





SEPTEMBER 2024, Newsletter Volume 29, Issue 09 Regional Group #148 of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Inc





FROM THE PRESIDENT DAN CASTELLINI

NOTES



It's that time of year when we celebrate Labor Day and the end of summer. Each year about this time I attend a military reunion. This years reunion is in St. Louis. At these reunions friendships, forged long ago in Viet Nam, are renewed and there is no denying the bond we share after all these years. It's also the time of year we remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and the thousands of innocent lives lost along with those brave first responders who selflessly gave their lives to save others. As a member of the Air National Guard I was called to active duty in the USAF for two years following 9/11. I saw first hand the courage, personal sacrifice and patriotism demonstrated by our military. That same strong bond I had experience in Viet Nam was evident in this younger generation. We should never forget there are military members and first responders who will not be with their families this holiday so that we can be with ours.

It was great to see everyone at our August meeting. Thanks to Jay Harris for brining his 39 so Bob could snap a few photos to be used on our new banner. Hopefully, we can put the finishing touches on the banner project and bring it to completion soon. Congrats to Ron Shedd on the purchase of his 32 Roadster. Great addition to the club line up.

There continues to be concern at the national and regional level about how to address our declining membership. At our August 24 National Board meeting it was reported membership continues to decline at a higher than projected rate. This is an ongoing issue to be addressed at all levels of the club. Lets do our part and **invite someone to breakfast**.

Our guest speaker for September will be Jim Hurlburt, who will give a presentation on his 51 Ford Woody Project. I've had a sneak peek at Jim's program and it will not disappoint! See you at the next meeting on **September 10th**. Cheers.

Dan

"Most people spend more time and energy going around problems than trying to solve them" - Henry Ford



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 August 13, 2024 at the meeting place of the members: Richie's Diner, 40651 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Murietta, California.

Directors Present: Dan Castellini, Steve Wells, Gregg Lowry, Linda Lowry, Bob McClelland

*Members Present & Cars Driven:* Dan Castellini (1953 Tudor), Cliff Gustin (1941 Ford), Tom & Patsy Hamlin, Jay Harris (1939 Convertible), Gregg & Linda Lowry, Ken Magers, Bob & Sharon McClelland, Jerome Mueller, Jerry & Roxie Otteson, Bob Payne, Peggy Petrucci, Ron Shedd, Steve Wells

Guests: Sheldon Ivester, Tracy McClelland

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. President Dan opened the meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob McClelland led us in Prayer.

#### **Officer & Committee Reports were accepted:**

**President:** Dan Castellini- Gave an update of the National & International Regional Group Presidents meeting. Topics discussed included:

- "Follow That Car" legacy program to include a history/information packet to follow the car.
- Plans to perform an audit on Regional Groups to update actual member information.
- The Club Merchandise/Store is now located in Tennessee and items are available for purchase.
- A new recruitment flyer is being promoted offering 1 free year membership to join National.
- Dan gave an update on our club banner. He reviewed the design and the reason behind replacing it

Vice President: Steve Wells – No report

He shared Ron Shedd's purchase of a '32 Roadster

Treasurer: Gregg Lowry- Reported a club balance.

He thanked Don & Sylvia Harwick for all their hard work in recruiting new and renewal of existing advertisers.

The Board has approved organizing an Ad Hoc steering committee to explore potential donation recipients. Gregg Lowry to chair.

Secretary: Linda Lowry - Presented the July minutes. Motion to accept made by Bob McClelland and seconded by Patsy Hamlin. Motion passed. She announced and congratulated those members who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries in August.

**Director:** Bob McClelland – No report

Accessories: Janet Harris – No report

Advertising: Don Harwick – No report

Gregg stated he received 12 renewals from Don and that there are now 3 pages of advertisers in the Valve Chatter.

Membership & Club Badges: Bob Davis - No report

Dan reminded us that it is all our responsibilities to recruit new members. Just invite someone to our breakfast meeting to experience our group!

Sunshine: Jackie Ouellette – No report - No cards sent this month.

Roxie shared that they have moved back into their house.

Ken Magers gave an update on Merleen

**Tours:** Dan passed around the clipboard for members to volunteer to organize a tour. He reviewed upcoming car shows and events.

**Newsletter & Website:** Bob McClelland – He discussed the information he has regarding how many online clicks our website receives each month.

Our webmaster is helping to update our website.

