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DRIVE LINES



CAR OF THE MONTH

1940 Ford Pickup

Owner Larry Caplan

The Valley V8's

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: from Rex Jaramillo



Hello Valley V-8's Club members —

Greetings, and welcome to another Drive Lines Newsletter: thank you Val Ellerbrock for handling our Newsletter, well done!

We had a most excellent meeting last month February with our Vice President Bill Greene at the helm, thanks Bill for a good job. We had special guests from the San Fernando Valley Historical Society, Joanna Rosales and Stefanie Garcia: and were we in for a treat! Our presenters gave a most interesting talk about an old home, the 'Andres Pico Adobe', built in 1834. And not just any old home: this place has the distinction of being the oldest home in the San Fernando Valley: some pretty amazing U.S. history, and it's right in our own 'back yard!' Look for an upcoming cruise/tour to the 'Adobe' which may include the San Fernando Mission. Thanks, Val Ellerbrock for setting this up for us. 1834: our country wasn't even sixty years' old yet!

More 'Tech-Talk' coming up: The theme for our next meeting: 'Tech-Talk: This will be a follow-up to our January meeting when we discussed Brake Fluid. Our March meeting will be an overview of automotive engine basics: The Internal Combustion Engine, or 'ICE' for short: Come prepared to learn and share some of your own knowledge about engines!

Club Cruises and tours: Our Club Tour Coordinator Ernie Baily has been 'burning midnight oil', checking out different potential Cruise and Tour possibilities. He'll give us a report on some of his latest findings at our March meeting. Thanks, Ernie!

Looking forward to seeing you all next month Saturday March 8 at Lulu's. Come hang out with all of your friends, enjoy a most excellent breakfast, and you don't want to miss our Tech-Talk. Also, if you know of some members who haven't joined us in a while, give them a call: There's something for everyone at our Meetings, never a dull moment for sure!

See you all soon.

-Rex J.
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SFValley V8 Minutes – February 8, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Bill Greene at 10:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance. Our President, Rex Jaramillo, was absent due to illness. Guests present were introduced by Val Ellerbrock as our program speakers for this morning's program: Joanna Rosales and Stephanie Garcia from the San Fernando Valley Historical Society.

Thoughts and prayers going out to Monty Goff (in rehab), Sandy Norris (so thankful she is feeling better) and Rex.

Ernie's Tours: Today he has flyers for tomorrow's tour to the Antique Adventures in Ventura. Future: Everly Brothers tribute band coming (2/12), Tour of the LAPD museum (March?).

Word from Treasurer, Joanie Sapper, Dues are Due! If your dues are not paid by March, you will not be included in 2025 Roster.

National Report, Steve Boskovich: He attended a Zoom meeting last week. National would like names of any 50-year members. They have a special pin for you. Please let Steve know! He will keep us informed of any other news.

Scott Doudrick shared that he recently got married to beautiful Beth Powers! We all send you both Congratulations! Vic Timar announced a Johnny Cash cover band will be performing at the Bombay Club in Ventura, Feb. 28.

BREAK CALLED

Drawings: Name badge-Steve Lehman; Ladies' Raffle-Heather (John Fredrick's guest) and Sue Boskovich; 50/50-Joe DiFatta.

Program – Joanna and Stephanie, from the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. Joanna explained the background of the Andres Pico Adobe in Mission Hills. It is the oldest residence in the San Fernando Valley and second oldest in the City of LA! Built in 1834 on Sepulveda Blvd. After going through its history up to the present day, she said tours are available on Sundays and Mondays. Then Stephanie shared about the San Fernando Pioneer Cemetery in Sylmar, corner of Foothill and Bledsoe. It is the 2nd oldest cemetery in the Valley. Beginning in 1874, then called the Morningside Cemetery. It has gotten much smaller over the years. Interesting and sadly, it has been vandalized numerous times over the years. There are only 13 original headstones left. They also offer tours. Every Saturday a group of volunteers meet to keep grounds kept up. All are welcome.

Steve Lehman then shared his recent trip to Washington DC for the President's Inauguration.

