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*NOTES
FROM THE
PRESIDENT*



Bob McClelland

Another month has passed and we welcome in summer on June 21st. If you didn't have your chocolate ice cream on June 7th you missed National Chocolate Ice Cream day! There are a lot of special days in June that we don't often think about. On the 13th our meeting day is National sewing machine day and weed your garden day!

I want to thank Bud Williams for an interesting cross country trip with his grandchildren! We have all had interesting times in years gone by. We would love to hear about them.

I would also like to thank Bob Davis for his efforts in getting our membership back on track and pursuing new members. Bring a friend to our meetings or on our tours! This months tour was another outstanding event guided by Jay and Janet Harris. The castle tour was interesting and a great car show!

Don't forget June 17th is Drive your Ford day and also put up your flags on the 14th for Flag day! See you all at the meeting on the 13th!

Bob McClelland President





Roxie
Otteson



**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.**

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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 Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation was held on May 9, 2023, at the meeting place of the members: Richie's Diner, 40651 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Murrieta, California.

Directors Present: Bob McClelland, Gregg Lowry, Roxie Otteson and Dan Castellini

Members Present & Cars Driven: Peggy Petrucci, Bob McClelland, Gregg & Linda Lowry, Jay & Janet Harris, Bob Davis, Cliff Gustin, Leona Spanier, Jerry & Roxie Otteson, Bud Williams, Steve Wells, Don & Sylvia Harwick, Roger Bell and Jerome-Robert Mueller all drove their modern vehicles. The following members drove their Early Fords, as listed. Ray & Jackie Ouellette – '46 Merc, Dave Louzek – '49 Ford Custom 4 Door, Bob Payne – '36 Ford Coupe, Ken & Merleen Magers – '35-3 Window Coupe and Dan Castellini drove his '41 Deluxe 2-Door.

Guests: Our guests today were Jim & Gail Kerry who drove their '64 ½ Mustang.

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Bob McClelland. Gregg Lowry led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Dan Castellini led us in Prayer.

Officer & Committee Reports were accepted:

President: Bob McClelland welcomed all members and guests. Patsy is not here today because she had cataract surgery yesterday and a follow-up appointment today.

Vice President: Patsy Hamlin, as Bob reported, is not here today.

Treasurer: Gregg Lowry reported a club balance . Nothing else to report.

Secretary: Roxie Otteson congratulated all who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries during the month of May. The meeting was turned over to Bob for a motion to accept April's minutes as written. Jackie Ouellette made a motion to accept, and Peggy Petrucci seconded. Minutes accepted.

Director: Dan Castellini had nothing to report today.

Accessories: Janet Harris had Dan Castellini, our resident model, show us one of the shirts that can be ordered in a large selection of colors from the SanMar website. If you have any problems, please call me and I will be glad to help.

Advertising: Don Harwick reported on our newest Valve Chatter Advertiser, Grace Glass. All reports are coming back with great results and good pricing. Nice work Don.

Historian: We are still looking for a Historian.

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Membership & Club Badges: Bob Davis reports that we have 46 paid memberships. That breaks down to 12 single and 34 dual memberships. Bob continues to work on adding to our membership by contacting any possible new members he finds through his research. Great job Bob.

Sunshine: Jackie Ouellette has nothing to report today. Bob asked us to keep all members in our prayers as there may be people who are having problems, we know nothing about. He reports Sharon is still experiencing quite a bit of pain in her right arm. Doctors are not certain the pain will be relieved.

Tours: Jay Harris is going to pass out a sign-up sheet for the tour to Benedict Castle Concours Car Show & optional Castle Tour scheduled for Sunday, May 21st. Parking will be off-site at UCR, and we will be shuttled to the Castle for the tour. This will be an unattended parking lot so driving your old cars is not recommended. We will be gathering at the Sizzler in Murrieta. There will be an email with more information coming soon. There will be a "Mini Meet" of three days in Pismo in September. More information to follow.

Newsletter & Website: Bob McClelland is still asking for personal stories for the Newsletter.

