



September 2025

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1936 Ford 3 Window Coupe
Owners Dan & Kathy Nikolai

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: from Rex Jaramillo



Hello Valley V-8's Club members —

Greetings, and welcome to another Drive Lines Newsletter. Despite the vacation season and all the car shows, we had good attendance for last months' meeting: it's always good to see everyone. Our common denominator is early V-8 Fords, however our Club is about people and our friendships. And that includes you: thanks for coming out.

The guest speakers for our August Club meeting were Ralph Hubbard and his friend Tim Krehbiel. The duo gave us a most excellent overview about their amazing cross-country trip in Ralph's '38 Ford sedan. In year 2023, they piloted that Ford all the way from So Cal to the Early Ford V-8 Club Grand National Meet in Dearborn, MI. What an amazing time they had on that adventure: they even had the Ford on display at our meeting, complete with bug spatters from the trip: an amazing presentation!

Our next Club Meeting -- Saturday September 20: Yes, it's that time of year again: Our annual summer Club barbecue! We'll be meeting again at Vic and Andrea's home in Sylmar. They have an amazing back yard with shaded seating, a most excellent setting for our iconic event. You'll see more information in the flier, contained in this Newsletter. We'll see you all there for a most excellent time of food and fellowship.

Important Club Saturday meeting day change: We presently meet at Lulu's restaurant on the 2nd Saturday of the month: However, there's a Radio Club that meets just before our V-8 Club meets. The tight timing between the two Club meetings makes it difficult for our V-8 Club to transition from breakfast to meeting. ***Starting in October, we will move our V-8 Club meetings from the 2nd Saturday of the month to the 4th Saturday morning.*** This will remove the pressure of having breakfast in one part of the restaurant and meeting in another part. We'll be sending reminders about this change. Thanks for the idea: You suggest, we listen, cheers!

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PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SEPTEMBER V-8 CLUB MEETING AT LULU'S RESTAURANT

Instead, please join us at our Annual Summer BBQ 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 October and November meetings.

Minutes for the August 9, 2025 General Meeting of the San Fernando Valley V8s,
Chapter 40 of the Early Ford V8 Club of America
Submitted By Scott Doudrick on Behalf of Joan Sapper

The meeting convened at 10:06 AM

There were some issues accessing the meeting room. Changes to meeting dates and times are being considered to remedy the issues. **Please note that one such change is that there WILL NOT be a general meeting in September.**

The Pledge was led by one of our guest speakers and member, Ralph Hubbard.

Announcements - Rex:

- Joanie and Kenny are in Big Bear, Val and Jim taking care of 50/50!
- Directories had omission of names. Howard has stickers to add missing names
- Auction will be **October and November** meetings.

Tours - Ernie

- Next tour is Wings over Camarillo on Sunday the 17th. Register on line, \$30. **MUST BE THERE BEFORE 9.**
- Car show in Simi, cops and cruisers. socialcarculture.com has flier.
- Lots of ideas for more tours.
- Joe suggests September 27th salute to firefighters. 9-4 at Warner Center.

Editor - Val. No report.

Membership - Howard.

- Has rosters and stickers if people need one
- Ok to get a spare copy
- Also has badges if people need them.

Name badge won by Ernie Baily

Question to group about a messed up VIN:

- 40 sedan with transferred VIN. VIN is already registered. Supposed to be able to go to CHP and get title with new idea.
- Ralph has a way that he discussed.

10 minute tire kicking break - be sure to look at the '38 in the parking lot. Steve's pickup is out as well. Back by 10:40 please. back at 10:45...

The Ladies Raffle was won by Karen Lehman and Maxine Ostrian

Bill reminds everyone that 50/50 really helps to subsidize holiday party. This year's party will be a bit more due to inflation but the board is working hard to keep the price down.

Speaker

- Ralph Hubbard talked about his 2023 Ford National meet drive with Tim Krehbiel (who has built maybe 100 engines and was Nick Alexander's restoration manager!). They drove a stock '38 Ford. It has a 239 truck motor which could have been ordered. '38 heads for higher compression. Fanless until speedway in Nebraska. 36B6HS NGK plugs work well.

Sandy Norris's daughters are trying to sell her shoebox Fords. Both cars are in good shape. Tony Wade built flathead in '49.

