



August 2025

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1947 Ford Sedan Coupe

Owner Richard Mottern

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: from Rex Jaramillo



Hello Valley V-8's Club members —

Greetings, and welcome to another Drive Lines Newsletter: thank you Val Ellerbrock for handling our Newsletter, well done!

We had a most excellent meeting last month, July: Jim Ellerbrock and Howard Brown captivated us with their stories of driving/staging cars at the Mecum Auto Auction in Arizona. When those cars go up on stage, the TV-watching-public (like most of us) often think they're perfect, all running just fine, steering, and stopping a-OK: but not so according to our reporters Jim and Howard: buyer-beware, as the old saying goes. Great presentation, fellows, thanks for sharing with us about those mostly fun and smooth-running but once in awhile, those tense and pressure-filled moments!

Club Cruises and tours: Our Club Tour Coordinator Ernie Baily has been 'burning midnight oil', checking out different potential Cruise and Tour possibilities. He'll give us a report on some of his latest findings at our next meeting. Thanks, Ernie!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next Club meeting on Saturday August 9 at Lulu's 'Restaurant & Sports Bar' in Van Nuys. We have a most excellent venue for our August meeting: None other than our very own Ralph Hubbard, who is one of our Club technical advisors, and his friend Tim Krehbiel. Tim is an architect by education and background. But his connection with old Fords is huge: he was manager of the restoration department for the famous Nick Alexander Woody collection. Ralph and Tim will be talking about their adventure-filled trip in year 2023. They drove cross-country in Ralph's '38 Ford to the Early Ford V-8 Club Grand National Meet in Dearborn. This promises to be an 'edge-of-your-seat' meeting with some amazing stories. So come enjoy a most excellent breakfast, and hang out with all of your Club friends for a good time. If you know of any members who haven't joined us in a while, give them a call. Or if they're unable, let them know we miss them and they're in our thoughts. For our Club meetings: there's something for everyone, never a dull moment for sure!

See you all soon.

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Our Annual Summer BBQ is coming up next month on September 20th at Vic & Andrea Timar's home.

See the flyer in this issue for details.

And get ready. It's time for the club's annual fundraising auction to be held at both September and October meetings.

San Fernando Valley V8 Ford Club Minutes July 12, 2025

Meeting was opened by President Rex Jaramillo with Pledge of Allegiance led by Rex's visiting friend Phil Smith, USAF veteran. Guests welcomed were Phil and Linda Smith from Phoenix, friends and fellow service man stationed in Italy with Rex. Rich Kimmel, member of Studebaker club and friend of Ernie and Howard. Val Ellerbrock's high school friend Debbie Christensen.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS – Update on Monty Goff who has left the rehab facility. However, he is back in Oceanside for therapy in getting used to his recent surgery. Bill Greene commends him for his strong spirit.

TOURS – Ernie announced the Woody's on the Beach show, *July 26*. He had available a flyer describing a driving tour to show with instructions. *Today* is National Collector's Car Appreciation Day, being held in Camarillo. Save the date of *August 17th* for the Wings Over Camarillo! Entry information is on the website www.wingsovercamarillo.com. The show includes both vintage planes and cars. The planes put on an excellent air show. This year's event honors the many wildfire responders.

TREASURER REPORT – Joanie Sapper shared that the Raffles income for first 6 months of year offsets cost of raffle items.

ROSTERS – Still available for pickup today. Members that cannot attend will be mailed their copy. Also passed out was a sheet of labels of those that were mistakenly left out of Roster. Please be sure to pick up this sheet to stick these labels to back of roster on the empty pages. We apologize for the oversight!

Ernie explained to the club that thankfully our host, Lulu's Restaurant, does not charge our club for the use of their meeting room. As a thank you to them, let us remember to support them and staff by purchasing from their menu.

PROGRAM – Howard Brown and Jim Ellerbrock reported on the process of being a DRIVER for the MECUM car auction. They were able to work the shows in Las Vegas in prior years and Phoenix earlier this year. One piece of advice to buyers, because cars are pushed onto and off the sale platform and the motors are not turned on, it is Buyer Beware. Buyers should always ask questions backstage before bidding. Some of these cars are not in running condition!

WINNERS –

Name Tag Drawing – Valerie Ellerbrock

Ladies Raffle – Sue Boskovich and Valerie

50/50 – Steve Boskovich

Raffle Table – many winners thanks to Steve Lehman's hard work

Meeting was ended by 11:15 am by President Rex

submitted by Joanie Sapper - edited by Val Ellerbrock

Car of the Month

Richard Mottern's 1947 Ford Sedan Coupe

I bought my 1947 Ford-5 window coupe in 1991. It was acquired from a man in the Hollywood hills near Marshall High School. He had to give up the car due to a painful knee or hip that bothered him when he used the clutch. He had bought the car from a lady in Oakland. At the time she loaned it to the Movieland Wax Museum in Buena Park. The museum wanted to use it in one of their displays. The car was black but they painted it red. (I'm sure with the lady's permission.) When she got the car back, she had it painted the original black color.

