



*Chapter #40*

October 2024

# *DRIVE LINES*



## *CAR OF THE MONTH*

1950 Ford F1 Pickup

Owner Steve Boskovich

# The Valley V8's

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Valley V8's is looking for interested club members to participate as a Board Member for the 2025 membership year. Interested members may replace current officers. But if you are not sure you are ready to "be in charge" of a particular role, you can also submit your interest to "shadow" a current officer in 2025 to hopefully take over in 2026. Contact any Board Member for more info. Hope to hear from you!

October 6, 2024

## Message from the Prez

Thanks to all who attended last month's Saturday morning meeting. We should be on a normal schedule for this month's meeting, 10:00 AM start time with breakfast available after 8:30 AM. We will take about 20 minutes for business and the rest will be auction.

Thanks to Vic and Andrea Timar for hosting the Summer BBQ. The weather was not bad and the food was great. Thanks to all who attended in support of our club. Also, thanks to Steve and Sue Boskovich for hosting this event for many times in the past. Your efforts will not be forgotten.

There are two celebrations of life coming up this month. Services for Ann Caplan will be on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 PM at Porter Valley Country Club. Services for Larry Ofria will be on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 PM at Valley Relics Museum. If any of you can attend, I am sure it will be greatly appreciated by the families. See the other articles in this issue for details.

Also, please keep remembering our other ailing members: Sandy Norris and Monty Goff.

Again, if anyone is interested in any board position, now is the time to let one of us know. If you wish to "shadow" a position to learn more, that is also acceptable. New positions will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

Thanks to Howard Brown for talking about his recent trip to the Bonneville Salt Flats to observe the yearly speed runs. It is remarkable of the speeds that are achieved and the variations of the classes. Howard was joined by Rex Jaramillo who has attended in the past. Thanks to both of you for the stories.

The car of the month this month is actually a truck. It is Steve Boskovich's 1950 F1. Check out Steve's story. He also has an interesting side story on how he thought it was lost during restoration as he lost contact with the owner of the shop.

The October meeting will be our yearly auction. Please bring any items that you feel that may be of interest to someone else. Due to the input that some of our members will not be attending because of prior commitments, we will make the decision to continue the auction at next month's meeting.

See you at the meeting.

Jim Ellerbrock



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*Thank you Vic and Andrea for hosting the annual Valley V8's BBQ  
A wonderful time enjoyed by all. ☺*

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Our annual auction will be held at Lulu's  
Saturday morning October 12<sup>th</sup>

All proceeds will go towards  
our yearly Club luncheon in December and  
help to keep ticket prices affordable.

To have a successful auction we need  
LOTS of stuff to auction off.

Doesn't have to be car related or new.

A variety of gently used items  
can help boost sales.

We also need LOTS of buyers - bring your friends!  
And lots of \$



## CAR OF THE MONTH

My 1950 Ford F-1 was a 65<sup>th</sup> birthday present from my wife, Sue. It was advertised in Hemmings and located in South Carolina. After numerous phone calls and photo exchanges, a price was negotiated. The truck was represented as in "perfect condition" with a Cadillac engine that ran like a charm. It would present no problem to drive it back to California.

I talked Joe DiFatta into flying back to South Carolina with me and driving the truck back home. Armed with maps and high expectations, we embarked on our adventure. After picking up the truck, we stopped in Atlanta to see a mutual friend who owned a full-service gas station. We changed the oil, replaced a few parts and headed home. Less than 100 miles on the road, the engine began knocking and we pulled over near Talladega Speedway in Alabama and called our friend to come and get us.

I made arrangements to have the truck trailered home and Joe and I flew back. After arriving back in Chatsworth, I put a 350 High Performance engine, front disc brakes with power assist, power steering and air conditioning. It had a 350 Turbo transmission and a 9" Ford rear end in it when purchased.

The original paint was bright yellow paint over rust and dents. I had body work done and re-painted it Brandywine with a black base. A little pin-stripping added recently, finished my 20 year project.

## Car of the Month – Steve Boskovich 1950 Ford F1 Pickup



## SF Valley Ford V8 Meeting

September 14, 2024

President Jim Ellerbrock opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. All were greeted, there were no visitors.

**Member updates** – Reen updated us on Sandy Norris. We're thankful she is feeling better, but our thoughts and prayers are still welcome. A Get Well card was passed around for her. The passing of Larry Ofria was mentioned. Our September Drivelines has an article about him.

**Our club BBQ Social** was discussed. A signup sheet was past around for both food and setup/cleanup help. The date is Sunday, Sept. 22, 3:00 pm. Vic and Andrea Timar will host this event. Thanks to you both!

**Date Reminders!!** The Annual October Club Auction meeting will be Saturday morning, 10/12. Please support your club by bringing raffle items and purchasing treasures. Holiday Party is December 15, 11:00 am at Woodland Hills Country Club. Bill Greene will need RSVPs no later than Nov. 1!! There will be a Holiday Party signup sheet at the October meeting. Past issues of our Drivelines and V8 Times will be available until October! If interested, let Bill know.

**Club Shirts Coming!** Scott and Kieran conducted a vote for best artwork. These should be available that month. Pricing between \$50-\$60. Scott is also looking for a Flathead rebuilder mechanic.

**New Officers** for next year are needed! Please volunteer as are needed! A great way to become familiar with the office is to shadow the current officer.

### **10-minute Break called**

#### **Part 2:**

Maxine announced the sale of Jerry Case's '47 to a collector in Australia. Jerry's car was the only model he was missing for his collection! Steve B. explained to us how he happened to be nominated to the National Board. Reminder, ballots came with the July/August V8 Times magazine. Vote for Steve, and mail by November 1.



