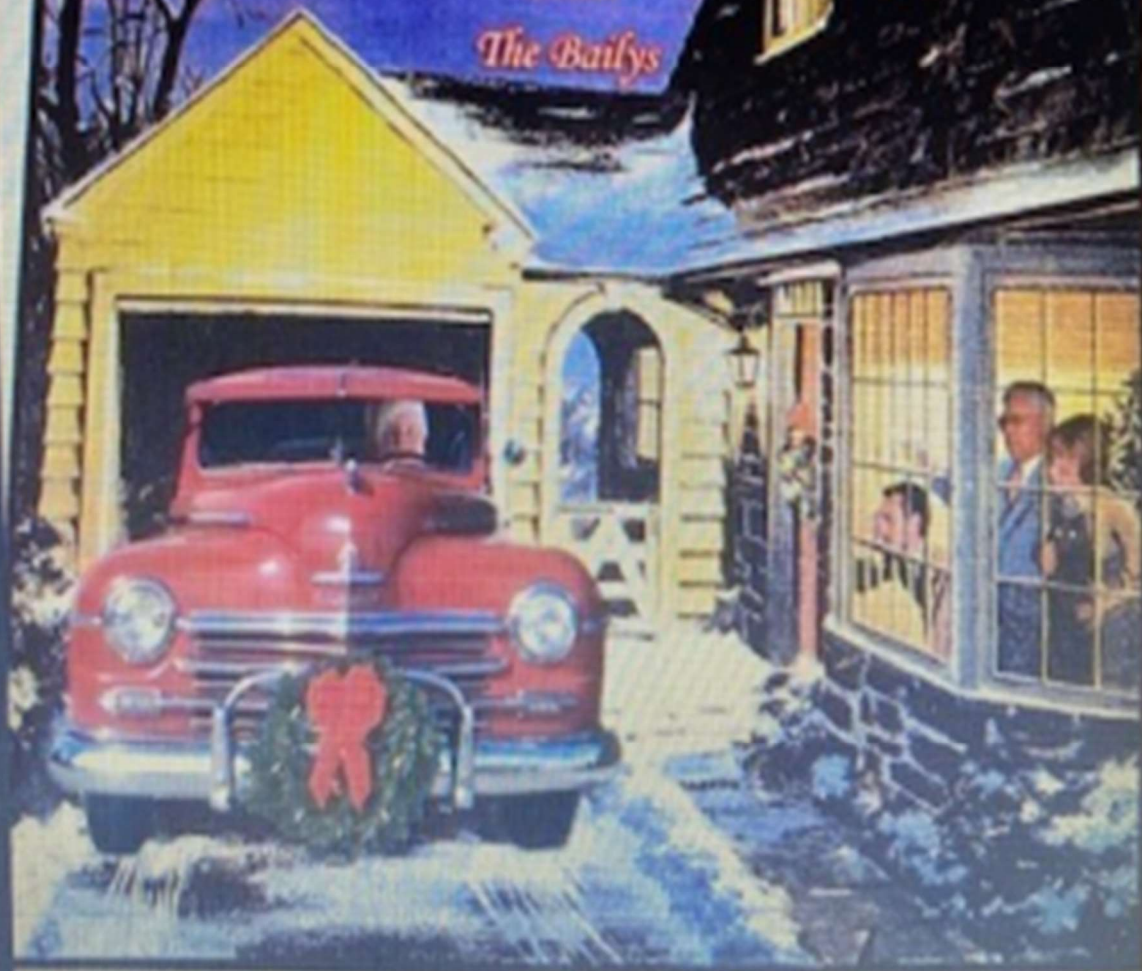
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*Look! "The Big Red Machine, Santa's new Sleigh!"*

*Merry Christmas*

*From*

*The Bailys*



## **Valley V8 Club Minutes – November 7, 2023**

**7:00 pm – Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Jim Ellerbrock.**

**Visitors introduced** – Kenny Sapper, Jr., son of Ken and Joanie, visiting from Charlotte, NC. Eugene Baily, brother of Ernie. Vince Mack, Howard Brown's friend from Studebaker Club and Vince's friend, Dave, here from Indiana. Vince's father and Dave were Studebaker employees. Welcome to all!

