



May 2025

# ***DRIVE LINES***



## ***CAR OF THE MONTH***

1950 Ford F-1 Pickup

Owner Steve Boskovich

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** from Rex Jaramillo



**Hello Valley V-8's Club members —**

**Welcome** to another Drive Lines Newsletter. Our Club Meetings are packed with newsy information about members and what makes them 'tick'. And we have an amazing assemblage of individuals who own some fabulous FoMoCo's and have a strong Ford background. Last months' feature on the Ralph Hubbard Mercury was a good example of same: Ralph has that magnificent Merc along with other vintage Fords, and an even more amazing background with early Fords. We're a Ford Club, so stay tuned, you and your Ford may be next!

**Some sad news:** Our friend and 'fellow' club member Sandy Norris has left us for a better place. She passed to the other side peacefully in the early morning hours of Monday April 28. Sandy is best remembered for her love of the 'shoebox', nickname for the '49 to '51 era Fords. At our next Club meeting in May we'll have a time to honor her. And there's a shoebox in the sky right now that's being piloted by an angel, rumbling down those 'streets of gold'.

**Interesting Club Members:** In our Group, we have a wealth of members with interesting backgrounds. Honors for the most interesting V-8'er in the Land for our April Meeting went to Al Mooney, Jr. and Lynn Carter. Al provided a very interesting and insightful background, including his involvement working on cars from the Mooney stable. And Lynn Carter has a unique vintage Ford background including ownership of one fine F1 Ford pickup! Thanks, Al & Lynn, for sharing.

**Our next months' meeting** is coming up: Saturday May 10 at Lulu's. Come rub elbows with your friends and people of like interests. Please remember to invite friends to our Meeting: a good time for all is 'guaranteed'! And we'll be honoring our dear friend Sandy Norris.

See you all soon.

-Rex J.

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### **San Fernando Valley V8 Ford Club Minutes 4/12/25**

Meeting opened by President Rex Jaramillo with Pledge of Allegiance. It was great to have Blake Wilcox in attendance. He asked for continued thoughts and prayers for Sandy Norris. VP Bill Greene mentioned that Monty Goff is still recuperating at a care center in El Cajon. Stan Miller was able to make an appearance at Earl's Donuts last week.

## Minutes cont'd

**TOURS** – In Ernie's absence, Rex reported Ernie may have plans for an April 26 tour. Also, on April 26 there is a LAPD car show. Flyers were available.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS** – Secretary/Treasurer, Joanie, reported that if your dues were not paid as of end of March, you won't be included in 2025 Roster. The new Rosters should be available at the May meeting! Drivelines Editor, Valerie: your article about Ralph Hubbard's Car of the Month was excellent! Valerie would like anyone in the club to submit their own entries to her for future issues. Thanks also for Scott Cramolini's article on The Green Book. Most interesting! More information on Calif. Senate Bill 712. This was mentioned in last month's issue. Jay Leno is involved in helping this measure to pass which would change the year of cars not requiring smog certification to cars 35 years old and older.

## **BREAK**

Rex continues with interviewing various members. What makes this even more interesting is Rex asking a member to "do" the interview. John Fredricks interviewed Al Mooney, Jr.! Here are just a few items we learned about Al, Jr.:

Al grew up here in the Valley. His first driving experience was on a John Deere tractor. He took his driving test on a BSA Motorcycle. First car owned was a 1958 Simpca. His Dad is the biggest influence on being a "car guy". His favorite car is the 1962 Impala Convertible.

Next interview was conducted by Rich Carter. He chose his wife, Lynn, to interview. She grew up in South Illinois. Started driving at the age of 12 in a 1956 Chevy with a clutch! Apparently, it was in an emergency to take her father to the hospital as he was having a heart attack, and she was the only one there to help.



### Minutes cont'd

Her first car was a Thunderbird with a real big engine. Her biggest influence to be a "car girl" was her husband! She would help him work on cars. She dropped a brake drum on her sandaled foot. Ouch! Her favorite car now is her 1949 F1 truck.

### **AWARDS PRESENTED:**

Name Badge: Al Mooney, Sr.

Ladies' Raffle: Reenie Jaramillo and Joanie Sapper

50/50: Steve Boskovich

Steve's Raffle Table – many excited winners!

In closing our April meeting, Rex announced that our program for May will be Jim Ellerbrock and Howard Brown relating all their experiences working at the Mecum Auction held in Glendale, AZ, March 18-22, 2025.

The meeting ended at 11:15 am.

*Submitted by Joanie Sapper*



*Knowing Reenie  
Jaramillo's love of  
flamingos, Joyce  
Mooney surprised her  
with this fun gift.*

## CAR OF THE MONTH

About 25 years ago I saw an ad in Hemmings for my 1950 Ford F-1 pickup. It was located in South Carolina. The truck was a bright canary yellow and was listed as "in perfect shape." After agreeing to purchase my "perfect truck", Joe DiFatta and I flew to South Carolina and planned a road trip home in the truck. Little did we know that our well-laid plans were not to be!