Steve Lehman then proceeded with our monthly Raffle!

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

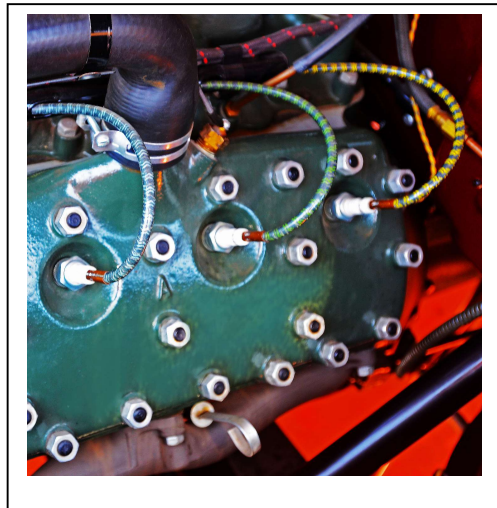
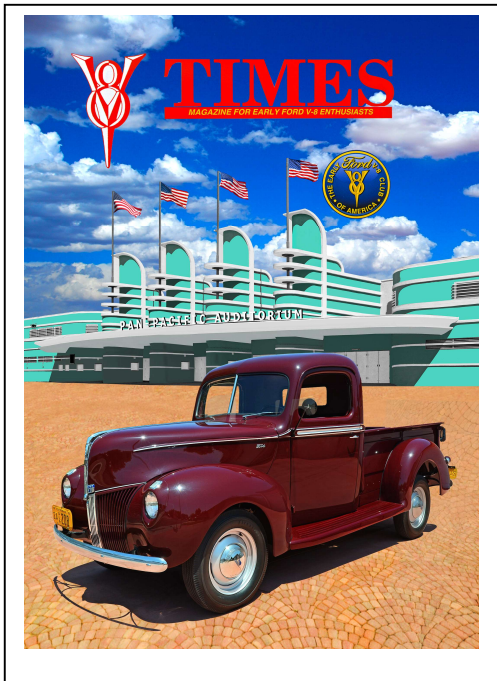
(submitted by Joan Sapper)

CAR OF THE MONTH

This month's "car of the month" is Larry Caplan's 1940 Pick-up. Larry purchased the truck in the mid 1990's at the Car Swap Meet at the Rose Bowl. From this point he began its 13 year one man restoration. This was an amazing task as Larry did all of the restoration of the mechanics, body work, and paint by himself. The interior was done by Jerry Jensen, a longtime member of the Valley V8's. Larry also did the research in areas that were in question to make sure that they were correct to factory specifications. The entire truck was restored as a "Dealer Demonstrator". This means this is how a truck would be delivered to a dealership from the factory to be used as a reference for customer purchase.

Larry's research paid off, as the truck upon its completion, was entered into judging at the Early Ford V-8 National Meet at Temecula, Ca. It received a perfect score. A few years later, it was again entered in the National Meet at Thousand Oaks, Ca. where it again received a perfect score.

Congratulations to Larry on his effort. (More to come on Larry's other cars in future issues of the Drivelines.)



Cruise to Ventura Antique Adventures and Black Bear Diner

Well here is the latest edition of "Ernie's Google Maps Lost Tours"! We had a beautiful morning and we all gathered at the Park & Ride parking lot at the Stearns off ramp of the 118 Freeway. I decided to drive my brother Jerry's 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk. It was to be its first real tour event for the car since most of the driving has been to local events such as the Thursday morning Donut Cruise at Earl's Donuts and once in a while drive to Bob's Big Boy on Friday nights. So Howard Brown became my co-pilot for the tour. Our Vice President Bill Greene came in his pretty Blue '56 Ford Ranch Wagon. We had a number of the Studebaker Club members show up as well. Rich Kimmell drove his Orange/Red '54 Studebaker Champion Coupe, Dexter Cannon showed up in his beautiful '62 Studebaker GT Hawk, Kenny & Joan Sapper drove their red '32 Ford Roadster and we also had Steve Lehman and his Mom Karen came in a Chevy Avalanche. We met up with Bob Pearson in his '31 Studebaker coupe along the route and we were to meet the rest of our group at the Antique Adventures site. Scotty Cramolini and his wife Jean in their '53 Ford Woody Wagon and Vic Timar with his '66 Ford Fairlane convertible met us at Antique Adventures in Ventura. Everything started out fine but on one of the left turns the Golden Hawk's passenger door flew open and gave Howard a close view of the road (luckily we were going slowly at the time). When we were about 3/4 thru the tour some of the directions that were printed on the maps were not correct on the printed Google maps I had, which caused us to take a little longer getting to the location. I turned over the lead to Bill Greene and we eventually got there. There was a small group of other old car nuts there as well! Then about 12:15 we drove over to the Black Bear Diner and they set up a back room for us and we sat down and had a great lunch along with some great conversation and we still got done in time to watch the Super Bowl!

