



January 2026

DRIVE LINES



Happy New Year!

1926 Ford Model T

Owner: Vasken Hagopian

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: from Rex Jaramillo



Hello Valley V-8's Club members —

Welcome to another Drive Lines Newsletter: And welcome to year 2026, man, time flies: Looking forward to a great new year of hanging out with our Ford V-8 friends, maybe even drive together on a cruise or two. It's always a swell time when we gather with others in an atmosphere of good friendships while honoring our Ford V-8 history.

Last month's meeting was our annual Holiday party, a great time with friends and fabulous food. And for those who attended, part of the cost was offset with Club funds -- an amazing perk: not many Clubs offer that!

Our January meeting is right around the corner, less than a week away: Saturday January 24, same time, Breakfast 9 am, Meeting 10 am: same 'station' -- Lulu's Restaurant & Sports Bar in Van Nuys. It's a gathering of friends who have an appreciation of old cars, with an emphasis on early Ford V-8's. Lulu's is also known for their rich pictorial history of those mighty U.S. 'warbirds'. Come hang out with your V-8 friends, and invite other friends to our Meeting. There's something for everyone, including a good time, for sure!

At our Meeting, our own Vasken Hagopian will be there to showcase and share about his one-of-a-kind '26 Ford Model T. This is a fitting tribute celebrating New Year '26 and the 100-year anniversary of the Model T. But this isn't just any 'T: Equipped with a 276-inch Merc mill, high-compression heads, and topped with a three-pot manifold, this righteous 'T is a freeway flyer: that 3/4-race flathead pulls hard through the gears! This car is a must-see and the history behind the 'T is amazing: will be a very worthwhile presentation.

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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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) _____

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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

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

100 YEARS OLD CAR BY VASKEN HAGOPIAN

1926 FORD MODEL T, TALL T, COUPE, PHONE BOOTH, TOP HAT.

I BOUGHT IT IN 2022, HOWEVER I SAW IT A YEAR BEFORE.
IT BELONGED TO MAX NORRIS. REX KNEW ABOUT THIS CAR, HE
DROVE IT.

OUR SANDY NORRIS USED TO SAY MAX IS MY BROTHER.

MAX TOLD ME IT WAS NOT FOR SALE. GET IT "OVER MY DEAD BODY".
FUNNY MY 24 CHEVY OWNER SAID "OVER MY DEAD BODY".
FUNNY TERM I HAVE TO WATCH IT!!! I BOUGHT BOTH CARS IN TIME.

THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN DURING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CAR.
I PURCHASED THE CAR FROM MAX'S DAUGHTER.

IF YOU NOTICE THEY PUT A 350 CHEVY MOTOR IN, THEN LATER MAX
SAID NO. LET US PUT A FORD MOTOR IN A FORD.

1953 FORD FLAT HEAD

ALL STEEL BODY, ORIGINAL WOOD BOW ROOF.

EDELBROCK MANIFOLD WITH 3 CARBS.

OFFENHouser HEADS, HEADERS, ISKY CAM,

8" FORD REAR END, DISC BRAKES, CRAGAR MAG WHEELS.

ELECTRIC SEATS.

NEW 32 FORD INSTRUMENTS, TILT FORD STEERING COLUMN.

I REPLACED THE MOUNTS, WATER PUMPS, NEW RADIATOR.

NEW FRONT END.

PEOPLE TAKE PHOTOS AS I DRIVE. DO I WANT TO SELL THE CAR:
"OVER MY DEAD BODY" ?????

YES IT STILL NEEDS WORK, 100 YEARS OLD CAR .THE ONLY ONE
OLDER THAN THE CAR IS ED ISKY,MY DEAR FRIEND AND A MEMBER
OF OUR FORD CLUB. HE WILL BE 105 IN JULY 2026.

Vasken Hagopian's 1926 Ford Model T



Great
Western
Container



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Valley V8 Birthdays

January	1	Blake Wilcox
January	6	Robin Pomeroy
January	25	Lillian Anthony
January	25	Scotty Cramolini
January	28	Jerry Littner



**Our next meeting will be on Saturday
January 24th at Lulu's Restaurant
16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91406
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM
Come early and enjoy breakfast before**