



Chapter #40

November 2025

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1957 Ford Fairlane 500

Owner: Steve Boskovich

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 so efficiently, good job!

We had a most excellent meeting last month October, with our Club Annual Auction 'Phase One': a fun activity with some heated bidding! Our Club Auction is a fundraiser intended to help cover Club costs and also to offset club members' out-of-pocket cost for our Annual Christmas party. Thanks to Ernie Baily and Jim Ellerbrock for handling the 'bidding wars', well done!

Next month is another Auction 'round': Please take a look to see if you have any car-related items worthy of auction to help our Club. Food-goodies are also welcome. And if we have time, we'll have a short tech-talk discussion about tires: By the way, if anyone has ideas about auto-technical subjects, let me know.

Club Member Jerry Jensen left us recently, so sad to report this: He was a long-time member of our Club who had a vast knowledge of our early Ford V-8's, and was always willing to share. He served as Club president for two years, 1989 and '90. Jerry was a good man and will be deeply missed. Here's information about his service: 10:45 am — Friday November 14, 2025. Reardon Simi Valley Funeral Home. 2636 Sycamore Dr. Simi Valley, CA. 93065 (805)526-6677.

Club Cruises and tours: Our Club Tour Coordinator Ernie Baily set up a most interesting drive for Saturday November 15: **Calico Ghost Town and Peggy Sue's Diner**. Calico is a former silver mining town now preserved as a county park. Tour details are contained in this Newsletter. Contact Ernie with any questions or if you plan to go. (805)433-5540. Thanks, Ernie, for setting this up.

Looking forward to seeing you all Saturday November 22 at Lulu's Restaurant and Sports Bar in Van Nuys: 9 am for breakfast, then Meeting starts at 10 am. Remembering – at this time: our Club Meetings are on the 4th Saturday of the month. So come hang out with your friends, enjoy a most excellent breakfast, and you don't want to miss our Auction 'Phase 2': will be a noteworthy event for sure!

See you all soon.

-Rex J.
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It's Valley V8's Membership Renewal Time

In this issue you will find the form for annual membership renewal due by December 31. See the form for details regarding enrollment for our local club and National Club Membership. To be included in the 2026 Roster, your membership renewal fee must be received no later than January 31. See contact info on the form if you have any questions.



The Valley V8's Membership Application & Renewal Form

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www.ValleyV8s.org
https://www.facebook.com/groups/
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To renew your membership or join our club, please fill out this form and follow the instructions for submittal at the bottom.

Name _____ Birthday (Month and day) _____

Name _____ Birthday (Month and day) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Email _____ Occupation _____

Year joined Valley V8's _____

Early Ford V8 Vehicles Owned:

| Year | Make | Model | Body | Style |
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To complete your registration please send your membership fee of \$35.00 payable to "Valley V8's" and mail to: Valley V8s C/O Joan Sapper, 2948 Mary St. La Crescenta, CA 91214.

NOTE: To meet our club insurance requirements, all Regional Group members must also be a member of the Early Ford V8 Club of America. Information can be found at www.earlyV8club.org.

If you have any questions, please call Howard Brown (818)606-0267 or email brngarage@gmail.com

V8 Ford Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2025

Meeting opened at 10:00 am by President Rex Jaramillo. Rex welcomed our lovely guests:

Randy (interested in membership!), Phil and Linda from Phoenix (friends of Rex and Reenie), John and Jim (sons of Dick Colarossi), AND member Carlos Wilhem all the way from San Bernardino!

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rex's friend and veteran Phil.

Announcements:

Long-time member Jerry Jensen passed recently. Rex will contact us with details of the service. Jerry was the fire captain at the Van Nuys airport.

October birthday reminders and good wishes were extended.

CLUB TOUR PLANNED! *November 15, Saturday, to Calico Ghost Town! Meeting at Coco's Bakery Restaurant, 10837 Sepulveda Blvd at 9:30 am. First stop will be Peggy Sue 50's Diner (Yermo, CA) for lunch. After this, a short drive to the Ghost Town, 36600 Ghost Town Rd. Contact Ernie Baily (805-433-5540) if you're coming!*

AUCTION!! *Rex then called on Ernie and Jim to help conduct our auction. Club members brought treasures of all kinds. There was no shortage. Anything not auctioned off will be used for our November auction! This is sure to be a successful fundraising event!*

Time flew by and auction had to be closed for the time being. Many thanks for all your support and generous bids!

