



April 2024

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1940 Ford Deluxe Tudor Sedan

Under the care of Kenny & Joanie Sapper

March 24, 2024

Message from the Prez

Thank you to all those who attended our last monthly meeting on March 5th. A big thank you to Rex Jaramillo (and participants) for his Q&A session. Very entertaining as well as informative. Again, please keep our members who are under the weather in your thoughts and prayers.

Last week I attended a Zoom Meeting that included many of the Regional Group Presidents as well as the National Reps to the various Groups. It was very interesting to hear what issues other clubs were facing. One of the issues was the aging of the members. Many of the clubs are dealing with this issue and some are not. A couple of the groups are having day meetings only to accommodate driving at night. Some of the other issues are generating enough enthusiasm for club activities and how to get younger people involved. My observation was that the clubs that are open to social events including spouses and families are doing much better than the ones that are not open to those activities. Another issue brought out in the meeting is that the National Club is making a concentrated effort to improve communications to all the Regional Groups.

Congratulations to Ernie for coordinating the tour to the Murphy Museum. A good turnout from all clubs. The get together for lunch at the "Lazy Dog" was also very enjoyable.

For our next meeting on April 13th, we will be trying out our first Saturday morning meeting. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM. Please arrive early for breakfast. Rex has been in contact with Bob Beck to be our speaker. Bob is quite an accomplished and well-known hot rod guy: he's been a Motorsport announcer for National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) drag-race events for many years. He's also appeared on 'Speed Scene Live TV, guest host on 'Talking About Cars'. And he has his own podcast on Instagram and Facebook called 'GAAS', Great American Auto Scene. He's also worked at various auto manufacturing companies including Nissan North America, where Rex met and worked with him.

See you at the next meeting at **10:00 AM on Saturday the 13th of April.**

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V8 Club Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Jim Ellerbrock with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Updates: **Get Well** wishes go out to Jerry Case and Monty Goff, Sandy Norris as well! Please let us know if you're under the weather. We care about all of you! **Thank you's** extended to many of you: Karen Lehman for her great program last month. It was enjoyed by all. To our VP, Bill Greene, for the plans he's made for our December party, Sunday, Dec. 15. Same place as last few years. Bill asks that we take care of our reservation by October. The cost to members will be \$30, non-members \$35 each. Let's spend more on raffles and 50/50 throughout the year to help our bank account. Jim and Howard Brown had a great visit with Rich & Lynn Carter to get COM/March article. Thanks for your time! Another Thank you to the Club Board that made it to the last board meeting. Jim paid a visit with Jerry Jensen, a long-time V8 member. He is described as a "Craftsman of all Craftsmen!" He is quite an expert on '39 Fords. Jim knows Jerry would love to hear from us.

APRIL MEETING – Change of date! We're going to try having a Saturday morning meeting, beginning April 13, 10:00 am! Please note this on your calendar.

Member Updates #2 - Vasken Hagopian wanted to remind all of us that the podium and PA system were both donated to our club. Thanks again Blake Wilcox! Scott Doudrick is considering starting a business venture as a Mobile Mechanic! Please give him a call if you need his help with your classic.

Tours – Cruise-Ins & Shows: Antique Adventure, Ventura every Sunday. Tuesday evenings, Granada Hills @ Chatsworth near Baskin Robbins. Downtown Santa Paula, 1st Friday of each month. Earl's Donuts every Thurs. am. Glendale Elks Club, March 17. Fabulous Ford Day @ Irwindale Speedway, April 21. Ernie would like to see an information booth here to promote our club! For more car events see socalcarculture.com website.

Tour Planned – Saturday, March 16! Murphy's Car Museum, Oxnard! Lunch will follow at Lazy Dog Restaurant on Oxnard.

Member Updates #3 – Harry and Helen Baker are selling their home in the valley and moving full time to their mountain home near Butte, MT. They will have a gigantic estate sale after our Saturday, April 13th meeting. **See a brief list of what's available at end of minutes.

Program – Rex Jaramillo interviews various members of our club to expose fascinating details on the lives of our own members! Those interviewed: Ralph Hubbard, Harry Baker, Lynn Carter. It was great getting to know our members better.

Award Time –

50/50 – Ken picked Dominic Nuccitelli's ticket, a rather large amount tonight!
(Thanks Club!)

Ladies Raffle – Sue Boskovich and Joanie Sapper! Thanks to Lynn Carter, our new Ladies Raffle Officer.

Name Badge – Ernie Baily!

Car of the Month – Rich and Lynn Carter (great article in March Drivelines)

Raffle Table – Another excellent table full of treasures, thanks to Steve Lehman.

Meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Joanie Sapper

**PS – Below are some of the many items you may find at Harry and Helen Baker's Estate Sale, after our April 13th Breakfast meeting.

Two flat head engines

Flat head heads

Intake, manifolds, carbs, starters, differentials, front ends...

