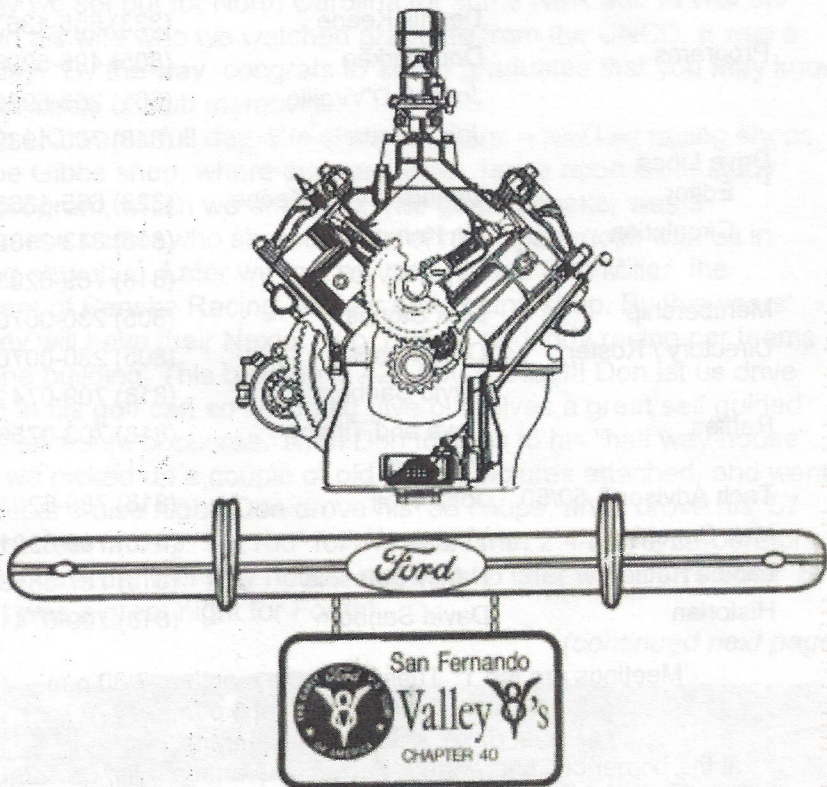




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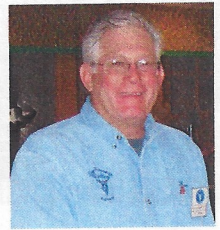


## President Ken's Message Greetings from North Carolina,

By the time you read this, Mothers Day will have come and gone. It was a special time for us as Joanie could spend it with our son here in Charlotte.

The weekend before this big trip to North Carolina, I went to the Burbank Kiwanis car show at Johnny Carson Park. It was great seeing some of our club members taking part in the fun. Tony Wade runs a great show. I sure like his famous pancake breakfast and lunches. Monday we set out for North Carolina for some R&R and to visit our son and his wife who we watched graduate from the UNCC. It was a great day! By the way, congrats to all the graduates that you may know from our circle of club members.

Wed. in NC was a full day. We stopped at just a few key racing shops. The Joe Gibbs shop, where our son works, has a noon Bible study lunch program, which we attended. The guest speaker was a Vietnamese pastor who shared some of his experiences with us in planting churches. Later we met my good friend Don Miller, the President of Penske Racing, at their new racing shop. By this years' end they will have their Nextel Cup, Busch, and Indy racing car teams all in one building. This building is 425,000 sq. feet!! Don let us drive around in his golf cart so we could give ourselves a great self guided tour, after- hours of course. Then Don took us to his "half way house", where we picked up a couple of old Fords, pictures attached, and went to the local cruise night. Don drove his '38 coupe, and I drove his '57 Ford, the real factory "hot rod" for the year, with 2 4-barrel carburetors. His partner at the half way house, showed up later with Don's other '57 Ford. It was a great night for Fords!



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Thurs. was almost the best part of our trip as we traveled to South Carolina to visit Jack and Ann Miles. They are doing wonderful! They send their love and hellos to everyone. (See picture to left.)

