



Valve Chatter

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The Palomar Mountain V-8's

Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Inc.

TOUR OUR NEW PLACE!

Saturday, March 21, 2015



Ted & Dory Thompson are having an open house for their new Garage! We are inviting our friends from the Palomar Mountain V8 Club, RG 11, RG 19 and any other Car Crazy's that would like to join us.



Location:
32375 Ontario Way
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
RSVP to:
(619) 507-8535 or
fordcarguy@verizon.net

Start arriving at 7AM and we'll go to sundown. Please RSVP so we can plan our layout. Swapping spaces 10 X 10 approximate with a limit of about 30. We will have parking for about 40 classic cars on pavement and truck/trailers in the field. Items should be auto related with all brands and years welcome.

So bring that lawn chair and stories to share! Enjoy the day with us and swap parts.



Don't forget your Cooler~!

MARCH TOUR

Saturday,

March 21st



Garage Open House & Swap Meet

7:00 am 'til ???? sundown

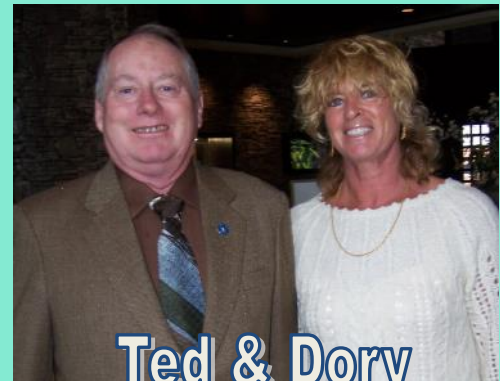
32375 Ontario Way, Lake Elsinore, CA

Drive Classic or drive your modern car!

Bring a folding chair & a coat !!

Contact Ted Thompson for more information. See flyer !!

RSVPto: 619-507-8535



Ted & Dory

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MONTHLY CLUB BUSINESS & BOARD/DIRECTOR MEETINGS

First Tuesday Monthly
(January thru November)

Breakfast @ 8:30am
Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING PLACE

BROKEN YOLK CAFE

26495 Ynez Rd., Temecula

855-229-9655

\$7.50 per person Breakfast
(includes coffee & tip)

Each person attending pays . . .
It is the cost of our utilizing the space.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

MAR.3RD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING/BOD MEETING AT BROKEN YOLK CAFE, TEMECULA (SEE ABOVE)

APR 7TH REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING/BOD MEETING AT BROKEN YOLK CAFE, TEMECULA (SEE ABOVE)

MAY 5TH REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING/BOD MEETING AT BROKEN YOLK CAFE, TEMECULA (SEE ABOVE)

UPCOMING EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Our Member's Special MARCH Celebrations !

Happy Birthday MARCH

- 8 – Gayle Hoxter
- 6 – Glenn Davis
- 10 – Gail Bangiola
- 11- John Alling
- 18 – Steve Wells
- 23 - Lori Perez
- 23 - Cheryl Ross

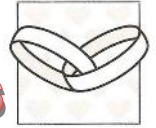


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy MARCH Anniversary !!

- 1- Jerry & Roxie Otteson
- 3 - Ken & Merleen Magers
- 4 – Alan & Kate Cutsinger
- 18 – Jim & Leona Spanier
- 21- Clark & Carolyn Mears
- 22 – Cliff & Janice Gustin
- 23 – Gary & Theresa Huckins
- 31 – Dean & Ina Wakefield

Congratulations



Mark your Calendar !

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of 1940 Ford vehicles !!! 2015



- MARCH 21st Ted & Dory Thompson GARAGE OPEN HOUSE & Swap Meet
- April 10-12 42nd Annual Texas Tour, Abilene RG #122 325-672-5774
- April 15th Back roads tour to Riverside to visit the MISSION INN, which is on the Registry of Historic Inns and has a fascinating history.**
- April 15-17 15th Early Ford V8 Club Nationals, Australia
- May 17th 41st Petaluma Swap Meet, Redwood Empire RG#27
707-527-9183
- May 17th SoCal RG#11 in Anaheim has scheduled their annual SWAP MEET (car parts only). 3855 E. LaPalma Ave, Anaheim, CA, contact Joe Lipuma at 714-961-8468
- May 24th 50th Annual Fallbrook Car Show. Sunday, May 24th: Register by postmark date of May 16th. Fallbrookvintagecar-club.org
On the Grass at Pala Mesa Resort, 2001 Old Hwy 395, Fallbrook, CA
- June 8-11 Eastern National V-8 Meet, Concord NC RG#52
- July 3-5 Scandinavian V8 Meet, Denmark RG#136
- July 12-16 Central National Meet, Brainerd, MN RG#46
- For more info on National or International Meets, go to our national website www.efv8.org, and click on Upcoming Meets



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

From Your Accessories Chair

WOW!! Thank you for such a positive response to the Tote Bag. I will have a sample at the March meeting.

