



March 2024

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1939 Ford 4 Door Convertible Sedan

Owner: Rich and Lynn Carter

March 2, 2024

Message from the Prez

Thank you to all those who attended our last monthly meeting on Feb. 5th. As mentioned in the minutes, please keep Jerry Case and Monty Goff in your thoughts and prayers for a fast recovery.

We have had a board meeting last week to mainly discuss the upcoming Holiday / Christmas Party. Vice-President Bill Greene has put forth a magnificent effort in researching our options for this year. It was decided at the board meeting that the best deal is staying where we are at. Most places require a large non-refundable deposit and have a room with no view. The original requested date of December 8th was unavailable. Our now CONFIRMED date is December 15th. (Hold it open). Our plan for this year is to hold the price at \$30 per member and \$35 per guest. Please be as generous as you can at the 50/50 raffle this year as this will help offset the cost to the club. Thanks again to Bill for his time on this.

(Repeat from last month). Club Membership dues for 2024 are **now due**. In the Drivelines, is again the 2024 Club membership renewal form. If your dues are not received by the end of the month, your name will be dropped from the 2024 Directory.

Ernie is finalizing the details for a cruise to the Murphy Museum in Oxnard. More details to come.

Scott Doudrick is considering opening a simple restoration/service business. He will give a brief description at the next meeting. Please contact him for details.

Our National President Connie Hall is scheduled to attend our March 5th Meeting. If she does a Q/A, please bring up any reasonable questions that you may have. If time permits, Rex Jaramillo will also have a set of questions that will bring out info on member's cars and activities.

See you next meeting,

Jim Ellerbrock



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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>

Valley Ford V8 Club #40/Rich and Lynn Carter's 1939 Ford Four-Door Convertible Sedan.

In December 2006, I was in conversation with a gentleman in Glendale. I stated that I was in a hunt for a 1939 Ford Convertible. He stated that he knew a person in Huntington Beach who had a 1939 Ford Convertible and a 1937 Ford Convertible. It was suggested to me that he might be willing to sell the 39. I made contact with this person and arrangements were made for Lynn and me to go to Huntington Beach and view/test drive this 39 Four-Door Convertible. We arrived the following morning and were greeted warmly. He backed the 39 out of the garage and parked in front of the house. There was no mistake that I was interested in this car; however, I was committed that I was not going to ask him the price. After walking around the car numerous times, examining the car from bumper to bumper, he still did not make an offer. After approximately four hours of standing and talking next to the car, he finally said, I will take X number of dollars. I continued to talk to him about the car and finally, I said I was more in tune with a different price. Again, after another hour, or so, he stated *I will split the difference. I said good, I'll take it.*

During all this conversation, I did not ask the owner any history on the car, to my regret. Since I purchased the car, I have heard different stories on the history of the car, but have been unable to confirm. I do believe this car was restored, approximately 50+ years ago due to the age of the paint, the canvas top, and a few other details that show age. The car shows 14 thousand miles on the odometer, and I do believe that this is probably the number of miles that has been driven since restoration. The good news about this 1939 Convertible Sedan is that it does run well, the transmission shifts well, and the brakes do a good job of stopping.

Soon after I purchased the car, Don Durkee, agreed to install a two speed rear axle/Columbia Overdrive.

Interesting points about this car are that it was selected to be in a Hollywood movie *Gangster Squad* plus a few commercials.

Over the years, I have maintained and replaced a few parts, such as water pumps, radiator hoses, and new Ford script tires. Yes, this car needs a new top, a new paint job, and a few other items to be a top shelf car. However, I realize this car is what it is, a driver that shows its age and a badge of pride that has been earned over the years.

Rich and Lynn Carter

Rich and Lynn's 1939 Ford



See more pics of member cars on our website
ValleyV8s.org

Minutes for the Valley V8s Board meeting

Convened 7:05 2/22/24

Attendees: Jim Ellerbrock, Val Ellerbrock, Joe DiFatta, Scott Doudrick, Steve Boskovich, Bill Greene, Rex Jaramillo, Howard Brown

Holiday party

-Bill Greene investigated 5 venues for accommodations and price: Porter Valley, Airtel, Odessey, Castaways and our location from the recent past, Woodland Hills Country Club.

