



Chapter #40

June 2025

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1951 Ford Custom Tudor Sedan

Owner Joe and Leslie Nuccitelli

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: from Rex Jaramillo



Hello Valley V-8's Club members —

Greetings, and welcome to another Drive Lines Newsletter. Here we are, into the month of June: arguably the busiest month of the car-show season, never any shortage of same, for sure! And a great opportunity for us to recruit: A friendly greeting and hand out one of our V-8 club business cards, could generate interest in joining us, you never know! Think of what we have to offer: a great group of interesting people who own unique cars. Our hobby and keen interest in all things old Fords has a way of spreading to others for sure!

Our May meeting was in honor of Sandy Norris. As a group, we shared memories and stories about Sandy: An interesting woman, mom, and car gal, one-of-a-kind she was! Then as a finale, Reenie Jaramillo and Blake Wilcox shared more stories about our amazing friend. In summary, it was a time filled with pensive thoughts, interesting history, laughter, and the joy of celebrating an amazing life lived to the fullest.

Sandy's Memorial: Last Saturday May 24, Sandy's daughter JoAnn, with help from family and others, put on a Celebration for their Mom, Sandy. And what an amazing time it was: Sandy's daughters know how to throw a party for sure! And there were some V-8-Club members who were there to help us celebrate the life of a most interesting person. Members of our club and countless others were present, sharing stories and memories of our dear friend. Indeed, Sandy was a good example of a life lived the right way and to the fullest.

Next Meeting: Saturday June 14: 9 am breakfast, 10 am Meeting starts -- Lulu's Restaurant in Van Nuys. Street names: Have you ever been driving down a street, maybe with an unusual name, and wondered how that street-name came to be: well, our guest speaker for June's meeting is a street-name historian: He'll be sharing information and history about some of the streets we drive daily: we'll be learning some very interesting local history. So come, bring a friend, and be prepared for an amazing time!

Suggestions? Please email or call me or one of the Board members if you have a suggestion for making our Club even better!

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Valley V8s general meeting minutes, May 10, 2025

Submitted by Scott Doudrick for Joanie Sapper

The meeting began at 10:02am

Guests

Glenn Bilher was a guest and potential new member. He brought his '35 Ford daily driver which he bought at 14 years old. It did not run but now has 95 Camaro LT1 Power. The frame has been replaced, and a Mustang 2 front suspension and Ford 9 inch rear end have been installed. It has been cross country 4 times in the last 5 years and up Pikes Peak 4 times!

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Announcements

Sandy Norris passed about a week ago but Blake was present to help us remember her.

Dick Stones passed away.

Dave Dwyhalo, a former member, passed last year and his cars are being sold. See Scott Doudrick for car details.

Scott Doudrick updated everyone on his burnt house and cars.

Val said "no update" for Drive Lines and Ms. Sunshine.

Howard is gone but Club Directories are being printed now. See Val for printed directory.

Ernie said that tours were disrupted by the fires, but things are in the works.

Scotty Cramolini was thanked for his Route 66 history story in Drive Lines.

SB (Senate Bill) 712 or Leno's law passed its subcommittee in the state legislature. A decision was deferred because of the fiscal impact of moving smog exemptions from the current '76 and earlier to '90 and earlier vehicles.

(Minutes continued...)

Membership badge drawing - Joe won

Remembrance for Sandy Norris

Blake led the talk. Reenie showed off the embroidery she had done on her Tromper's Jacket. It has Don Zabel, Rick Chew, Sandy Norris' names on the back. Blake says Sandy may have been the last of the Bob's car hops. Blake and Sandy were together for 18 years! She was given up by her birthmother for adoption and grew up in the Montrose area not knowing her birth family. She had a '49 Ford built by Joe, her late husband who was also a member of the Valley V8s. He was going to build a '51 convertible when he passed away so friends finished it for them. After decades of not knowing them, she met her long lost brothers in Chicago. She used to do the Fudrucker's car show on her own. A celebration of life will be held on May 24 at her house and she will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn. Announcements will be made.