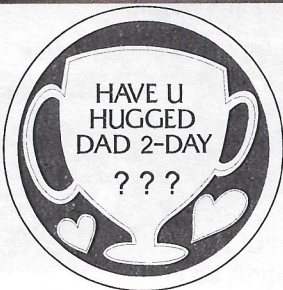
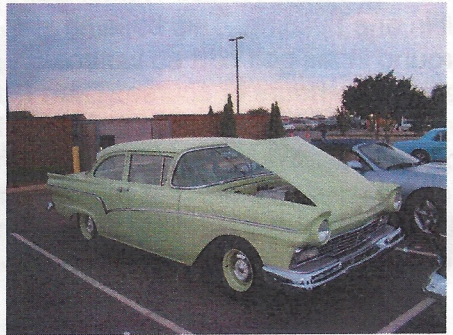
They treated us to lunch in nearby Anderson. We hated to go, but we needed to get back on the road to Charlotte. Along the way we stopped

at the Carolina Rod Shop, to look at a '49 Ford that caught our eye. This Ford was equipped with all Mustang running gear, of all the nerve! On the Nascar side, Fords got turned around with one of Jack Roush cars winning the race a Darlington this weekend! Bifle, Kenseth and Martin all were in top 10, Bifle winning.

Looking forward to seeing all at our June 6th meeting. I am flying back to LA in time for the Paradise Cove trip with you. I will have more to share at the June meeting.

(attached photos of Don's cars, Miles, yellow roadster with flat head showing, owned by Daryl ? of Roush Racing)

See you all later,  
Kenny



*Have a Wonderful  
Father's Day!*



## Secretary's Minutes

Date: May 2, 2006

Meeting Place: Baker's Square

Meeting Leader: Ken Sapper

Start Time: 7:30 Adjournment Time: 9:37

**Carl's Car Count:** 17

**Introduction of Guests:** Glenn Davis, from the Ventura chapter, who will be our speaker tonight. Wendy Potter brought her young friend Bo, who is a Corvette fan.

**President's Notes:** Ken Sapper: **The July meeting will be 7/11 because of the holiday.** May 9 is hookey day to the Guide Dogs of America. Next months program will be given by Nancy Batsole. It will be about consumers reports on Fords 36 -53.

There are two car shows on May 7 at the Calif. Car Cover store and across the street at the San Antonio Boys home.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ingvar Carlson reported that after deposits and expenses, we have about \$3300 in the treasury.

**Tours:** Steve Boskovich said the tour to Paradise Cove is May 21. A table on the sand is first come, first serve. We will have 50 reserved seats inside. The tour will leave from Woodley Park at 9:00 a.m.

Dennis Keene told us that the tour to Val's car's and museum will be Sunday June 11. We will leave from Baker's Square at 9:00 a.m.

Sat. June 10 there will be a work party on the Ridge Route. On Sat. May 6 there is a history of the Ridge Route meeting at the Saugus train station at 2:00 p.m.

**Announcements:** Rose Gott told us about Operation Gratitude. They will be assembling and shipping more than 40,000 care packages to U.S. troops deployed abroad. The event will take place at the Armory at 17330 Victory Blvd. V.N. The packing dates are May 20-21, May 27-29 and June 17-18. Volunteers please e-mail [pennyalfonso@yahoo.com](mailto:pennyalfonso@yahoo.com)

George Richards went to Scottsdale, Arizona with friends. Passing through Palm Springs, two of the cars had problems and ended up in the repair shop. In the show in Scottsdale, George received a 1<sup>st</sup> in class and Best of Show award.

**Car of the Month:** Randy Watson's '47 convertible.

**Drive Prize** (for bringing your V8 to the meeting): Ken Sapper

**Program for the evening:** World Fairs and State Fairs presented by Glenn Davis -- Chicago Worlds Fair in 1893. Daniel Burnham rebuilt a desolate part of Chicago into a majestic revelation of beauty that became known as "The White City". The main attraction was the giant Ferris wheel invented by George W. Ferris. It was supported by two 140 ft. steel towers and connected by a 45 ft. axel. With a diameter of 250 ft., it held 36 cars that could hold 60 riders each. For more information check:

[www.randomhouse.com/crown/devilinthewhitecity/fair.html](http://www.randomhouse.com/crown/devilinthewhitecity/fair.html)

