



# VALVE CHATTER 2023



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Regional Group #148 of the Early Ford  
V-8 Club of America, Inc



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT



Bob McClelland

Well, another month has passed and we are getting into the holiday season! As indicated last month, we had nominations of board members for calendar year 2024! The nominations are as follows;  
Dan Castellini President, Steve Wells Vice President, Linda Lowry Secretary, Gregg Lowry Treasurer! We will be voting on these position at our November 14th meeting! The board members will then be installed at our Luncheon on December 5th!

Members are encouraged to get their reservations in for the Holiday Luncheon! As always, it will be a fun time. We will be at a new location!

I would like to thank Jerome Mueller for his presentation on a funny way to get out of a ticket at the October meeting.

This month we had two tours! The first Sharon & I hosted a firefighters Milk can dinner. We had a good turnout with 25 guests! We did take a walk over to my neighbor Gary Denshim's to see his shop and Nitro Funny Car, race car! It was a fun time enjoyed by all! Our second tour was to the Temecula Olive oil company organized by the San Diego group who invited us along! Again a fun time! There is a write-up giving more detail on the tours!





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 October 10, 2023, at the meeting place of the members: Richie's Diner, 40651 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Murrieta, California.

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

**Members Present & Cars Driven:** Gregg & Linda Lowry, Tom & Patsy Hamlin, Peggy Petrucci, Bob & Sharon McClelland, Jay Harris, Ken & Merleen Magers, Ron Shedd, Jerome-Robert Mueller, Cliff Gustin, Jim Hurlburt, Bob Payne, Roger & Bonnie Bell, Jackie Ouellette, Leona Spanier and Jerry & Roxie Otteson all drove their modern vehicles. Dan Castellini drove his '53 Tudor.

**Guests:** Our only guest was Cory Evangelou.

**Meeting was called to order** at 9:00 AM by President Bob McClelland. Tom Hamlin 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 our guest. Bob thanked everyone who attended the Milk Can Dinner at his home. He thanked those who made desserts. Bob thanked Ray Ouellette for the article he contributed to the Newsletter.

**Vice President:** Patsy Hamlin reported that Cruisin' Grand is over for this year. It was a great year but unfortunately, it will not be held next year due to major construction that will be taking place in the area.

**Secretary:** Roxie congratulated those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of October. Motion was made by Patsy Hamlin to approve September's minutes as written. Motion seconded by Peggy Petrucci. Motion passed by majority vote.

**Treasurer** Gregg Lowry reported Club balance. Gregg reported two invoices for the month. The first was the quarterly payment to the Webmaster of \$60 and the second was \$140 for the Directors and Officers Insurance for the year. This Insurance is really an errors and omissions policy. As a nonprofit agency The Board is legally responsible for personal liability and breach of duty if it should occur. That can occur because of lack of duty of care, lack of duty of loyalty or lack of duty of obedience. This is a \$2 million policy. There was discussion concerning Palomar Mountain V-8 Facebook group (Palomar Mt. Early Ford V-8 Club). After discussion it was felt it is appropriate that the site be taken down. Bob McClelland asked for a Motion to send a letter requesting the site be taken down. Motion made by Tom Hamlin and seconded by Roger Bell to send a letter. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Accessories:** Janet Harris was not present.

**Advertising:** Don Harwick was not present.

**Membership & Badges:** Bob Davis was not present.

**Sunshine:** Jackie Ouellette reported that she sent a card to Leona Spanier who spent 5 days in the hospital last month. Update on Bud Williams from Jay Harris....Bud has been in Montana with his daughter, Suzanne, and is doing better. He is on his way back home.

**Tours:** Jay Harris reports that the tour to Temecula Valley Olive Oil Company scheduled for this Saturday is sold out. He also said the Pismo Beach Tour was a great success.

**Newsletter:** Bob McClelland would like to thank all those who have been sending him articles for the Newsletter. Last month was Patsy Hamlin and this month was Ray Ouellette. He is still interested in having a “Car of the Month” article in the Newsletter. Each month would feature a member’s car with a story and picture.

**Old Business:** Linda Lowry has an update on our Christmas Luncheon. An email will be sent out shortly with All pertinent information. Luncheon will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> so be sure to save the date.

