



May 2024

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1939 Ford Deluxe 5 Window Coupe

Owner Al Mooney

April 29, 2024

Message from the Prez

Well, we survived our first Saturday morning meeting on April 13th. Judging by the size of the crowd, we had a great turn out. So far, the input that we have received is very favorable for continuing the Saturday morning meetings. For now, we will have our next meeting at the regular time (Tuesday evening at 7:00) and the June meeting will again be on Saturday morning. (I still need to verify what date is open with Lulus). We will then decide as a club what meeting schedule to adopt. Ballots will be sent to those that we have not heard from at that point.

A big thank you to our last month's guest speaker, Bob Beck. Also, to our own Rex Jaramillo for serving as moderator. Bob has had a plentiful amount of automotive experiences as well as multiple appearances on different car related shows and podcasts. He and Rex had worked together in the past at Nissan North America where they became acquainted. It was interesting to hear about Bob's first cars and how he became interested in pursuing his own automotive career. Bob also announced the sad news that the "Murphy Museum" that we just visited will soon be closing. That and the "Mullin Museum" that has already closed will close a chapter on the local Car Museums in Oxnard.

Congratulations to Joan and Kenny Sapper for having the car of the month for April. The beautiful 1940 Ford Deluxe Tudor that they are caretakers of is also a very high point getter when judged at shows.

Please read the articles in this issue on Ed Warnock receiving the AACA restoration award for his class and being nominated for the "Zenith Award". Thanks to Ralph Hubbard and Ed for submitting them.

Thanks to Connie and Phil Hall for attending our last meeting. And welcome to our new member Scott Cramolini.

Please keep remembering our ailing members in your thoughts and prayers.

See you at the next meeting at **7:00 PM on Tuesday the 7th of May.**

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MINUTES VALLEY V8 MEETING SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024

The breakfast portion began late due to the room being used by the short wave club that ran longer than expected. At 10:00 AM, Jim Ellerbrock began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and welcomed all to the first Saturday V8 Club meeting. We were informed that Sandy Morris is ill and asked that everyone keep her in our prayers, as well as her partner Blake Wilcox. Others mentioned included Monty Goff who is progressing well after surgery and his rehabilitation with his prosthetic leg. Larry Kaplan broke his leg, but no details were provided.

Well, that's all the bad news fit to print. On a positive note, Rob Glucksman's daughter delivered a baby girl. Congratulations Grandpa. He will give you all the information. Our speaker for the meeting is Bob Beck, renowned motor sports announcer and avid car collector. Ed Warnock was nominated for the AACA Organization's Zenith Award (very prestigious) for his 1932 Deluxe. We were informed that the club was asked to possibly assist trying to set up a Cars and Coffee at the Nethercutt Museum thru Cameron Richards. That would be a great place to have a Saturday or Sunday morning event.

Ernie, of course, has diligently been scouring the internet for events and car shows for the upcoming spring, summer and fall. As usual, he always finds something new and interesting for the club to do. He also presented a flyer showing an idea for the club banner design to be displayed at different car events. We had the privilege to have The Early Ford V-8 Club of America president and past president, Connie and Phil Hall at the meeting.

Rex Jaramillo introduced our guest, Bob Beck. Starting something different than we usually do, Rex has started to interview our guests and/or club members about how they became automotive enthusiasts. He got Bob to open up about his personal life and how he became a car nut as we all are, his work history of how he became an announcer and MC at different car functions. We also were told about the array of cars Bob has owned and that he still has his first car (It's a Plymouth-that made Ernie smile).

Ken Sapper got us to empty our wallets for the 50/50 and raffle, which helps the club support different functions and Ken Lehman again provided the items for the raffle.

As for me, I am the substitute note taker this month. I now relinquish this duty back to Joan Sapper.

Bill Greene

Encouraging words from our newest member, Scott Cramolini ~ ~ ~ ~

“Good morning Jim,

I wanted to share with you the accolades regarding the Valley V8s and our recent meeting ... that I shared with our National president. You guys really make people feel welcome.

April 17, 2024 at 09:13:52 PDT

To: Phill & Connie Hall

Subject: A few comments

Connie (Madame President),

Great Valley V8 meet last Saturday! I'm glad you and phill could make it. It's my first one in years. That group is still plugging along strong. Lots of sincere friendships and camaraderie made for a pleasant experience for sure. I had to abandon my membership about 5 years ago only because the distance for meetings and the cost of gas became cost prohibitive. However I missed those folks and their camaraderie, kindness and fun V8 activities. This last Saturday the meeting was so inspiring and everyone so welcoming, I rejoined with the membership director! I may not be able to make all the meetings or activities, but I will when I can.

Scotty”

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Thanks, Scott! Welcome to the Valley V8's Club!

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other outings.