An update on our inventory. Our last denim shirt was purchased by Marilyn Rounds who reports that she loves it. We have one small ladies jacket with full colored embroidered logo on the back. And last but not least, we have 19 travel mugs for \$8.00 each. Consider one of these as a surprise gift for someone—include some instant beverage packets, some special chocolate and a colorful ribbon. What could be nicer? See you in March. IRENE





From the President . . .

Getting home from the Big3 Swap meet, I am reminded that there is a lot more to our V8's than I once thought. We sold this year by renting a space from Gary Huckins. What an adventure. I congratulate those that do this regularly. Last year I walked the swap meet as a newbie, seeing all the pieces of the puzzle, one could probably build an Early Ford right there in the lot. A little from here and

some from there, what would it look like? Like a Technicolor Dreamcar.

I feel better today after selling off a few projects. A few things that came to us through our parents and friends, now passed on to others who can now take ownership. Kind of like the Palomar Early Ford V8 Club. I so appreciate the leadership of the past years bringing us to a great place at the right time. I ask each of you as I walk the path of Presidency; please feel free to call me if you have any concerns or questions.

In fact, in the future look for a special ladies activity at one of our monthly meetings. So many times our monthly tech talk turns into mechanical moments talking about bearings or fuel tank sensors. I asked Cheryl and a few others to provide us with women's point of view of our Early V8's. So stay tuned, plans are being made.

UPCOMING RG148 MONTHLY TOURS . . .

Our next few tours are planned and ready.

MARCH we get to see the newly built shop of the Thompsons's. Ted & Dory's garage has been a long process, lots of dirt moving and cement pouring. Many an hour spent at the Planning Commission and those who have gone down that road know the boring, frustrating, exhilarating process working with paper. I'm sure that both of the Thompsons would rather work with dirt and grease. But you won't see that on March 21 when you arrive. Plan on the day and bring a lunch as a mini swap meet will be going on. Check out page one for the details.

APRIL: Mission Inn will be the place. Get ready and reserve your spot! Jay Harris will have more info for us at our upcoming meeting.

SIGGY'S CAR CRUISE AFTERNOON . . .

In February the group drove into Siggy's Restaurant, kind of a homecoming of sorts as I am told. Seems our club attended regularly several years ago and I can see why. Lots of cars and new people to talk to. I arrived late so I missed the cutting of the cake but "Happy Birthday Norm", a great cake that was not only devoured by the club members attending, the remainder ended up in the restaurant as a thank you gift to those who hosted us.

Congratulations, to Ron and Kathy Shedd. They won an award/ trophy at the Siggy's Cruise Night for their car (5 awards were given out total). Many of our club members in attendance (if you have photos, pass them on to Margaret Connelly so we can share them!)

Parking was an issue as most or all of the lot was utilized by show cars. Will we do it again, I hope to. Over a dozen members of our club were there. The next time let's double that. Siggy's provides a DJ that specializes in 50's 60's & 70's music. And the 1 to 4 pm timeline is perfect unless you usually take a nap on Sunday afternoon.

Speaking of taking a nap, I'm going on to an uncomfortable subject for some. In the beginning of Regional Group 148 there must have been excitement to join. Members must have been all around the town talking up the Club. Going to car shows, walking up to those classic early V8's and promoting Regional Group 148. I fear that some of that excitement has been lost.

Some of that extravert enthusiasm needs to be rekindled. I noticed it at Siggys' when a gentleman started up his 36 Ford Roadster getting ready to leave. I walked up to him and told him what a fine car he had. Asked him if he noticed anyone from the Palomar Early Ford and he said "NO, when do you get together?". Ouch, NO ONE talked to him during the afternoon.