Meeting was closed by President Rex.

Submitted by Joanie - Secretary

Valley V8's/Studebaker/Plymouth Car Club Tour

**Calico Ghost Town
36600 Ghost Town Road
Yermo, CA 92398**

Date: Saturday November 15, 2025

**Meet at 9am at Coco's Bakery Restaurant
10837 Sepulveda Blvd
Mission Hills CA 91345**

Depart 9:30am

First Stop - Lunch

**Peggy Sue's 50's Diner (approx. 2hr 13min from starting point)
35654 Yermo Road
Yermo, CA 92398**

Next Stop - Calico Ghost Town

**36600 Ghost Town Road
Yermo, CA 92398**

Open 9am-5pm

**Enjoy at your own leisure
Depart on your own schedule**

**RSVP: Ernie Baily
(805) 433-5540
ernestbaily@att.net**

**PLEASE LET ERNIE KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING SO HE CAN
LET THE RESTAURANT KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT**



Valley VS's Annual Club Auction

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.





It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Please join us at our Annual Brunch

Woodland Hills Country Club

21150 Dumetz Road Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Sunday December 7, 2025 11am - 3pm

\$35 members - \$40 non-members

RSVP Bill Greene by November 21

Payments due by December 1

Email forty4dad@earthlink.net

Call/Text 818-606-2874

Make your check payable to Valley V8's

Send to: Joanie Sapper

2948 Mary St

La Crescenta, CA 91214



HAVEN HILLS

ONCE AGAIN WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS AT OUR HOLIDAY PARTY FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIORS AT HAVEN HILLS IN CANOGA PARK. THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN WORKING FOR OVER 48 YEARS TO PROVIDE SAFETY, SHELTER AND SUPPORT TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN ESCAPING DANGEROUS CONDITIONS.

WE APPRECIATE ANY DONATIONS OF TOYS AND CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN – NEW ITEMS ONLY

WE ARE IN NEED OF ITEMS FOR MOTHERS AS WELL SUCH AS CLOTHING OR TOILETRIES

PLEASE BRING ANY DONATIONS TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY OR THE NOVEMBER V-8 MEETING

STEVE BOSKOVICH WILL DELIVER THE ITEMS TO HAVEN HILLS ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB

THANKS FOR YOUR CARING AND GENEROSITY

MY 1957 FORD FAIRLANE 500

BY STEVE BOSKOVICH

AS A TEEN IN THE 50'S, I USED TO DRIVE MY DAD'S BLACK 1957 FORD FAIRLANE 500 FROM TIME TO TIME. AT 18 YEARS OLD, I FELT LIKE A KING DRIVING AROUND THE VALLEY AND CRUISING VAN NUYS BOULEVARD DURING THE SUMMER. IT WAS ON ONE SUCH SUMMER NIGHT IN 1957, WHILE DRIVING THIS CAR, THAT I PICKED UP MY BLIND DATE WHO TURNED OUT TO BE SUE, MY WIFE OF OVER 64 YEARS. THOSE TIMES WITH THE CAR LEFT LASTING MEMORIES OF SPECIAL MOMENTS IN THE 1957 FORD FAIRLANE 500.

IN 1959 I PURCHASED MY OWN BLACK 1957 FORD FAIRLANE 500 THAT I KEPT FOR SEVERAL YEARS. I EVENTUALLY HAD TO SELL IT. MANY YEARS WOULD PASS BEFORE I FOUND ANOTHER ONE BUT I WAS ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT.

ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, STANLEY MILLER AND I WERE TALKING ABOUT CARS AND HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD A VERY GOOD FRIEND WHO HAD PASSED AND LEFT SOME BEAUTIFUL CARS TO HIS FAMILY. STANLEY THOUGHT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN SELLING A RED AND WHITE 1957 FORD FAIRLANE 500 THAT HAD BEEN COMPLETELY RESTORED BY HIS FRIEND WITH PAINTSTAKING CARE AND PRECISION. THE CAR HAD BEEN STORED AND COVERED IN A GARAGE FOR NINE YEARS AT THIS POINT. HE PUT ME IN CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY AND A DEAL WAS MADE.