A New Member application form is now online.

He welcomes any articles and events that can be added to the Valve Chatter.

#### Old Business: None

**New Business:** Peggy Petrucci will be chairing the Nominating Committee for next year's Board of Directors. Jerome Mueller and Steve Wells will be assisting.

Announcements: None

**Program:** Sheldon Ivester of 'Ivestor Creative' gave a wonderful presentation about his company and his work on our new Banner.

**Tom's Trivia Question:** Henry Ford started using safety glass in his vehicles in what year? Tom gave us the correct answer -1919 – and a bit of history behind it.

Special Drawing: – Tom Hamlin announced \$85 was collected with \$42 going to the club and \$43 won by Steve Wells

Being no further business to come before the meeting and on **motion duly made by Peggy Petrucci and seconded by Ron Shedd,** the meeting adjourned at 10:17 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: August 13, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lowry, Secretary Corporate Minutes



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

## A NOTE 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.

	ACCESSORIES 2024	
All prices include embroidery and tax. Sizes S-2XL		
Women's Polo Men's Polo	\$21 \$24	
Сар	\$10.80	
Long sleeved denim shirt \$21 Short sleeved denim shirt \$19.75		
Long sleeved tee shirt with or without pocket \$16.31 Short sleeved tee shirt with or without pocket \$13.05		
Nylon jacket	\$27	
A club member can also go on SanMar.com web sight and look under <b>Port</b> <b>Authority</b> brand. It Is a wholesale web sight so <i>you</i> can not buy from them. But, if you see something you wish to purchase, note the order number, color and product and Tim will give us the price with embroidery and tax. This is actually the best way to pick out the color you want.		
Feel free to call me if you need help,		
Janet		

## **Accessory Chair report**

### Jackets

You can go online to **S&S Active Ware** website and pick out any jacket. Email me the product name and number and I will get the price for you. It will be less than stated in the catalogue. The club emblem will be attached to the left chest.

All other products go to **SanMar** website. Look under "Port Authority" brand. You can pick anything you want. Just email me the product name and number and I will get a price for you. Price will include having our logo sewed on.

When you order, make a check payable to Palomar V-8 Club and send to Janet Harris:

3088 Skycrest Dr

Fallbrook, 92028

Turnaround time is approximately 2 weeks. I will pick up your order and bring it to the next meeting. Any questions? Feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:brokerjanet@hotmail.com">brokerjanet@hotmail.com</a> or 760-522-8423

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## FOR SALE/WANTED

## Items from the 1933/34 Ford CENTURY OF PROGRESS asking price for all \$150. (Does not include ruler). Gary Walcher 619-916-8817









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## A STORY OF DAYS GONE BY PRESENTED BY GARY WALCHER

## FOREVER, OLLIE'S PHAETON

## AND HERE IS THE REST OF THE STORY

By a stroke of good luck one of the members of the Chamber of Commerce was an old car enthusiast who knew the man with the Ford V-8. Ollie's letter was passed to the Ford owner at a swap meet that same weekend. In a few days Ollie heard from the owner, who said he had sold the Ford he advertised in Motor Trend, but he was just finishing a nice 1935 Ford Phaeton with a Columbia Overdrive Axle. The price was higher but it was a better car. Within a week Ollie was in Watsonville to see the car. It was still in pieces and some of the restoration work was still undone. Ollie put a deposit on the car and the owner agreed to put it together."

"In November 1961 Ollie, and his son flew to Salinas and then took the bus over to the hills of Watsonville. They located the owner, who was a teacher, and saw the Ford in all its splendor, in the school parking lot. The deal was completed, the spare parts that went with the car were loaded, the side curtains were fastened, and off they went on their 500 mile trip. Olfie says that he will always remember the words of caution the previous owner had for him as they left. " Remember, it's an old car and there will always be something to fix." The car had a 1951 engine in it and every time they hit a bump the tie rod would slam against the pan. After about a half mile the generator started to make strange noises and a stop had to be made to locate the trouble, which luckily turned out to be only a loose bolt. The Smiths stopped at Paso Robles for the night. Ollie could have sold the car twice on the trip. He now has a fully rebuilt 1935 engine in the car and he takes it on all of our tours. It has performed perfectly on our long tours and has appeared in almost every exhibition public service event, and club activity of this regional group. It is a very enjoyable tour car." Ollie did in fact drive the '35 to many club events over the years and everyone associated Ollie with that car. The car was featured in the book, "The V-8 Affair" published in the early '70s. I have owned the car since 1994 and have driven it approximately 8,000 miles. It has been present on numerous club events and displays including the 1997 Western National in Santa Rosa. I have rewired the car, updated the exhaust system and had to have the Columbia rebuilt. It's a GREAT tour car and I can certainly understand why Ollie enjoyed this '35 so much! I have determined through ID numbers and body numbers that this car was manufactured in February of 1935 and it does display early production characteristics. (CONT. ON PG. 7)

