



July 2024

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1946 Ford Tudor Sedan

Owner Joe DiFatta

July 3, 2024

Message from the Prez

Thanks to all who have already voted on when to have our future meetings. If you have not done so yet, please respond to the e-mail to what your preference is regarding the future meeting time, the first Tuesday of the month (the current) or the second Saturday morning. We will be contacting members that do not have e-mail. The board will then decide after the votes are in.

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Jerry Case on May 29th. Jerry was a multi-talented person that included being a pilot, a jazz guitarist and automobile restorer. Jerry served as head technical advisor for our club. A few of us members attended Jerry's memorial service last Saturday. We learned how Jerry started his musical career, played with various artists and then became a member of the famous group "Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys". Jerry moved to California in 1986 where he advanced his skills as a jazz guitarist as well as adding automobile body work to his already remarkable mechanical skills. He met Maxine, the love of his life, in 2019. The theme of love and high respect for Jerry came through by each speaker. Please reach out to Maxine with your comments and memories of Jerry.

Please keep remembering our other ailing members in your thoughts and prayers. Sandy Norris and Monty Goff. Wishing them both a speedy recovery.

A thank you to our past Presidents for speaking at the last meeting on what was happening on their individual watches. It was a good overview of the changing times that the club has already gone through. Thanks to Ernie for organizing the trip to the Regan Museum.

Car of the month. Car of the month for July is Joe DiFatta's 1946 Tudor Sedan. Joe purchased the car in 2002 from a family who was selling the car after the passing of the owner. Joe has kept the car mostly original. A Columbia rear end was added, installed by Jerry Case.

Next month's speaker. Greg Clark will be our speaker at the July meeting. He has raced IMSA cars at Willow Springs, played College football, and played in a rock band.

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

Jim Ellerbrock

Vote for your preferred Valley V8's Club meeting time

We have heard from many but would like to hear from more of you before we make any changes. Please look over the choices and let Jim or Howard know your preference. Contact info included at bottom of page.

Choose one of the following:

- 1) Meet on 2nd Saturday of the month 9 am-12 pm
(meeting starts at 10am)
- 2) Meet on 1st Tuesday of the month 6 pm – 9 pm
(meeting starts at 7pm)
- 3) Alternating months: Tuesday night and Saturday morning
- 4) No preference

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Valley V8 Club June 2024 Meeting Minutes

6/8/2024

President Jim Ellerbrock brought meeting to order with Pledge of Allegiance.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers: Sandy Norris, Monty Goff, Larry Caplan (Scott D. paid a visit to Larry and Jerry Jensen recently).

Guests: Phil Hall's grand-daughter Mikaela...welcome! Please come again.

This And That: Steve Boskovich was asked by National Club President Connie to be the SW National Director, and Steve agreed. Congratulations! Scott D. helped Al Mooney and other members with his new mobile vintage Ford repair service. He really enjoys this new business, but still needs something more permanent. VP Bill Greene left before meeting this morning but wants everyone to know the club needs a place to store the large collection of "V8 Times", the official magazine of the Early Ford V8 Club of America. Is it necessary to keep this collection when they will all be available in digital format? That is the question. Scott D. offered to post articles from various editions onto our Facebook page.

Our current Drivelines for the month of June features Harvey Jacobs' '51 Ford Convertible. Harvey relayed his story of a charity he went to back in the '80's and met a 102-year-old gentleman. Apparently, this elderly man's father was featured in the documentary titled, "Masters of the Air." The story is fascinating! Harvey encouraged everyone not to miss this. There is also a book of the same name.

Future meeting dates and times were discussed. Jim will circulate an email to all members to ask what the club wants to do. Options: 1) 2nd Sat mornings, 9am-12pm. 2) 1st Tuesday evenings, 7-9:30 pm. 3) Alternating between Tues eve and Sat am. 4) Don't care. Our July meeting plan will be announced. Be on the lookout!

Officer Reports – Secretary/Treasurer, Joanie Sapper, had no report. Membership/Directory, Howard Brown, reported the Roster and almost ready for 2nd proof. The final copy should be ready for print next week.

Phil Hall, husband of our National President Connie Hall who couldn't be with us, gave us a heads-up for the July/August V8 Times. There will be an International Section in this issue and a great article about a French Ford owner. His family has a Ford that has been in the family since 1936, it's still driving! A particular Ford club in Australia was down to 30 members. An ambitious new member joined the chapter and turned things around. He has attracted over 125 new members! Connie Hall sees many ways to help the declining membership of our organization here in the states. Phil wants our Regional Group 40 to know we have had more of our own members help as National Presidents and Directors than any other group in the whole country!

Tours – Ernie still working on a club banner and flyers to circulate advertising our club at local car shows and other events. Ernie listed many car shows happening in June all the way thru November.

Program with Jim (filling in for Rex) – “Meeting the Most Noteworthy V8ers in the Land” Interviewing more V8 Club members: All these Past Presidents Ernie Baily, Vasken Hagopian (not available), Steve Boskovich, Ken Sapper, and Stan Miller. They all had great memories to share.

Awards!

Car of the Month – Harvey Jacobs

Name Badge – Valerie Ellerbrock

50/50 Drawing – Rich Mottern

Ladies Raffle – Sue Boskovich and Valerie Ellerbrock (Thanks to Reen Jaramillo)

Raffle Table – another great variety by Steve Lehman

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Joanie Sapper

Edited by Val Ellerbrock

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Visit our website to see more photos of our club member's cars

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July Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for July will be Greg Clark. He has a very diversified and interesting background.

