



August 2024

DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1935 Ford Cabriolet

Owner Jay Russell

August 4, 2024

Message from the Prez

Here is the latest on our meeting times. The majority of the votes cast were in favor of moving it to Saturday morning from Tuesday evening. The restaurant can accommodate us on the 2nd Saturday of the month. We will try this for the rest of the year. Please note that for this Saturday's meeting only, the meeting will begin at approximately 10:15 AM due to scheduling of the back room by the restaurant. Please feel free to order breakfast in the main part or during the meeting.

Sad to report that another Club member has passed. Whitney Rydbeck passed a couple of weeks ago. Whitney was very well known in the Entertainment Business. He appeared in various TV shows including "Mash" and many others. He also entertained our club along with Jerry Case at our Christmas /Holiday Parties. Please read his bio article in this issue.

A big welcome to Maxine Ostrian who has joined our club on her own after Jerry's passing. She has said that she does not know much about cars, but enjoys the people. We enjoy her too.

Please keep remembering our other ailing members Sandy Norris and Monty Goff. They are both doing a little better.

A thank you to last month's speaker, Greg Clark. It was very interesting listening to how he worked his way through the issues of trying and eventually succeeding in making his engines more durable to win various races.

Car of the month. Car of the month for August is Jay Russel's 1935 Cabriolet. Please read Jay's story on how he acquired the car. Very interesting. (Also, thanks to Scott Doudrick for taking the photos)

Next month's speaker. Rex Jaramillo and associate will talk about the rally race that they were recently in. Should be interesting.

See you at the next meeting at **10:15 AM on Saturday the 10th of August.**

Jim Ellerbrock

CAR OF THE MONTH

Checking the Value of One Car Leads to Buying Another

by Jay Russell

Over the years I have owned several antique cars (some just being old cars). The car I have owned the longest is a 1929 Model A Ford Roadster. I bought the car in May of 1976 and still have it in the garage today. I had subscribed to Hemmings Motor News for many years, but discontinued the magazine around 1990. About November of 2018 I wanted to look at the value of my roadster, so I went online to check out the prices of Model A's on Hemmings' website. Since I was already on the computer, I started searching around for other cars. The 1935 Ford Cabriolet caught my eye with its beautiful grill, the sleek lines, and the fact that you could roll up the windows.

I noticed a particular car that was for sale in the Boston area and kept going on the Hemmings website for a few months just checking to see what was for sale. About the end of January 2019, I noticed the car in the Boston area was not listed. I had kept the Hemmings listing number and called them, asking if the car had sold or what had happened. The person I talked to said the listing had expired, but he gave me the phone number of the owner of the car. After talking to the owner of the car regarding the history of the Cabriolet and the restoration that he had done on it, I was very interested. I had to do some homework on what I should be paying for this, so again back to the computer. I found the Early V8 Ford Club of America's website. Well, as you know in California there are 19 groups (chapters). The website shows the name and phone number of the president of each group. I live in Tarzana, and the Valley V8 group is close to me. So, I called that phone number, but it was the wrong listing. Next, I called the Southern California group and got George Garrett on the phone. I explained the reason for the call. He was very nice and gave

me a ballpark idea of what I should be paying for the Cabriolet. He said I should contact Ralph Hubbard, who does valuations on old cars. I called Ralph on his cell phone and asked the same question regarding what I should pay. After telling me his estimate for the car, Ralph asked me where the car was located. I said the Boston area and he gave me the name of Larry (no last name to protect the innocent) in the New England area. He advised I should only have him check out the car before I hopped on a plane to look at it myself. Sounded good. "What is his phone number," I asked. Ralph said he was pulling up to a meeting and I could find the Larry's number in the register and hung up the phone. What register? As a person that loves the hunt, the amateur detective in me took over, and I finally was able to locate Larry's phone number. Turns out that Larry knew the owner of the car and they had sold each other parts. He lived about 40 minutes from where the Cabriolet was.

But now the story keeps going. The fellow selling the car put the car in storage for the winter. And he could not get it out until April. Well, my wife and I were leaving for a trip to New Zealand and Australia on March 23, 2019, and returning on April 20th. The car was coming out of storage the second week in April. I asked Larry to check it out for me. When we returned from our trip, I spoke to Larry. He confirmed the owner had done an excellent restoration on the Cabriolet. I flew to Boston on Thursday, April 25th. The owner of the car picked me up at the airport. Larry met us at the owner's house. After going over the car, the owner asked if I wanted to drive it. I said Larry will drive it with me as passenger. This way Larry could tell me what he thought of the way it handled and what I should expect when driving the car. I bought the car the following day and had it shipped to Tarzana. Oh, turns out Larry was a contributor to the 1935-36 Ford Book! Could not have had a better person check it out.

Jay Russell's 1935 Ford Cabriolet



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Minutes for the San Fernando Valley V8s, Chapter 40 of the Early Ford V8 Club of America membership meeting 7/13/24

The meeting convened at 10:10 am at LuLu's in Van Nuys. 27 people were in attendance

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed

Announcements

-The board met earlier in the week and it was decided that meetings will now be the 2nd Saturday of the month at Lulus starting at 10. Breakfast available at 9.

-Blake says that Sandy is a little better than she was. She likes phone calls but cannot always get to the phone.

-Maxine said a few words of thanks for everyone that was able to attend Jerry's services. Says that she looks forward to continuing to be a part of the club and that members should not hesitate to contact her. His '47 Ford Sedan Delivery was given to his brother who would like to sell it. Asking \$17,000. She recounted that in addition to all of the things we have recently heard he did, he spent 2 years as a helicopter traffic reporter in Fort Worth!

