



November 2023

# *DRIVE LINES*



## *CAR OF THE MONTH*

1949 Ford 2 Door Sedan

1951 Ford Convertible

Owner: Sandy Norris

October 27, 2023

## Message from Prez Jim Ellerbrock

Thanks to all who participated and donated to our Auction at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. As the attendance was on the light side, we still managed to take in approximately \$236.

Please take time to look over this month's "Car of the month" article on Sandy Norris's beautiful '49 Sedan and '51 Convertible. There is a great story behind each of them. Please talk to Sandy or Blake to get more info as there is more stories to tell that did not appear in the article. Also let us know if you are interested in having your car to be car of the month. We will first be considering original cars or trucks. The photo team will come to you.

The latest Flyer for the 2023 Holiday Party is in the Drivelines. Please let Bill Green know as soon as you can on your attendance requirements. This is Very critical so he can get a headcount to Rebecca at the Country Club. This will determine how much the club is charged.

Also in the Drivelines is the 2024 Club membership renewal form. Please return it with the dues as soon as you can. (Located last page of this issue and also available at Valley V8 monthly meetings.)

Ernie has been talking to various members on future driving trips. It seems that the consensus is that we have shorter day trips that end with a lunch. This takes into account the age of our members that are leaning towards this. Ernie is also looking into combining other car clubs to join us as the turn out for the past few events have been small.

The Speaker at our next meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> will be our own Scott Doudrick. He will be talking on the programs and launches that are happening at JPL. Should be very interesting.

We will also be discussing our goals for next year at the next meeting. (Club trips, meeting attendance, speakers etc.)

Again, please encourage the recruiting of new members.

See you next meeting.



*It's time for our annual  
Holiday Party!*

*Sunday December 3rd*

*11 am - 3 pm*

*Woodland Hills Country Club*

*21150 Dumetz Road*

*Woodland Hills CA 91364*

*\$45 each for members and spouses*

*\$50 for each additional guest*

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*Please RSVP to Bill Greene*

*No later than November 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Email: [forty4dad@earthlink.net](mailto:forty4dad@earthlink.net)*

October 19, 2023

### **Sandy's Cars.**

This month we are honored to have two cars of the month. They are a 1949 Ford 2 Door Sedan (Li'L Darlin) and a 1951 Ford Convertible (Peachy) both owned by club member Sandy Norris.



**1949 Sedan (Li'L Darlin).** In High School, Sandy had her own 1949 Ford. This was a big deal for a girl to have her own car at that age. As time moved on, Sandy got married and sold her '49. In 1989 she was diagnosed with a Brain Tumor and later slipped into a coma. At her side, her husband Joe, promised to buy her another '49 Ford if she would just wake up. While in the coma, Sandy said that she could hear his voice but could not move. Thankfully Sandy recovered and she quizzed Joe on what he had said. He said that it was true. They later found this '49, purchased it and began with the customization. Its name came from her husband's favorite song at the time. The car is finished in "Pearl White Paint", and has its original 239 Flathead with Offenhauser Finned Aluminum heads. It also has 1956 Olds Spinner Hubcaps with small globes.



**1951 Convertible (Peachy).** Sandy and Joe along with partners owned “Mike’s Auto Parts” in Burbank. One of the partners had noticed a 1951 Convertible that was up on blocks and was ready to be restored. Joe decided that would be his car to go along with Sandy’s ‘49. It was purchased and restoration was underway. Again, as fate would have it, Joe passed when the car was about 40% complete. The car restoration again went dormant. Joe’s partners got together and decided to finish the car to honor Joe. They found the already completed seats that were done in a peach color with white. A PPG paint called “Sweet Georgia Peach” was selected to match the seats. The original 239 Flathead V8 was used along with various Pontiac Trim and 1956 Olds Hubcaps. A complete 1950’s Custom.