Ernie Baily



Valley V8's "Roadside Americana"

By Scotty Cramolini

March 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 5th 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.



A&W ROOT BEER It all started in 1918 when Roy Allen, an entrepreneur of hotels and restaurants, encountered a traveling chemist boasting of a special formula for draft root beer. The chemist convinced Allen that the drink - a cold frothy combination of herbs, spices, barks and berries - would be a big hit in his hotels and restaurants easily selling for "a nickel a mug". A deal was struck and Allen opened a small drink stand in both Lodi and Stockton, Ca respectively.

In 1920, Frank Wright, an employee with the Lodi location joined with Allen. They pondered a name for the new "temperance beverage" - as prohibition had gone into effect in January 1920. The simple A&W title was created from combining the initials of Allen & Wright. In 1921 the nations first official A&W stand opened on the corner of K & 19th Street in Sacramento, California. Similar to Singer Sewing Machine Co, A&W allowed its investors to sell the popular refreshments, thus the rapid proliferation of the the A&W product and stands. Eventually burgers, hotdogs and other fast food came into the picture. Really??...who didn't love an ice cold frosty mug of A&W root beer or float on a hot summer day ...delivered right to your car by a car hop in the 50s and 60s.???

Credit: The American Drive-In: M. Witzel, Motorbooks International

Valley V8 Club Event

Organized by Ernie Baily

Date: Feb 12th, 2025

I would like to give you a review of the "Zmed Brothers Everly Brothers Experience" Concert at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center at 3030 E. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley, Ca. As I mentioned we met at the Junkyard Cafe at 5:30pm. Both Jim and Val Ellerbrock along with some family friends joined me for dinner prior to the concert. We had a lot of conversation. We then headed over to the Simi Valley Cultural Center where the concert started at 7:30pm. At first I was a little anxious about the concert due to the fact that I am very critical regarding the sound and that I had high hopes that they sound like the real Everly Brothers. Well, I was extremely pleased that they had great harmony and sounded just like the Everly Brothers. The show did a great job of telling the history of the Everly Brothers family throughout the years of their career. They had a slide show that supported the concert in a very respectful manner.



Valley V8 Club Event cont'd

This was the first of the season of concerts that will be once a month at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center.

March 19- Deja vu-performing Crosby, Still, Nash, and Young

April 16th- The Z Street Band tribute to Bruce Springsteen

May 21st - Motown Mania- performing Motown and other R&B groups of the 60's through the 80s

June 11th- Kenny Metcalf/ The Elton John Years

July 23rd- Fortunate Son- Tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival

August 20th- Hot August Nights/ Dean Colley- Neil Diamond Tribute

Sept. 17th- Jim Curry A Tribute to the Music of John Denver

Oct 22nd- Steve Ray Vaughan tribute with Roby Duron

December 10th & 11th - TLR/ Experience the Eagles music

I'm hoping to go to a few of these Concerts.

Check out their website for more details:

Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center www.svvac.org

So please let me know if any of these concerts would be of interest to be considered as a Club event.

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<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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March	11	Connie Hall
March	15	Phil Hall
March	18	Ruth Mottern
March	26	Monty Goff
March	28	Harry Baker
March	29	Rob Glucksman



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