



# VALVE CHATTER



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## The Palomar Mountain V-8's



**From the  
Desk of the  
President**

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who responded to my last message and gave me some helpful hints. As soon as the weather cools and I find time, I will definitely try them.

In another note, I would like everyone to thank all the chairpersons who do most of the work for the club. Also, thank you to Jay Harris for his hard work finding us tours to amuse us.

Since we have only one or two maybes for next years officers, do not blame or yell at me if I start to pester you about running for an office. If I can do it, anyone can !!!



WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME NEW MEMBER CHUCK ABSHIRE FROM APPLE VALLEY TO THE CLUB! HE HAS A 1940 DELUXE CONV. COUPE!

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- 1950-51&52 Mercury used parts (garage full) inherited. Located in Reno  
Maira & Mitch Bengochea [mbengochea@yahoo.com](mailto:mbengochea@yahoo.com) [2]
- 1939 Ford DLX "speedometer, rebuilt Clark Mears (951)766-5031 [2]
- 1934 License plates Perfect & original w/frame & tags-\$500. 1933/34 Ashtray radio, works good  
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- 1951 Ford Victoria Root beer, 350 Chev engine, 400 turbo trans,, vintage air, disc brakes front  
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- 1949-51 Ford pair fender skirts \$100.,  
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**Joe  
from  
American Battery**



Joe made a very informative presentation on use and maintenance of batteries. He indicated that batteries should be kept on a battery maintainer. You should also make sure they are fully charged and full of water! Thanks, Joe!  
**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS!**

# ALL ABOUT TOURS

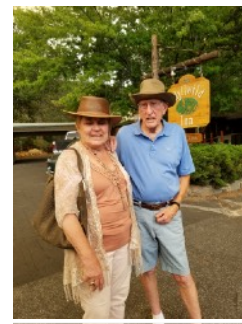


**THE TOUR BECOMES AN ADVENTURE!!** All started well Wednesday morning, July 25th. Some attendees had driven up to Idyllwild a day early to enjoy this little mountain town. At about noon that day we stopped at Costco to pick up the birthday cake we had ordered to celebrate the July birthdays of Letrice Davis, Bonnie Bell, and Cal Westra. A big pot luck hors d'oeuvre party was planned. At about the time we prepared to check out we received a call from Ted Thompson informing us that severe fires had erupted in the mountains around Idyllwild, and that Highway 74 out of Hemet was closed. Plan B would be to drive out to Banning and take Hwy 243 up the mountain. As we headed north out of Temecula Janet was on the phone back and forth with Ted and also Roger Bell, who were already up there. I was driving as fast as I could. Alas, Hwy 243 was also closed as we drove, only allowing traffic trying to leave Idyllwild to use it - no incoming traffic. At that point we made a U-turn and headed back to Fallbrook, and Janet passed the word as best she could that the party would be relocated to our home. As it turned out, Ken and Merleen Magers and Roger and Bonnie Bell made it to our home, and the the Westra's, Thompsons, Hurlburts, Davis', and James' headed home. The beautiful birthday cake was divided up among the Harris', Bells. and Magers, with a huge portion given to the Magers to donate to their church. Hopefully it was savored by the church members! A PS: It was later reported that the fire was intentionally set by a man who threw a lighted flare out of his car window as he drove in the vicinity of Mountain Center on Hwy 74. GO FIGURE! JAY AND JANET HARRIS

