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Chapter #40

DRIVE LINES



Happy New Year!

The Valley V'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"

**Joan Sapper
2948 Mary St.
La Crescenta, CA 91214**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: from Rex Jaramillo



Hello Valley V-8's Club members —

Greetings, Happy New Year to all! Looking forward to another amazing Year for us individually, our families, and as a Car Club, cheers!

Year 2024 was a most excellent year for our Club. There were some 'up-front' and many behind-the-scenes individuals who made this possible: starting with our outgoing president Jim Ellerbrock who provided wise counsel and good direction for our Club for two terms. Jim was also our monthly Meeting 'front-man': well done, Jim, thanks for everything. And our Club Board of Directors provided sound direction and guidance for our Club, thanks to each one of them.

And how about our fantastic end-of-year Holiday celebration party: Thank you Vice President Bill Greene and wife Ruby for another year of skillfully managing and steering the Event. And those table-top centerpieces: amazing skill and artistry, thank you Ruby! Finally, a big thanks to Steve and Sue Boskovich for handling all aspects of our Event prize raffle.

New meeting activities planned: As a Club, our monthly meetings are amazing. As we enter the new year, we'll consider a few new meeting activity ideas: One is group 'discussions', short, to-the-point, 'tech-session'-type information exchanges. In our group, we have a wealth of information readily available to all Members. We'll be tapping into this amazing knowledge source and sharing technical information during meetings. Another activity we'll resurrect is the 'most interesting V-8'er in the Land' interviews. We have some very interesting backgrounds and individuals represented in our Group that are always fun to hear about.

Suggestions? Please email or call me or one of the Board members if you have a suggestion for making our Club even better!

See you all at our next Club meeting on Saturday January 11, at Lulu's Restaurant.

- 9 am Breakfast
- 10 am: Meeting starts.

Our speaker for January will be Simon Velasco, owner of CQ Auto Parts in Chatsworth. Should be a most interesting meeting. Thanks, Joe DiFatta for setting this up for us.

All the best for year 2025, see you all in a few weeks.

Rex Jaramillo

Incoming new President, Valley V-8's

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Club Dues are 'due': There are two 'related' Dues payments: 1) Our local V-8 Club Dues 2) Early Ford V-8 Club of America Dues.

- **For our 'Local' V-8 Club Dues:** Please fill out the 'Membership Application and Renewal form' in this Newsletter, then return to our Club Treasurer Joanie Sapper along with your 'Local' Dues payment.
- **For our 'National' V-8 Club Dues:** Please go into the 'Early Ford V-8 Club of America' website: fill out and submit the Online Membership Application form along with your 'National' Dues payment. A copy of the membership form is also provided for you in this issue.

V-8 Club Chapter 40 'Management': Ever wonder what makes our Club 'tick'? Many of you come from business backgrounds, so you know the importance of good business practices. So what makes our Club so fun and successful? Well, it starts with you, the Club members for your support in attending our Meetings and, oh yeah, paying your Club Dues on time. And we also have an amazing 'Club guidance-team' that operates under the direction of the President: they spend many hours collectively 'behind-the-scenes' to ensure our Club is heading in the right direction.

- Vice President: Bill Greene, responsible for our year-end Holiday celebration, and other related Club tasks.
- Secretary/Treasurer Joan Super, helps keep our budget and 'books' balanced. She's also doing a great job as Club Secretary until we 'find' a replacement.
- Club Tours: Ernie Bailey along with his team Kenny Sapper and Rich Carter are responsible for our Club tours and other outside activities.
- Club Programs: Joe DiFatta and Val Ellerbrock do the research then set up the special guests and speakers for our monthly meetings.
- Membership/Directory Coordinator: Howard Brown fills this role, also does an amazing job as the email/communication 'pipeline' for our Club.
- Drive Lines Editor/Mrs. Sunshine: Val Ellerbrock is our local 'Drive Lines' Newsletter Editor, edits like a pro. Val adds in the monthly birthdays, provided to her from Howard, the membership coordinator. As membership coordinator he expertly tracks many details like this when members renew their membership.
- Prize Raffle Coordinator: Steve Lehman handles this task, one of our important Club 'fund-raisers';
- 50/50 Raffle Coordinator: Kenny Sapper takes care of this responsibility, another Club 'fund-raiser'. Both Kenny and Steve help keep our Club 'in the black'.
- Club Technical Advisors: Fred Albrecht and Ralph Hubbard -- both a phone call away and ready with sound technical advice for Club members.
- Name Badge Raffle: Karen Lehman does a great job of handling this task.
- Ladies Raffle: Lynn Carter and Reenie Jaramillo team up for handling this 'nice-touch' Raffle for the ladies.
- Web Master: Scott Doudrick does a good job of handling this task, and he's also our Club sound-system and computer guru.