In the 34 years that I have had it, I have kept it running thanks to Jerry Case and now Scott Doudrick. I did buy a new set of white wall tires and I repainted (in blue) the word FORD on each hubcap. Anything else that was blue got a "touch up".

This was my second Ford, the first one being a 1951. I kept that car for 2 years. In 1976 I bought my first old car and kept it until 1989. It was a 1948 Chrysler New Yorker. It was black with 4 doors. When the kids I taught at my elementary school saw the car, they called it my "Gangster Car". My mechanic told me it would be easier to get parts (and less expensive, too) if I changed from the Chrysler to either a Chevy or a Ford. I have never been sorry I chose FORD.

Submitted by Richard Mottern, Valley V8 member since 1989





Valley V8's Annual Summer BBQ

4 pm Saturday September 20th

At the home of Vic and Andrea Timar

13877 Polk St., Sylmar

Pot Luck - There will be a signup sheet for Side Dishes and Desserts. Vic and Andrea will have hamburgers and toppings. Bring your own drinks! Vic will have a large ice chest. (Water will be provided)

Help Requested - Sign up sheets will be circulated at August meeting or call Vic if can't be at August meeting. Parking is available at either of the 2 church parking lots close to his home.

RSVP to Timars requested!

(805) 890-2419





Valley VS's Annual Club Auction

Saturday September 13

Saturday October 11

Bring your new and gently used items to sell.

Car parts, books, baked goods, and other items.

Funds received from the auction benefit the club throughout the year, especially the yearly Summer BBQ and December Holiday Brunch.

So please be generous.



Valley V8's "Roadside Americana"

By Scotty Cramolini
August 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 9th 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.



THE DRIVE-IN MOVIE SPEAKER

**The Drive-In outdoor movie theater was a new and innovative concept in 1933. The first Drive-in opened in New Jersey that year. California's first was in 1934...
The Pico Drive-In, Los Angeles.**

Projection of a movie on the outdoor screen had been easily solved. However, providing proper sound to the movie goer was unsuccessful for a variety of reasons: Loud and clumsy speaker boxes impacted nearby neighborhoods and, they were impractical during inclement weather.

It wasn't until 1941 when RCA developed the technology for individual drive in speaker boxes (such as this example). However, this revolutionary type of speaker would not go into use until after WW2.

Each patron would have access to an individual speaker (with its own sound control knob) attached to a pole between two cars. The speaker would then be placed inside the car on the top edge of the front or back window. The only drawback was forgetful moviegoers at the conclusion of a film...driving off and forgetting to place the attached speaker back on the pole... ouch!

Speaker boxes such as this model became obsolete in the 1980s when the local AM or FM station could be tuned in and the sound pumped through the automobile's internal speakers.

At its peak in 1958, there were over 4,000 Drive-In movie theaters in operation across the US.

Less than 321 Drive-Ins exist today.



Happy Anniversary!

All three Valley V8 couples wed on August 2nd



Stan and Marie Miller - August 2, 1969

Rex and Reenie Jaramillo - August 2, 1969

Jim and Val Ellerbrock - August 2, 1980

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

Giant...
Collector Car

Swap Meet

Lots of Ford
Flathead Stuff

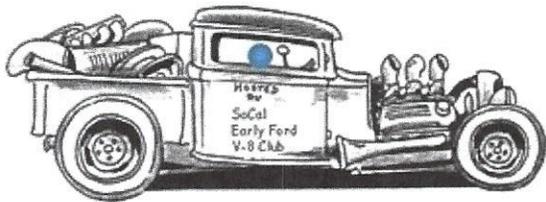


Saturday, August 9, 2025



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



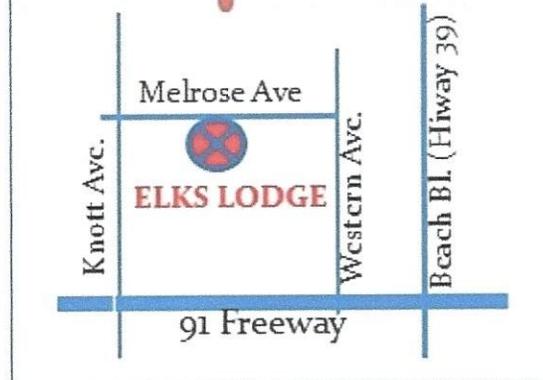
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Elks Lodge - Buena Park
7212 Melrose Ave.



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7:00 AM

Open to
the Public
8:00 AM

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Valley V8 Birthdays

August	1	Anie Mansour
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August	3	Carole Jensen
August	3	Mike Quiroga
August	5	Pamela Buck
August	8	Diane Stones
August	10	Chis Haynes
August	12	Michael Ewing
August	13	Steve Batesole
August	17	Carlos Wilhelm
August	22	Karen Lehman
August	25	Larry Pearson



**Our next meeting will be on Saturday
August 9th at Lulu's Restaurant
16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91406
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM
Come early and enjoy breakfast before**