Old Business: None

New Business: Linda Lowry gave an update on our Christmas Luncheon for this year. For the past two months your committee has been researching restaurants in the Temecula/Fallbrook area and we have reached a decision. The Luncheon will be on December 5th. We have secured a private room at Bailey's, which is in Old Town Temecula. It is upstairs, but there is an elevator. It will be a plated dinner. The cost will be comparable to what we have paid in the past. We will have more information as time goes on.

Announcements: Cruisin' Grand is scheduled to start June 9th. July 21st will be Ford Evolution Night recognizing, Model T's, Model A's and V8's. This event is sponsored by our own Tom & Patsy Hamlin. They provide plaques for cars chosen and recognized. Don Harwick informed us that on May 21st Irwindale Raceway has The Antique Nationals. This will be the 51st year for this event.

Ask the Experts:

Program: The Program, "Days Gone By", was presented by Bud Williams. This was a trip down memory lane. Thank you, Bud Williams, for a wonderful program. These memories were from an actual trip Bud took with his 5 grandchildren in his motorhome. It was fascinating!

Tom's Trivia Question: Tom Hamlin's Trivia Question for today was: What was the first year Ford successfully built a 6-cylinder flat head engine? Options were: 1939, 1940, 1941, or 1942. Answer: 1941

Opportunity Drawing: It was announced that \$120 was collected. \$60 was won by Ken Magers and \$60 was given to the club.

With no further business to come before the meeting, and as a motion was made by Peggy Petrucci and seconded by Roxie Otteson, the meeting adjourned at 9:45.

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: May 20, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Otteson, Secretary
Corporate Minutes

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Janet



Accessory Chair report

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THE DARK SIDE OF MONEY LENDING

Hello to all! I'm going to recount some of the darker sides of the money lending business that I experienced in my 30 year career in that field. First of all, dealing with money in any form usually becomes a very serious matter.

I can't think of any item or product that has the ability to cause human beings too 'fight to the death' over money. With that in mind, here is an experience I had in the field of lending money.

Back in the '50's and '60's there existed a variety of Finance Companies - those lenders who provided cash loans or financing to borrowers who, for whatever reason, didn't meet the strict guidelines set by banks. These finance companies - Household Finance (HFC), Beneficial Finance, Seaboard Finance Company, and a host of smaller lenders, filled the needs of many. Yes, they charged higher interest rates than the banks simply because they experienced a higher default rate, but served a large percentage of the population. They're all gone now because the simple act of borrowing money has changed so much, what with credit cards, credit unions, and a host of other sources.

I went to work for Seaboard Finance Co in November of 1960, beginning my 30 year career in the field. 'Back in the day' cash loan requests were granted by holding the pink slip to the borrower's car, or even accepting the borrower's furniture as collateral. For larger loans, a second mortgage was created as collateral. Unsecured loans were also granted in amounts up to \$1000 to A+ borrowers - those folks who had an excellent record of paying their obligations on time.

In the lending/financing field there is always the potential for the borrower to default on his/her debt, forcing the lender to seek legal means in an attempt to 'be paid back'. I'm going to tell you a story about a borrower from whom I was assigned the task of getting 'paid back' for my employer.

The borrower had agreed to place a second mortgage on his home to secure a \$30,000 loan. Things went well for 3+ years, but then his business began struggling, and he could no longer afford the monthly payments on our loan. We had to foreclose and take possession of his home, and I was assigned the task of driving to the property, after he had vacated, to inspect it, change the locks, etc. Here's what I found: 1) He had removed all of the lighting fixtures in the kitchen ceiling, cut all of the wiring, and smashed the beautiful sink areas with a sledge hammer. 2) He had used a keyhole saw to cut into the wall of every room that had an intercom speaker and removed same 3) The sinks and toilets in every bathroom had been destroyed with a sledge hammer. 4) Carpeted areas had been soaked with motor oil. But here's his final 'statement;'

The front door had been left partially open so that, when I entered the home, the feces he had deftly deposited on the entry tile would be propelled onto the living room carpet as I pushed the door fully open!