The 50/50 was won by Blake Wilcox

Regular raffle then Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

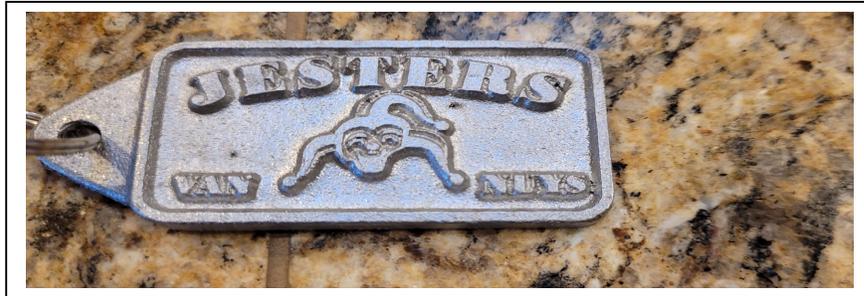
Took in \$75 for 50/50. \$10 was given for name badge, \$38 for 50/50 winner and Ralph Hubbard is paying Howard \$35 for his membership. Also Clark Pomeroy paid Howard cash for his dues.

Car of the Month

Dan & Kathy Nikolai's 1936 Ford 3 Window Coupe

(Brother and Sister-in law to Val Ellerbrock)

Kathy's dad, Dan Flynn, was a big fan of cars from this time. Back in his youth he was a member of the Van Nuys Jester's Car Club. The Jesters were a 1950's car club from Van Nuys, California, which played a significant role in the cruising scene on Van Nuys Boulevard. Along with other groups like the Hi Hats and Ambassadors, the Jesters held meetings at a Bob's Big Boy restaurant before joining the weekly cruise.



Wanting to surprise her dad with the ultimate gift to recapture that special time, Kathy set out to find the perfect car. She contacted the Volo Museum. Established in 1960 by the Grams family, the Volo Auto Museum is an automobile museum and collector car dealer in the Chicago suburb of Volo, Illinois. She had the good fortune to acquire this award winning 1936 Ford 3 Window Coupe.

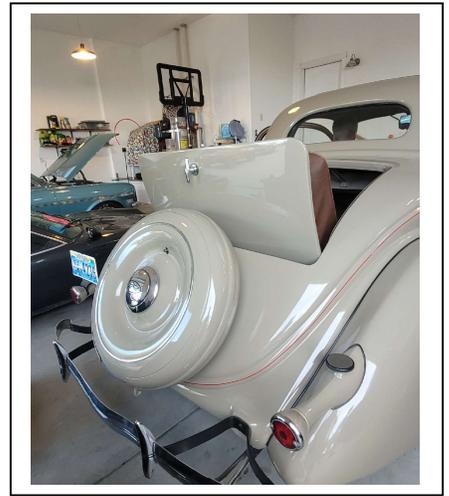
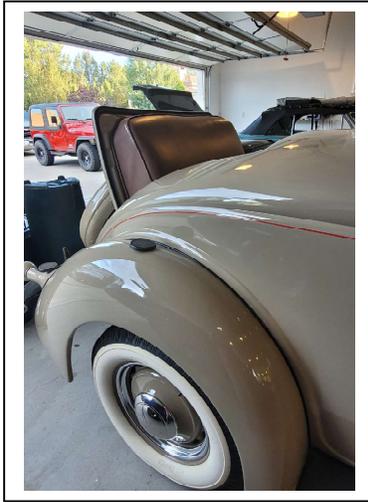
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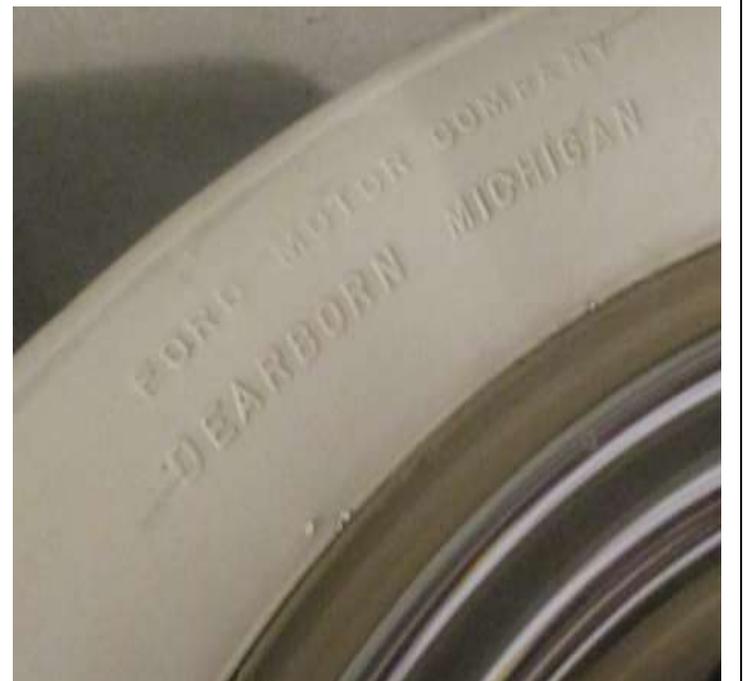
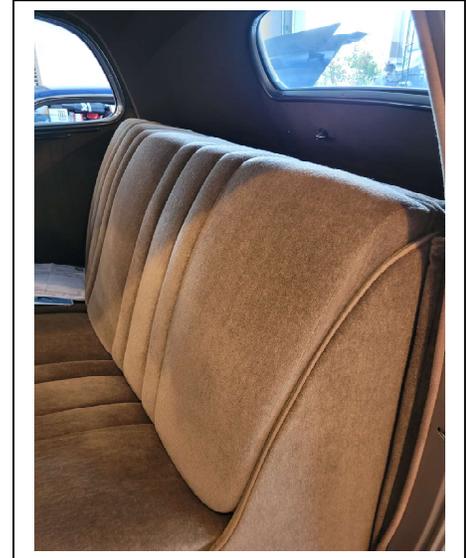
Correct to exact detail inside and out
Excellent paint, chrome, & interior
Mechanics are excellent, drives better than new.

