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DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

Grandpa Parson's Model A

Owner Scott Doudrick

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"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: from Rex Jaramillo



Hello Valley V-8's Club members —

Greetings, and welcome to the second Drive Lines Newsletter of the new year. Despite the fires and other craziness, we had a good meeting last month January 11, with record attendance. Thanks to all who were there: you are the ones who make up our meetings and our Club. Keep up the 'good work' and invite your interested friends: all are welcome!

The guest speaker for our January Club meeting was Simon Velasco, owner of **CQ Auto Parts** in Chatsworth. Simon is a car guy through-and-through and one of the 'younger' up-and-coming members of our Car Culture. Simon's store sells to all areas of the car community, parts for old and new cars alike, and has resources to acquire and deliver parts quickly. Thanks, Joe DiFatta for setting Simon up with us.

Next Meeting: Saturday February 8: This promises to be an excellent meeting. Our guest speaker will be Joanna Rosales, a docent, or 'expert guide', at the 'Andres Pico Adobe Park' here in San Fernando. She and an associate will give us an overview and history of the Adobe, the oldest residence in the San Fernando Valley. Our own Val Ellerbrock has an interesting background with the Adobe. And we have future plans for a Club cruise out there for an in-person view of this most excellent example of San Fernando Valley and California history.

Finally: ever wonder how an ICE works? Stands for Internal **C**ombustion **E**ngine. At the February meeting, we'll have a short 'primer' on the ICE: Good stuff!

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

-Rex J.
rexjaramillo@gmail.com
(213)706-3854



*Andres
Pico
Adobe*

Meeting opened by our new President, Rex Jaramillo, at 10:00 am with Pledge of Allegiance. Guest introduced by Joe DeFatta, Simon Velasco, our speaker today from CQ Auto Parts. (Simon's business information at end of minutes)

Our thoughts and prayers going out to Monty Goff for continuing medical issues and Sandy Norris, so good to hear she's getting stronger by the day! We are also saddened to hear Scott Doudrick's home was lost in Altadena fire. A 'Go-fund-me' account has been set up to help Scott and his family! Use the account name: Support Beth and Scott After the Eaton Fire. Here's the link to their page: <https://gofund.me/f30e8b06>

Tours – Ernie Baily: Working towards 1 Tour each month!

DUES REMINDER from Treasurer and President. \$35 due before February 28. Please find latest version of Renewal Form. Must be included with your payment. ALSO, dues to pay for National Early Ford V8 Club of America! Both forms are included in Drivelines.

Treasurer Report – Joan Sapper, gave total cost of our Holiday Party plus end-of-the-year balance.

National Report – Steve Boskovich, our regional director, in future he will share with us current news to pass along. He's ready to take any concerns we may have to the National Board.

V.P. Bill Greene is thinking about December 2025 Holiday Party. He's open for location suggestions. Now is time we make our reservation!

15 MINUTE BREAK CALLED

Upon return to club business, we had our fun 50/50 Drawing and Vic Timar wins! Name Badge ticket drawing went to Joe DiFatta. Ladies' Raffle winners were Reen Jaramillo and Valerie Ellerbrock!

Our new President, Rex, has plans to have a "TECH TALK" every meeting. This will be 10-15 minutes of some basic car tips. For example: Brake fluid, Engine basics. (Just bringing up the subject began quite a discussion on brake fluids!)

PROGRAM: Simon Velasco, owner of CQ Auto Parts. He began by telling us his background, coming from El Salvador at age of 23. Most interesting! With no knowledge of cars. Rex proceeded to interview him with some great questions. Briefly: Car parts available there are for both old and new cars, they do engine work there as they do have a machine shop, a magnaflux machine and hot tank. They reseal valves, turn brake drums & rotors. His information is below. Come check them out!

Afterwards we had the Exciting Raffle table of prizes! Thanks go out to Steve Lehmann.

Our meeting was closed and ended. Great job Rex on your first meeting!

