



October 2026

DRIVE LINES



1939 Ford Tudor

Owners: Rich & Lynn Carter



Hello Valley V-8's Club members —

Greetings, and welcome to another Drive Lines Newsletter. Last month, we had a fabulous meeting: Plenty of 'Car-breakdown' stories for sure. And equally good direction and ideas for fixes to get back on the road. We may do that again soon: I think we all learned something from others this past Meeting.

Our next Club Meeting -- Saturday October 24: Fund-raiser Auction: This is an important one: it's our annual Club fund-raiser, Auction-style. Some examples of items you can bring in for auction: parts for old Fords and other vintage vehicles, old-car paraphernalia, books, magazines, related crafts and gift-items, etc. just to give some ideas. And all who are handy in the Kitchen and with Crafts: sweets, candies, baked goods, etc. are always welcome: I'm sure we have many sweet-tooth-types in our Group, right? This Event is a lot of fun, and we really appreciate your support which is dedicated to keeping our Club financially sound. So, thank you ahead of time for your generosity.

Board Member nominations: It's that time of year: We're seeking people to help guide our Club in year '27 and keep us successful and doing what we do best: support Club camaraderie and the early Ford lifestyle. So, if you'd like to participate on our Club Board or if you know someone in the Club that would, please give me a call and let's discuss. I'll be stepping down as President of our Club, so that position will be included as well. Being President for the past two years has been an amazing experience. Getting to know Members from that Position has been enriching and a great experience. So, if you're interested in serving either as President, or in one of the other Board positions, give me a call: My cell number is shown below. Thanks for considering how you or another person can assist in helping us stay successful!

Long live our early Fords and our lifestyle, cheers to that: And see you all at our next Meeting, the Club Annual Auction, on October 24.

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For sale, trade, or buy Ford cars, parts, memorabilia

We have added a classified section to facilitate our members looking to sell or buy Ford related products. Submit info and pictures to Val Ellerbrock, Drive Lines Editor, and it will be included in the next Drive Lines issue.

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Minutes from meeting 9/26/26

Meeting started 10 am

Pledge of Allegiance led by Reenie Jaramillo

Upcoming Tours presented by Ernie Baily:

October 3 Model A Ford Show at the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar

October 10 Route 66 car show 2 day event in Barstow

November 1 Nojoqui Falls Fun Run Car Show

Other events:

Vic Timar will host the annual club BBQ on April 10, 2027

Randy Beck shared info about a car event at Galpin Ford on Sunday October 11

Annual Club Auction will be held during the October meeting. Bring Ford car related items to sell. This is one of two fundraisers held each year to keep the club going.

Other News:

Bill Greene brought a pic of his long time friend (Since High School!) Monty Goff. He had an opportunity to visit him where is rehabilitating in Oceanside and says he is working towards getting home to Palmdale hopefully later this year.

Vic Timar shared the sad news of the passing of his and Andrea's grandson from a brain tumor. Our condolences go out to Vic and Andrea and their family at this difficult time.

Program:

Rex Jaramillo and Ralph Hubbard shared their knowledge about what to do when your car breaks down. Do you call for help or fix it yourself? Then they asked members to share their adventures when stranded unexpectedly and how they fixed it themselves or found someone to help. John Fredricks, Bill Greene, Steve Boskovich, Steve Lehman, and Larry Caplan all had interesting stories to share.