So thanks to all! Starting with you, our Club members, and also a big 'grazzi' to the above named individuals who provide amazing support for the specific tasks that keep our Club moving 'onward and upward'!



The Valley V8's Membership Application & Renewal Form

SAN FERNANDO
VALLEY V8's
CHAPTER 40
www.ValleyV8s.org
Https://www.facebook.com/groups/
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To renew your membership or join our club, please fill out this form and follow the instructions for submittal at the bottom.

Name _____ Birthday (Month and day) _____

Name _____ Birthday (Month and day) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Email _____ Occupation _____

Year joined Valley V8's _____

Early Ford V8 Vehicles Owned:

Year	Make	Model	Body	Style

To complete your registration please send your membership fee of \$35.00 payable to "Valley V8's" and mail to: Valley V8s C/O Joan Sapper, 2948 Mary St. La Crescenta, CA 91214.

NOTE: To meet our club insurance requirements, all Regional Group members must also be a member of the Early Ford V8 Club of America. Information can be found at www.earlyV8club.org.

If you have any questions, please call Howard Brown (818)606-0267 or email brngarage@gmail.com



You're invited to Join

Mail In Membership Application Form



Early Ford V-8 Club of America

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New Membership *Check Box as Required* Renewal Membership

MEMBER NAME _____ Regional Group: _____

JOINT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ COUNTRY _____

CAR(S) OWNED

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TRIM</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>BODY STYLE</u>
<i>Sample: 1940</i>	<i>FORD</i>	<i>DELUXE</i>	<i>V-8</i>	<i>TUDOR SEDAN</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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How did you find out about us? _____

Early Ford V-8 Club of America

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Established in 1963 We are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of all Ford Motor Company vehicles, 1932 through 1953.

The Early Ford V-8 Club of America

About the Early Ford V-8 Club

The Early Ford V-8 Club of America was founded in San Leandro, California in 1963. The Club recognizes all Ford Motor Company vehicles 1932 through 1953. This includes Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, commercial vehicles, tractors, as well as other Ford powered vehicles built around the world.

We are the premier Marque Club with membership of over 9,000 and 130+ active Regional Groups worldwide. We are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of all Ford Motor Company vehicles, 1932 through 1953. The club's award winning bi-monthly magazine, THE V-8 TIMES, is circulated all over the world and is acclaimed as one of the best car club magazines anywhere.

The V-8 TIMES features technical articles, shop tips, questions and answers by our panel of experts, plus classified ads for cars and parts. You will also receive a Roster Book of worldwide Members.

The Club hosts three National meets each year: (Eastern, Central and Western) and The National Club sponsors a Grand National Meet held every 5th year, usually in Dearborn, MI.

Most cars are restored to specifications "Just as Henry built them;" some are original, unrestored or just a fun touring car.

Not all of our members own an Early Ford, Lincoln or Mercury, but each one appreciates and enjoys them. Owning one is not a requirement for membership.

We invite you to join with us, and share our enthusiasm for "Henry's wonderful Ford V-8'."