After breaking down in Alabama, being rescued by friends in Georgia, flying home and having the truck trailered home, work on the truck began. I installed a 350 high performance engine, front disc brakes with power -assist, power steering and air conditioning.

After that, the real fun began. I took the truck to a shop to be painted. This paint job took over five years to complete. It was a full body off paint job that got sidelined by covid, personal problems with the painter and other delays. I lost my phone contact with the painter and thought for a while that I would never see my truck again. I was ready to consider the truck a loss when one day the painter called and said he was resuming work on the paint job. Work progressed from that point on and I went to see the truck getting worked on several times after that. I feel very fortunate to have the truck after all that has happened.

Since then, I have added a little pinstriping as a finishing touch.

*Submitted by Steve Boskovich*



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# Valley V8's "Roadside Americana"

By Scotty Cramolini

May 2025

Since we all drive vintage V8 Fords (and other makes) that were once familiar with the Sunday drive, road trips, unique simple eateries, Drive-Ins, Motels and eclectic roadside architecture, I thought I'd highlight some of those memories with a "once a month" bit of nostalgic trivia in our newsletter for 2025. This is the 7th in a series of that fun and simple era of "Roadside Americana" that we all had the privilege of growing up in, and sadly, which has long passed away.



## AMERICAS MAIN STREET ROUTE 66

Even though it was not the first cross-country route (that distinction would go to The Lincoln Highway - Route 14; created in 1913) Route 66 was - and is - famously known around the world as The Mother Road; officially commissioned on November 11, 1926.



Route 66 provided a meandering but direct route from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California while at the same time connecting the main streets of urban and rural towns within 8 states and covering 2,448 miles. Interestingly, only 800 of those miles were paved at the road's inception.

The entire route would not be completely paved for 11 more years.

Route 66 is without question most memorable and famously depicted in two eras: 1) as the path for 1930s Depression-era dustbowl victims heading west to begin new lives; the aftermath of their crops and homes destroyed by relentless dust storms and drought in the midwest states; and 2) as a main artery for vacationing families to “see America” in the late 40's to mid 60's.

The quaint and often quirky roadside cafes, motels, gas stations, attractions and architecture is what made the “The Mother Road” experience so fun and unique. Each town, county and state proudly commercialized and highlighted its region's cultural and geographic features (eg: the Indian country of Oklahoma and Arizona, the cowboy culture of Texas, the beach life of SoCal).

Inevitably, with the Interstate Commerce Act of 1956 (massive construction of freeways - mainly developed for military use) and desire for straighter, faster and more direct routes, Route 66 began to take a “back seat” to I-40 and other freeways (best depicted in the Pixar movie “Cars”).

Route 66 was officially decommissioned in 1984

# 12th Annual So-Cal Early Ford V-8 Club Inter-Regional

*Giant...  
Collector Car*

# Swap Meet

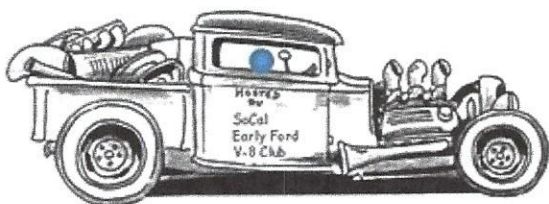
*Lots of Ford  
Flathead Stuff*



## Saturday, August 9, 2025

The only place that you're going to find Early Ford stuff  
is at a swap meet like this - put on by Early Ford V-8 Club Folks  
Car & Truck Parts - Accessories - Tools - Literature, Books & much more

## 7212 Melrose Ave, Buena Park



*The Early Pickers  
Get the Best Deals*

•BUY •SELL  
•SWAP

All Makes & Models

### At the Elks Club Lodge

EFV8 SWAP MEET LOCATION  
Elks Lodge - Buena Park  
7212 Melrose Ave.



Dealer  
Set-up  
7:00 AM

Open to  
the Public  
8:00 AM

Spaces \$25.00 each - Admission \$2.00 per adult at the gate

## CALL FOR RESERVATIONS

Call Tom McLaughlin Ph. 714 998-4528  
or Gary Zimmerman Ph. 714 726-8384

## coffee and donuts will be on sale

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# Valley V8 Birthdays

May	1	Leslie Nuccitelli
May	2	Patty Schneider
May	5	Margaret Russell
May	5	Mike Mansour
May	15	John Fredricks
May	17	Sue Boskovich
May	26	Craig Lapair



Our next meeting will be on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at Lulu's in Van Nuys. Meeting starts at 10:00 AM. Come early and enjoy breakfast beforehand.

We will also be remembering our longtime and dear club member, Sandy Norris, who passed April 28<sup>th</sup> after a hard fought battle with cancer.