THIS CAR IS COMPLETELY STOCK INSIDE AND OUT WITH A T-BIRD SPECIAL V-8 ENGINE. IT HAS POWER STEERING AND BRAKES AND AN AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION. IT RUNS GREAT AND IT IS A PLEASURE TO DRIVE DOWN THE STREET AND GET ADMIRING GLANCES FROM OTHER DRIVERS. I TRY TO DRIVE IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.

THIS CAR BRINGS ME MUCH JOY AND HAS RENEWED MANY MEMORIES FOR ME AND SUE.



Remembering Jerry Jensen

We lost another Club member: Jerry Jensen passed away recently. He was an iconic individual who was a top-notch early Ford restoration expert. Here's a writeup from Ralph Hubbard, who was a good friend of Jerry's:

Jerry Jensen was somewhat of a legend in the area of early Ford V8 restoration; particularly as it related to authentic Ford V8 interiors and convertible tops. Having shown his cars in concours competition for over 40 years he seldom, if ever, received a single point deduction on any item relating to authenticity. If you had a Jerry Jensen convertible top or interior in your car to be point-judged by V8 Club judges at a National Meet, it is safe to say you would not receive a single point deduction. Jerry was a master craftsman, recognized by V8 members all over the U.S. Jerry's own restorations were "off the charts" usually scoring 1000 points out of 1000; on rare occasion he would receive a point deduction for "over restoration" on some minute "chicken-manure" item being over polished or too shiny. We still have judges who can't stand to give members a perfect score; in these cases, Jerry usually won any debates because he documented everything during the restoration process. Jerry was a real resource when it came to what's correct and what isn't and he was always willing to work with fellow Club members to make their cars as perfect as possible. He served as President of our Valley V-8 Club for years 1989 and 1990. So, he was a real asset to our Club, not only locally but to V8ers all over the country who participated in and enjoyed the restoration process. He will be missed.

Here's information about Jerry's Memorial Service:

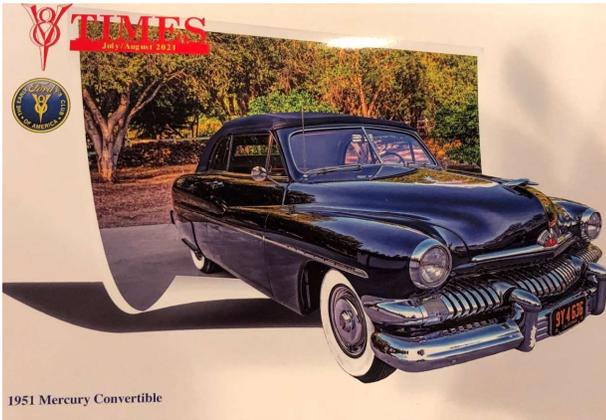
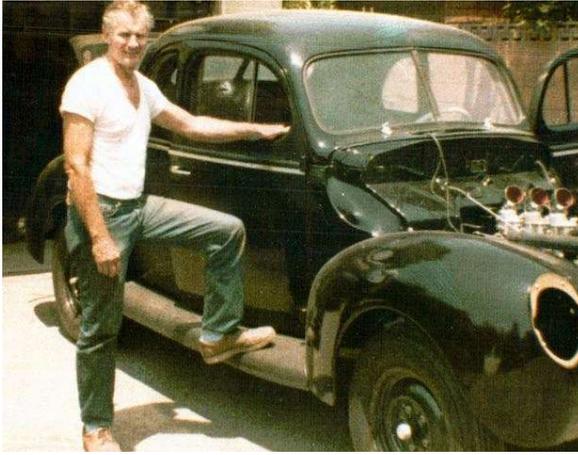
10:45 am -- November 14, 2025

Reardon Simi Valley Funeral Home

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Simi Valley, CA. 93065

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Valley V8's
Roadside Americana
By Scotty

November 2025

LOVE'S WOOD-PIT BARBECUE



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.