- It was agreed that Woodland Hills remained our bet choice despite rising costs.

- It was agreed Dec 8, 2024 would be reserved (Update 2/24/24. 12/8/24 is unavailable. 12/15 is the likely alternative).

- It was agreed that the prices this year would be \$30 for members and \$35 for non members.

- It was agreed that at the next meeting we would promote the 50/50 more as a way to pay for the extra cost the club is taking on.

Meeting times

-Members have expressed an interest in different meeting times. This was discussed and the following was agreed:

1) At the March meeting there would be a poll of members about selecting a Tuesday or a Saturday

Minutes for the Valley V8s Board meeting (cont'd)

2) The change would be a 3 month trial beginning in April with a poll of members at the end. The time would be 10:00 am.

The second and 4th Saturdays are available at Lulu's. **Jim was going to check on available Tuesdays.**

Scott's questions

-Is web presentation of Car of the Month acceptable.

All agreed yes

-Would it be acceptable to ask members about maintenance and restoration needs at next meeting.

All agreed yes

Howard's questions

-What can be done for recruiting at car shows, etc.

All agreed that a trial table should be set up at Super Sunday with cards and the club banner which Ernie has.

Skepticism was expressed about a table at the Pierce vintage swap because of the cost and lack of car focus.


Over at approximately 8:10

Submitted by Scott Doudrick Feb 22, 2024

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February Guest Speaker – Karen Lehman

Our guest speaker for February was Karen Lehman who shared a video introducing us to The Dwarf Museum located in Maricopa, Arizona. This museum is filled with hand crafted miniature versions of full sized cars built by Ernie Adams. He builds these from spare parts from whatever is laying around. One car, for example, was built from 9 refrigerators. With imaginative skill and talent he repurposed many different parts of these refrigerators to replicate a 1928 Chevy 2 door sedan!



For more information about Ernie Adams and his Dwarf Car Museum visit www.dwarfcarmuseum.com

*Be sure and join us at our next meeting Tuesday
March 5 at 7pm at Lulu's Restaurant in Van Nuys
for a special Q & A with Rex Jaramillo*

Valley V8 Club Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

Meeting opened by President Jim Ellerbrock with Pledge of Allegiance

Guests introduced – Rex Jaramillo’s friend, Jesse. He is a member of other car clubs that Rex is involved with. Jesse shared information on his Model A, T and T-Bucket. All Chevy powered! A big welcome to you Jesse!

Member news – Jerry Case is under-the-weather and needs our thoughts and prayers for healing. **Lynn Carter** has volunteered to take job of Ladies’ Raffle! (she will need help for the months of May-November! Position pays well! Please send her your resume). President Jim reminded us there are other positions open on our Board.

Membership – Howard Brown reminded us to get our Dues in now before March! Double check current roster to check your own current information.

Ernie Baily – Pursuing his plan to have a “Valley V8 Booth” at various car gatherings. We need to advertise more for our fun club! The two venues he was thinking about do not have any space available. Their reply is that they had never thought about having a car club booth...that was not their intention. So, the rate for a space is approximately \$125. Ernie is thinking about having 2 vintage Fords to “show”. Also, an updated vinyl banner (approx 3’x5’). He does have a stand already. He will bring table/chairs, back issues of the V8 Times and flyers to hand out. Sounds like a great idea! Ernie wants all to know that owning an old Ford is not required to be a member.

Local car gatherings were announced, as always. Glendale Elks has their big show on March 17. Warbirds, Wings & Wheels in Paso Robles, (an overnight trip), Montrose 4th of July (always held on Sunday before or after).

Christmas Party, 2024 was discussed. Our VP, **Bill Greene** has been looking for new venues. He hopes to have details by the end of this month.

Secretary/Treasurer – Joanie Sapper, no report

Phil Hall reported that his wife, **Connie Hall, our National Director**, will join us at our March meeting for the latest in the National V8 news!