**Member News** – Rob Glucksman reported the passing of long-time member, Shirley Richards. Both Shirley and her late husband George were quite active in our club. He served as President in 1994 and Tours Director in 2010. Shirley took on the Membership and Roster jobs in 2011 and 2012. Many of us remember them both as quiet and very kind people. Another member and friend Larry Ofria is home from hospital and needs our prayers.

**Goings On** – Jim Ellerbrock and Howard Brown will be traveling to Las Vegas for the big Mecum Auction in a few days. Let's see what new Hot Collector cars they come home with!

**Holiday Party, December 3** – VP Bill Greene gave the latest updates, as Dec. 3 is very close! As of this meeting there are 27 signed up. This event is being held at Woodland Hills Country Club, the same as last year's event. He needs a final count by November 19! As before, bring unwrapped toys and women's gifts for the Boskovich's to deliver to the local Shelter.

**Membership Report** – Chair. Howard Brown asked that all Dues be mailed to Joanie Sapper from now on. She will forward all information to Howard. PLEASE review 2023 Roster for your personal information and let Howard know of any new or changed information for 2024 Roster.

**Secretary/Treasurer Change for 2024** – President Jim proposed that the office of Secretary and Treasurer be combined for the time being.

**Treasurer Report** – Joanie Sapper read a Thank You Letter from Father Ace, of St. Anthony of Padua church for Lahaina, Hi wildfire victims.

**Tours Report** – Ernie suggested that future tours be shorter in length, closer and perhaps join the Studebaker Club. He has met with member Vince Mack, also a member of the Studebaker Club to make plans. Just give Ernie a call if you have a destination suggestion. This topic will be discussed at our next Board meeting at the start of 2024. Ernie suggested just driving our "modern" car to start the tour, then joining another member in their classic Ford, providing they have some open seats! Great Idea Ernie! Here are a few destinations: Queen Mary, Autry Museum, Peterson Auto Museum, Mullin Museum, LA Union Station, Vandenburg Space Force Base. Perhaps an overnight to Solvang, the Vintage RR Museum, Big Bear Fun Run. All were brought up for consideration.

**20 Minute Break Taken**

**Program – our own member Scott Doudrick discussed the latest news from JPL! Briefly:**

- Psyche Project – A 6-year mission to a unique metal-rich asteroid orbiting the Sun between Mars and Jupiter
- James Webb Space Telescope – Through the use of an infra-red light, JPL can photograph new pictures of Jupiter, revealing more than imagined! Also seen is the birth of a NEW STAR: H211
- Update on the Mars Rover 2020, Perseverance. An extremely successful project. As of yet, no proof of “life” as of yet. Craft’s return is planned for 2030.
- Voyager 1 & 2 – still exploring where nothing from Earth has flown. Farther than Pluto! Signals are still received through the Deep Space Network.

Scott’s photos were amazing. We can tell that this subject is very exciting to him. We certainly are thankful for his enthusiasm. Our universe is spectacular! So much to discover!

**Awards and Recognition –**

**Car(s) of the Month** – Sandy Norris, her 1949 Ford 2-door Sedan (Li’l Darlin) and her 1951 Ford Convertible (Peachy). A great article by Sandy herself, in the November 2023 Drivelines!

No **Raffle** due to illness of Steve Lehman – You were missed! Get well soon Steve!

**50/50** – Won by Reen Jaramillo - \$70!!

**NASCAR Report** – Ken Sapper shared **Ford’s 2023 Championships** in the Cup, Xfinity, and Truck Divisions! So exciting! Congratulations!

**Meeting Ended at 8:15** – Good job President Jim!

**HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY!**

Submitted by Joanie



*Ron Batesole Dec 8*

*Ken Sapper Dec 15*