That, my friends, is the nasty side of the loan business.

Jay Harris



Game-changing invention: the tubeless tire!

The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum

On May 11th, back in 1947, B.F. Goodrich revolutionized driving with a game-changing invention: the tubeless tire!

Frank Herzegh, an engineer working for B.F. Goodrich, designed a pneumatic tire that didn't require a separate inner tube. After extensive testing and widespread adoption, Herzegh's design was awarded a patent five years later. This innovation not only enhanced vehicle performance but also improved safety on the roads. Michelin later refined tubeless tire technology, and thanks to their efforts, the tubeless tire has become the industry standard, benefiting countless drivers worldwide.

At Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum, we're passionate about automotive history and innovation. You can see firsthand the evolution of the tire in our displays, from the solid rubber tires of our high wheelers to the whitewalls of our vintage roadsters to the radials of more modern autos.



THE IN-N-OUT STORY GOES ON!



1975

Milkshakes Added To The Menu

Real ice cream milk shakes officially join the In-N-Out menu. Malts had previously been available at select locations for nearly a decade. Earlier, shakes had been mixed for customers right in their paper cups, requiring Associates to have plenty of skill at avoiding ripping those cups during preparation.



1975

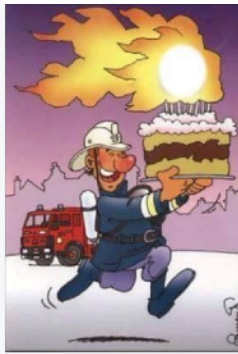
First T-Shirt Designed

A cartoon fryman designed by In-N-Out founder Harry Snyder becomes the first in a continuing series of popular T-Shirts. After several years, Guy Snyder begins introducing new designs inspired by his love of cars and racing. Around 1984, announcing a new design from a top artist becomes an annual tradition. Today's In-N-Out customers can purchase shirts at all our locations, including company stores in Baldwin Park and Las Vegas, and through our [website](#).

(To be continued)



SUNSHINE REPORT
 THINKING OF OUR MEMBERS STRUGGLING
 PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS IN YOUR
 THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



June Birthdays

10 – Gale Anderson
 11 - Ron Shedd



June Anniversaries

6 – Jay & Janet Harris
 15 - Dave & Maryellen Huhn

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A NOTE FROM OUR TOUR DIRECTORS

If anyone has a suggestion for a tour let us know, we would be glad to look into it! Jay & Janet

Jay & Janet Harris Tour to Benedict Castle Riverside

WHO KNEW RIVERSIDE HAD A CASTLE!

Our Benedict Castle/Car show trip was a giant success. We had a tour guide who gave us so much overwhelming information regarding the Castle. We learned about the original owner and why he had this Castle built and the architectural nuances and all the owners of the castle since it was built in 1919. The Catholic Church owned it for several years, and many of the Religions Crosses and Statues still remain.

The current owners of the castle are an organization named: "Teen Challenge". They began in Brooklyn, NY and now have facilities nationwide. They are a faith based organization with the mission to help anyone overcome any type addiction. A person must commit to 1 year staying at the facility. Some of their facilities are for teens, some for women, and Benedict Castle helps men 18 and older. The organization's success rate is 87% as compared to private facilities 22% success. And all Teen Challenge Facilities are FREE. They survive on donations and fund raising.

The car show and the tour were fundraising for Teen Challenge. Benedict Castle is open to private small group tours, and also for weddings and social functions. Check out both websites for more information: BenedictCastle.com and www.teenchallenge.org.

The car show was fun, all types of cars, and TV and Movie car celebrities. For us "old folks" the 75 steps in the castle was a challenge, but fun. The best part of the day was being with our Palomar Mt. Ford friends. Thank you Jay for another great trip.