Blake is setting up his new home in a 55+ apartment. Wish him luck!

Parts are available from Sandy's garage: '51 Ford steering wheel, '51 ford dash grille. There are also generators, starters, carburetors. a '59AB block, hood, rear axles, and '56 Oldsmobile hubcaps available. Call 818-248-3640. Ask for Nancy.

Raffles

Ladies raffle - Sue and Karen
50/50 - \$25. Sue again!
Regular raffle - lots of winners

Wrapup

Next Month's speaker will tell us how streets in the Valley were named.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am,
The regular break was held after the meeting due to time constraints.

Joe Nuccitelli's '51 Ford

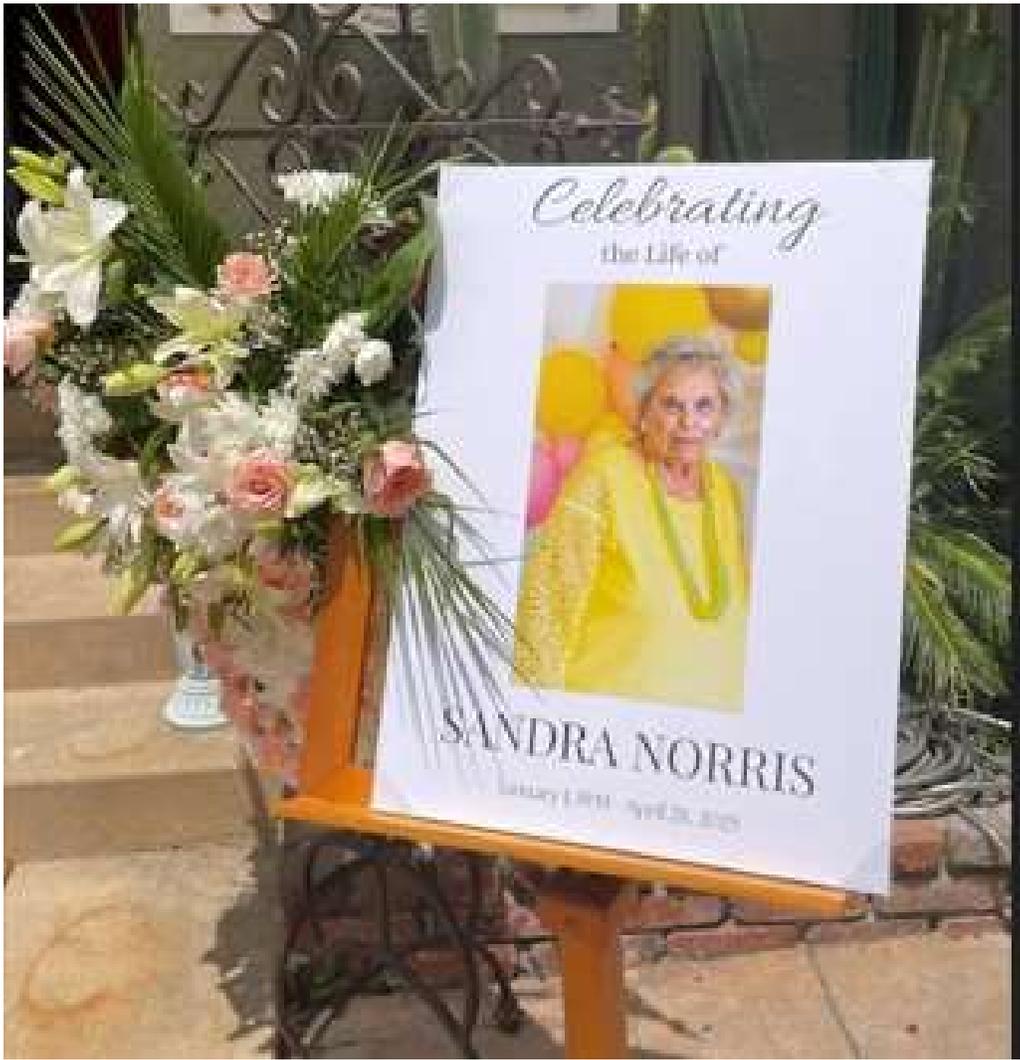
I purchased this '51 Ford about 30 years ago because my first car was a '51 Ford. The person I purchased the car from said it overheated and said he was done with it. I realized he was right because on my way home the car overheated.