Benefits of Membership

The Early Ford V-8 Club boasts members in every State. Our members usually belong to Regional Groups and almost every State has at least one Regional Group. As a member of a Regional Group, you have the resources of the group to support you in the hobby. Members usually know where to obtain the correct parts, can recommend suppliers of Ford V-8 parts and might be able to help you during repair or restoration. Socially, they usually plan car cruises, outings, garage tours, swap meets, picnics and other activities.

As a member, we have "Restoration Guide" books available for sale to our members. These have been written by the most knowledgeable experts and are a great help in your restoration or judging. Our web site also offers a "forum" for you to ask questions and seek advice from other members. "Click on" now and see our ever-changing information!

Visit our web site
www.earlyfordv8.org

THE V-8 TIMES



The bi-monthly 100 page magazine with color section is always eagerly awaited!



Join the Fun !

Annual luncheon 2024. Many thanks to Bill and Ruby Greene for all the work that went into the planning and decorating. Also big thanks to Steve and Sue Boskovich for managing the annual raffle.



Swearing in of new and continuing officers



Valley V8's Annual Luncheon 2024



Valley V8's "Roadside Americana"

By Scotty Cramolini

January 2025

Since we all drive vintage V8 Fords (and other makes) 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 for 2025. This is the 3rd 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 THE FIRST MO-TEL Before the ubiquitous "cookie cutter" Days Inn, Motel 6, Holiday Inns, Sheraton's, etc. there were hotels, Inns, motor courts and wayside campgrounds located within city limits or sporadically dotted throughout the countryside. These communal bathroom and dining stop-overs provided a nights stay but were either too pricey for the common man, didn't allow much privacy and/or were furnished. The motoring, adventure seeking public in the 1920s were looking for an affordable overnight lodging experience that would provide a clean room, private restroom facilities and nearby diner and service station (with a full-time mechanic). Thus, the MO-TEL was inaugurated (a portmanteau: the blended word of motor and hotel) ... The first "MO-TEL" in the world was opened just up the road - in San Luis Obispo, CA on December 12, 1925. Located on the northwestern outskirts of the city aside Highway 101, it was originally called the "Milestone Mo-tel" and later simply called the Motel Inn. The new style of lodging was strategically located halfway between the 400 mile Los Angeles to San Francisco route; then, a 2-3 day trek. The motel was designed by architect Arthur Heineman, who plied on the "mission theme". Rooms were \$1.25 per night. Plans were in the works for 18 additional motels of similar design. Sadly, the Great Depression came shortly thereafter the first prototype was built and snuffed out that proposed plan; additionally causing the original Motel Inn to go into foreclosure. Remnants of the original "bell tower of the building can still be seen today. (Excerpts from: Motel Inn -Wikipedia; latest update 2/2018



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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From Scott Doudrick

Drive Lines Archive Help Needed

I have been creating an archive of past Drive Lines for our club. There are hundreds of back issues available now at <https://www.valleyv8s.org/drive-lines>. These are thanks to caches from Larry Caplan, Randy Watson's son and Paul Meske, one of our charter members. I'd like your help now to complete the archive. I am missing the following newsletters and would like to get copies of them (paper or electronic):

October 2011 to January 2018, January 2011, January 2010, December 2009, December 2008, November 2007, April 2007, June 2001, January 2000, December 1985, September 1983, May 1981, June 1979 to January 1981, December 1976 to April 1979, January, February, March, June, August, September and October 1976, March, May, June, July, September and October 1975, June 1974, June 1972 to January 1973

This may look like a lot of missing issues (159 if I counted right), but that means that there are 471 of 630 available, going all the way back to our first newsletter in July of 1971!

Thanks,

Scott

PS I am looking for the following rosters: 1971, 1972 (If they exist), 1978-1980, 1990, 1993, 1998, 2004-2007, 2009-2017, 2019 & 2021

Valley V8 Birthdays

January	1	Blake Wilcox
January	6	Robin Pomeroy
January	13	David Crockett
January	25	Lilian Hom
January	25	Scotty Cramolini
January	28	Jerry Littner
January	29	Sandy Norris



Our next meeting will be on Saturday
January 11th at Lulu's in Van Nuys
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM
Come early and enjoy breakfast before