



December 2024

# *DRIVE LINES*



*CARS OF THE MONTH DECEMBER*

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1966 Ford Galaxie 500 - owner Jim Ellerbrock

1966 Ford Fairlane 500XL - owner Vic Timar

# The Valley V8's

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It's time to renew your Valley V8 membership for 2025

Please send your renewal fee of \$35 with the membership form found in this newsletter to Joanie Sapper at the below address.

**Make check payable to "Valley V8's"**

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**The Valley V-8's  
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<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Style</u>

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

**Mail your payment to: Joan Sapper, 2948 Mary St, La Crescenta, CA 91214**

**If you have any questions please call 818-606-0267 Email: [brngarage@gmail.com](mailto: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>**

December 5, 2024

## Final Message from this Prez

Again, thanks to all who participated in the last two month's auction meetings. We managed to take in about 860 dollars. This will certainly help to support the club going into next year.

Thanks to Howard and Ernie for planning the tour to the SEABEES Museum in Port Hueneme on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The caravan to Port Hueneme was very scenic on the route that was chosen. The museum was very well laid out with a lot of info on many of the tasks that the SEABEES do. Everyone enjoyed the lunch at "Mrs. Olson's Coffee Hut" restaurant that had a view of the harbor and was named one of the best breakfast places in Oxnard.

Contact Scott to get your order in for a club shirt. He has a few to choose from and would like to get the order firmed up.

Congratulations to Steve Boskovich for winning his election for National Director for our area. The club now has great representation at the top level.

Please keep remembering our other ailing members: Sandy Norris and Monty Goff.

**Cars of the month.** For December we are again varying from the Club years. We are celebrating the warm California climate by showcasing two convertibles that are in our Club. They are a 1966 Fairlane 500 owned by Vic and Andrea Timar and a 1966 Galaxie 500 owned by Val and Jim Ellerbrock. Their stories of the cars are in the Drive Lines.

Our next get together is from **11 AM to 2PM on Sunday December 15th** for our annual Holiday party. Please contact Joanie or Bill Greene if you still need to pay. See you there.

**So-Long for now.** I will be stepping down from the President's position at the end of the year. I would like to thank everyone that has supported me for the last two years. Rex Jaramillo will be taking over. Please give him your support as he will be bringing up new ideas. Thanks again.

Jim



# Annual Valley V8 Club Brunch

December 15, 2024

The Woodland Hills Country Club

21150 Dumetz Rd, Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Ticket price: Members \$35 Guests \$40

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If you haven't already you should

RSVP as soon as possible to

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

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Meeting opened at 10:08 am by President Jim Ellerbrock with the Pledge of Allegiance. No visitors were present. A short business meeting took place before Part 2 of the club auction.

**Christmas Holiday Party** – Bill Greene, VP, reminded all about our Sunday, December 15 party. The place is Woodland Hills Country Club, same as last few years. Time is 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. A signup sheet was circulated. Tickets need to be purchased before December 1. Members-\$35, Non-members-\$40. All payments need to be mailed to Joanie Sapper, Treasurer. 2948 Mary St, La Crescenta, CA 91214. Make checks out to Valley V8 Club.

**Past copies National V8 Times Magazine** - Bill Greene also reminded club of the collection of he has and wants to give away. Call him if you are interested.

**Club shirts** – Scott Doudrick reminded club to place your orders for new shirts-either long sleeved denim or short sleeved polo style. Please call Scott!

**Tours-** On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, Ernie planned for us a cruise to the Seabees Museum in Port Hueneme with lunch to follow. Lunch will be at Mrs. Olsons Coffee Hut in Oxnard. Looking forward to a beautiful, relaxing drive.

**2025 Membership Dues are now due!** – Please submit another club application so we have everyone's most recent information, from Howard Brown. Reminder: \$35 per family.

**Drivelines update!** – Valerie Ellerbrock announced that future newsletters will only be available in black/white. The color portions are only available on-line. You print your own color version. This is due to the prices on color prints!

Various other short announcements were made. Steve B. will soon be appointed the west coast National Director. Scott C. mentioned that his Woody was dangerously close to the recent Mountain Fire in Camarillo. Clark P. mentioned the passing of the Backalley Restorations owner. Vasken H. is writing an article for V8 Times about our member Ed (Isky) Iskenderian. Vasken also made a great suggestion to list our members that are Veterans in our next year's roster.

