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



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

DAN CASTELLINI



I pray this last message of 2024 finds you well and looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. On November 23rd Gloria and I gathered with sixteen family members to celebrate my birthday. As we sat down for lunch, I took a seat at the head of the table. As I watched aunts, uncles, cousins, grandchildren and our adult children talking and laughing, I was humbled and thankful for the blessing in front of me. It was a reminder of what is truly important in life, and that we need to set aside time every now and then to reflect, count our blessings and reset. What better time to celebrate club friendships, past activities and look forward to the new year than our annual Christmas Party, Tuesday, Dec 24th at the beautiful Bear Creek Golf Club, Murrieta. Our Christmas Party committee worked their magic this year to bring us a great facility, delicious buffet lunch, gift exchange, member recognition certificates and swearing in of our 20 25 board members. I look forward to enjoying this event with all of you.

The EFV8 2025 Calendars are now on sale on the national web site under the On Line Store, Media. They are \$10 plus shipping. I have ordered a calendar. If I receive it before the Christmas Party I will bring it for you to look at before placing a order. National plans to produce a calendar each year going forward.

As we close out another year I want to express my appreciation to our committee chairs, volunteers and board of directors for their tireless and selfless service to our club. I also want to thank all of our members for their continued support and making this a truly unique and special organization.

Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends. Eat delicious holiday treats and count your blessings. Please continue to keep our members who are dealing with health concerns in your holiday prayers. Also, keep our first responders and military service members who will not be with their loved ones so we can be with ours.

*Best Christmas and New Year Wishes,
Dan*



LINDA
LOWRY
SECRETARY



**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 November 12, 2024 at the meeting place of the members: Richie’s Diner, 40651 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Murrieta, California.

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

Members Present & Cars Driven: Jim Brown, Dan Castellini (’53 Tudor), Bob Davis, Cliff Gustin, Tom & Patsy Hamlin, Jay & Janet Harris, Jim Hurlburt, Gregg & Linda Lowry, Ken Magers, Bob & Sharon McClelland (’36 Fordor), Jerome Mueller, Jerry & Roxie Otteson, Ray & Jackie Ouellette (’46 Merc), Bob Payne, Peggy Petrucci, Steve Wells.

Guests: Jim Hurlburt’s grandsons Trey & Cory

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. President Dan opened the meeting and asked Tom Hamlin to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Gregg Lowry to lead us in Prayer.

Officer & Committee Reports were accepted:

President: Dan Castellini- Welcomed everyone and recognized Veterans Day and thanked those who served.

He gave an update of the National Board of Director’s meeting which is in progress and being held in 2 parts. National ballots are due by 11/21. Results will be announced by Connie Hall, President. National is still offering the free digital membership through the end of the year with 38 new members to date. He thanked Bob & Sharon for hosting the Milk Can Supper/Tour at their home. Fun was had by all that attended!

Reminder that our December meeting is the Christmas Luncheon on December 10th at Bear Creek Golf Club.

Vice President: Steve Wells – No report

Treasurer: Gregg Lowry- Reported a club balance.

Secretary: Linda Lowry - Presented the October minutes. **Motion to accept made by Peggy Petrucci and seconded by Steve Wells. Motion passed.** She announced and congratulated those members who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries in November.

Director: Bob McClelland – No report

Accessories: Janet Harris – Our vendor has moved to Lake Havasu but will continue to serve our club.

Advertising: Don Harwick – No report

Membership & Club Badges: Bob Davis - Reminds us to renew our memberships ASAP as memberships become delinquent in January. He has renewal forms available for our club as well as for the National promotion ongoing. Dan reminded us of our part in recruiting new members.

Sunshine: Jackie Ouellette – No cards sent this month. She will reach out to Leona for update. Jay Harris will reach out to Bud Williams as well. Dan suggested a ‘drive by’ for members who are unable to attend meetings. This would entail a phone call to arrange a time to drive by to say hi.