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## CAR OF THE MONTH

### Al Mooney's 1939 Ford Deluxe 5 Window Coupe

We bought this car from DJ Monson's daughter after his death. He had put in a new motor and was planning to finish it. It had just under 43,000 miles but had been sitting so long. We had to tow it out of the garage with all 4 tires skidding. We tore it down back to the firewall and put in all new steering and brakes. The '39 Ford was called The Rum Runner. It has a really big trunk area and was able to outrun the police. It is a great little car and really runs well.

*Submitted by Al Mooney*



See more photos on our website [ValleyV8s.org](http://ValleyV8s.org)

*Shared by our club member Ralph Hubbard~~~~*

Thought the membership should know that our very own member, Ed Warnock, has been nominated for the prestigious Zenith Award with his freshly restored 32 Ford Deluxe Phaeton for the most outstanding restoration of the year out of annual attendance of 4,500 cars. This is the best of the best in the Antique Automobile Club of America which now has approximately 42,000 members. The AACA is the largest antique car club ins the world. Ed also won the AACA Ford Award 1932-1945, another very high achievement. On top of that, his 32 Phaeton won the Early Ford V8 Club's Dearborn Award in Dearborn, Michigan. Out of 1,000 points he had a perfect score!



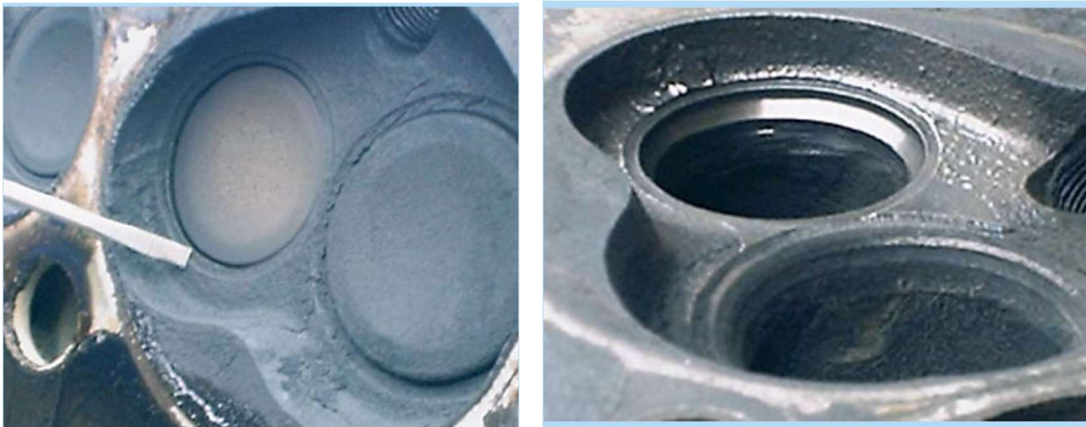


*More than 45 years ago I purchased a 1932 Ford phaeton from a Hemings ad in Atlanta, GA and I brought it home with boxes of parts in a rented box truck. The restoration was proceeding until early in the 1980's when life and career changes put the project on hold until about 2008. The restoration proceeded slowly by jerks until the car was completed in May 2023. I did a majority of the mechanical work engine, transmission, brakes running gear, etc. Mike McKennett & crew of Restorations and Reproductions in Portland, OR did all the stuff to make it pretty and Paul Reichlin of Seattle finished the top and interior. Early June 2023 I trailed the car to the Early Ford V8 Club's Grand National Meet in Dearborn, MI winning a First Dearborn. The weekend after the 4th of July the car got a First Junior at the AACA Central Spring Meet in Auburn, IN. The car spent the Summer in the number one spot at the Early Ford V8 Foundation Museum in Auburn, IN. I trailered the car to Hershey, PA in late September for the AACA Fall Meet where it received a Senior Award. Following that I trailered back to my home in Graden Valley, CA. It gets better - I flew to Chantilly, VA (Washington Dulles Airport) in early February to receive the AACA National Ford Award as the best of the 1932 to 1945 Fords shown at all AACA Meets during 2023. My 1932 Ford V8 Deluxe Phaeton was selected as one of the top eighteen vehicles out of nearly 2,500 judged vehicles shown at AACA Meets during 2023. I trailered the car to Charlotte Motor Speedway (Concord, NC) for the AACA Grand National Meet April 4, 2024 to be a Finalist for The Zenith Award (best of the best 17 showed). A very deserving 1908 Mitchell Model G was the winner. April 5th, the car received a Grand National First Place in its class and a Senior Preservation tab. April 6th, at the AACA Southeastern Spring Meet - another Senior Preservation tab. My return home put me in Central Indiana on April 8th and 3 minutes of "totality" of the recent Solar Eclipse. - Submitted by Ed Warnock*