Credits:

'Made in California: The California -Born Burger Joints, Diners Fast Food and Restaurants That Changed America'
Numerous citations of internet research

Valley V8's
Roadside Americana
By Scotty

Who doesn't remember the wonderful smokey BBQ scent wafting in the air anytime you were within a half mile of a Love's Wood-Pit BBQ? Whatever you had in mind for lunch or dinner was changed to mouthwatering BBQ.

It all started on January 2, 1948 at a tiny cottage located at 15758 Ventura Blvd in Encino, CA after the Love family moved from Missouri to the San Fernando Valley.

The tiny 12'x30' cottage - which previously served as a real estate office - originally only served 14 diners. Mike Love, and son Dan, had built a huge brick pit in the back to BBQ the delicious sides of pork, beef, ham, chicken and ribs. To smoke the meats, The Loves utilized a special mix of woods including oak, hickory fruit and citrus; a technique previously unheard of in California.

By May of 1956 the Loves were outgrowing their original location. They enlarged the kitchen, added a lobby and provided a take-out window. However, this expansion even proved too small and they relocated down the blvd.

Franchising was the next move and the "signature look" of Love's, as we all knew it, was developed: bright red aluminum shingle roof with the eternal flame burning from the chimney cupola, a slowly spinning neon "LOVE'S heart" and exterior incorporating driftwood and rock veneer. Each Love's included a dining room and a "Lion's Den" cocktail lounge. The restaurant was very affordable and proved popular with families and business lunches.

Popular meals included the St. Louis Ribs and "Hearts Delight"; a sandwich piled high with a combination of chopped pork, beef and ham. The signature baked BBQ beans were a highlight. The homemade slightly sweet basting sauce on the meats, beans and served on the side was especially memorable: a perfect combination of brown sugar, cider, herbs and spices. Warm water and lemon finger bowls were provided for each diner as well.



Love's expanded throughout Southern California and located their restaurants strategically near major highways and suburban neighborhoods. They additionally expanded into Arizona, Nevada and Texas.

Over the years Love's Wood Pit BBQ won numerous Gold Medals at the California State Fair.

The Love family sold off the restaurant in 1963 to an investment firm. Ownership changed several times after that.

Love's franchises began closing by 2002 because of numerous business issues. The last Love's Wood Pit BBQ closed in Chula Vista in 2007. As my dad used to say... "it was truly the end of an era".

Credits: 'Made in California: The California -Born Burger Joints, Diners Fast Food and Restaurants That Changed America' Numerous citations of internet research



Hi All

If you have any Holiday Pics

With your classic car

Send them to me

And we will share them

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Send them to Val

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1951 Ford Convertible Custom Coupe

ENGINE:

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Mechanical & electric fuel pump
6 Volt alternator (positive ground)
Electronic distributor (points)
Aluminum radiator with electric cooling fan
Electric power cut off switch
Dual exhaust with chrome tips

Transmission:

Three speed on the column with overdrive

Top:

White convertible top replaced, boot included
New hydraulic pump, motor, hoses, and top cylinders

Interior:

White & blue vinyl seats & door panels (good condition)
Seat lap belts (blue) 6 positions
Radio n/w, clock NOS n/w, heater (working)
Day/night rear view mirror
Secondary additional gauges: Temp, Volt, Oil pressure

Paint:

Dark blue metallic

Trim:

All chrome, stainless, hubcaps & wheel trim rings are all
In good condition

Tires:

White wall, including spare

Contact:

Harvey Jacobs
(818) 621-4774

Asking Price: \$29,500



Valley V8 Birthdays

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| November | 3 | Jean Cramolimi |
| November | 9 | Joanie Sapper |
| November | 18 | Spencer Jones |
| November | 19 | Marie Miller |
| November | 21 | Jim Ellerbrock |
| November | 25 | Ernie Baily |
| November | 26 | Bill Greene |
| November | 29 | Joyce Mooney |



**Our next meeting will be on Saturday
November 22nd at Lulu's Restaurant
16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91406
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM
Come early and enjoy breakfast before**