## Sandy and Blake

Sandy continued to attend various car shows after husband Joe's passing. This where she noticed Blake. He had also lost his wife. Sandy asked Blake if he knew how to shift a three speed. He said that he had learned at a young age on various cars and on his '51 Ford. Blake feels that she picked him out of the "herd" after hearing that. They have been together for the past 15 years. They have purchased a trailer and widely travelled the country. Blake also owns an assortment of roadsters and modifieds. He started out building and modifying Flatheads at his shop in Burbank next to Jay Leno's garage. (He has since moved up the street). Blake then had a relapse and became a Chevy Guy. Most of his cars have V-8 small block versions in them. We are proud to have Sandy and Blake as members of the Valley V-8s





# Valley V8 Club tour event

## One Night in Memphis concert



Well a few of us Valley V8 club members decided to do something different. So my wife Diane and I along with Jim and Val, Howard and Carolyn, and Blake and Sandy decided to go. It was a concert of some very good musicians mimicing Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley when back in 1956 they happened to be at Sam Phillips Sun Studio. Someone had the presence of mind to record the jam session with these future recording stars and the rest is history. The show was at the Fred Kavli Theatre in Thousand Oaks, Ca. We had a great time and then after the concert we decided to have Dinner. My wife made reservations at Phils Restaurant nearby and we had a nice dinner. After a couple of us were discussing the possibility of going to Nethercutt Museum to attend a special event showing the Silent Movie "The Phantom of the Opera" with the large pipe organ for a afternoon show on Oct 28 at 2pm. Another something different to do. Well all in all we had a great time.

Ernie and Diane Baily

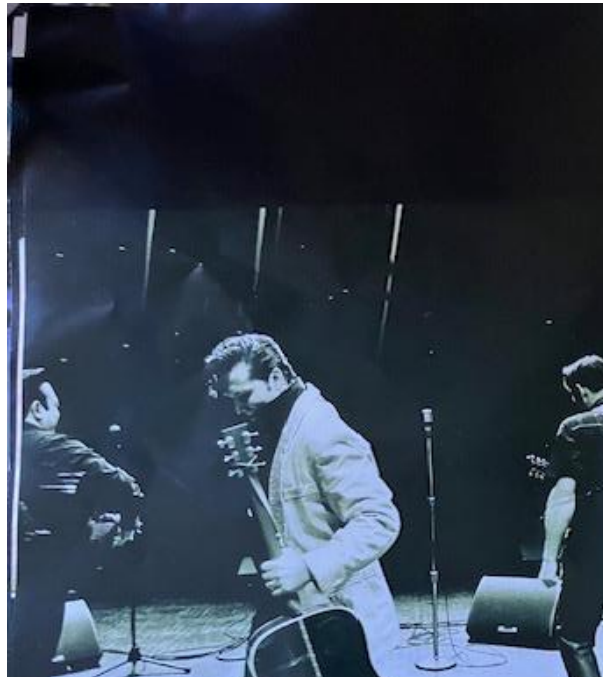
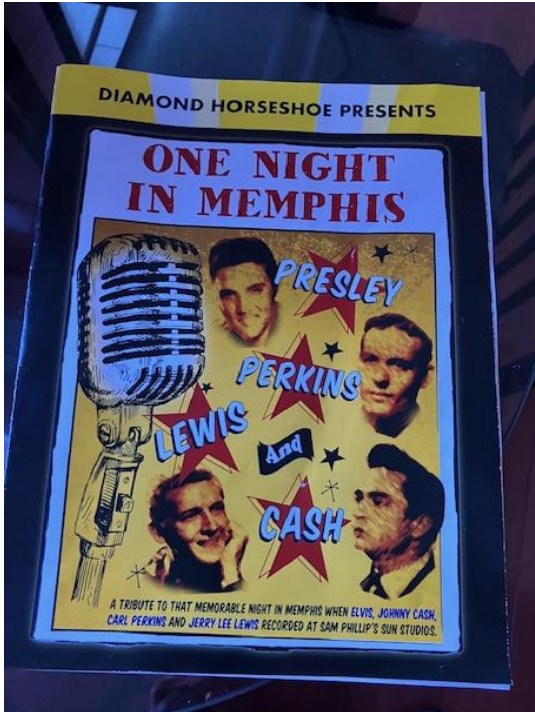
Howard and Carolyn Brown