**New Business:** Bob McClelland reported that we do have nominations and voting of officers for 2024 coming up. Our by-laws state that today is the day we are to establish the nominees and next month we will vote on who takes those positions. Nominating Committee is Steve Wells: Chairman, Kimry Wells: Member, Peggy Petrucci: Member, and Bob McClelland is an ex-officio member of the committee. Individuals showing interest in positions are as follows:

President.....Dan Castellini	Vice President.....Steve Wells
Treasurer.....Gregg Lowry	Secretary.....Linda Lowry

The floor is open for more nominations.

Having received no additional nominations or interested parties we need a motion to close the nominations. Motion to close the nominations made by Peggy Petrucci and seconded by Tom Hamlin. Motion carried by a majority vote. Nominations Closed

We will vote on these positions at our next meeting in November. Installation of Officers will take place at the Christmas Luncheon on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Tom’s Trivia Question:** We are still looking for 8-9 cars for a picture to submit to The V-8 Times for possible cover shot. We have 5 cars submitted to date. We also need a location for a good background. All suggestions will be considered.

What was the first year Ford used safety glass in their windshields??

1. 1927 2. 1929 3. 1932 4. 1935 Answer: 1927

**Program:** Today’s program is presented by member Jerome-Robert Mueller. Jerome was an orthopedic surgeon, and this is a story about his past experiences and legal litigation. His malpractice ability insurance was \$800,000 a year. As a result, he, and many others, had to stop doing back surgeries. This was in the 1980’s and 1990’s. Jerome shared some of his funnier stories with us. Thank you, Jerome for sharing.

**Opportunity Drawing:** Tom Hamlin announced that \$90 was collected. Jay Harris won \$45 and \$45 was given to the club. With no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00. 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 to be maintained.

Dated: October 23, 2023

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxie Otteson, Secretary  
Corporate Minutes





## 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

No, your eyes aren't deceiving you! There were actually **two** tours in October, one hosted by the McClellands on the 7th, and the other hosted by Ray Brock and Judy Grobbel of the San Diego RG on the 14th. Those in attendance from the Palomar Mountain V8s RG on the 14th were:



Jay and Janet Harris  
Dan Castellini  
Ron Shedd and Dianna  
Bob and Letrice Davis  
Gregg and Linda Lowry  
Bob McClelland

All in all there were 26 members on this tour, and our hosts treated us to a wonderful guided walk around the Temecula Olive Oil Co grounds. We learned, among many things, that olive trees are practically impossible to kill! They require minimum irrigation, and have shown their ability to come back even after a fire storm! On the negative side, retrieving the olives at harvest time requires an army of workers on ladders to separate the fruit from the tree as the olives can't be just shaken off - they have to be pulled off one by one. We were also treated to an olive oil tasting event at which ten different olive oil variations were provided to our members. As it turns out, there is a big difference in quality between the average product available in stores VS that product produced by companies like Temecula Olive Oil Co. I'll add that our walk around the property was simply beautiful due to the shade provided by the groves of olive trees and the landscaping in general.

Following our olive oil experience we drove a short way to the Stagecoach Inn for lunch before departing for home.

Thanks Ray and Judy for inviting our Regional Group on this tour!  
Jay and Janet



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2023

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Nylon jacket \$27



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Feel free to call me if you need help,

Janet

### Accessory Chair report

#### Jackets

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# MILK CAN DINNER TOUR

On the first Saturday in October Bob and Sharon McClelland opened their beautiful home in Menifee to host the **Milk Can Dinner Tour**.  
in attendance were:

- Gregg and Linda Lowry,ext
- Jay and Janet Harris
- Tom and Patsy Hamlin
- Ken and Merleen Magers
- Peggy Petrucci.
- Dan Castellini
- Jim Hurlburt
- Jerry and Roxie Otteson
- Roger Bell

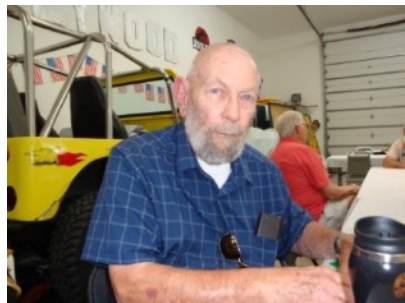
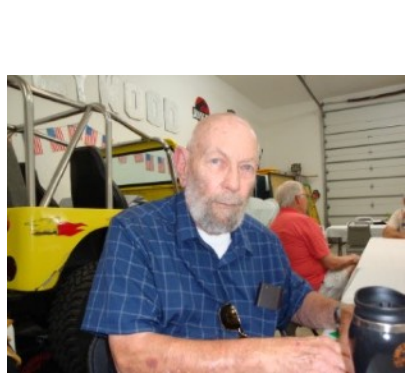


The McClelland's sons, Rob & Tracy handled the cooking duties and everyone enjoyed desserts and other goodies provided by the guests. We were also treated to a visit next door to neighbor Gary Denshim, who is a well known Nitro funny car racer. His army of funny cars and equipment was simply amazing, and his description of all that has to be done to a funny car in just 75 minutes between races is hard to believe!