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1935 Calif. Pacific International Expo in Balboa Park, San Diego. Walter Teague used Albert Kahn's designs from both the Ford rotunda in Chicago and the General Motors building as a source for the 1935 Ford Expo building. It looked like an auto gear with a tall tower. For more:

[www.sandiegohistory.org/bpbbuildings/fordbldg.html](http://www.sandiegohistory.org/bpbbuildings/fordbldg.html)

Chicago Worlds Fair 1933 known as the City of Progress Expo. The Ford Rotunda was built in 1935 and burned down in 1962. More:

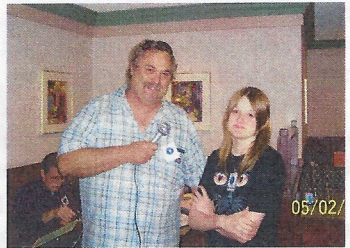
<http://automotivemileposts.com/autobevity/fordrotunda.htm> Pageant of the Pacific in San Francisco 1939, check out:

[www.treasureislandmuseum.org/treasures/](http://www.treasureislandmuseum.org/treasures/) 1939-40 New York Worlds Fair "Building the World of Tomorrow" It was a much needed antidote to the depression. It provided hope. The Ford Expo building was designed and built by Teague and Kahn, and the huge sculpture of Mercury on the front of the building by Robert Foster. Ford drove their 28<sup>th</sup> millionth car 14,000 miles to the fair.

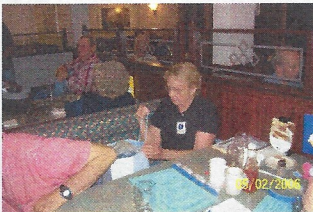
Check out: <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~1930s/DISPLAY/39wf/frame.html> and tour the future.

Pictured to right: Dave Bergman assisted by eldest daughter, Ashley, draw the winning numbers for the raffles.

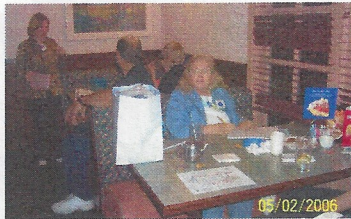
**Raffle Winners:**



**Ladies Raffle:**

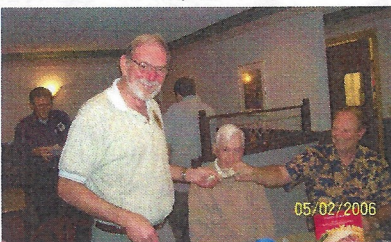


Lois Bergman and



Karen Lehman

**Name Badge:** Jerry Case  
**50/50 Drawing:** Jerry Case  
(Pictured below) Chuck Mair witnesses Ingvar Carlson paying the 50/50 raffle winner, Jerry Case.



(Pictured above) Drive Prize Winner: 1940 sedan driven by Ken & Joanie Sapper.



## Mary's '36

This is Mary's 3<sup>rd</sup> '36 Ford rumble seat convertible and this cabriolet happens to be the best un-restored convertible I have ever seen. The '36 cabriolet was purchased new in 1936 by a man living in Covina, California. He drove the car from Covina to Pasadena where he worked. The car was his main transportation for three years. In 1939 he bought a new '39 4 door convertible.

The man in Covina had a 4 car garage, 2 wide and 2 deep. The '36 cabriolet soon got packed in the rear portion of the garage, where it was covered with household stuff. The car sat in that garage until the early 80's, when Ervin Warren went to look at a '39 4 door convertible for sale. He just happened to notice the household stuff that completely covered the '36. He asked if the '36 was for sale. The man said, yes, it was, but he had not gotten it out of its hiding place. Ervin bought the '36 cabriolet and left the '39 4 door convertible in the garage.

Ervin installed a factory '36 columbia overdrive and had the 21 stud motor overhauled. He also installed many accessories on the car, but he did not do anything to the body and upholstery. The door panels and the seat frame are still original although the seat had been recovered. The car still has mechanical brakes and they worked good. The body, frame, and floor had no dents or rust. All 4 of the fenders had very small dents in them, which were easy to repair.

On February 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 the decision was made to restore this very original car. The straw that broke the camels back was when our fat cat "Charley" jumped up on the top and fell through. The top material was rotten and would not hold old Charley. I was not going to put a new top on a car that needed to be restored.