CQ Auto Parts – Foreign & Domestic

Full Service Machine Shop

21116 Devonshire St.

Chatsworth, CA 91311

Simon – 818-341-3131

(Minutes submitted by Joan Sapper)



Our guest speakers at our February meeting will be Joanna Rosales and Stefanie Garcia, Directors at Large for the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. They will be speaking about the Andres Pico Adobe and the Pioneer Memorial Cemetery. The adobe is a living museum where the San Fernando Valley Historical Society gives free tours to those who visit. In 1873, the Adobe was once lived in by Romulo Pico, son of prominent Californio Andres Pico. The home is now the headquarters to the SFV Historical society where they work to preserve the Valley's history. The Pioneer Memorial Cemetery is located in Sylmar. The Pioneer Cemetery was founded in 1874 and is the second oldest cemetery in the SFV. They are opening up for tours in March. They are also currently working towards fundraising money for the cemetery to bring more events and to beautify the cemetery. (Invited by Val Ellerbrock)

Valley V8 Club/Studebaker Club tour

Date: Feb 9, 2025

Driving tour to Antique Adventures in Ventura

6587 Ventura Blvd. Ventura, Ca 93003

(805-815-2400)

Meet at the Ride & Drive parking lot at the Stearns off ramp of the 118 Fwy.

Meet at 9am: We will depart at 9:30am and follow the back roads to the Antique Adventures building in Ventura.

Arrive at Antique Adventures approximately 10:30am. We will spend 1 1/2 hours looking at all the Antiques and then around 12 noon- 12:30 depart for lunch.

Black Bear Diner 2401 E. Harbor Blvd. Ventura 93001

Please email Ernie Baily at ernestbaily@att.net if you will be joining

Pics from our January meeting



Grandpa Parson's Model A – Owner Scott Doudrick

I was a kid in Kansas City, MO in the late '70s and grandpa had an errand for me. He had just bought a Model A and wanted help driving it home. I don't remember the body style or color other than 'dark' and that it was pretty beat up. I do remember how excited he was and sitting next to him in the passenger seat on the way home with his new prize. He had 'settled' on that one because what he really wanted was a Sport Coupe. He worked on and used it for a while, swapping for another A or two before he found a Sport Coupe. He traded up in the early '80s and I have that car now. He absolutely loved his '31 Sport Coupe and was tinkering on it all the time. I remember him being so excited when he got a rumble seat step pad for Christmas one year. It was only after I received a voltage regulator for Christmas this year and was also delighted, that I realized he had probably picked it out himself just like me, but was tickled all the same. Christmas or the random large family gathering almost always included rides in the A.

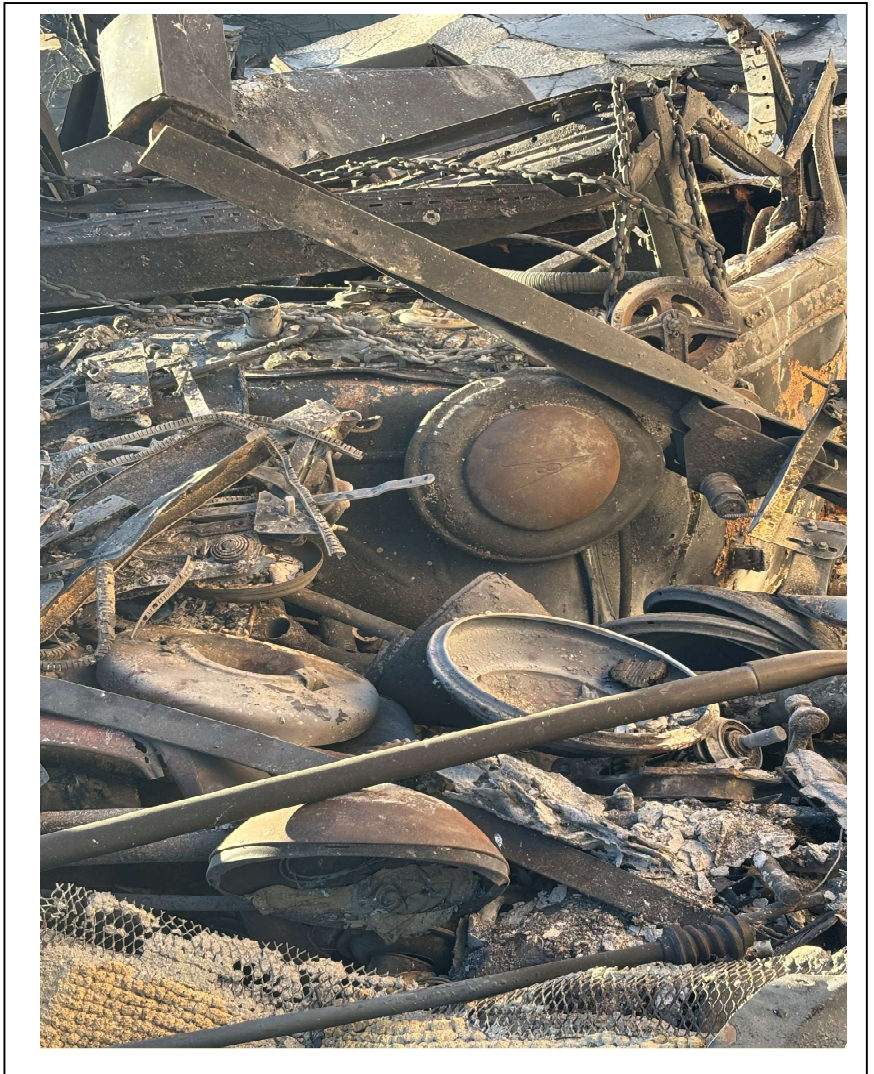
I always loved his As and would go visit the garage just for the fuel and upholstery smells and to sit and do very inaccurate drawings of them. He made it clear when he passed in '05 that he wanted my uncle to have it (his eldest). For a variety of reasons my uncle was not able to keep it but everyone wanted it to stay in the family. My dad bought it from my uncle and stored it in a shed at another uncle's for a while until it made its way to North Carolina where my folks live. There my mom and dad enjoyed it until 2021 when they gave it to me. I had been coveting it for decades but did not have the room or the finances for it. I decided that my 1939 Ford pickup would have to be relegated to the driveway with a car cover or I would never get the car. My dad had just retired so they trailered it here from NC. My dad had put new tires on it, the first in 40 years!. He also relocated the spare from a fiberglass side mount to the rear where it belongs but generally just did maintenance and enjoyed it periodically on fairly level roads. Soon after arriving here it became clear that the tired motor would not be up to the hills of Altadena where I live. With lots of help from our own Chris Wickersham, I determined that a valve job should help until I could build a new engine for it. I had never done anything like that before and Chris kindly held my hand along the way. For some reason I had a hard time getting the head gasket to seal, with it pushing water out the filler neck on acceleration. I tried a number of things before finally giving up and pulled the head again. The second one did not seal at first either, but did after a couple of weeks to my delight. It runs better (good enough) as hoped so now I can start on a full rebuild for it.