Jim and Val Ellerbrock

Blake Wilcox and Sandy Norris







ing the session, Sun artist Johnny Cash, who had rece  
pped in. Cowboy Jack Clement was engineering tha  
be remiss not to record this" and so he did and the r  
ous artists such as Bob Dylan recall listening to thes



## JPL Tour

October 5, 2023

On Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> club members gathered at JPL for a tour that was organized by Scott Doudrick. Scott was unable to join the tour due to his changing work priorities concerning the future launch on the program on which he was working.

Those of us that attended met in the auditorium for a short lecture and movie on some of the projects that JPL has and is currently working on. All un-manned NASA spacecraft projects are handled thru JPL. A full-scale model of the “Voyager I” spacecraft was on display. We then toured the adjacent room where some of the other Spacecraft models were displayed including the early Mars Rovers. They also had Moon Rocks that had been returned.

We then met our very knowledgeable tour guide who led us walking by and into various JPL buildings that housed research labs as well as certain production operations. We ended up in the observation area that overlooks the “High Bay” area where a current Space craft is being assembled. The High Bay is a 4-story open area that is also a high-level clean room that has to meet a certain particle count. All people entering must enter through a pressurized air lock and wear smocks with hoods, masks, gloves and booties. (Brings back memories of when I was working at Hughes Aircraft).

After leaving High Bay, we walked over to the building that houses Mission Control. On the ground floor was a model of the current Mars Rover. It was so much larger and different compared to the early ones that we saw earlier. We proceeded up a stairway were again on an observation deck overlooking multiple control panels. It was explained to us that all of the tracking stations around the world are monitored here. It was also explained on the time required for satellite signals to reach the earth depending on how far out in space they are. This is also where you see the people giving each other high fives when things are successful.

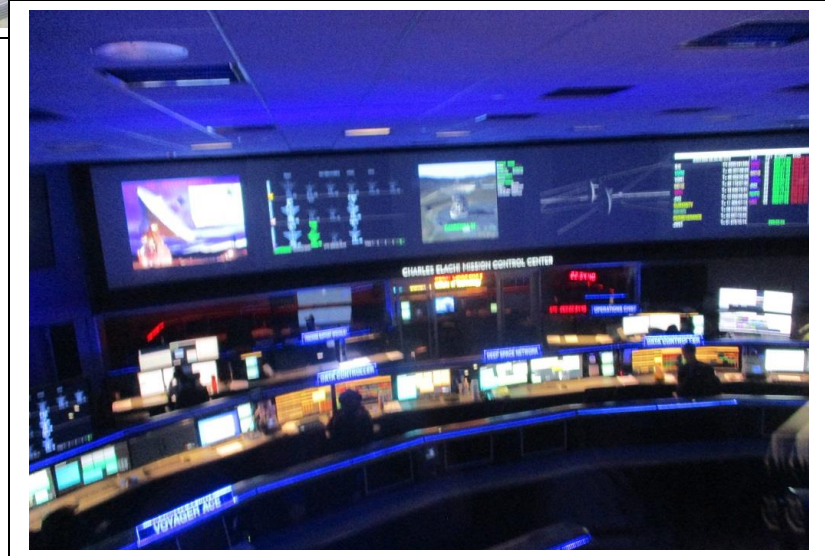
Again, thanks to our tour guides and Scott for organizing this tour. We were also handed flyers and info sheets on various JPL Missions. Ernie Baily has some extras if anyone is interested.