-Jim attended a meeting of V8 club presidents via Zoom. Some clubs doing well and some not so hot. The National president recently returned from visiting Australian clubs which seem to be thriving. She has some ideas from them that she is looking forward to implementing.

-National plans to roll out track-your-car as a way to keep cars in the club irrespective of owner. Owners would keep an invitation in the glove box to the next owner to join the EFV8CA as a way to not lose cars as they change owners.

-Rosters are available thanks to Howard!

-Steve will be running for a national rep position.

Guests

Kieran's friend Michael and Jim and Val's friends Dan and Lili.

Tours

Ernie gave a rundown of shows and said he had fliers for those interested. He said that the Reagan Library tour was great with only one hitch - one of our Studebaker friends broke down on the way to lunch. Scotty jumped into action and was a real professional in his yellow vest directing traffic around the stricken vehicle.

Minutes cont'd...

Tire Kicking Break

10:40-11:00. There were 6 or 7 old cars in attendance

Presentation

Greg Clark, a former co-worker of Val's, was introduced and he told us about his auto racing days. He started in Formula Ford and it turned into a family thing with multiple relatives racing and wrenching. He transitioned to '85 Nissan GT B210s and did most of his work himself. In '88 he met an engine builder at the Eloy Grand Prix which made his engines much more reliable. He then transitioned from tub chassis to tubular running Nissan engines. He ended his career in Fords. His favorite pass was one on the inside line of the corkscrew at Laguna Seca. His career ran from '81-'03.

Raffles

Ladies, 50/50 and regular. Thanks to Reenie, Ken and Steve for organizing

Meeting adjourned at 11:35

Submitted by Scott Doudrick

Edited by Valerie Ellerbrock

Summer BBQ at Steve and Sue's has been cancelled

Despite their best intentions to host this annual Valley V8 Club gathering as they have done for so many years, they will not be hosting this year. I'm sure we all have many memories from these wonderful get togethers and are grateful for their generosity to bring us together these past summers.

Thank you Steve and Sue for all those wonderful times!

Restoration report from Ernie Baily

I have been working on my brother's 4 Vintage cars in an effort to get them running so my brother who has Parkinson's, can enjoy them. And most recently I met a vendor that was very good and I want to pass on the info. His name is Paul from All Pro Glass based in Fullerton, Ca. He is a small business owner who works with his son. I found him by sheer luck! I was looking for someone who could come out to my brother's home and install the front & rear windshields on my brothers 1958 Studebaker Starlight Hard top at a reasonable cost. So, after a lot research I had no luck, any of the estimates I received varied from \$400 if the car was brought to their shop for 1 window to as high as \$1000 if done at my brother's home. I happened to mention it at the Plymouth Owners Club text link I was connected to and one of the members gave me Paul's info. Paul's business is located out of Fullerton Ca. and I thought it would be too far for him to come out, but he said "No Problem". The next good news was that he would do the job for only \$200! Paul called the night before to confirm the appointment and was there at promptly 10Am. Both he and his son did both the front & rear window removal and install in just a little over 3hr. So, if you need any glass work done I would recommend him!

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Whitney Rydbeck
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We were saddened to hear of the passing of our Valley V8's Club member Whitney Rydbeck. He spent many years as an actor, but his most passionate role was when he was teaching. The following is an article written a few years ago by Dean Claire Cavallero when he was a recipient of the Distinguished Educational Excellence Award in 2015 at Cal State Fullerton:

Whitney Rydbeck is a talented and dedicated teacher, actor, and director. After earning his Master's degree in Theater Arts at Cal State Fullerton, Whitney had a prolific career as an actor, having appeared in more than 50 television and motion picture titles, including notable appearances in Scrubs, Star Trek: Next Generation, Murder She Wrote, and Friday the 13th Part VI. His children's television show, Whitney and the Robot, ran on KNBC television in Los Angeles for 10 years.

Whitney's most enduring role has been as a teacher and mentor to students at Pasadena City College, where he has taught for the past 40 years. In addition to teaching acting, mime, and speech, Whitney has directed many outstanding theatrical productions at PCC including Company, Bus Stop, The Prime of Miss Jean Brody, and most recently, Young Frankenstein.

Whitney's passion for teaching and his dedication to student success are inspiring. He takes great pride in his students' performance. It's not unusual for him to spend a Sunday afternoon coaching a student actor in his current production or helping another student to prepare for an audition at a prestigious university.

Whitney credits his success as an actor and director to the preparation he received as a graduate student at Cal State Fullerton. As he embarks upon the next stage of his life and career, it's fitting that he return to his alma mater for this recognition of his accomplishments as an educator.

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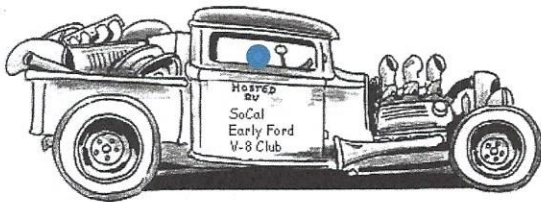


Saturday, August 24, 2024



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| August | 5 | Pamela Buck |
| August | 8 | Diane Stones |
| August | 10 | Chris Haynes |
| August | 11 | Mary Kirk |
| August | 12 | Michael Ewing |
| August | 13 | Steve Batesole |
| August | 17 | Carlos Wilhelm |
| August | 22 | Karen Lehman |
| August | 25 | Larry Pearson |

**Our next meeting will be on Saturday
August 10th at Lulu's in Van Nuys
Meeting starts at 10:15AM**