I have had the car running for about 17 years. It has a Merc-crank-heads-cam and Petronix ignition. It is lowered some (too much) and still a 3-speed overdrive car. Leslie and I enjoy it when we have the time to go to local events.

Last year at the Road Kings show, just as we were about to leave, this guy walked up and said that Robert Mitchum was looking for the car. It was Jay Leno. He was referring to the movie classic Thunder Road. He asked what was under the hood and I opened the hood and he said "Oh, it is old school."







IN MEMORY OF JOE NORRIS
PEACHY
OWNER SANDY NORRIS
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1890 CHERRY HAWK METERS, EXHAUST PIPES, RUN TUBE MEMBER
COMPLETE 1950'S CUSTOM



Valley V8's "Roadside Americana"
By Scotty Cramolini
June 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 8th 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.



STATION WAGONS & SURF CULTURE

♪♪ "I bought a '30 Ford wagon and they call it a woodie..."

Surf City here we come" ♪♪

"Surf City" by Jan and Dean - Billboard #1, July 1963

Roadside Americana continued.....

With surfboards emerging on the California coastline in the mid 1920s, the few surfers needed a way to haul their huge and heavy redwood (and later balsa) boards to the beach. Aging Ford Model T's and other vehicles throughout the 1940s served the purpose.

Surfing exploded in popularity all over the world in 1958 with the propagation of Hobie "factory produced" foam surfboards (and later other makes), release of the film "Gidget" in 1959 and subsequent "Beach Boys style" of surf music, in the nascent 60s; extolling the California beach and surf lifestyle.

Former wooden and early steel bodied station wagons of the 1930s - early '50s that had served the upper echelon of suburban neighborhoods and estates were now worn out relics of a bygone era. However in the late 1950s and '60s these now inexpensive "beaters" were perfect to transport a surfer, his buddies (or girlfriend) and their 9'6"+ boards to the closest surf break or on an extended "surfin' safari".

"Woodies" and vintage station wagons were a "badge of honor" amongst surfers, and thus have become the iconic vehicle of the culture, in addition to a collector niche of their own.



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Lots of Ford
Flathead Stuff

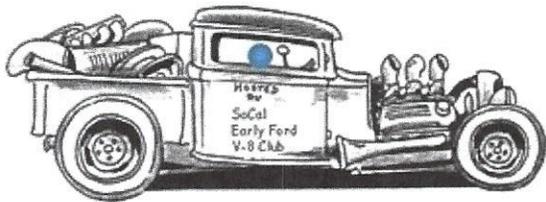


Saturday, August 9, 2025



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



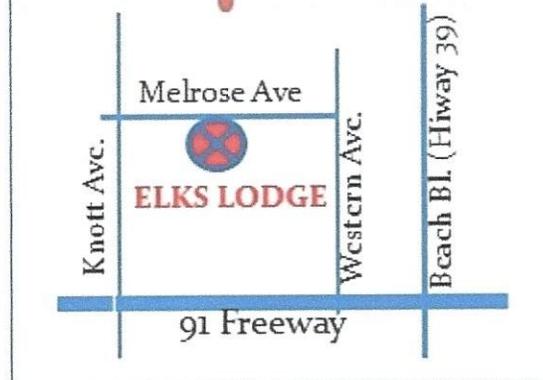
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8:00 AM

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Valley V8 Birthdays

June	3	Chuck Schneider
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June	3	Vasken Hagopian
June	7	Rex Jaramillo
June	9	John Kemmerer
June	20	Larry Anthony
June	28	Scott Doudrick



Our next meeting will be on Saturday
June 14th at Lulu's in Van Nuys
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM
Come early and enjoy breakfast before