## **CAL WESTRA ADVENTURE!**

Our drive up HWY 74 leaving Hemet was uneventful. With the Thompson's behind us in there 36, we proudly drove our 1950 "Annie" up the hill. We were both worried about the heat inside our Early Ford's and the heat inside our V8 engines. We were excited about spending a few days away from the heat of the valley. Our arrival was uneventful as we greeted the Bob & Letrice Davis as they drove up the day before for a quiet evening themselves. We started our troll around the town with some shopping and then into at Bake n Brew. Skipped the Bake part and looked into the Brew side of the newly opened tap room. We sat down to enjoy a brew or two. The owner was behind the bar and during our conversations you could see a concern growing over his face. It wasn't until his wife (she is the Bake side of the place) and told us of the newly started fire. She left the business to evacuate their home. We listened to the Cal Fire scanner and you could hear the concern of those on the front lines. Roads were closing quickly. Having no further need to spend time and take away the focus of the attention that the town folks needed, we too made the decision to evacuate. That decision was reinforced when the electrical power was turned off to the entire town. Dory had just made an ice run to the local grocery store and also came back with some ice cream. Her sacrifice of consumption was joined as we all grabbed a spoon. Our only road for evacuation was down to Banning. We took our time as we were in a long line of vehicles. We were met by several fire crews and school busses. We later heard that several school camps were open in Idyllwild, we could only pray that they would be safe. The heat of the valley (109 per Bob's dash board) was grinding on us in the car however, our Early Ford V8's kept on driving. When home it was time to re-digest was transpired and cook the steaks that made the trip with us. Ted & Dory Thompson and Bob & Letrice Davis were there to help. Even the wine survived the trip but enhanced our dining experience.





### Grand National Meet - Dearborn Michigan June 11-15, 2018

The Grand National Meet was a great experience. Dan Krehbiel and I decided to go to the Grand National together. Ron and Kathy Shedd as well as Ted and Dory Thompson were also in attendance! It did require an early morning flight out of San Diego. We decided to try Spirit Airlines, the no frills airline. The flight was good with no snacks, and drinks if you wanted to buy them. We arrived in Detroit around 6:00PM with the welcome reception already in progress. On Tuesday we had signed up for a tour, however we had not registered and the tour left before we got registered. We spent the day viewing the cars on the concourse and attending the seminars that were scheduled. They had presentations on Distributors, Transmissions and Spark plugs. Monday thru Thursday they had a swap meet with quite a few vendors. On Wednesday 8:00am -3:00pm there was a picnic day at Greenfield village. This is an outdoor living history museum that is an 80 acre complex that maintains the historic Henry Ford Museum. It is an educational facility that covers many years of American innovation & history. There was also a mandatory Judges/owners meeting that all must attend to participate in the concourse judging. On

Thursday there was concourse judging from 9:00am to 3:00pm. In the evening we took the Rouge Factory tour which is where they assemble the F150 pick-up. This factory produces 1500 vehicles per day! Friday we were off to Auburn, Indiana to tour The Early Ford Foundation Museum. They are coming along on their re-model and receiving some of the 1936 collection of 18 vehicles donated by Mr. Joe Floyd! While in Auburn we visited the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, if you are ever in Auburn this is a must see! We then headed back to Dearborn and the awards banquet! There was a good turnout for the National this year with approximately 400 attendees with 160 vehicles judged on the concourse. The banquet was well attended and Kathy Shedd arranged for us all to sit together. After the awards were presented they handed out the various raffle prizes. As some may know, I won the Early Ford 55th anniversary quilt with 36 regional groups participating. On Saturday it was time to head home. We got to the airport early and what a mess, it looked like LAX on a holiday. We did make our flight and had a great week! Bob McClelland!

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Board of Director's & Business Meeting of  
the Members of  
The Palomar Mountain V-8's Regional  
Group of the Early Ford V-8  
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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors and Members of the Palomar Mountain V-8's Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Inc., and a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation was held at the meeting place of the members, The Broken Yolk Cafe, 26495 Ynez Road, Temecula, California.

**Directors Present:** Cliff Gustin - President; Gregg Lowry-Treasurer; Janice Gustin-Secretary; Cal Westra-5th Director.

**Members Present & Cars Driven:** Cliff & Janice Gustin; Sam Jeromin; Bob Payne; Ron Hull; Dan Krehbiel-51 Victoria; Jim & Sandy Hurlburt; Jay Harris-39 Conv.; Dave Louzek-49 Custom 4dr.; Bob & Sharon McClelland-36 Ford; Tom & Patsy Hamlin-46 Ford; Gregg & Linda Lowry; Roger Bell; Peggy Petrucci; Barbara & Tom Keck; Dory & Ted Thompson-35 Ford; Ken & Merleen Magers-35 Coupe; Lyle Christensen; Leona Spanier; Jerry & Roxie Otteson-41 Ford; Bud Williams; Zip & Ruth Zepede; Judd Lynn & Masaka Luts-36 Conv.; Ray & Jackie Ouellette-46 Merc.conv.; Jay Smith; Frank & Irene Griffin; Cal & Cheryl Westra-69 International Fire Engine.