All in all it was a lovely Saturday, and even though the temperature in Menifee that day was in the mid--ninties, Bob had his large shop and garage cooled to a very comfortable level.

Thanks, Bob and Sharon  
Jay and Janet





AND THE  
WINNER IS JAY  
HARRIS





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## **Holiday Luncheon Installation of Board of Directors**

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  - Baked Salmon
- Rice Pilaf and Vegetables
- Bread & Butter
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***\*If you would like to participate in the Gift Exchange Game bring one wrapped gift per couple \$25 minimum value. Suggested gifts include: Gift Cards, Car Memorabilia, or Consumable (i.e. food or drink)  
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**PROCEDURE!**

**November Birthdays**

- 1 - Tom Anderson
- 6 - Bob Payne
- 16 - Linda Wells
- 16 - Jack Kay
- 22 - Dan Castellini
- 25 - Irene Griffin
- 29 - Dave Huhn
- 30 - Bonnie Krehbiel



**November Anniversaries**

- 1 - Dan & Gloria Castellini
- 7 - Jim & Linda Wells

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 Organized November 8, 1996  
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 #148

Incorporated August 7, 2001

**2023 Board of Directors & Officers**

**President Robert McClelland**

**Vice President Patsy Hamlin**

**Treasurer Greg Lowry**

**Secretary Roxie Otteson**

**Director Dan Castellini**

2022 Committee Chairpersons

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Janet Harris

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**DEADLINE:** 20th of Each Month

\*Opportunity drawing **CHAIR**

Tom Hamlin

**SUNSHINE CHAIR**

Jackie Ouellette

**TOUR LEADERS**

Jay & Janet Harris

Volunteers on Monthly Basis

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Officio member on all committees

**MEMBERSHIP**

Bob Davis

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Initiation Fee: \$40.00 (includes two  
 Regional Group Name Tags to wear  
 to meetings & events.) Annual dues:  
 \$25 per year (Jan. thru December)

## JAY SHARES SOME PERSONAL MEMORIES

In 1972 I purchased a '46 Ford Convertible that had been lounging in it's owner's garage for an untold number of years. An Early Ford V8 Club member had spotted it in L.A. and called me to see if I was interested. I was! Fast forward to 1974 . . . . I had purchased the car, dismantled it, and carefully returned it to 'as new' condition, ready to tackle the open road, and even compete in Club concourse events. But, I'm getting way ahead of myself. What I really want to do is share a story or two about what it's like to take a vintage car out on the road and interact with the public and their curiosity about your car, etc.

Let's begin with one of my favorites: It was the late '70's and me, the wife, and kids were making our way back home after leading a HARRIS TOUR to that year's Western National Meet. As was always our routine at the conclusion of a Meet, we had mapped out a route that would take us through some beautiful country as we made our way home. Now it was just us on the road - -no line of Early V8s behind us, just **us!** We had decided to re-visit Yellowstone National Park and stop to see Geyser Basin once again. We were able to find a parking space right at the spot where the viewing trail began, and it was bustling with summertime travelers. After getting our fill of the geysers and paint pots bubbling over with boiling liquid, we made our way back down the path toward our car. As we drew nearer we were stunned to see a little boy and his sister **sitting in the front seat of our car**, passenger door wide open, and mom giving them directions on where to sit, and how to pose, and dad angling for the best shot with his prized camera, Yes, **the convertible top was down**, and this enterprising family just couldn't resist taking some vacation photos to show the folks back home!! They didn't have a clue that you really couldn't just climb into some stranger's car to take photos! Now, in all honesty, they were a nice young family, and didn't have any ill will at all. We talked for a few minutes and then they went blissfully on their way. This one still gives me chills. Fast forward to the mid '90's. The kids are out on their own and the wife and I are still hosting HARRIS TOURS. We're out on I-10 near the Arizona border, heading east. My full attention is on the road ahead, with an occasional look in the rear view mirror to see if all of our V8 followers are in line. All of a sudden I'm absolutely scared out of my mind when a modern car appears in the lane to my left and the driver **lays on the horn**. Fearing something must be terribly wrong, I quickly turned my head to see what all of the excitement was about, only to come eyeball to eyeball with an over-exuberant passenger leaning as far out of his open window as possible, video camera in hand, busy capturing the 'exciting moment'. There wasn't anything wrong, or course, just a young man overly excited about passing a string of old cars, and his dad, wanting to 'say high' in a big way from the comfort of the family car, used his car horn as a friendly greeting!