If anyone in the club has experience with graphics, creating inviting cards or promotional material that can be dropped into the front seat of Early Ford's we see from time to time, please, let me know.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU ARTICLES . . .

If I'm rambling please tell me. In fact tell me anyway. Did you enjoy our "Getting to know you" last month? If you did Cheryl and I didn't hear much of anything. Yes, we had a few tell us they enjoyed it. A few said, "I didn't know that about you!" but that's what it's all about. So this month take a moment and write the getting to know you article couple a quick email. Their email address is in our Roster. You don't even need a stamp.

A big thank you to Margaret Connelly for all the work that is done bringing our Valve Chatter to life. There's another email that should be written.

Well, I've pressed enough for this month. See you at the Broken Yolk on the first Tuesday of March.

Drive Safe, best regards
CAL WESTRA
President 2015
RG#148, Temecula, CA



UPDATE YOUR ROSTER !!!!

Welcome to New Members:

Nick & Mary Cacci

Hemet, CA 92544

Cars Owned:

1940 Deluxe Coupe, under restoration

1951 4-dr Sedan, under restoration



Nick & Mary



The Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Inc.

National News Extra:
Submitted by Cal Westra,
RG#148

The Board Meeting was held in San Antonio, TX on February 3, 2015.

The first item was to swear in new board members, Reuben Doggett, Mike Driskell, Bruce Nelson. (Reuben Doggett is our new California/Southwest I regional director for our club.)

The board approved a cost decrease on the V8 Album, V8 Cookbook and Poet book.

There are several books in the works now. In the future there will be a new 40-41 Ford Pickup, 35-36 Pickup, and one on 1940 Fords. All books are in different stages of completion.

This year the Eastern Meet 2015 will be held in Concord, N.C June 8-11th.

Central Meet will be in Brainerd, MN July 12-16

At this time there is no group hosting a Western National Meet for 2015. Let us know if this is something that your group might be interested in doing.

The National Tour Guidelines have been updated and available for any group interested in putting together a tour. You can find it on the V 8 web site.

Also, regarding the Foundation/Museum:

The Early Ford V8 Foundation is happy to announce that membership is up. New membership applications on the Ford Foundation Web Site.

The 2014 Straw Poll tally was an even split. At this time the Board has decided to table this topic since there was not enough interest at this time to move forward.

If you questions, please feel free to call. Phill and Connie Hall
805-383-9709 or
805-482-4030



Article submitted by Gail Bangiola,
For the Foundation . .

The next time someone asks you:
“Give me one good reason why I should join the Early Ford V-8 Foundation?” then give them NINE Good Reasons . . .

1. You own an Early Ford V-8 and want to help preserve its history.
2. You want your kids and grandkids to see what cars were like back in the good old days.
3. You have lots of interesting Ford V-8 stuff and you'd like to leave it to somebody who'll take good care of it, yet at the same time share it with the rest of the world.
4. You want to be able to do research on the Fords you're restoring, and the Foundation's growing research library will give you a chance to do research first-hand.
5. You'd like to learn about all the products that Ford Flathead engines were used in besides cars.
6. You appreciate what Henry Ford did when he built the Flathead V-8 and would like to pay tribute to him and his outstanding products.
7. You'd like to help support the only museum in the world that features all Ford Flathead-era items.
8. You belong to a Ford V-8 Club Regional Group and they're always looking for worthwhile causes to support.
9. You're a Ford parts vendor who has done well over the years and feel you'd like to "give back."

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1-260-927-8022

Check it out!

Print flyers & info

www.socalcarculture.com

& check your
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www.escondido.org/cruising-grand.aspx

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Bonsall-Fallbrook "Rods & Relics" @
Sunrize Café. 7:00 a.m. Hwy 76 & Mission
760-723-4020, fun visiting & kicking tires

Menifee Yellow Basket. 29966 Hahn Rd.
7am-9am Hahn & Newport. 951-301-8322

1ST SATURDAY In & Out Burger POWAY
11am @ 12890 Gregg Ct. (Kohl's parking Lot)
www.powaycruisers.com

1ST SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Aloha J's Cruise, 3pm-6pm Murrieta
26820 Jefferson Ave. 909-302-0691.

LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON — RUBY'S DINER
Carlsbad Company stores. 7am-9am
5620 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad. rrobello@hotmail.com

1ST SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Farmer's Corner Cruise, San Jacinto 1-4 pm
San Jacinto Blvd & Menlo. Brian, 909-838-4693

2ND SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Siggy's Murietta 1-4 pm
26820 Jefferson, Murrieta 951-696-0119

3RD SUNDAY, MORNING

"Cruisin Coco's" Rancho Bernardo, 11 am
16759 Bernardo Center Dr. 858-485-9419

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Mo's Eggs restaurant, Temecula, 7:30 a.m.
Over the Hill Gang, Temecula Valley
www.overthehillgangtv.com

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

Lake Elsinore Marketplace Cruise Night
5:30—8:30 pm. www.socalcarculture.com
Hwy 74 & I-15

CALL FIRST TO MAKE SURE EVENT IS "ON"

FOR SALE . . & . . WANTED

If your ad has a "{3}" beside it, it will be removed from the next newsletter, unless renewed.

Member's free ad will appear for 3 issues, then will be dropped unless notified otherwise.

FOR SALE

- 1950 Ford Fordor Sedan. Good running condition; many recent new parts installed, incl. new upholstery and full rewiring. Contact Steve Branch or Georgina Brown at 951-277-7842 or Email oldwizardracing@rogers.com [1]
- 1950 Ford Tudor, 351 cy auto, AND
1951 Ford Tudor 302 AOD auto; AC, PS, PB contact Gary Potts at 818-319-8200 [1]
- Complete Set (6) Lorin Sorensen Fordiana Series 1st Edition, Leather Bound, Low Serial Number (215) signed: 1) American Ford; 2) The Ford Shows 3) The Open Fords; 4) The Ford Factory; 5) The Commercial Fords; 6) The Good Old Fords. Mint condition. \$600 contact Gary Walcher 619-588-6228 [2]
- 1941 Ford 2-dr Super Dlx Sedan, black. 34,000 original miles. Unrestored. Beautiful wood graining & interior, heater, orig. bumper ends, front grill guard & rear center guard, tools plus Ford script tires on orig rims. Asking \$18,000 Contact, Jim Carnahan 619-258-7788 [2]
- 1949-1951 ford Passenger Car SHOP MANUAL. A licensed factory reprint. Paperback: 8.5 x 11 inches Green cover. Publisher: Ford Motor Company, 320 pages; hundreds of b&w photos and illustrations. New still in plastic wrap. \$25 Contact Ted Thompson. 619-507-8535 [3]
- Fresh rebuilt flathead engines:
1932 correct with all accessories;
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1946-48 correct with Mercury 4" crank;
- 1938 Ford DeLuxe Four Door. Excellent running condition. Upgraded Paint and Chrome. Excellent Upholstery. Must see to appreciate. \$11,000 Call Bob Dunn in San Jacinto 951-961-1022 or 951-654-6396 [1]

WANTED

- 1947 Ford Clock, and 1938 Ford Dlx Speedometer, please call Dan Krehbiel 951-302-5922 [1]
- 1933 Bumper. Contact Tom Hamlin 760-743-5099 [1]



Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green.



Interesting Fact: Per St. Patrick, the three leaves of the shamrock represent the Holy Trinity

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Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Inc.

P.O. Box 891354, Temecula, CA 92589-1354

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Initiation Fee: \$15.00 (includes two Regional Group Name Tags to wear to meetings & events.)
Annual dues: \$25 per year (Jan. thru December 31)

Nat'l Membership also required

Nat'l Dues: \$35/yr + \$3 spouse
Or optional \$10/yr no magazine

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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
Club of America, Inc.
a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation**

A regularly scheduled business 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 on January 6, 2015 at the meeting place of the members: The Broken Yolk Café, 26495 Ynez Road, Temecula, California.