Minutes cont'd~~~

**Program: Dry Lake Racing at Bonneville, by Howard Brown and Rex Jaramillo.**

Howard shared many stories of racing at both Bonneville and El Mirage. A great slide show was presented. He explained how to break the speed records. (Howard’s dream is to drive a record breaker. He told his wife how safe it is, being no other cars, or walls, to crash into. Chances of flipping is small)

Rex then explained what goes into preparing the sandy surface. It’s all done by volunteers. SCTA is the governing body. Rex drove his Hotrod there, from Pasadena! There are 3 courses: 8 miles, 5 miles, and the special (?). There is a timing mechanism at the 5 (or 3) mile mark to interpret the correct MPH. Rex thinks going there as a club would be a great activity!

**GAME TIME WINNERS:**

50/50 – Steve Lehman; Ladies Raffle-Karen L. & Joyce Mooney; Name Badge-Stanley Miller

Lots of Great Raffle items thanks to Steve L!

**Meeting adjourned – 11 am.**

Submitted – Joanie

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*Condolences to Larry Caplan  
After the passing of his wife Ann  
September 17, 2024*

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION  
OF LIFE IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*Ann Caplan*

SEPTEMBER 13, 1933 - SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

**Friday, October 11, 2024 from 1 - 3 PM**

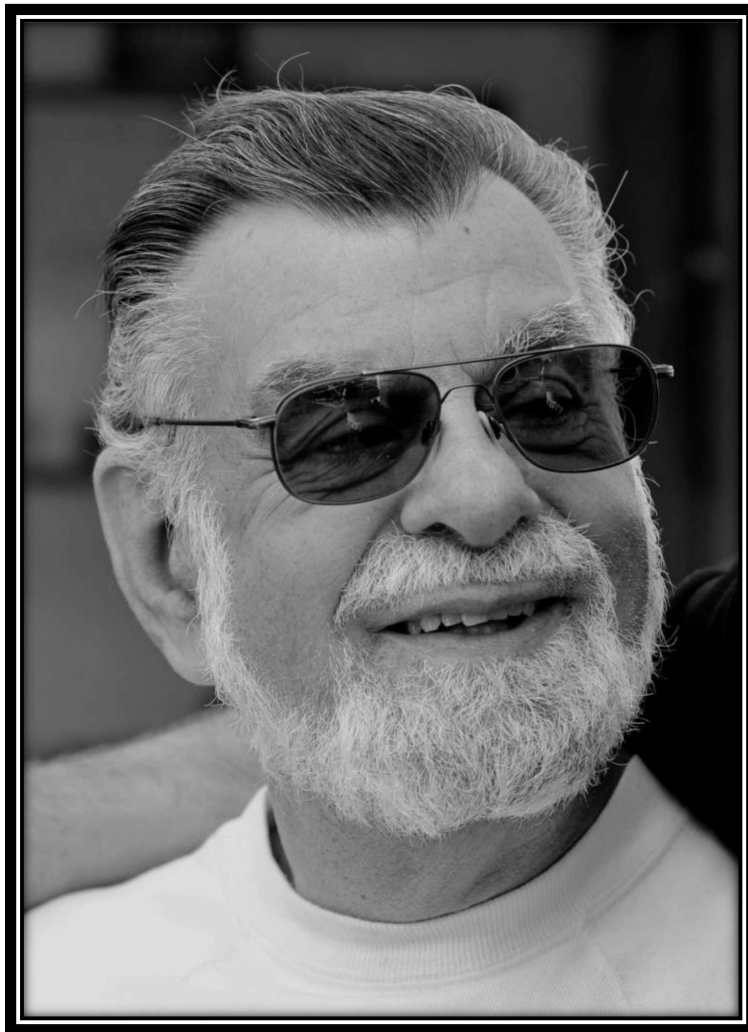
**Porter Valley Country Club**

19216 Singing Hills Drive  
Northridge, CA 91326

*Light refreshments will be served*

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in honor of  
Ann Caplan to the Alzheimer's Association or your favorite  
charitable organization

# Come Join Us and Celebrate The Life Of Larry Ofria



**Sunday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 6 pm**

**valley relics  
museum**

**7900 Balboa Blvd.  
Hangar C3 & C4  
Lake Balboa, CA 91406  
On the west side of the Van Nuys Airport  
Enter by turning east on Stagg St.**

**Additional parking on Stagg St.  
and a parking lot on Balboa and Stagg  
Some drinks and snack food will be available  
A limited capacity of 400 attendees**

**No Pets Allowed by Management**



# Valley V8's - Roadside Americana

By Scotty Cramolini

October 2024

We all drive vintage Fords and other classics 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 2024. This is the first 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 Corn Dog (as we know it today) was introduced by Ed Waldmire at the 1946 Illinois State Fair. However, it wasn't called a Corn Dog. The original name given the "fried cornmeal wrapped hot dog on a stick" was called a Cozy Dog. Ed opened his restaurant, The Cozy Dog Drive-In, in 1950 in Springfield, Illinois. It still stands today serving Cozy Dogs on a stick and is considered "the first fast food of Route 66."

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# Valley V8 Birthdays

October	5	Kim Ofria
October	5	Kenneth Stanton
October	11	Dave Bergman
October	15	Richard Mottern
October	24	Leslie Littner
October	25	Al Mooney
October	29	Ann Marie Batesol



**Our next meeting will be on Saturday  
October 12<sup>th</sup> at Lulu's in Van Nuys  
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM  
Come early and enjoy breakfast before**