Raffle Winners:

Ladies: Joanie Sapper, Val Ellerbrock

Name Badge: Joanie Sapper

50/50: Vic Timar

Prizes: Joanie Sapper, Randy Beck, Vic Timar, Ken Sapper, Ernie Baily, Steve Boskovich, Ralph Hubbard, Bill Greene

Meeting adjourned 11:15 am (No break taken)

Submitted by Val Ellerbrock with assistance from Laurel Seaver

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday October 24

Annual Club Auction (1 of 2)
10am Lulu's Restaurant
Van Nuys

Wednesday October 28

3rd Annual Halloween Car Show: Horror & Horsepower!
10am – 12pm at The Palms at Bonaventure, Ventura

Sunday November 1

Nojoqui Falls Fun Run Car Show
8am-3pm
Solvang

November 2026

No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday December 6

Annual Brunch
11am Woodland Hills Country Club 2027

Spring 2027

Club Auction #2 Fundraiser
During scheduled meeting
Lulu's Restaurant
Van Nuys



Valley V8's Annual Club Auction

10:00 AM October 24, 2026

Held at Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd

Van Nuys, CA 91406

Our club's annual fundraising event is coming up at the next meeting. Please bring your new or very gently used items to sell.

Baked goods are always welcome too!

This is our main source of income to keep the club going.



Ho! Ho! Ho!

The Annual Club Brunch
Will be Sunday December 6
11am - 3pm at the
Woodland Hills Country Club
21150 Dumetz Road
Woodland Hills

Tickets are \$40 each

You can pay Joanie Sapper at the
Oct. meeting or mail your check to

Joanie Sapper

2948 Mary St.,

La Crescenta, CA 91214

Make checks payable to "Valley V8's"



Valley V8 Club/Studebaker Club Tour
or
The last of the "Ernie's Lost Tours" for 2026

Date: Nov 1, 2026

54th Annual Nojoqui Falls Fun Run Car Show

Nojoqui Falls County Park - Solvang CA

Time : 8am to 3pm

Destination: Nojoqui Falls Fun Run/Car Show

Meet at Park & Ride at the Stearns offramp of the 118 Fwy.

Time: Meet at 7am, Depart:7:30am (Aprox.travel time 2hr.)

The event does not require pre-registration. No Entry fee!
Register at the event.

Arrive early to get the best parking spaces! Free Food with entry!

When entrants register and turn in their Voting card

they receive a Free Dash Plaque and Food Ticket,

and are eligible to win Free Prizes and Awards

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54TH

Fun Run

Awards

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Pre '72 cars and trucks

At: Nojoqui Falls Solvang, CA

Date: November 1, 2026

50/50 Raffle

Directions: Nojoqui Falls is 1 & 1/2 miles east of Highway 101 near Gaviota Pass. From Highway 101, take the Old Coast Road to Alisal Road; from Solvang, follow Alisal Road south to the park.

Contact: Reese Thompson 805-878-8162
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Subject: 1939 Ford Standard, my first car
Submitted by Rich Carter

I was recently asked, "What age did you become interested in cars?" Personally speaking, I cannot recall not being interested in cars. I remember my dad buying a new 1950 Dodge, in 1952 he traded it for a Packard. I was born in 1947, and so it's amazing to me that all this time, I have been interested in cars. On family vacations my two sisters and I would keep track of the number of Fords, Chevrolets, Dodges, etc. that we would encounter along our way to destination. This fascination with cars transitioned to building AMT model cars and reading Hot Rod magazines plus other \$.25 Rod & Custom books cover to cover. My good friend, John, and I, would talk and dream about purchasing an old car to work on, and hopefully be able to take it to the dragstrip. Truly a dream, however, this kept us on alert to visit the local car dealerships, looking on the back row for that special, potential car. During the summer of 1961, after finishing my paper route, I met John, and we began to look at cars on the back row at the local Ford dealership. All of a sudden, we noticed this 1939 Ford Standard two-door sedan sitting on the back row. The paint was good, the interior was like new, the odometer read 37,000 miles, and there were no missing parts. The downside was that every fender, the grill, and the trunk were all dented, not majorly dented, but you could tell that it had been too close to whatever caused dents. John and I got so excited that we immediately went up to the dealer and asked about this 39 Ford sitting in the back row. Ullie, the Ford dealership owner, said, "Boys, that car is broke, and it won't move. I don't know what is wrong with it." We told Ullie that we were interested in that car, and basically he said you need to talk to your parents. Well, John's parents said absolutely not! My mom and I talked a great deal about this, and I think she realized that I needed a project, and finally, she said yes.....and only yes if I promise not to drive it on the public roads and keep it at the farm until I was 16. Of course, I said yes. The price, \$60. I drove the car around the barn, around the orchard, and up and down the lane for two years while working on this 39 Ford. The fix for the car was quite simple by replacing the key in the rear axle. I replaced the V8 60 motor with a 50 Mercury at age 14, then after attempting to rebuild the 50 Mercury, replaced that motor, due to a cracked block, with a 1957 Corvette motor that I rebuilt/modified in the basement of my mom's house. At age 16, I had one of the coolest cars to drive to high school. I would drag race this car modestly; however, after destroying three transmissions, blown head gaskets, and other minor issues, I turned my attention from cars to dating my future wife. After college and starting a family, I took the 39 out of storage and returned it to its original form with the exception of the motor. I kept the original interior, restored frame up, and painted it black lacquer with clearcoat. Today, after 65 years of ownership, my thrill to drive this car still gives me great excitement. So many wonderful memories!