Valley V8 Club Meeting Minutes (cont'd...)

PROGRAM – **Karen Lehman** presented a very entertaining documentary covering the Dwarf Car Museum, titled “Half Moon Road.” The doc stars Ernie Adams, directed by Kevin Adams and their '49 Dwarf Mercury. They are in Maricopa, AZ. Ernie goes over how he builds these dwarf replica cars, using some remarkably interesting parts and pieces (Ex: 9 steel refrigerator bodies!) Ernie has built an oval dirt race track for the large number of dwarf cars that are out there. These dwarf cars evolved into the Legend Race Cars. It appears the cars are the center of attention at many shows they attend.

Karen explained that her daughter, Robin, just happened to be visiting a friend there in Maricopa, AZ and went to this museum. She thought of her mom and brought her this very entertaining video. Karen also passed around 3 photo albums of dwarf cars, etc. Thanks so much Karen and Robin!

February Winners:

50/50 – **Rex Jaramillo**, \$65!

Birthdays announced.

Ladies Raffle – Thanks to our club’s new chairwoman, **Lynn Carter!** **Valerie Ellerbrock and Pamela Buck** won Beautiful Valentine bags!

Raffle – Unfortunately, **Steve Lehman** was out of town. No Raffle tonight.

Meeting was closed before 9:00 pm by President Jim. Hope we see you all next month!

Submitted by Joanie Sapper

From one Lug nut to Another

I had a rather 'interesting' experience with automotive lug nuts recently. Hang in there, it actually WAS interesting. I've been working on a friend's '63 Avanti for about 6 months. It came here because of a problem with the charging system (not charging) which I have not yet remedied.

During one quiet night, my wife announced that "something big fell in the shop; it was REALLY loud". I took a quick look in the dark and didn't see anything obviously amiss. Next morning I discovered that the Avanti's left front tire had literally exploded! It was only EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD!! We got tires, I had them mounted on the wire wheels, and I replaced them on the car; until I got to the left rear.

Well, we are finally to the lug nuts referenced in the title. Prior to its arrival at my house, at some point the left rear tire had gone flat and the spare was installed. Here comes the lug nut issue. The car has aftermarket wire wheels; not hubcaps, real wire wheels with spokes. These wheels were manufactured to be somewhat 'universal'; they could fit many different cars with different wheel bolt patterns. This was accomplished by making the wheels with oversize lug bolt holes and then using various 'adaptors' to enable the bolt circle diameter to change. This required not only the adaptors, but special lug nuts. When someone installed the spare tire (with its original standard rim) they used the special wire wheel lug nuts. Not a good idea! The special lug nuts are much deeper than the originals so they will reach thru the adaptors to the wheel studs/bolts. Whoever used these lug nuts didn't realize this and just tightened them all the way to make the wheel stay on. This caused the lug nuts to 'bottom out' on the brake drum and then spread out as they were tightened (see the pictures). This not only made it difficult to loosen the lug nuts to remove the wheel, but made it a real chore to get the lug nuts out of the holes in the rim (same pictures). I finally got the lug nuts out of the rim, but now I needed 5 new lug nuts to replace the damaged (destroyed ones). I was initially at a complete loss as to where to find replacements. I contacted another friend who runs a shop that works on wire wheels, mostly for motorcycles, to ask for advice. I was not encouraged when he said "boy are you in a world of hurt, I have no idea how to help you"! He did say that a picture of the wire wheels and lug nuts/adaptors MIGHT help. It did; he identified the wire wheels as Appliance Products. After that my best friend "GOOGLE" helped me find a source for replacements. I got the new lug nuts and installed them! Now, I STILL need to resolve the original charging problem.

Submitted by Howard Brown

From one Lug nut to Another (cont'd)



Valley V8 Birthdays



March	11	Connie Hall
March	13	Whitney Rydbeck
March	15	Phil Hall
March	17	Pauling Ewing
March	18	Ruth Mottern
March	18	Ed Warnock
March	26	Monty Goff
March	28	Harry Baker
March	29	John Fredricks