As of this date, March 20, 2006 the frame has been sandblasted and painted. The floor has been sandblasted and painted back to the original color "Lite Fast Maroon". The body and fenders have been stripped to bare metal and primed.

Now it is time to prep and paint and a whole lot of assembly. We hope to have the cabriolet ready for the Western National Meet held August 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> in Tacoma, Washington.

Hard working Iowa farm boy,  
Don. L. Durkee

*(See next pages for pictures provided by Don Durkee.)*

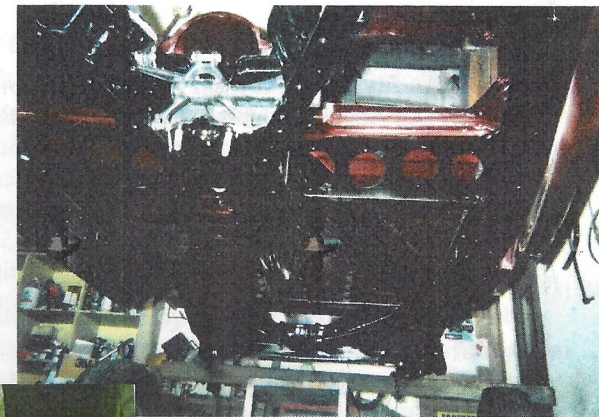




Four people power versus 85 horsepower.



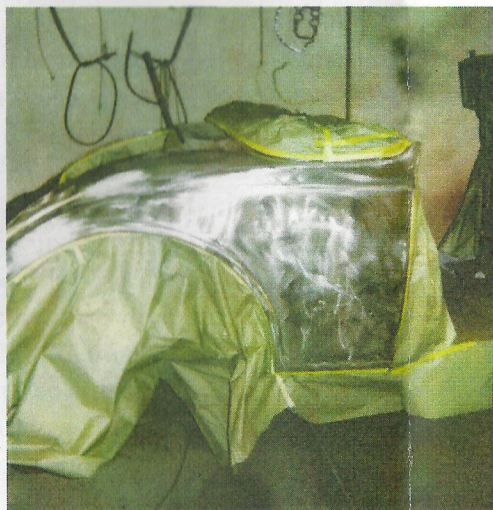
Don's helpers show their best side.



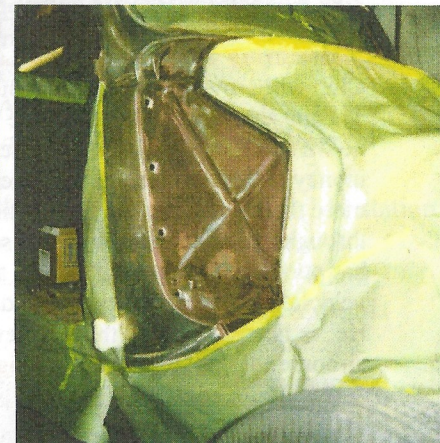
When done, the bottom will look as good as the top.



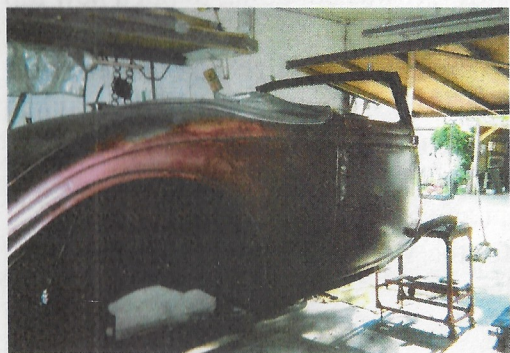
Blacky mugs for the camera, while Dick gives the engine its 1<sup>st</sup> drink of water.



Mary's body stripped bare.



The "x" is a dead giveaway that this is a '36, not a '35.



Attention to detail, a Durkee trademark.





