



March 2026

DRIVE LINES



1940 Ford Pickup

Owner: Dick Colarossi



Hello Valley V-8's Club Members —

Greetings, and welcome to another Drive Lines Newsletter. Despite the ongoing busy car-show season, we had a good-sized group who attended 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 emphasis for our February meeting was Ed Iskenderian. Our beloved brother and fellow Club Member departed on Feb. 4, 2026 at age 104. His good friend and our fellow Club member Vasken Hagopian spent a good amount of time preparing for our Meeting. Vasken brought some amazing props, pictures, and memorabilia to share, and led us in a solemn yet funny and joyful time of reminiscing and celebrating the life of a good man. You may recall that Vasken would often bring Ed to our meetings, also to our annual summer Club Barbecue. And remember how 'Isky' was always 'happy-go-lucky' and ready to chat. Thank you, Vasken, for your most excellent preparation and for helping us share all things 'Isky': a most excellent and memorable time for all.

Our next Club Meeting -- Saturday March 28: Same time, same place: 9 am, breakfast, 10 am, Meeting starts: Lulu's Restaurant and Sports Bar in Van Nuys. We'll have an interesting 'Tech-Talk' about camshafts, in honor of our departed brother 'Isky', the 'CamFather'. Then, an amazing and entertaining time led by our Club Member Howard Brown. He'll be sharing about his exciting trip to 'Ford-Country', Detroit, Michigan, and his visits to 'many-places' -- Ford'. This will be a most entertaining meeting, for sure!

Making our Club better: As always, if you have any ideas, please share them. We value and appreciate your opinions and welcome your suggestions. You can call or email me or any of the Club board members.

See you in a few weeks!

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Minutes Valley V8 Meeting February 28, 2026
Prepared by Val Ellerbrock

Meeting began at 10am with the Pledge of Allegiance led by member and veteran Ernie Baily.

Introduction of Phill Hall, member of our Valley V8 Club and Board member of the National Early Ford Club. He and Steve Boskovich will be attending the National club meeting next week at the Best Western in Old Town San Diego. All were encouraged to attend or send their questions, comments, concerns with them. Phil plans to attend our March meeting with an update.

Ernie talked about the fun time at the February Club outing to the Lion's Drag Strip Museum. It was a multi-club event with participants from all clubs. Several also drove their classic cars to the event. He has been looking at tours to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of Route 66. One in Amboy the first week of March was interesting but not enough time to calendar it. Looking for something in April. It was suggested he try looking for more that are local destinations.

Name Badge Winner: Ron Batesole

Ladies Raffle Winners: Karen Lehman and Maxine Ostrian

10 min break

Tribute to Ed "Isky" Iskendarian who recently passed at the age of 104. Vasken shared many stories and memories. He brought photo albums and other memorabilia. When asked who had met Ed, nearly all in the room raised their hands. All agreed he was funny, friendly, kind, humble, and had the best memory and most energy of anyone half his age! A memorial will be held this weekend at the Lion's Drag Strip Museum.

50/50 Raffle collected \$75. Winner Vasken Hagopian awarded \$38

Prize Raffle Winners: Ron Batesole, Steve Batesole, David Seaver, Steve Boskovich, Rich Carter, Scotty Cramolini, Vasken Hagopian, Al Mooney

Join us at our March meeting where Howard Brown will share details about his recent trip to Detroit where he visited the Ford Piquette St. Model T plant, the modern Ford Rouge plant where F150 pickups are built, the Henry Ford Museum, and more places.