Options and Accessories:

1 FORD SCRIPT WHITE WALL TIRES	1 TRIM RINGS
1 RUMBLE SEAT	1 BANJO STEERING WHEEL
1 BUMPER GUARDS	1 FULL GAUGES
1 FULL GAUGES	1 REAR SPARE AND COVER
1 REAR SPARE AND COVER	1 FORD SCRIPT HOSES
1 DUAL SIDE MIRRORS	1 DOG ORNAMENT
	1 ROLL DOWN REAR WINDOW



Though the markings on the tires pictured below would lead you to think these were manufactured by Ford, they were most likely from Firestone. Ford manufactured their own tires for a short time in the early 1920's but stopped in 1923. In September of 1936 Ford began building their own tire plant. They began tire production in January 1938. About a year after the start of WWII Ford ceased all their own tire production. Tires most often used between 1923 and 1938 were manufactured by Firestone. Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone were close personal friends and business associates.



Valley V8's Annual Summer BBQ

4 pm Saturday September 20th

At the home of Vic and Andrea Timar

13877 Polk St., Sylmar

RSVP ASAP (805) 890-2419

Please bring a side dish or dessert. Vic and Andrea will provide hamburgers and toppings. Bring your own sodas and beer. Vic will have a large ice chest.

Water will be provided.

If you can help with set up or clean up

please call or text Vic.

Parking is available at either of the 2 church parking lots close to his home.



Valley VS's Annual Club Auction

Saturday October 25

Saturday November 22

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 July "Woodies at the Beach" Tour Report

Well our tour started out OK! Only we had just 2 cars attend. I drove my 48 Plymouth and Vic & Andrea drove their 66 Fairlane Convertible. We also had Scotty Cramolini with his 53 Ford Woodie meet us at the show. When we arrived at the Show site, we found out the show was being run as a National Woodie Club Event and they made no provisions for Non-woodie vehicles, so we had to park in the parking structure with the modern cars. Needless to say we were disappointed! However the show was well attended with around 150 Woodie vehicles. The grass area where the show area was held was very nice overlooking the beach with beautiful weather as well! Check out the photos that Vic and I took! One thing I learned is that I need to make a phone call prior so we will know all the incidentals!

Ernie Baily





Wings Over Camarillo Tour

Well things started off a little shaky! I was late! I overslept! Howard was waiting at the Park & Ride when I got there. I had originally wanted to leave no later than 8AM, because we had to be there no later than 9AM. Unfortunately, I did not receive any RSVPs, so when I got to the Park & Ride, Howard and I put the Plymouth in overdrive and away we went! Well we arrived at 8:50AM and we got in with time to spare. I thought we might see some club members there but we didn't. We did connect up with a number of friends that we see at Bob's Big Boy on Friday nights and we all had a great time. The weather was great and the Air Show was fantastic! Sorry that we didn't get the turnout from the club but we had a great time! I know we are right in the middle of car show season and I realize that our members have a lot of other events to choose from, so I hope everyone had a great day! Hope to see you all at the next event!