Jackie Ouellette



TOUR CONTINUED



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Classic Cars vs Vintage Cars: Everything You Need to Know



Craig Thomas

Published: November 12, 2019

An [analysis of online searches](#) by ClassicCars.com uncovered regional preferences, state by state, to find the most popular antique cars in all 50 states. Unsurprisingly, muscle cars came out on top, with various model years of the Dodge Charger being the most-searched collectible car across the United States, helped no doubt by nostalgia for the famous General Lee on TV's Dukes of Hazzard. The Charger was followed closely by the likes of the Ford Mustang, Chevrolet's Corvette and Camaro, and the Pontiac Firebird. Throw in the Chevrolet El Camino, Ford Bronco and Pontiac GTO, and it's clear to see the affection that buyers have for good ol' Detroit iron.

Offering us the view from an auction house on cars for sale, Wurl says, "There will always be a big market for muscle cars and pony cars in the U.S. We've also found that mid-century and newer European sports cars continue to dominate the marketplace here. We handle a lot of examples of Porsche, Ferrari, Maserati and Aston Martin, and there continues to be a lot of enthusiasm for those marques."

Vintage Car Age: When Does a Car Become a Vintage Car?

Finally, there are what are called vintage cars. Vintage car age can vary greatly depending on where you are. What constitutes a vintage car depends on who's defining it, but, as a rule of thumb, it's a car that was built before 1930 (1925, by some definitions). So, it's a car from the very early days of motoring except anything that has been modified into something like a hot rod.

What Kind of Cars Are Considered Vintage Cars?

Within this classification are very early cars from what's known as the Brass Era, named for the brass fittings that were used as lights or radiators in the automobiles built between 1896 and 1915. As Wurl says, "There's actually been a very robust marketplace historically for those cars and that's continued. There's still a really strong market for quality Brass Era cars." **(CONT. ON PG 11)**



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The whole vintage car market has, perhaps surprisingly, a big following among collectors, as Wurl notes, “There’s still a lot you can do with the early American cars like the Model T. The main enthusiasm remains in coach-built bodied cars: As the general market for cars of that era here in the U.S. shrinks, the cream is really rising to the top. So, a special coach-built automobile—whether it be a Packard, a Cadillac, a Lincoln or a Duesenberg—is always going to hold its value better, and retains a certain level of enthusiasm, even in a marketplace where that market is shrinking.”

And, while some of the cars in this market can cost as much as \$10 million, Wurl also says that the entry price can be a lot lower: “You could certainly buy an old Model T for less than \$10,000, and you could also buy a Model A Ford that will get you into all kinds of driving events.”

Questions to Ask Before You Buy Your First Classic vs Vintage Car

What should you buy when it comes to classic vs vintage cars? Chances are, you’re looking to lay down a decent chunk of change on your classic car or vintage car, so you need to think about exactly what you want—and why.

The most important consideration is that you must want the car. As Peter Haynes, a consultant with auction house [RM Sotheby’s](#), says: “To anyone who really loves the hobby, they will only ever advise that somebody buys what they love. That’s the only solid bit of advice you can really give anyone. If you like something, don’t obsess too much about whether you think it’s the car that is going to do the best financially for you or not. Because if you own a car that you don’t like, there’s simply no point: There’s no pleasure in the ownership. People really ought to be led by their hearts, primarily in terms of choosing either the era of car or the type of car that they want.”

As Wurl adds, “You also want to decide what’s important to you. Usability is a big thing: you might want something that keeps up with modern-day traffic that you can use on public roads. Or you might want something where there is a large club community or something that is very high performance. Those are all considerations. I think it helps to work backward from what your goals are and what you want to do with a car when it comes time to decide which example to pull the trigger on.”

It’s also worth considering how easy it will be to maintain the classic car and obtain spare parts. The rarer the car, the more difficult it will be to get spares. It’s also harder to find an expert mechanic for it. That will mean more time off the road and, as a result, fewer opportunities to enjoy driving it.