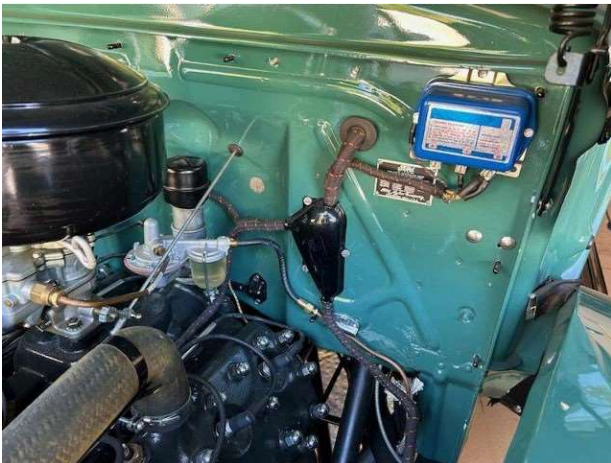
March 2026 Car of the Month

Dick Colarossi's 1940 Ford Pickup

Dick purchased this truck back in the late 70's from a gentleman who had it stored at Whiteman Airport in Pacoima. He stored it at the large garage at his son's business in Chatsworth until he was ready. His goal was to restore it to perfect stock condition. When he first saw the truck, it was mostly primer with yellow fenders. He sent it to a friend in Nevada to paint it. Wanting to avoid the popular color of red that so many use, he chose the pale green that you see in the photos. The friend in Nevada went about painting it, starting with powder coating all. After finishing the powder coating and painting, Dick was so disappointed to learn that powder coating was not a stock option when the car was built. There was no way to reverse this so sadly he had to accept the car would never be perfectly stock. Another piece that has been replaced is the engine. The original being unsatisfactory, he found one in Texas more suitable. It sat around in his garage waiting to be rebuilt for nearly 10 years until one day his son encouraged him to start in on it and together they finished it.

(As told by Dick Colarossi to Val Ellerbrock)

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Lions Drag Strip Tour Report

Hosted by Ernie Baily

Our tour started at Coco's Bakery Restaurant in Mission Hills. We met at 8:30am and departed a little after 9am. A few of the participants had arrived early to have breakfast first. We had 4 vintage cars along with some modern cars in our group. I drove my '48 Plymouth and had Howard Brown and Stan Miller ride with me, and we had Bob Pearson and Dave Seaver drive Bob's beautiful '56 Studebaker Power Hawk. Also, Rich Kimmell drove his very vibrant '54 Studebaker Commander. Vic and Andrea Timar drove their '66 Ford Fairlane convertible. A few of the other club members drove their modern cars and other members met us at the Museum. I was amazed at the size of this museum, and the whole "Presentation" of all the cars and exhibits was overwhelming! All of the Docents were great! We were very fortunate to have one of the more knowledgeable docents give us a guided tour which he also showed us a couple of "Shop/Work" rooms where they restore and repair the museum's cars which the general public don't normally see! The museum's official photographer took a group photo of our group and said it would be available on the museum's website if anyone was interested at LionsAutomobilia.org. We had arrived around 11am and viewed the museum for a little over 2 hrs. Then, at 12:45pm we departed to go over to Rocco's Deli and have lunch at 1pm. I was concerned that we might overwhelm them by having so many people come at once but they assured me that they could handle it. It did take a little bit of time, but I think we were all tired of walking and didn't mind the wait, which wasn't too long. All in all, this turned out to be a very nice tour! I would definitely say that it would be worth a second visit!





Did you know . . .

Our Valley V8 Club member, Ed Warnock, has been a member of our Valley V8's Club since 1973. In 1975 he was the Club President and through the years has been an active member of the Board.

From 1982-1983 he served as President of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. He has a passion for Early Fords, owning several from 1932, 1939, 1940, and 1941. But did you know he is also an airplane enthusiast, owner and pilot? Pictured below is Ed with his first Luscombe Silvaire in 1958. The second photo is Ed's "Hot Ship" Luscombe fitted AAA approved constant speed propeller.



Things You'll Remember If You Were Born In The 1950s

Milk deliveries - Gone are the good old days when you could get fresh milk delivered to your doorstep in those iconic glass jars. You may have even had a horse-drawn milk cart come up to your door, depending on where you lived.

Rotary phones - Telephones were pretty common by the 1950s, but most of them were rotary phones. You probably either had a telephone in your home or had a party line, which was shared with a neighbor. Do you remember trying to make a call and having to wait for your neighbor to be done with their long conversation?

The arrival of color TV - You may have been lucky enough to have a television at home and start to get shows in color. Nothing else seemed so exciting in this decade!

Playing outdoors all the time - Kids these days just don't know the joy of playing outside with your friends from sun up to sun down. You didn't have all the technology they do now, so you enjoyed time spent outdoors with friends who lived close by.

Smoking fake candy cigarettes - Do you remember pretending to smoke those fake candy cigarettes and buying fake coconut tobacco? Charleston Chews, Bazooka Gum, Necco Wafers, Slo Pokes, Razzles, Bit-O-Honey, Atomic Fireballs, Caramel Creams, Tootsie Rolls, Dad's Root beer Barrels, Candy Buttons, Junior Mints, and Sugar Babies were other popular candies of the 50's.



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Valley V8 Birthdays

March	15	Phil Hall
March	17	Paula Ewing
March	18	Ruth Mottern
March	18	Ed Warnock
March	29	Monty Goff



**Our next meeting will be on Saturday
March 28th at Lulu's Restaurant
16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91406
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM
Come early and enjoy breakfast before**