Jim Ellerbrock



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## Recommended Cruise-ins:

1. Every Thursday morning at Earl's Donuts (Steve's Donut Run) at 8am at 20429 Devonshire & Mason in Chatsworth.
2. Every Fri night at 4pm-8pm at Bob's Big Boy in Northridge at 8876 Corbin Ave. @ Nordhoff Way
3. Every Tuesday Night a 6pm in Chatsworth at 18090 Chatworth starting a 6pm.
4. On the 2nd Saturday of every month, 5pm-9pm at the "Route 66 Classic Grill" with a small \$10 entry fee. Has a Live band playing too!
5. On the first Friday of the month (April-October) The Santa Paula Cruise Night starts at 5pm in Downtown Santa Paula between 7th St. and 10th St.
6. The Coachmen Cruise Night in the Old Town Simi parking lot 2196 Tapo St. on the 1st Saturday 4pm- 8pm of the month April-Nov.
7. Every Sunday Morning 8am-11am Antique Adventures in Ventura Ca. 6587 Ventura Blvd.

# Minutes from Vally V8's Meeting

Tuesday October 3, 2023

The meeting began at 7pm with many members gathering early to eat and socialize. The meeting opened with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ernie Baily gave an update on recent group outings such as the visit to JPL in La Canada and attending the show One Night in Memphis at the Fred Kavli Theater.


Bill Greene gave an update on the upcoming Holiday Party.

A short break was taken at 7:30.

After the break the annual club auction was held. Items included many collectible books, car parts, a car themed fleece blanket, decorative vintage looking radio, and a Marty Bell painting. Proceeds totaled \$236.

Meeting ended 8:30 pm.

*Submitted by Val Ellerbrock*



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## Seeking assistance ~ ~ ~

My name is Henry Guttormson, and I am the recent owner of a 1937 Ford Phaeton. My car has 2 left hand wind wings on it. The right hand wind wing is not to be found anywhere. I have a suspicion that the left hand and right hand wind wings were mixed up at a restoration or body shop in southern California somewhere. I am in Texas, but my car originally came from the San Diego area and was owned previously by Ollie Smith who was a EFV8 officer at some point in time. My car is on the cover of the January/February 1977 cover of the V8 Times magazine. From this photograph, you can see that the wind wing on the passenger side (right side) is sticking out from the door too far, so it is a left hand wind wing.

My request to you is if you would ask a question to any of your members that own a 1937 Phaeton, 1937 Roadster, and a 1938 Phaeton. The question is:

"Does your car have 2 right hand wind wings mounted on it?" If anyone answers yes to this question, then my follow on question would be: "Would you like to trade a wind wing (or mounting bracket) with me so our cars have the correct wind wings on them?"

[Although the left hand and right hand wind wing assemblies are interchangeable, the wind wing mounting brackets (the part that screws to the windshield post) are mirror images. The brackets have snaps for the top weatherstrip on different sides and so the top weatherstrip will not fit on an incorrectly mounted wind wing.]

Any help would be sincerely appreciated,

Henry Guttormson

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469-200-4253 home, no texting

459-975-7196 cell, no texting

PS: I am sending this message to all the California regional EFV8 clubs

# Valley V8 Birthdays



November	9	Joanie Sapper
November	14	Evelyn Hagopian
November	19	Marie Miller
November	20	Anie Mansour
November	21	Jim Ellerbrock
November	24	Jerry Case
November	25	Ernie Baily
November	26	Bill Greene
November	29	Joyce Mooney



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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthday Month:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Day:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthday Month:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Day:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Year Joined:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Ford V-8 Vehicle(s) Owned - if same as prior year write "NO CHANGE"**

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**For Regional Membership: Send a \$35.00 check - payable to: Valley V-8's**

**Mail check to: Valley V8's CIO Howard Brown, 20036 Tuba St. Chatsworth, Ca.  
91311**

**If you have any questions please call 818-606-0267 Email: brngarage@gmail.com**

**NOTE: For us to meet insurance requirements, a Regional Group Member MUST also be a member of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. Minimum membership is \$35.00 per year. Please contact me for mailing information or <http://www.earlyfordv8.org>**