'36 Ford 5-window coupe (basket)

'29 La Salle convertible coupe

'59 Ford retractable (parts only)

Many more misc. parts

Join us for our first Saturday morning meeting

April 13 at 10 am-11:30 am

Come early (9:30 am-10 am) to enjoy breakfast beforehand

Lulu's Restaurant 16900 Roscoe Blvd Van Nuys

***Our guest speaker will be Bob Beck, a Motorsport announcer
for National Hot Rod Association***

Car of the Month

This story is about Frank Deiny's Ford. I am very proud to be the car's caretaker. Over the years I have learned a lot about these wonderful Fords. This '40 Ford DeLuxe Tudor was the Grand Prize raffle car of the Western Regional meet that took place in San Diego, September 20-22, 1974. I don't know where it was originally purchased.

The car needed a little work before it was ready for the big raffle according to our own Ralph Hubbard. So, Ralph Hubbard and Jay Harris delivered it to Jack Miles to make sure it was safe and in running condition. Tickets for the raffle were on sale for at least a year. The car even made the cover of the March/April 1974 V8 Times. The November/December 1974 issue had the meet results.

As expected, the Grand Prize was the highlight of the Awards Banquet that week! A hush fell over the crowd as the ticket was picked out of the ticket drum. Amazingly the ticket was owned by a 10 year old girl named Kim Myeroft of Temple City! Kim, her sister, and her father had purchased 3 tickets in February that year. So, the car stayed in the family until Kim was off to college and needed funds for school. The car was sold to a man in the Los Feliz area. He enjoyed owning it for awhile, then wanted to sell it.

Frank Deiny saw a picture of it at a Pomona Swap Meet in the mid 1980's. Frank made a deal with the owner there and became the new owner. Frank took the car to his shop. Frank did a little work to get it running again but wanted to restore it to Concours condition. Thru the Valley V8's Frank met Jack Miles. Jack agreed to help Frank restore it. As an employee of Frank's, I became involved when Frank became ill with cancer. I worked alongside Jack to finish the car.

These V8 members played a major roll in restoring this car: Jack Miles, Jerry Jenson, Larry Caplan, and George Grey.

Jack took this car to the Western regional meet in 1989 held at Lake Arrowhead and was awarded its first Dearborn. The car was driven regularly between 1989-2012. I heard of the Western Regional Meet to be held in Thousand Oaks, hosted by our own Valley V8 Club and the Ventura Club. I worked to get it correct and clean. It was awarded its 2nd Dearborn award!

In 2016 I had an opportunity to trailer the car to the Eastern Meet held in Charlotte, NC. I learned much more about correctness. It was awarded its 3rd Dearborn! After this we entered it in the 2018 Western Meet held in Bakersfield with all the updates. It was awarded its 4th Dearborn!

Since COVID it hasn't been seen very much. Small shows and our own great tours with our great Valley V8 Club!