Once you’ve zeroed in on the car that makes your heart beat faster it’s time to let the heat into the equation and get some proper advice. Wurl says: “We always recommend that people talk to some sort of an expert who can help them make an educated decision. There’s often a large sum of money involved and there are plenty of cars that have flaws. It’s important to find someone who can point those flaws out to you, so you don’t make a mistake when it comes time to purchase.”

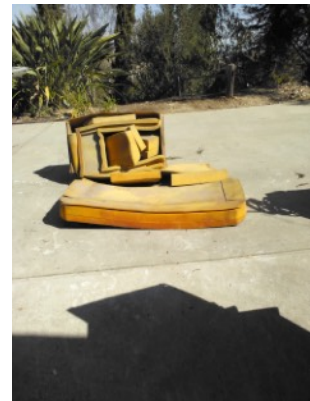
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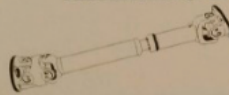


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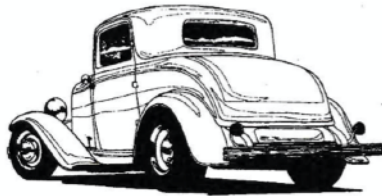
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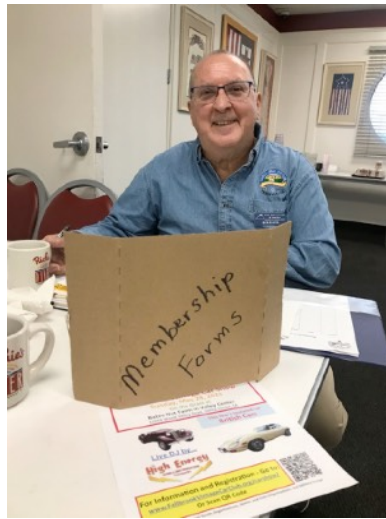


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12th Annual So-Cal Early Ford V-8 Club Inter-Regional

Giant...
Collector Car

Swap Meet

Lots of Ford
Flathead Stuff

Saturday, August 12, 2023

The only place that you're going to find Early Ford stuff is at a swap meet like this - put on by Early Ford V-8 Club Folks
Car & Truck Parts - Accessories - Tools - Literature, Books & much more

7212 Melrose Ave, Buena Park

At the Elks Club Lodge

MONTHLY CLUB BUSINESS & BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

Second Tuesday Monthly

(January thru November) Breakfast @ 8:00 am Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.

Richies Real American Diner 40651 Murrieta Hot Springs Road

Murrieta, Ca. 92562

JUNE 13th 8:00AM

JULY 11th 8:00AM



Crusin Grand Ford Evolution Night

Crusin Grand on July 21st has been set aside to showcase the Early Ford's. It is being called Ford Evolution night. They will be showing Model T's, Model A's and the V-8's. Members are encouraged to bring your early Ford's down and enjoy the evening! The Hamlin's are sponsor's for this event!

**PLEASE
NOTE**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! JUNE, 2023
CHECK OUT

<http://www.socalcarculture.com/events.html>

JUNE 3RD Oceanside - 5th An Car Show - 1617 Mission Ave. - 9AM - 2PM

JUNE 9th Escondido - Cruise Escondido Grand Ave. - Grand Ave. -
6:30PM - 9PM

JUNE 10TH San Clemente - 27th Annual San Clemente Car Show - Avenida
Del Mar - 10AM - 3PM

JUNE 16-17 Pomona - 57th LA Roadsters Show & Swap - LA Fairplex -
7AM - 5PM

JUNE 17th Murrieta - 52nd Annual Father's Day Car Show - 40600
California Oaks Rd. - 2PM - 8PM

JUNE 18th San Diego - Father's Day Car Show @ Belmont Park 3146
Mission Blvd. - 10AM - 3PM

JUNE 24th San Diego - All Things Carroll Shelby Car Show - Embarcadero
Marina Park North - 9AM - 2PM

**JULY 21ST CRUSIN GRAND FORD EVOLUTION NIGHT MODEL T
MODEL A & V-8'S RECOGNIZED**



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