Tours: Dan reviewed upcoming car shows and events.

Newsletter & Website: Bob McClelland – Thanked Jay Harris for the articles he submits for the *Valve Chatter*. He also thanked everyone for attending the Milk Can Supper and Tour.

Old Business: Nominating Committee: Slate of Officers for 2025. **Motion to accept the slate of officers presented at the October meeting for the 2025 Board of Directors: Dan Castellini – President, Steve Wells – Vice President, Gregg Lowry – Treasurer, Linda Lowry – Secretary, Bob McClelland – made by Ray Ouellette and seconded by Peggy Petrucci. Motion passed. (CONT. ON PG 3)**

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Linda Lowry gave an update on the Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 10th at Bear Creek Golf Club in Murrieta. See *Valve Chatter* for details.

New Business: None

Announcements: Ken Magers gave us an update on Merleen's health.

Program: Jerome Mueller shared a bit of the story behind his '40 Coupe.

The members enjoyed a video on *Why Does My Flathead Overheat?*

Tom's Trivia Question: The question this month was: What was the first year Ford used the blue & white oval emblem on Ford Vehicles? Tom gave us the correct answer – 1928 (and on any 1928 models produced at the end of 1927) – 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 Sharon McClelland.

Being no further business to come before the meeting and on **motion duly made by Peggy Petrucci and seconded by Steve Wells**, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 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: November 12, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lowry, Secretary
Corporate Minutes

**PLEASE
NOTE..**



NEXT REG. MTG. JANUARY, 14TH
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.

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2024

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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

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.

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Christmas Luncheon Installation of Board of Directors

**Optional Gift Exchange Game*

Tuesday, December 10th ~ 11:30 to 3:00 pm

Bear Creek Golf Club

22640 Bear Creek Drive North, Murrieta, CA 951-200-7275

11:30 – 12:15 Social Hour & Photos

12:30 Buffet Lunch

****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 Consumables (i.e. food or drink)
No White Elephants please!***



NOTE from Bob Davis, Membership Chairman:

The time for membership renewal for 2025 has arrived. Please, renew your membership with the enclosed Renewal Membership form as soon as possible. The form with the \$25 renewal fee must be received by 31 January 2025. Otherwise your membership will not be renewed. The instructions for renewal are included in the renewal form. In addition if you have any recent digital photo image of yourself and associate member to include in the 2025 roster, please send them to me at robertidavis179@msn.com. For 2024 we have 43 paid memberships which include 13 single and 30 dual memberships. We would like to maintain your membership and gain any new members whom you might recommend for 2025. If for any reason you cannot renew your membership , please let me know at robertidavis179@msn.com. A membership in National is required for our Regional #148 membership.



The Palomar Mountain V-8's
Regional Group of the
Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Inc.

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

2025 RENEWAL of Membership

(Due on January 1, 2025 Delinquent if not Paid by February 1, 2025)

Member Name: _____

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



Any Changes to your Early Ford V-8's? Please look at current roster and list changes here

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.

Mail check & renewal form to:

Gregg Lowry
2617 Via del Robles
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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 Signature _____


Dated _____

Form Revised 11/1/2023

AND THIS IS THE REST OF THE IN-N-OUT STORY!

December Anniversaries

- 1 – Don & Sylvia Harwick
- 14 – Robert & Letrice Davis
- 23 – Tom & Patsy Hamlin



2023

The Ins-N-Outs Of In-N-Out Burger

President and Owner, Lynsi Snyder, shares the company's official story in her first book, "The Ins-N-Outs of In-N-Out Burger." Through fun facts, historical photos and transparent insight, Lynsi uncovers everything there is to know about California's first drive-thru restaurant and how its initial tradition of serving its Customers with high quality food and service still exists today. For more information, visit: innoutbook.com

December Birthdays

- 2 – Alan Cutsinger
- 14 – Mark Detwiler
- 14 – Robert Davis
- 15- Joe Valentino
- 19 - Roger Bell
- 19 – Patsy Hamlin
- 25 – Clifford Gustin



A Jay Harris personal story about his interaction with in-n-out!