## Calendar of Events

**June 4 (Sunday) 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Nationals Drag Race & Car Show**  
at the Los Angeles County Raceway in Palmdale. Racing is open to 1954 or earlier type vehicles (Ford trucks OK thru 1956). Seat belts and helmets are required in all cars. For Tech. info call LACR (661) 533-3336 weekday mornings. Show is open to all. If you're not racing, bring your car to show! General Admission to race or show Adults \$15.00 Children (age 6 thru 15) \$1.00. Info Dan (626) 337- 4004 Four Ever Four Cylinder Club, Inc. Racer/Show Gate opens @ 8:00 a.m. Spectator Gate opens @ 9:00 a.m.

### **June 6 (Tuesday) Valley V8 meeting**

The next meeting will be on June 6, 2006 at Baker's Square at the corner of Zelzah and Chatsworth at 7:30 p.m. Don't forget there is the no host dinner that starts at 6:00 p.m. Come to have dinner with V-8 friends and stay for the meeting. The program will be given by Nancy Batsole. It will be about consumers reports on 1936 -1953 Fords.

### **June 11 (Sunday) Tour to Val's Antiques Car Collection and Museum.**

9:00 a.m. meet at Baker's Square restaurant parking lot. This will be a **Potluck and Barbeque. For the potluck those with Last Names beginning with A-K please bring salads those with Last Names L-Z please bring desserts.** The Club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, drinks, plates and utensils. The museum is actually the home where Val lives. Val started collecting when he was 8 years old which was when he first appeared in movies playing the money collector opposite his father who played a "snake-oil" salesman. For more than 5 decades Val has continued collecting and displays his treasures throughout his home. Come and see the million dollar room. Over the years, Val has performed in rodeos, been an actor, stunt man, producer, and supplier of vehicles for the motion picture industry and his collectables reflect this heritage. He's a licensed pilot, although there's not room to get the planes on the property airborne. If you were unable to sign up at the May meeting, then A.S.A.P. please call Dennis Keene at (323) 665-1363 so we'll know how many to plan for.

### **June 17 and 18 – 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual L. A. Roadsters Father's Day Meet**

**"Largest Roadster Show on Earth"**

**Roadster Exhibition, Trade Show & Swap Meet**

at the Los Angeles Fairplex in Pomona.



Swap hours: 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Show hours: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Specialty Parking (pre 1975 cars only) \$10 per car, \$15 per person per day, children under 12 are free. Enter at Gate #15 off of Arrow Highway.

For more information call Jeff at (805) 584-3103. Show Information:

[www.laroadsters.com](http://www.laroadsters.com)

### **June 25 (Sunday) 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Forty Ford Day.**

La Palma Park, Anaheim. Pre-register by June 16, 2006.

Info: (714) 968-6440.



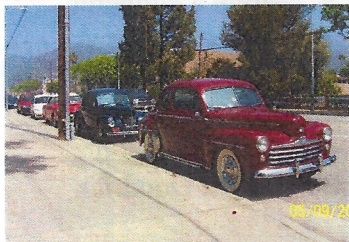
## Guide Dogs of America Tour – May 9, 2006

A 'May Grey' day couldn't discourage 16 V8ers who gathered at Woodley Park for a "Lets Play Hookey" tour to the Guide Dogs of America facility in Sylmar. Assembled in the meeting room to see a video narrated by Brad Garret, we had a chance to meet Lori, a very mellow Black Labrador retriever. We all got to introduce ourselves to Lori, whereupon she went to the front of the room, reclined on her back with all four in the air, and quietly dozed.

We learned that originally most guide dogs were German Shepards, but now they are predominantly Labs, followed by Golden Retrievers and lastly German Shepards. The program includes breeding of the puppies, turning them over to volunteer families, at two months old, who raise them and acclimate them to the world until they are 18 months old. At that time they return to the facility for formal training and after being matched with their sight impaired masters, they get a four week "get to know each other" session with their new owners, who board at the site. The services receive no government funding and are supported by private donations and volunteers. Check out their website for more info. and current activities [www.guidedogsofamerica.org/](http://www.guidedogsofamerica.org/) .

Following a tour of the grounds, the group retired to a local Fiddlers Three Restaurant for lunch. Although this reporter wasn't able to attend, Glenn Davis reports that after lunch club member "Big Al" led an impromptu tour to his nearby home where over 40 of his cars of various makes were available for viewing, including at least 16 Fords. -- D. K.