All of us who get out and drive our Early V8s have had the 'horn honking' experience themselves, I'm sure.

Happy V8ing  
Jay



AND WE MEET AGAIN  
PHOTO'S BY PATSY HAMLIN



**PLEASE  
NOTE..**



NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 14TH  
RICHIE'S DINER, 40651 MURRIETA  
HOT SPRINGS ROAD 8:00 - 10:00

*From the Editor*

We're **STILL** looking for your stories. What travel's have you done, what restorations have you done on your car? We would love to feature your story in the Valve Chatter! You can also send sale or wanted ads for future Valve Chatters! Notify me if your item has sold.



## WHAT DOES THE 1936 FORD DRIVE LIKE



While certainly not quick, the 1936 Ford provides a unique driving experience, nowadays. Its 85 horsepower may have made it one of the most powerful cars back in its day, but nowadays, its performance is more akin to that of a main battle tank. Coupled to a non-synchronized, three-speed manual gearbox, a 1936 Ford would get to a top speed of around 65 mph (105 km/h), maybe 70 mph (112 km/h) on a good day and “with a strong tailwind”.


The car also has mechanical brakes so you have to brake earlier. The steering is not power-assisted and the body-on-frame construction means that body roll is par for the course. There are also no turn signals, so Elliot brushes up on his hand gestures. One thing that becomes apparent is that you need to be able to multi-task while driving the 1936 Ford, and I most certainly don't mean texting and driving.

The host points out that visibility is great, despite the relatively small windows due to high driving position, similar to that of a modern SUV. A fun fact, you will notice is that the transmission seems to have a dog-leg first gear, which is highly unexpected if you are not familiar with these cars. The steering is quite large and you will often find that the car tramlines due to the narrow tires.

Overall, even with only 85 horsepower, the car is not dangerous to drive and can get you to the speed limit without much of a hassle. The simplicity of these 1936 Fords is very appealing, which is why it may be a good contender for a project car, be it a hot rod, a resto-mod, or a restoration to its original condition. The state of this particular one, even after 85 years, should be testimony enough for the car's ability to withstand the test of time.



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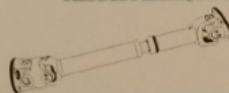
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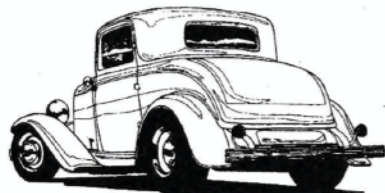
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*A Non-Profit Public Benefit Charitable California Corporation, Incorporated August 7, 2001*

Regular Monthly Meeting for Members is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month except for December. December is the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers at a location, time, and date to be determined.

**2024 RENEWAL of Membership**  
(Due on January 1, 2024 Delinquent if not Paid by February 1, 2024)

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Any Changes to your Address, phone or email? Please look at current roster and list changes here:**

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**Please direct any membership questions to Membership Chair: Bob Davis (909) 815-3626** cell

Current Renewal Dues: **\$25** Make checks payable to Palomar Mountain V-8's RG 148.

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The current ROSTER data is correct as currently published or is **corrected** as noted above. My payment of annual RG#148 dues serves as my certification that I am a current paid member of the National club in good standing. **Your National # does not change.**

Member  
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Notice

# 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

NOVEMBER 14TH 8:00AM

DECEMBER 5TH 11:30 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

JUANUARY 9TH 8:00 AM

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CHECK OUT

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

Nov 4th Lake Elsinore - Classic Car Show & Chili Cook Off -  
31569 Canyon Estates Dr. - 5:30PM - 8:30PM

Nov 5th Perris\* - Sky Dive Perris Airport Cruise-In Car Show -  
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