## Gasoline and our old Fords

**Is 'Unleaded Fuel' OK to run in our old Fords?** Yes, not much of a choice, actually: unleaded is the only kind of fuel presently available. Leaded gasoline was phased out in 1996. Reason: It pollutes the air, causes health issues. Before unleaded gasoline, lead, or 'tetraethyl lead' was used: acted as a lubricant in the engine 'upper cylinder' area. It reduced 'pinging', detonation and knocking, added to engine performance. It also acted as a lubricant between the valves and the valve seats: prevented 'valve seat recession'. After the lead was removed from the fuel, it was discovered that the engine valves actually 'hammered' the valve seats down and caused the valves to 'sink'. A 'sunk' valve won't allow as much air in or out of the engine. The result: reduced performance. After leaded fuel disappeared, it became standard practice to install 'hardened' valve seats during an engine overhaul. This prevented valve seat recession.



**What will happen if my old engine doesn't have hardened valve seats?** Probably nothing: Unless the engine is subject to heavy loads as during frequent racing or towing, engines equipped with regular valve seats are usually OK with unleaded fuel.

**What will happen if I run 'regular', or 87 octane gas in my old Ford?** Nothing, as long as your mill isn't souped up with high compression heads. If it is, you'll need to drive it at light throttle all of the time while you have 87 or regular in the tank. Premium fuel has additives that prevent engine knocking or pinging under hard acceleration. So if they're hopped up, premium is what's recommended for our old Fords.



**What's the difference between 'Winter' vs. 'Summer' gasoline blends?** Certain fuel additives are used for winter or summer temperature specifics. Also Butane, or 'lighter fluid' is used! It helps in the fuel vaporization and combustion process. **'RVP', or Reid Vapor Pressure:** This is a measure of how quickly the evaporation process occurs in fuels. Proper 'vaporization' is an important part of the fuel burning or combustion process in our engines. During the cold winter months, fuels are formulated with a higher 'RVP', or Reid Vapor Pressure. How do the oil companies do it? By adding more butane to the fuel in winter: Makes it combust or 'explode' more readily. This allows our cars to start easier and run better in colder weather. However, in the warm summer months, this quicker evaporation could cause engine 'vapor-lock', also lead to increased exhaust emissions and the formation of smog.

**What happens to the gasoline in my tank over time?** It 'ages', goes bad: after 4 to 6 months, the gasoline begins to 'break down', loses its octane. The additives so important for proper combustion and clean burning begin to evaporate. The evaporation process causes the gasoline to form a sort of gum or 'tar' in the gas tank, not good. Also, the ethanol (alcohol) content in the gasoline absorbs water, so rusting is likely to occur in the steel gas tank and the steel fuel lines.



**Dark, cloudy appearance**



**Rusting gas tank**

**How can I tell if the gasoline in my tank is 'bad'?** If it's been in the tank for over 6 months, it's likely 'bad' unless you've used a preventative product like STA-BIL. Try to compare a sample of your old gasoline to new. The older gasoline will have a darker color and may be murky or cloudy. Also, it may smell like paint thinner vs. gasoline. **Can I restore old gasoline?** Yes: Kind of a hassle, but you can add a ratio of 3 gallons of new gas to 1 gallon of old gas. Then add a fuel stabilizer like 'Seafoam'. It's usually better to 'start afresh': drain the tank and take the old gasoline to a waste collection center.

**How do I prevent the gasoline from going bad?** Use STA-BIL fuel stabilizer. The manufacturer says it will extend the life of gasoline up to two years.



### Summary:

- Unleaded fuel is OK to run in our old Fords: that's all we can buy at this time.
- 87 octane regular gasoline is usually OK for our old Fords, unless they're souped up.
- Gasoline 'winter' blend vs. 'summer' blend: For the 'winter' blend, the oil companies increase the percentage of butane (lighter fluid) in the gasoline: helps the engine combustion process during winter.
- Gasoline starts going bad after 4 to 6 months.
- Use 'STA-BIL in your tank to prevent the gas from going bad.



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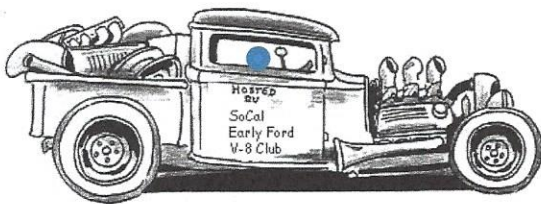


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| May | 1  | Leslie Nuccitelli |
| May | 2  | Patty Schneider   |
| May | 5  | Margaret Russell  |
| May | 25 | Clark Pomeroy     |
| May | 27 | Helen Baker       |
| May | 31 | Judy Shubb        |



Remembering Bobbie Searl when she did the Ladies Raffle.  
These were grown from the plant I won at one of those raffles.