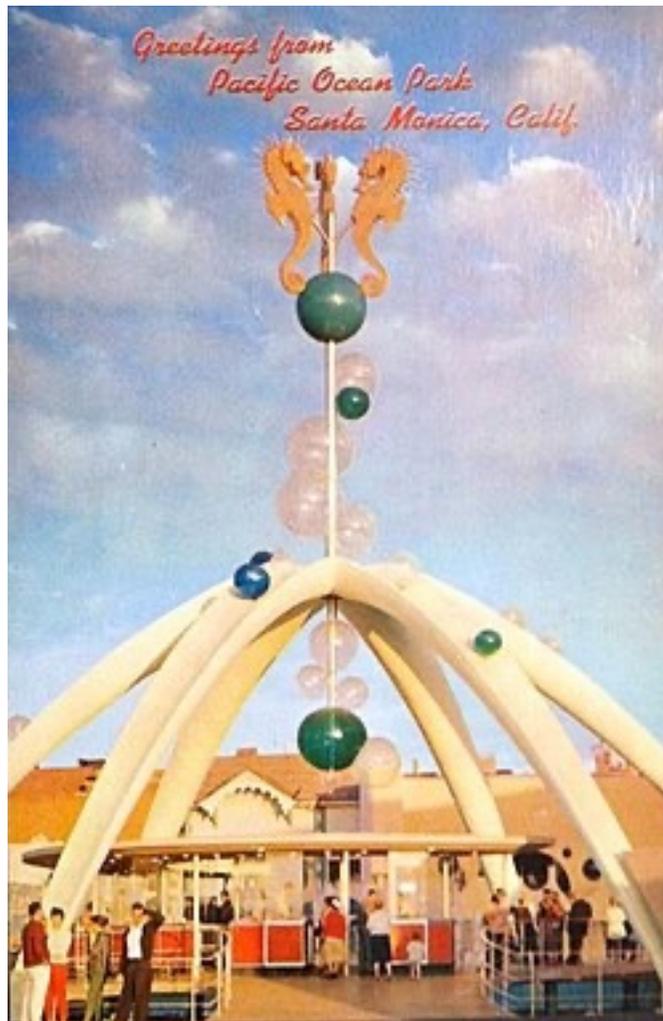
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Valley V8's
Roadside Americana
By Scotty

Pacific Ocean Park (POP)



September 2025

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Valley V8's

Roadside Americana

By Scotty

Since we all drive vintage V8 Fords (and other classic 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 a continuation 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

After the grand opening of Disneyland on July 17, 1955, the Santa Monica/Venice area with its aging pier, outdated 1930s-1940 amusement rides and rundown seedy atmosphere, desperately needed renovation. Thus the idea of an ocean themed amusement park was born in 1956 by the current owners of the property. The Pacific Ocean Pier was closed after Labor Day of that year and rigorous construction began with the support of corporate sponsors and top designers from Hollywood. As construction continued with new rides and a grand entrance, many of the older rides were integrated into the park disguised and refurbished with a new ocean theme .

Opening day was July 28, 1958. Admission was 90 cents and the first six days outperformed Disneyland in attendance! "Neptune's Kingdom" greeted visitors with a giant elaborate arching entrance - somewhat resembling a starfish - including a giant statue of King Neptune himself situated in a pool with fountains shooting streams of water around the incoming pedestrian bridges.

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Valley V8's Roadside Americana

By Scotty

The 28 acre park included a huge water filled diorama of deep sea creatures equipped with motorized fish of all kinds (think the submarine ride at Disneyland), diving bell ride that would take visitors under water to view sea life, Ocean Skyway (bubble gondolas transported visitors across the pacific ocean to the end of the pier and back), Flight to Mars (where visitors sat in a spaceship type theater for a flight to Mars; and upon exiting the theatre passed dioramas of Martian creatures and toured “martian homes”, The Flying Dutchman ride (an old fashioned “dark ride” which was somewhat a cross between Mr toads Wild Ride and The Pirates of the Caribbean), The Sea Circus (where visitors sat in a 2,000 person outdoor amphitheater and could watch performing dolphins and sea lions), Mystery Island Banana Ride (something similar to the “Old Mine Ride” at Knott’s Berry Farm with a tropical island



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theme), Sea Serpent Roller Coaster, Whirlpool, Carousel, and many others. Food booths and numerous restaurants abounded in the area as well.

POP went through numerous upgrades, ride additions and sales to various owners throughout its existence. However after only 8 short years, the demise of POP was on the horizon. The struggle to compete with competitors, bankruptcy issues, ongoing parking problems, the park located in a rundown seedy part of town and the corrosive affect of salt air on the exhibits and rides.... the proverbial "writing was on the wall". However, most decisively, was the Ocean Park Renewal Project begun in 1965. Streets leading to POP were closed in addition to delapatepted buildings in the area razed.

The end came on October 6, 1967....Pacific Ocean Park was closed forever.

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Valley V8 Birthdays

September	3	Jay Russell
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September	20	Val Ellerbrock
September	24	Carolyn Brown
September	28	Joe Nuccitelli
September	30	Dom Nuccitelli



Our next meeting will be in October

Join us September 20th at 4pm

Annual Valley V8 Club BBQ

13877 Polk Street, Sylmar

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Burgers and all the fixin's provided

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parking lot nearby