Valley V8 Club and Studebaker Club Joint Tour
Route 66 100th Anniversary Car Show in Old Town Victorville
Date Sept 12th, 2026

Well, we started early! I picked up Howard Brown at 7AM. I was driving my brother's 1964 Studebaker GT Hawk. We proceeded to meet up with Ron Batesole who was driving his 1964 Corvette. The timing was perfect, as we arrived at the meeting spot on the 14 freeway, Ron drove up to where we had pulled to the side of the road. We proceeded to drive on to Victorville. I had attempted earlier in the week to get the Studebaker's A/C working but that didn't happen.

Anyway, we were going right along and we were nearing Victorville. We had made a wrong turn (another edition of "Ernie's Lost Tours!") and had to loop back heading to Victorville. Well, we were rolling along and then all went quiet! I coasted to the side of the road out in the middle of nowhere (turned out we were in Littlerock). I waved at Ron but he was ahead of me and didn't see me waving! We were on schedule to check in to the show, but now we had a problem! We started to diagnose the problem and it turned out we weren't getting gas to the carb! I had just filled up in the morning. So, after testing the electric pump and the mechanical pump, neither seemed to be working. While we were working on it a gentleman pulled up to offer aid. After discussing the situation, he said he lives only a mile away and he would go home and bring back a spare electric fuel pump and some fuel line. He came back in his 1959 Edsel. In the meantime, I was laying under the car checking the fuel line and I happened to look over to the fuel tank and saw that the rubber hose had vibrated off the hard fuel line connecting to the tank! Well, the gentleman (Ed) handed me a hose clamp and I re-connected the hose and tightened the clamp and the car started and ran great! Now that the car was running, the fuel filter started to leak badly! So, I took the glass fuel filter off and we put a hose in place of the filter and that solved the problem! However, now we were late for the car show and missed the entry time. So, I found a place to park on a side street and Howard and I walked to check in at the registration desk. We then located Ron who had found a nice shady spot! Well, I realized that I had only parked a short distance away. So, I went back to the car and was able to come up a side road and park fairly close to where Ron had parked. I brought out the chairs and we were all happy! We then spent our time gabbing and looking at the cars! All in all, we had a good time! And we realized there are some very nice people out there. We were unable to connect up with Ed because he could not find us at the show. So, Howard is planning on checking through Andrea 'Enthal who is in the Edsel Club so we can properly track him down to thank him for his help!

Submitted by Ernie Baily

Edited by Howard Brown and Val Ellerbrock



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Valley V8 Birthdays

October	11	Dave Bergman
October	15	Richard Mottern
October	24	Lesley Littner
October	25	Al Mooney
October	26	Bob Kushner
October	29	Ann Marie Batesole



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

Annual Club Auction happening at this meeting
Don't forget to bring your items
to sell and money to buy!