**Last, but not least, our future Club President for 2025 will be Rex Jaramillo!**

**AUCTION PART 2 RESUMED AFTER BREAK –**

A million THANKS for all your participation in the auction, to make it our BEST ever!

Submitted by Joanie (Sec'y/Treasurer)

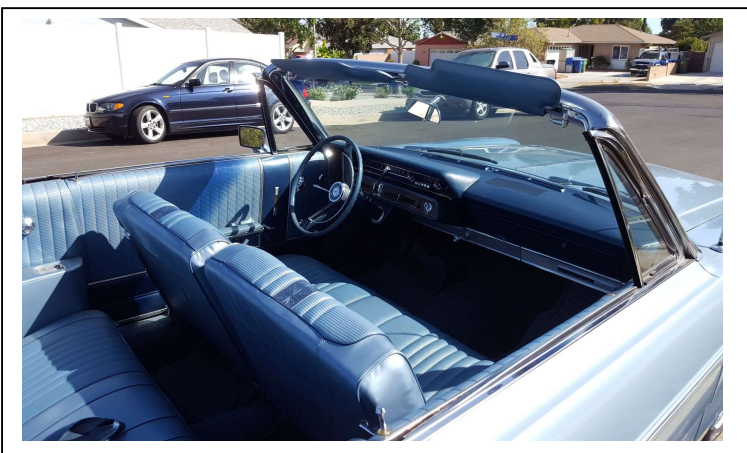
My first car was a 1964 Caliente convertible. I had to sell it when I was 25. I always wanted another convertible, so when this number matching 1966 Fairlane 500 XL 390/C6/9inch. Came along, I bought it. *(Vic Timar)*



## Car of the Month – Jim Ellerbrock

My car is a 1966 Ford Galaxie 500. It has a 352 V8 with Cruise-O-Matic transmission, AM radio, and power steering. It is considered a survivor car with only 11K actual miles.

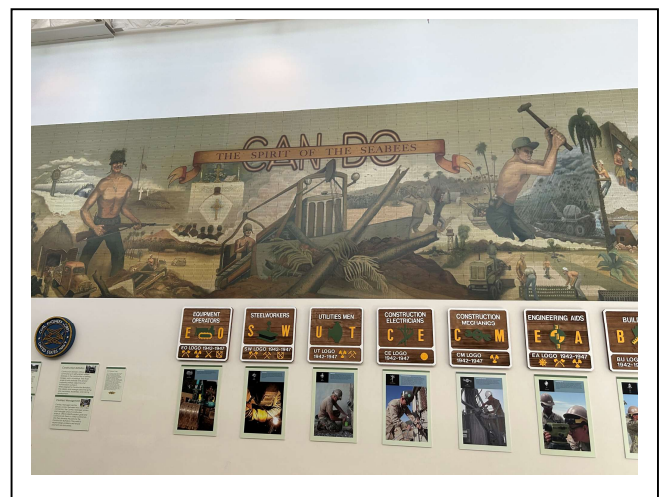
Val and I purchased this car in 2012. I had been looking for a convertible for a few months earlier originally looking for 1962 as we had a sedan of this model when I was growing up. I saw the ad in Hemmings for a 1966 convertible with only 8K miles listed at that time. I called and asked if the mileage listing was in error and should it be 108K? The owner was a retired GM Parts guy and turning clean used cars was his side business. He assured me that the 8K was correct and he had the history. The problem was that he and the car were back in Pennsylvania. He was kind enough to send me more photos and answer my questions. Then I broke the golden rule and bought the car without seeing it in person. I had it shipped and was fortunate to be driving by the shipping depot in Granada Hills when it was being unloaded from the carrier. It was what was advertised. It had the original equipment and original tires. I have updated the wear out items. I drive it a couple times a month and to this point, it has been a very trouble-free car.