My son has taken an interest in grandpa's A and was in the Model A club for the year he was at Pasadena High School. It looks promising that grandpa's Model A will get passed on to the next generation of our family. It is now most often referred to a great grandpa's A!
-Scott Doudrick

Unfortunately, "Great Grandpa's Model A" as well as Scott's '39 Ford pickup, along with the family's house, were destroyed in the Eaton fire.

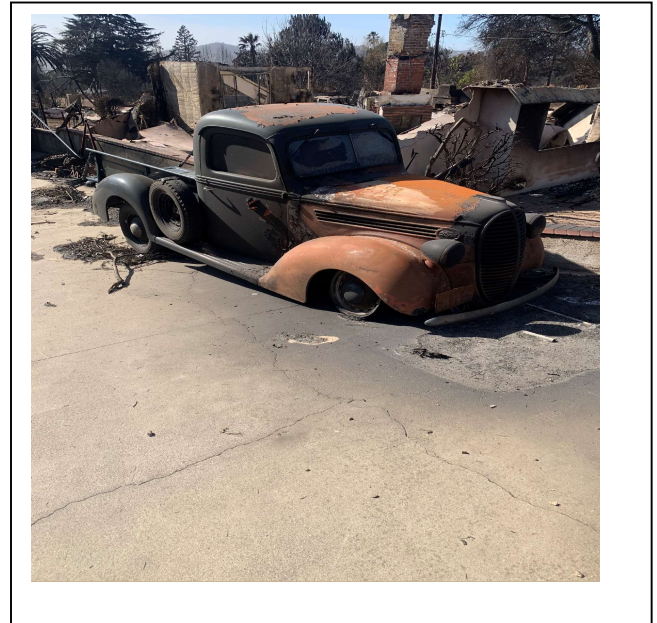
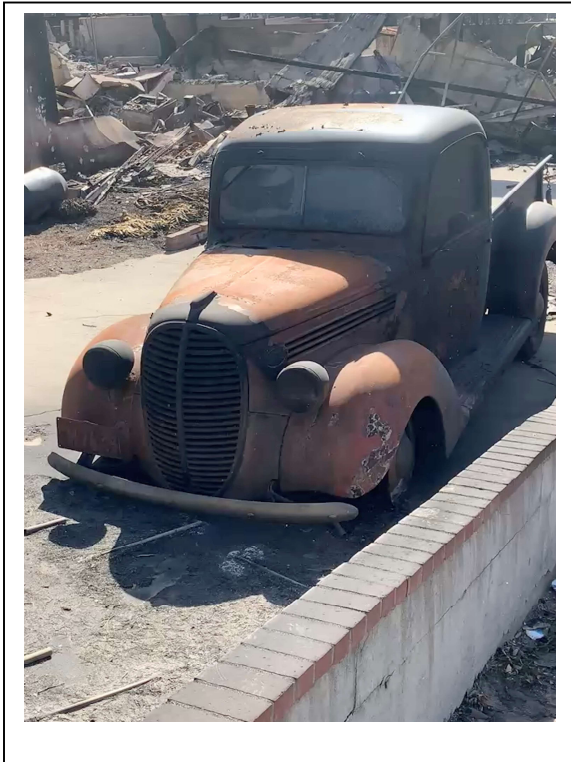
-Howard Brown