In his college days he played football as a Defensive End starting at College of the Canyons in Valencia, California from 1975-1976, then on to play at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado from 1977-1978. At the invitation of Carroll Hardy, the Denver Broncos Director of Player Personnel, he attended rookie mini camps in April and June 1979. He was invited back in 1980 but nearly died in a motorcycle accident.

He was a road racer with SCCA. He Raced Datsun/Nissan GT cars from 1986 to 1998. Switched to a Swift Sports 2000 in 1998 and ran that car until he retired from racing in 2003.

He is also an accomplished musician, playing bass guitar with his friends and their band around town.



Ronald Reagan Museum Tour

Well to start with we were to meet at the museum parking lot at 9:30 am. I decided to drive my 1955 Dodge Custom Royal because I finally got the A/C working good and would need it later, so I wanted to get there a little early but Scotty Cramolini was already there. He brought his beautiful 53 Ford Ranch Wagon. He said he had already seen the Star Wars exhibit and would not be going in and that he would remain outside with the cars and talk to the visitors and answer questions anyone might have. Vince Mack and Joe Bock showed up driving Vince's pretty Black 1964 Studebaker GT Hawk. Then Vic Timur and his wife and grandsons showed up. Then Rich Kimmel arrived driving his 1954 Studebaker. We all stood around talking and waiting for the museum to open at 10am. We then all made our way to the entrance with Scotty standing guard on the cars. Everyone went through the exhibit and the museum at their own pace. The Junkyard Cafe was well prepared and had a setting for about 25 people waiting for us. So Scotty and I had a great conversation. Scotty was the Tour Director for the Ventura V8 Club a number of years ago and we discussed a number of possible tour ideas. So all in all the tour was pretty good!

Joint V8 Club/Studebaker Club tour June 23, 2024

Submitted by Ernie Bailly

Edited by Val Ellerbrock



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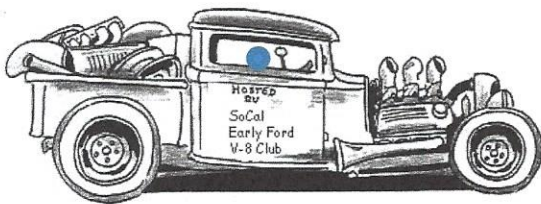
Swap Meet

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Saturday, August 24, 2024

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I know we were all saddened to hear the news of the passing of Jerry Case, A Valley V8's member since 1991. At his memorial service we got to learn so much about his remarkable life, a life filled with so many talents but also one of humility. As family and friends got up to share a memory, even those who knew him best were learning new things about him. He was a man of few words but many talents as you can see in the attached life story on the next page.

I'm sure we all have a special memory of Jerry. Mine is from our yearend Holiday Brunch when he would play his guitar for us. I am especially fond of the memory of when he played his guitar and Al Mooney sang for us. What a treat that was!

It is such a shame that we often don't get to really know a person until they are gone. I am so happy that Rex Jaramillo and Jim Ellerbrock are taking time to help us learn more about our members with their recent Q & A's.



Jerry Case



JERRY CASE (1943 - 2024)



Jerry Case, a prominent jazz guitarist and automobile restorer on the Los Angeles scene, passed away at the age of 80 on May 29, 2024 from multiple health issues, including recent complications from radiation treatments for cancer of the esophagus.

He was born Gerald Wayne Case on November 24, 1943 in Washington D.C. His parents, J.C. & Floy Case, were "transplanted" Texans serving our country during World War II and they returned to their native state near the war's end. Both parents were musical and during the 1950's Jerry and his younger brother were child performers on stage shows in Paris, Texas and other regional towns. Jerry's professional career began in 1963 as lead guitarist for Liberty recording artist Joe Carson. Some two years later he was touring with the famous Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys.

In the 1970's Jerry divided his time in the Fort Worth/Dallas area gigging every night and enjoying his favorite daytime hobby flying his private Cessna "tail-dragger" airplane. He also supplemented his remarkable mechanical skills with learning how to do body work on automobiles and Jerry eventually became a master mechanic for classic cars in the Los Angeles area.

After his move to L.A. in 1986 Jerry met guitarist Jimmy Wyble, another former Texas Playboy. Their shared interest in jazz had led both guitarists into that arena. They would become and remain close friends. Jerry was much loved by many people from all walks of life, of all ages and cultural backgrounds. One of his Fort Worth friends said "Jerry seemed to draw out the kindness in other people".

In 2019 Jerry met Maxine Ostrian who would become the love of his life. In addition to Maxine, Jerry is survived by his brother Johnny and sister-in-law Kitty Case (both of Fort Worth, Texas) and granddaughter Michelle Stanley (also of Texas). Jerry left a musical legacy on recordings by Bob Wills, Maurice Anderson, Bill Swift, plus 1970's jazz albums with his brother and several CDs recorded in Los Angeles with various West Coast jazz artists.

Donations may be made to:
Local 47, Musician's Relief Fund, 3220 Winona Ave., Burbank, CA 91504
In memory of Jerry Case



"Break the chains of your thought and you break the chains of your body too."



--Richard Bach
from "Jonathan Livingstone Seagull"

Valley V8 Birthdays

July	2	Ruby Greene
July	10	Ed Iskenderian
July	12	Art Rybin
July	15	Stan Miller
July	17	Geard Buck
July	23	Steve Boskovich
July	25	Larry Ofria

Our July 2024 meeting will be
on SATURDAY July 13th
at Lulu's in Van Nuys. Breakfast at
9AM and the meeting will start at 10AM.