**Guests:** Al Pierce.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. President Cliff opened the meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and had Cal Westra lead us in Prayer.

**Officer & Committee Reports were accepted:**

**President:** Cliff read the birthdays and

anniversaries. He once again reminded the members we need new officers for next year. He advised the members that Lori Perez had surgery recently but is home now and doing fine.

**Vice President:** Not present.

**Treasurer:** Gregg reported a club balance.

**Secretary:** Janice presented the June minutes. Motion to accept made by Jackie Ouellette and seconded by Cheryl Westra. Motion passed.

**Director:** Cal Westra stated he had received a call from Steve Lemmons who advised that the President of the Association had stepped down and Michael Driscoll is acting President now. Cal's name is back in the running for the Association Board.

**Accessories:** Irene Griffin stated she has 5 coffee cups left and 8 tote bags. She is still waiting for the shirt orders from the members.

**Advertising:** Cal handed out club cards to members to give out when you use one of our advertisers. More (corrected) cards are on order. Cal also stated that he cannot continue to be our advertising chairperson and Peggy Petrucci volunteered for the job and was approved.

**Membership & Club Badges:** Per Dory Thompson - no report.

**Sunshine:** Jackie Ouellette advised she has received no calls. She will send Lori Perez a card. Helen Monteleone had surgery and Don Harwick had knee surgery. She will send cards to them.

**Tours:** Jay Harris reminded all of the Idyllwild over-niter on July 25th. In August, he will be in Canada. Tour for September-chocolate factory in Carlsbad. Nothing for October and asked members for any tours they wanted. Someone mentioned an October fest and Cheryl Westra stated she will open her home for a tour in October.  
**Newsletter & Website:** Bob McClelland stated that the quilt hanging on the wall was won by him at the Nationals. Dan Krehbiel was the one that picked Bob's winning ticket. [Continued on page 9]



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**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements:** Dan Krehbiel stated there were 150 cars plus at the National Meet attended by himself, Bob McClland, the Shedd, the Thompsons and others from our club that attended. The Central meet will be in Auburn next year.

**Program:** Joe from American Battery was our guest speaker. He advised using a battery maintainer on the cars and keep battery charged and full of water. He stated that the old cars could not use the new gel batteries they are coming out with currently. He then took questions from the members. It was a very interesting session.

Being no further business to come before the meeting and on motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. It is directed that this action be filed in the Minute Book of the Corporation. This action is executed pursuant to the Corporation Code of the State of California, which requires accurate minutes of any meeting of the Board be maintained.

Dated: July 6, 2018

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Gustin-Secretary  
Corporate Minutes



**ACCESSORIES FOR AUGUST 2018**

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- August Birthdays
- 2 – Gregg Lowry
- 4 - Wayne Dunham
- 4 – Georgina Brown
- 10 - Bob Ross
- 21 – Mike Pierson
- 26 – Jane Dague
- 26 - Sandy Shortt
- 26 – Sharon McClelland
- 28 – Marlene Dupriest
- 28 – Victor Terrell
- 29 – Theresa Huckins



- August Anniversaries
- 8 – Frank & Mona Fucci
- 10 – Dick & Gloria Foote
- 10 – Nick & Mary Cacci
- 18 – Carroll & Marlene Dupriest
- 25 - Phil & Judith Spaid



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**August:** No tour is scheduled

**Sept:** We're looking forward to an exciting tour of the Chuao Chocolatier chocolate factory located in Carlsbad. This is a HUGE facility. Public tours are held on Fridays and Saturdays only. No date is set yet. We'll go to lunch at a nearby BJ's Brewhouse after the tour.

**Oct.** Cal and Cheryl Westra have graciously offered to host an Octoberfest event at their home in October. More details to come.

**Nov:** Open - no tour is set yet. Stay tuned!!

Jay and Janet Harris

# MONTHLY CLUB BUSINESS & BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

First Tuesday Monthly  
(January thru November) Breakfast @ 8:00 am Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.  
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August 12th Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show at the fairplex



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