Directors Present: Cal Westra, John Connelly, Gregg Lowry, Janice Gustin and Rudy Perez

Members Present & Cars Driven: Cliff & Janice Gustin; Linda & Gregg Lowry; Roger & Bonie Bell-'53 Victoria; Tom & Patsy Hamlin; Bob & Sharon McClelland; Chuck & Marilyn Rounds; Jay Harris-'51 Victoria; Ken Magers; Cal & Cheryl Westra; John & Margaret Connelly; Bob & Lettrice Davis; Bob Payne-'39 Ford; Ron Hull; Gary Huckins; Gary Walcher; Ray & Jackie Oulette-'46 Mercury; Bob Ross; Jim & Leona Spanier; Steve Branch & Georgina Brown; Jerry & Roxie Otteson; Jane & Howard Dague; Norm & Peggy Petrucci; Gale & Tom Anderson; Gary Potts-'50 Tudor; Dory & Ted Thompson-'36 Tudor; Ron Shedd; Carol Hodges; Bob & Joyce Curwin; Rudy Perez; Carolyn Mears; Dan Krehbiel-'40 Mercury.
Guests: Nick & Mary Cucci and Rich Masak

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. President Cal opened the meeting and asked Gary Walcher to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and John Connelly led us in prayer.

Officer & Committee Reports

President: Cal Westra went over the monthly birthdays & anniversaries. Cal advised members to go online for the Early Ford V8 Foundation newsletter. He also wanted members to call him with any questions and any Club news.

Vice President: John Connelly thanked Rudy for the past 2 years as President. He also thanked the ladies who put on the Christmas Luncheon and welcomed all the new officers.

Treasurer: Gregg reported a balance of \$6,189.33. Gregg had passed out copies of the Budget for 2015 and went over same with the members. Motion to pass the budget made by Norm Petrucci, seconded by Merleen Magers and motion passed.

Secretary: Janice presented the January minutes. Motion to accept made by Kathy Shedd and seconded by Rudy Perez. Motion passed.

Director: No report from Rudy.

Accessories: Irene Griffin had a display in front of the meeting of accessories. She still has old mugs for \$8.00 each. She advised that we can get canvas bags with either the full logo or partial logo for about \$10.00 but need a minimum of 50. Some of the members seemed to agree with this.

Advertising: Bob Davis advised we have 12 new advertisers and should have 4 or 5 more new ones by next month.

Historian: Peggy Petrucci asked members to send pictures. Norm Petrucci suggested we put all the documents and photos on DVD and eliminate the paperwork.

Membership & Club Badges: Dory Thompson advised we still have some members outstanding in their dues but we have new members, Nick & Mary Cucci. Dory will have a new roster by the next meeting.

Sunshine: Carolyn Mears not present but Clark advised that Al Hodges has pneumonia, Cal had hernia surgery and Merleen had knee surgery.

Tours: Jay Harris mentioned that Siggys tour is the 2nd Sunday of each month, therefore, it will be on February 8th. There will be a swap meet at the Thompson's home on March 21st and he is working on a tour for April.

Newsletter & Website: Margaret Connelly thanked Bob McClelland for photos for the newsletter and Cal for his article. She also welcomed Susan Hull back to the meeting.

Old Business: Ted Thompson passed out flyers regarding the swap meet at his home and will have sign up sheet at the next meeting.

New Business: John Connelly stated that pursuant to the By-Laws, an audit was done by himself, Rudy Perez and Jerry Otteson and they went over all the records. He thanked Gregg for this time and effort as Treasurer.

Announcements: Fallbrook will have its 50th vintage car show at the Pala Mesa golf course around the last Sunday in May.

Program: Margaret Connelly showed photos from the last tour prior to the meeting. Dan Krehbiel discussed upholstery and interiors and passed around samples of same.

Being no further business to come before the meeting and on motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

It is directed that this action be filed in the Minutes 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: February 7, 2015

Respectfully submitted Janice Gustin, Secretary
Corporate Minutes

Special Valentine gifts donated by Ruth Zepede, won by:

1. Jane Dague & 2. Lettrice Davis

50/50 won by

CLARK MEARS, \$100 !!

Thank you to Ruth Zepede for the donation.





Getting to Know You . . . Tom & Gale Anderson



Getting To Know You

This is the story of how the orange 1947 Ford known as the Punkin came to be the latest Ford to be owned by Tom and Gale.

We were both born at the General Hospital in downtown Los Angeles in the 1940's. We both later moved to the San Gabriel valley in the 50's and both went to Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra in the 60's.

Tom's first car was a black 1955 Ford Club Coupe with white tuck and roll upholstery that he bought for \$400 in the summer of his junior year. Tom worked for that \$400 by mowing lawns and working at the corner liquor store after school. He earned \$1.00 an hour and a soda and a candy bar for his break. (Not sure if he took the job for the money or the candy bar and soda) Tom always took a ribbing for owning a Ford by the guys in his auto shop class as most of them owned Chevy's. Tom started a car club that had a 1942 Chevy ex-military staff car as the club vehicle.