Grandpa Parson





Scott's 1939 Ford Pick up was also heavily damaged by the Eaton fire



A request from Scott :

“Well, storage is becoming an issue. I have had Public Storage reserve 2 spaces for me in the last week only to give them away days later.

I am wondering if I can get email out to the membership asking for storage space for my 2 antique vehicles if I decide to try to salvage them? I can pay going rates no problem - insurance will reimburse me. I need something fairly quickly if not immediately.

Thanks,
Scott”

**Valley V8's "Roadside Americana"
By Scotty Cramolini
February 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 4th, 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.



SANTA CLAUS, CALIFORNA

Roadside vernacular or "themed" architecture has been around since the the late 1780s. Unique, eye catching advertising for the traveler was the idea of luring a famished or tired visitor into an eatery or overnight lodge. This successful "sales technique" took on a whole new meaning in the early 1920s with the proliferation of the automobile.

(Roadside Americana cont'd...)

It wasn't uncommon (especially in Southern California) to see a giant crafted pig hawking hot BBQ pork sandwiches, a giant 20 foot ice cream cone with a stall attached to the base selling fresh churned ice cream, a theater shaped like a Mayan or Chinese Temple, a chain of motels on Route 66 employing faux tepees for overnight lodgers or Giant oranges and Giant Root Beer barrels atop a roadside stand offering ice cold drinks. In 1948, Patrick McKeon, opened a juice stand on old Highway 101, just 1/2 mile north of Carpinteria. He, named the spot Santa Claus, California in honor of the other "Santa themed" cities in California (Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Santa Nella, etc). While dressed as Santa Claus in December of 1950, and waving travelers over to his juice stand, a man stopped and offered to build a giant 20' plaster Santa atop the juice stand. The Santa even had a speaker bellowing out... "Welcome to Santa Claus". The landmark became an instant icon and "a must" travel stop between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles.

Added shortly thereafter were shops opened by Mrs. McKeon selling date shakes, packaged dates, seashells and Christmas ornaments. Other themed Santa shops continued to add to "Santa Claus Lane": Santa's Kitchen, Santa's Trading Post, The Reindeer Room (decorated year round with innumerable Christmas trees), Santa's Pottery Shop, a post office substation titled "Santa Claus, California" and a giant 20' "Frosty the Snowman" topping one of the buildings on the south end of the lane. There was even a playground, merry-go-round and a replica 40-passenger Southern Pacific Streamliner train that circled the shops and "boarded" passengers at the coffee shop for a ride around the roadside wonderland.

In 2002, after 52 years of greeting visitors along Highway 101, Santa was taken down and moved to El Rio, CA by a preservation group. Shortly thereafter, Santa's Lane with its kitsch and fun shops, restaurants and little train ride was converted into an everyday modern and ubiquitous roadside stop. Sadly, the only thing remaining of Santa Claus, California...is the green and white traffic sign on Highway 101. Credits: "Sun*Fun*Fantasy: Southern California in the 50s"; Charles Phoenix, 2001 "California Crazy & Beyond:

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<i>Sample: 1940</i>	<i>FORD</i>	<i>DELUXE</i>	<i>V-8</i>	<i>TUDOR SEDAN</i>
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February	4	Marsha DiFatta
February	5	Miguel Larios
February	8	Nancy Nuccitelli
February	17	Diane Baily
February	27	Lin Kemmerer



Our next meeting will be on Saturday
February 8th at Lulu's in Van Nuys
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM
Come early and enjoy breakfast before