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I feel very fortunate to have this car, in part thanks to the call from Jim Carnahan. Ollie passed away several years ago but he is not forgotten. Whenever f'm on a tour or at a show with the '35, you can almost bet that someone will say, "Hey look That's Ollie's '35 Phaeton!" "Remember?'

P.S. I owned the car for 10 years and sold it in 2004 at the Turlock swap meet. Had just finished my 41Ford convertible, also had a 34 Tudor and decided to let it go. It sold 3 more times over the next 10-12 years in the Central Valley. Last report the 35 is in Fresno. Owner unknown to me. (Story appeared in the V-8 Times March/April 2020).

### And that is the rest of the story!

## AND WE MEET AGAIN PHOTO'S BY PATSY HAMLIN



THE LINE UP

### JAY HARRIS

BOB PAYNE



STEVE WELLS/RON SHEDD.

THE GROUP

SHELDON IVESTOR SHARON MCCLELLAND



TRACY MCCLELLAND

SHARON, JERRY OTTESSON LINDA LOWRY GREGG LOWRY BOB MCCLELLAND

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## THE IN-N-OUT STORY GOES ON!



# 2018

#### 70th Anniversary

In-N-Out celebrates 70 years since its first location opened its doors on October 22, 1948. In those seven decades, that single store has grown into 334 locations in six states: California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Texas and Oregon. Still family-owned, and now guided by Harry and Esther Snyder's granddaughter, Lynsi, the company enters its eighth decade with the same commitment to its customers and Associates, and the same dedication to serving only the highest quality burgers, fries and shakes made the old-fashioned way.



And the winner is Steve Wells





# 2018

#### Hot Rod Event

With strong ties to California's car culture, having been the first drive thru in the state, In-N-Out and *Hot Rod* magazine celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversaries together at the Auto Club Raceway in Pomona. The November 17<sup>th</sup> celebration features In-N-Out Cookout Trucks, a car show, live music and a classic drag race. The powerful connection with car enthusiasts continues to be a strong part of the In-N-Out heritage today.

#### September Birthdays

- 1 Maryellen Huhn
- 1-Robert Mc Clelland
- 7 Rudy Perez
- 10 Judith Spaid
- 12 Merleen Magers
- 20 Gary Walcher
- 24 Jim Hurlburt
- 25 Ken Magers
- 29 Linda Lowry



### September Anniversaries

- 16 Gregg & Linda Lowry
- 16 Jack & Missi Kay
- 22 David & Lisa Simard
- 24 Ray & Jackie Ouellette

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# FOR SALE/WANTED

**WANTED**, 1937 FORD AIR CLEANER! Contact Tom Hamlin (760) 743-5099





1934 cowl lights \$100. pair GARY WALCHER 619-916-8817

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# AUTOCAR

# How much of a fire risk are electric vehicles?

We look at why EV fires are so hard to extinguish, how fire services are handling it and how to minimize risks





The news coverage of <u>electric car</u> fires and the surrounding discourse as to whether EVs are the cause of major blazes around the world can't be ignored.

### How fire crews deal with EV fires?

Attempting to suffocate the fire with inert gases is ineffective because, being a chemical blaze, it doesn't require oxygen. Meanwhile, the surrounding area must be checked for discarded battery cells that could have been propelled from the battery pack by an explosion and might spontaneously ignite later.

Following containment, the burnt-out EV must be removed and deposited in a compound away from buildings and other vehicles. (Some 25% of scrapyard fires are caused by spent lithium ion batteries.)

More radical steps include immersing the car in water, although not sea water, because chlorine gas could be released.

### Does the fire risk mean electric cars are unsafe?

It all sounds quite alarming and a good reason not to buy an electric car, but Paul Christensen,

professor of pure and applied electrochemistry at Newcastle University and senior advisor to the National Fire Chiefs Council, is keen to quell fears about EV fire safety, especially given the benefits the technology offers.