Tom started his senior year driving that shiny black Ford. On the first day of school he saw Gale and her friend walking home from school. Since he thought he was so cool in that new car he asked Gale if she wanted a ride home. The rest is history, Tom's been in trouble ever since.

They were married in San Gabriel in 1970. By that time Tom had a 1968 GTO and Gale had a 1968 Firebird. But they sold them both to help with wedding expenses and took over a 1953 Chevy from Tom's dad. Soon the love of off-roading took over, dune buggies and motorcycles. That 1953 Chevy took them all over, a

9x9 tent and a dune buggy was all they needed. Gale became quite the hill climb drag racer in the sand rail.



In 1973 they bought a home in Yorba Linda which at that time was in the middle of nowhere. With two sons now on the scene they continued with off-roading building sand rails and riding quads. Gale became proficient in wet-sanding the frames of the sand-rails. In 1984 they moved to Chino Hills, still off-roading but now restarting their interest in old cars with the goal of owning one some day.

Finally, in 1998 they went to the Good Guys show in Pomona. Looked at a lot of cars but settled on the 1947. The car was the same color that they had painted all their sand rails. Tom was unsure and having trouble making a decision, Gale told him to talk to the guy some more but Tom still couldn't decide. Gale said "Why don't you drive it?" A cruise through the fairgrounds and the orange Punkin came home. The



rest is history, and as in the beginning Tom's been in trouble ever since.

END



75 years of 1940 Fords

Connelly's 1940



Connelly's 1940 Convertible:

Below are some photos of the 1940 Ford Convertible owned by John & Margaret Connelly since early 2002 or so. We owned another 1940 convertible, (and ended up selling it to Bob Curwin who did a complete restoration on it himself.) We then purchased a 1940 convertible from Frosty Neimeyer and have been slowly making repairs to it over the years. Since we have the Columbia Parts business, a lot of our projects seem to get put on the back burner!

We had the throw-out bearing go out on us on this car and ended up removing the transmission and the motor to fix it. The brakes need some work right now. And, we plan on getting a Columbia installed one of these days!

Love to drive this car. The convertible top has been replaced. Needs a paint job as it is an older restoration. The car is black with maroon interior. We will keep it as a driver!

John & Margaret

Celebrating 75 years of the 1940 Ford, Lincoln & Mercury vehicles

In this new year 2015 the 1940 vehicles will be celebrating their 75th anniversary!! Send in your photos of your 1940 vehicle with a short story and we will feature your car in the Valve Chatter newsletter !

I need your help!! Send me a photo or two and some info. Thanks.

Margaret Connelly, Editor

Also, let us know if you have been to a car show and/or won a trophy!! A photo would be nice.

FORD ROTUNDA TRIBUTE:

Click this link to watch a 14 minute historical tribute to the Ford Rotunda -- From 1934 Chicago Worlds Fair to Dearborn Michigan. The video was produced by the Dearborn Historical Society in 2009.

<http://vimeo.com/46364168>

If you get an error message about content not being able to be displayed, just click on the 'Open this content in a new window' to view. (from the efv8.org website)

Last month's meeting . . . Feb. 3, 2015

Below left: Nick & Mary Cacci, and at right:
Marilyn & Chuck Rounds



Susan & Ron Hull
(Susan's first meeting with us)



Susan & Ron



Rudy,
Ron,
Susan
And
Robert



Gary



Kathy & Ron



Cars, cars, cars

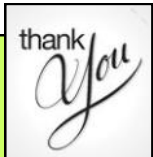


Ron S. & Bob McCl.



Kathy Shedd & Steve Wells





My thanks this month to: Janice Gustin, Cal Westra, Irene Griffin for articles. . . And, thanks to for the Andersons for their article.

I have received 3 articles in advance for the "Getting to Know You " series !! Keep them coming!
And, Steve Branch has offered to send articles on a regular basis! We will print Steve's article next month. We appreciate all the input.

Margaret Connelly
Newsletter Editor

12-31-15

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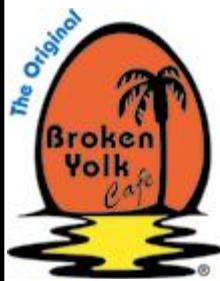
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