## The Valley V8 Club/Studebaker Club Tour Nov. 16th, 2024

Well the day started out as a brisk cool day with lots of sunshine. Our group met at the "Park 'N Ride" off of the 118 Freeway at Stearns in Simi Valley. We started to gather around 9AM and at 9:30AM we departed. We had a nice range of vintage cars. Starting with myself and my '48 Plymouth Special Deluxe 2dr Sedan, Rich Kimmell's '54 Studebaker Champion, Mike Mansour with his little '66 Mini. Vic and Andrea Timar drove their '64 Comet Callienti, and Ken and Joan Sapper drove their beautiful '32 Ford Roadster. Jim and Val Ellerbrock joined us in their '65 Mercury Woodie Wagon along with our next V8 Club President Rex and Reen Jaramillo in their Modern Classic. Well at 9:30 we departed, with Howard Brown as my co-pilot off we went. We had a nice leisurely drive taking the back roads to the SEABEE Museum in Port Hueneme. We had a number of club members meet us at the museum. Scotty Cramollini was there with his very pretty '53 Ford Country Squire station wagon along with a couple of other Studebaker members and their cars (Bob Anderson with his '62 Studebaker GT Hawk, Andrea Enthal with her daily driver Toyota. We arrived about 10:45 at the museum and after some chatting we went in. It was the first time visit for me and I was impressed with size and quality of the museum. We all just did self-guided tours, however I should have contacted them prior to our visit to have a guided tour setup, which might have been even more enjoyable. At 12:45 we met at the entrance of the museum and left for a short drive over to "Mrs. Olson's Coffee Hut" at the marina. I had not been there before and was pleasantly surprised at the decor and menu available. I once again forgot to make advance arrangements with them, however I called them and warned them that our group would be there at around 12:45 for lunch when we were going into the museum. They were ready for us and had setup a table for our group. With that being said we all had a good meal and a lot of conversation and a great time! Everything seemed to work out just fine and I was happy it didn't turnout be another of "Ernie's Lost Tours"! After lunch we all left and took our own routes back home. Howard and I took the back roads back to avoid all the traffic on the freeway. In summary, the tour was a success! The last tour of the year! Now on to our respective club Holiday Partys! – *submitted by Ernie Baily*



Seabee Museum Tour



# Valley V8's - Roadside Americana

By Scotty Cramolini

*Since we all drive vintage V8 Fords that were once familiar with the Sunday drive, road trips, unique simple eateries, Drive-Ins, Motels and eclectic roadside architecture, I thought I'd highlight some of those memories with a "once a month" bit of nostalgic trivia in our newsletter. This is the 2nd in a series of that fun and simple era of "Roadside Americana" that we all had the privilege of growing up in, and sadly, which has long passed away.*



Bobs Big Boy is surely the quintessential example of the Southern California Drive-In and burger stop from the late 1930s into the current 21st century. It all began in 1936 when a young Bob Wian sold his beloved 1933 DeSoto to purchase A 10 stool hamburger stand in Glendale, Ca.... for \$350! He named the place Bobs Pantry. The following year on a frosty night in February 1937, members of Chuck Fosters Orchestra, on one of their late night visits after a gig, challenged Wian with the now legendary question: "How about something different for a change Bob?" within minutes the first famous Bob's Double Decker Cheeseburger - with three buns and a dollop of red relish - had been created! The band loved it and word spread like wildfire. Several days later six year old neighbor, Richard Woodruff, wanders in through the front door with a head full of tussled black hair and wearing his checkered overalls. Always looking for a treat and always hungry, he was willing to sweep up the pantry for one of Bob's mouth watering burgers. His chubby little caricature was too much for one local patron to pass up and a cartoon of the boy was quickly drawn on a napkin. Woodruff and the Big Boy burger became the icons of the Bobs we all loved and grew up with. Many of us would agree... there's no better meal!

Credit: "The American Drive-In", M. Witzel, 1994

## VALLEY V8 SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

Our first shirt is done! See the attached picture. I went with the polo instead of the denim because I thought it would be easier and knew it would be cheaper. I requested that future versions be a darker navy blue (I get a unique one). I would like to pass out a signup sheet if people are amenable to that. Below are suggested prices which will cover the cost of the shirts plus a little to defray the cost of the setup.

Polo shirts - \$40. Add \$10 for name

Men's long sleeve denim shirts - \$55. Add \$10 for name

Women's long sleeve denim shirts - \$48. Add \$10 for name

If people are happy with company and want them, I can get tshirts made with the engine logo on them. \$80 setup fee, 15 item minimum, but the shirts themselves would be only \$14. We could charge \$20 per shirt and recoup all of the setup in one run.

*Scott Doudrick*



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# Valley V8 Birthdays

December	8	Ron Batesole
December	15	Ken Sapper



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Hope to see you at the Annual Club Brunch  
Sunday December 15th at Woodland Hills Country Club  
(Next meeting at Lulu's will be Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>)

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