"As someone who assisted Nissan during the creation of its battery plant, I would, if I could afford one, have a Nissan Leafvehicles but we do need to be aware. tomorrow," he says. "We don't need to be worried about the small incidence of fires involving electric vehicles but we do need to be aware. (CONT ON PG 11)

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"A lithium ion battery stores a huge amount of energy in a very small space. Since 2008, the adoption of such batteries has outstripped our appreciation of their risks. We're running to catch up, but we will do."

As part of his campaign to improve EV fire risk awareness among first responders, Christensen has so far presented to 30 of the UK's 50 fire services, as well as to fire services in Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

He begins each talk by describing the structure of a lithium ion battery cell. A sliver of aluminum, called the cathode, is coated with a mixed-metal oxide ink.

It's partnered by a slice of copper coated with graphite called the anode. In between them is a fragile, perforated plastic separator soaked in an organic solvent that contains a small quantity of additives whose identity is, troublingly, known only to the cell manufacturer.

Depending on whether the battery is being charged or discharged, the lithium ions move either from or to the cathode and anode.

Then the professor gives his audience of firefighters their first shock. Full, a cell contains 4.2V of charge, but even when empty, it still holds 2.5V. A Nissan Leaf has from around 192 cells in 24 modules and a Tesla Model S more than 7000 in 16 modules. That's a lot of energy when the car's power indicator says it has none.

Full or 'empty', the risk of this energy escaping in an uncontrolled fashion is what some scientists believe leads to 'thermal runaway', when heat and gases fuel even higher temperatures and still more gases, including hydrogen and oxygen, in a self-fulfilling loop until the cells begin to burn and burst. A toxic vapor cloud develops, bringing with it the risk of deflagration. Once thermal runaway has started, no battery management system or circuit breaker can stop it. "A battery fire can be controlled but it cannot be extinguished," says Christensen.

He has demonstrated in tests how perforating or otherwise damaging a battery pack, as in a crash, can cause it to catch fire. "If an EV's battery case is dented, you have to assume it's dangerous," he says. **(CONT.ON,PG12)** 



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### STAY TUNED FOR THE REST OF THE STORY

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Battery packs have been known to catch fire through overheating and while being charged. More worrying, a battery fire can erupt spontaneously, contamination of even just a single cell during its manufacture being one possible explanation.

"Even the most experienced and careful manufacturers have defective electric cells passing through their very careful quality control systems," says Christensen.

A battery flame is like a blowtorch that will quickly ignite anything in its path, which is why Christensen wants councils and other organizations to consider EV safety risks in underground car parks, as well as bus depots where vehicles are parked side by side.

"In Germany, three bus depots have gone up in flames in the past six or so months," he says. "Tunnels, ferries, car parks, cargo ships transporting EVs – all the places you find electric vehicles should be considered a safety risk and the appropriate steps taken."

He's worried about classic cars being converted to run on used lithium ion batteries, too. "Nobody really knows how safe used lithium ion batteries are and no standard test has yet been devised to tell us," he says.

"Some batteries re-enter the market having been removed in illegal chop shops. How safe are they? There's a lot of research into lithium ion battery safety, but everyone needs to link up, because right now we're at the bottom of a very steep learning curve."

## AND THAT IS THE REST OF THE STORY







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**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 August 13th, Sept 10th, Oct 8th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! SEPTEMBER, 2024 CHECK OUT http://www.socalcarculture.com/events.html EVERY FRIDAY MAY THRU SEPT. Escondido\* - Cruisin' Grand -Grand Ave. Downtown - 4PM - 9PM SEPT 2ND San Diego - New Location - Auto Swap & Car Show - 3500 Sports Arena Blvd. - 6AM - 1PM SEPT 7TH San Diego - Sunset Cliffs Auto Show - 1371 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. - 10AM - 2PM - Murrieta - Annual Concert of Cars Rally - 24801 Monroe Ave. - 8AM - 1PM SEPT 14TH Murrieta - Annual Concert of Cars Rally - 24801 Monroe Ave. - 8AM - 1PM SEPT 21ST Encinitas - Wavecrest All Woodie Show - 4th & C St. -8AM - 3PM SEPT 21ST Wildomar - 1st Annual Car & Bike Show - 34570 Monte Vista Dr. - 10AM - 3PM



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