Those in attendance: Tour Leader - Blacky & Gerry Blackwell, '40 station wagon; Steve & Sue Boskovich, '48 coupe; Glenn Davis, '51 Tudor; Al Mooney, '53 Merc. convertible; Royce & Louise Hulsey, '53 Merc. Tudor; Dick & Diane Stones and LuAnne Rohrer, '46 convertible; John & Virginia Wolf, '40 coupe; Dennis Keene, modern; John & Lin Kemmerer, modern.





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## June Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Jerry Jensen  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dick Colarossi  
5<sup>th</sup> Ron Main  
6<sup>th</sup> Don Stout  
7<sup>th</sup> Larry Caplan  
7<sup>th</sup> Karen Lowry



8<sup>th</sup> Rose Gott  
9<sup>th</sup> John Kemmerer  
14<sup>th</sup> Darryl Thomas  
23<sup>rd</sup> Chuck Mair  
23<sup>rd</sup> Al Rohrer  
24<sup>th</sup> Barbara Sadd  
28<sup>th</sup> Scott Doudrick

## In Memory of Shell Harriman

By Don Durkee

I met Shell Harriman in the early part of 1970 at South Gate Park where the Southern California Early Ford V-8s had their meetings on the first Sunday night of every month.

We used to travel from Ventura to South Gate every first Sunday in a 1940 Ford convertible to go to those meetings. It was always exciting to go to the Early Ford V8 meetings because there was a good showing of Early Ford V8s. In those days there were just 1932 through 1940 vehicles in the club. Shell's black 1932 Victoria was always there. I can remember when Shell had 2 black 1932 Victorias. One of them had a chevy in it, but not for long! Shell converted it back to a flathead V8. Shell always liked his early V8s like Henry made them with "Flathead Power".

Shell joined the San Fernando Valley V8's in 1976 and he kept his membership in So. Cal. RG, so belonging to both groups made him a dual member. The Valley meeting was a lot closer drive for us, but if you wanted to see lots of old Fords the So. Cal. meeting was the place to attend.

After joining the Valley V8's Shell became club Secretary. His column always started out with "Secretary Sez". His articles always had a lot of V8 humor in them. That's when I really got to know Shell Harriman. He was not only a Stanford graduate with a Master's Degree, but his V8 humor was compared to the late great Bob McCoppin, also known as 'The Grease Pit Poet'.

Some time in the early 80's Shell moved to Camarillo and he joined the Ventura V8s where he also served as club Secretary and so the Ventura version of "Secretary Sez" appeared in the Ventura RG's newsletter 'The Steering Column'.

In the 90's Shell joined the Romeo Club which is a bunch of retired guys driving their antique cars to lunch. 'Romeo' stand for 'Retired Old Men Eating Out'. While Shell was in the Romeo club he managed to get four Early Ford V8s restored: '32 6-wheeled Roadster; '32 Phaeton; '40 Coupe and a '32 Victoria.

Shell drove his '32 Victoria many miles on tours even taking her to Canada. He would not drive Brand 'X'.

A good buddy we will miss him for a long time.

Old Car Friend,  
Don L. Durkee



## Editor's & Publisher's Corner

What a difference a day makes. Or more importantly what a difference the weather makes. April it rained and we had no early cars at the club meeting. In May we had clear weather and we had 17 cars at the May meeting. The weather is only going to get better, so come join in the fun at our Club activities. To those members we seldom see we urge you (even if your early Ford isn't ready for the road) come to club activities. Early Ford folks are really neat people and we'd like to get the chance to know you too. We have our June meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> and a great tour and potluck on June 11<sup>th</sup>. You can check on page 8 of this issue for the Calendar of Events for more information.

### Reminder to all club members:

Mark your calendars now ..... Due to the Independence Day Holiday, the July club meeting will be held one week later than usual on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## For the Fun of It Corner

### A hunting story for everyone



Somewhere near Rochester, New York, Ed set out to bag his buck at 5:30 a.m. By 11:30 a.m., he was exhausted and hungry - and still no buck. At 12 noon, the mighty hunter Ed falls asleep while guarding the remains of his lunch. A passerby snaps a quiet photo while trying not to wake Ed or startle the deer with a belly laugh.

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## **May Car of the Month**

*Congratulations to Randy Watson.  
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May Car of the Month.*

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