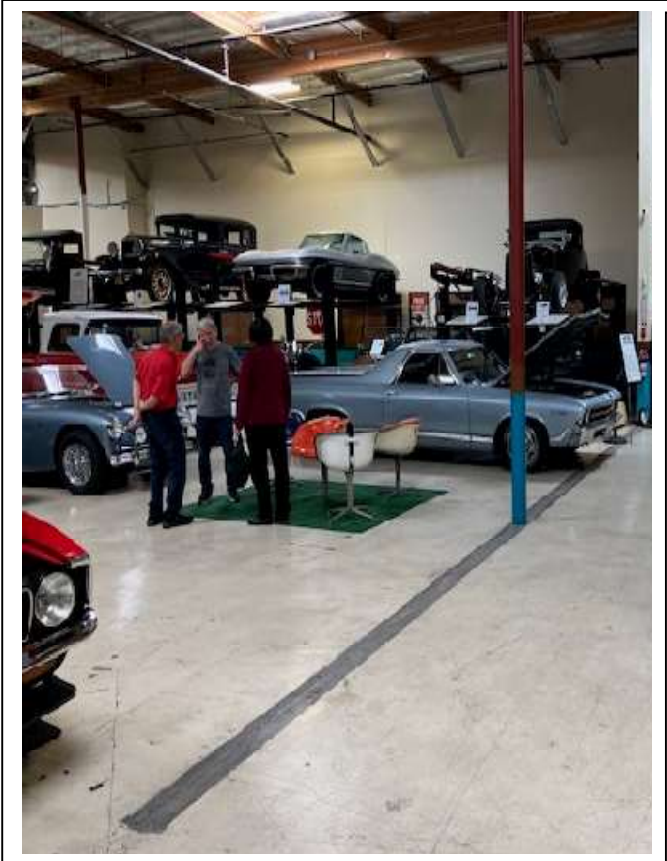
Kenny Sapper




V8 Club March tour

Well it started as a beautiful day! We all met at the parking lot of the Smart & Final grocery store in Simi Valley at 9AM. There were about 8 cars from both the Valley V8s and The Studebaker Club. Valley V8s President Jim & Val Ellerbrock brought their '65 Mercury Woody Wagon, Doug Courtenay drove his '66 Mustang Shelby 350 GT-H, Ken & Joanie Sapper brought their beautiful '40 Ford Deluxe 2dr sedan, Rich Kimmell drove his '54 Studebaker coupe, Larry Pearson drove his '34 Ford sedan, Bob Pearson drove his '31 Studebaker coupe, and Vic & Andrea Timar drove their '64 Mercury Caliente. I also invited a friend from Bob's Big Boy the previous night; Vartan with his beautiful '57 Chevy Bel Air hardtop. I decided to do something different and not drive. Howard Brown asked me to ride with him in a very nice '63 Avanti he has been working on. We departed at 9:30AM and proceeded to use the back roads to the Murphy Auto Museum. All was going great until we came to a turning point at Pleasant Valley Rd and E 5th Street. There was a huge crash that had happened before we got there, and the police made us do a U-Turn. Well that gave my GPS a headache and then we got separated. So this turned into another of "Ernie's Lost Tours"! After a little driving around and not getting the group together, the few that were with me pulled over and decided to just use the freeway the rest of the way to the museum. When we got there, some of the others had already arrived. A few minutes later, the remainder of group arrived and we went in and viewed the museum. We hung around just looking and talking until about 12:30 and then we headed to the Lucky Dog Restaurant in Oxnard. Since it was a Saturday, the shopping mall was very busy and it took a bit to get into the parking lot. Once we got in and parked, the restaurant was ready for us and had a large table setup for us. I believe we had about 22 people in our group. Everyone seemed to enjoy lunch and after a lot of conversation, everyone headed home about 2:15PM. So all in all with the great weather and good friends I think the tour was a Success! - Ernie Baily





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Question:

Hello, I was a Valley V-8er many years ago before we moved north. I'm looking for a 1941 Ford coupe. If you know of any, let me know. Call 1-805 4818531. Thanks.

Name:

Rick Van Blair

Email:

rickvb@att.net

Ernies Whitewall Cleaning tips:

1. Jack up one side of the car just high enough to be able to clean the entire sidewall.
2. Spray a generous amount of "Black Magic/Bleche-Wite" tire cleaner on the entire tire. (Image 1)
3. Let the Bleche-Wite soak for approx 1 complete minute.
4. Use a stiff bristle brush to scrub the whitewall and entire tire. (Image 2)
5. Use a large sponge to wash/scrub the entire tire and hubcap. (Image 3)
6. Rinse the entire wheel and tire.
7. Shamme and dry the entire wheel/hubcap and tire. (Image 4)
8. Apply a tire black to the outer edge of the whitewall and rub in(apply as many times as needed to gain a new tire look). (Image 5 & Image 6)
9. Your car is ready to show! (Image 7)



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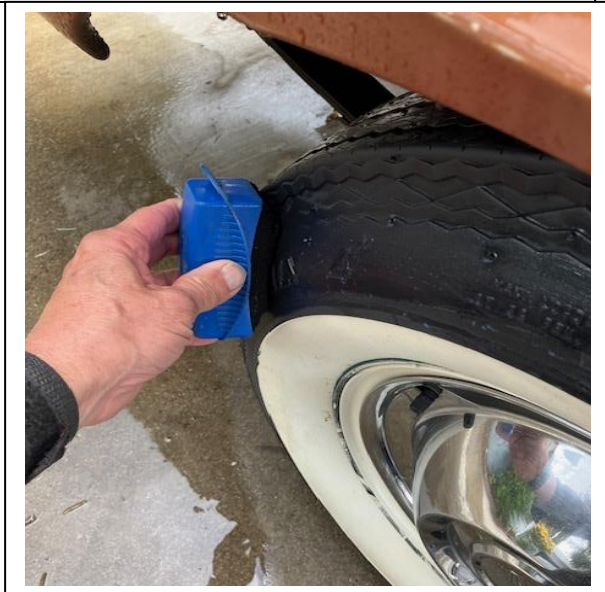
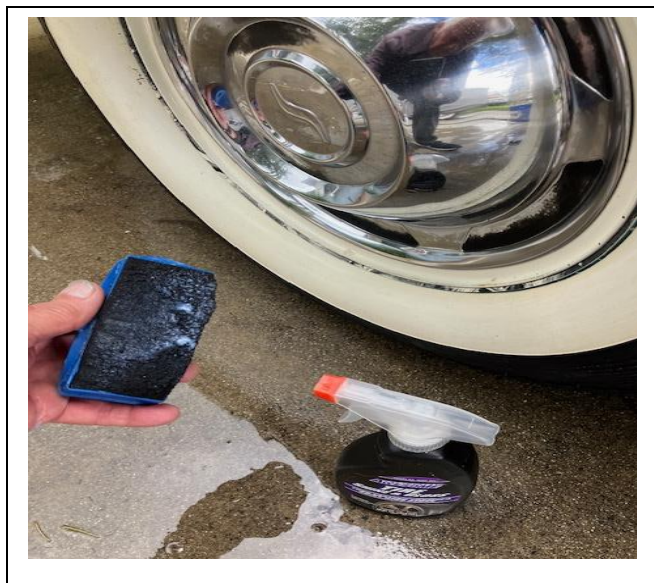


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Valley V8 Birthdays

April	14	Sharon Glucksman
April	16	Howard Brown
April	27	Marsha Rybin
April	28	Harvey Jacobs