In 1960 I went to work for Seaboard Finance Company, the third largest finance company at that time behind Household Finance Corp and Beneficial Finance Co. I was hired to work in the Covina office, which had a crew of 13 employees, and I started out as a rank amateur, learning the business from the ground up.

One day the office received a call from a Mr Harry Snyder, inquiring about the need for a loan to purchase supplies and equipment for his fledgling business - In-N-Out Hamburgers, located in Baldwin Park. Well, his request was processed, and all that remained to do was visit his home and determine the value of the trucks and furniture he had agreed to put up as collateral to secure the loan. Since I was new to the business, and part of my learning experience was to conduct an 'AV' of an applicant's personal property that was offered as security, I was assigned the task. (Now, in the industry back then the initials AV stood for Actual Value). A complete inventory of the borrower's collateral was written out in long-hand on an appraisal form, then carefully reviewed by a senior office employee to determine full value. Kelly Blue Book was used to determine vehicle values. Mr Snyder's request was substantial, so the Branch Manager was required to give final approval, or rejection.

Well, I drove to Baldwin Park and met with Harry and Esther Snyder (nice people!), returned to the office and turned in my AV, and the Snyder's loan request was approved. I had no further contact with them - the loan was re-paid 'as agreed', and now, some 63 years later, their granddaughter Lynsi, runs the company as President.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Harris



SUNSHINE REPORT
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 THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

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"AND WE MEET AGAIN"

PHOTO'S BY PATSY HAMLIN



BOB DAVIS - CLIFF GUSTIN.



THE GROUP



THE OTHER GROUP



SHARON MC - TOM HAMLIN



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RAY & JACKIE - ROXIE OTTESON.



JERRY & ROXIE.



ANOTHER GROUP



AND THE WINNER IS, SHARON MCCLELLAND



WRITTEN KNOWLEDGE TEST REQUIREMENT ELIMINATED FOR MOST CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL

Sacramento – The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today announced that drivers 70-years-old and older in California whose licenses expire in 2024 and beyond will no longer be required to take a written knowledge test beginning October 1.

“All drivers have been required to take a written test once they turn 70 as a policy requirement and not a requirement of law,” said DMV Director Steve Gordon. “We are eliminating the written knowledge test for those without traffic violations on their record to improve customer service. If thousands fewer people need to visit the DMV, or can spend less time in an office, the people who need to take care of their business in one of our offices can be better served.”

For those renewing their license who are 70 and older, an office visit is still required for a vision exam and an updated photo. Some renewal notices for customers with licenses that expire in 2024 may indicate a knowledge test is required, but it will be waived during the in-office visit.

The DMV encourages customers to start their application online to minimize the amount of time it takes to complete the process in an office.

First time drivers and those new to California will still be required to take a knowledge test, as will those renewal customers with poor driving records. Those drivers up for license renewal who have points on their record will be eligible for the eLearning course, available in English, Spanish and Chinese. Drivers whose records meet any of the following conditions are still required to take the knowledge test:

- Two or more accidents during the two years immediately preceding the expiration of the license.
- Three or more accidents during the three years immediately preceding the expiration of the license.
- A DUI suspension during the two years immediately preceding the expiration date of the license.
- A violation point count greater than one within the two years immediately preceding the expiration date of the license.

For those Californians who are required to take a knowledge test, choosing an online option for testing significantly reduces the amount of time customers need to spend in an office. This improves DMV customer service by reducing office congestion and wait times.

The DMV has spent the last few years digitizing and improving services and making almost all transactions conveniently available on a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or computer.

As part of its customer-focused digital transformation, the DMV is processing the following transactions through online, kiosk, phone, mail or business partner only:

- Simple vehicle registration renewals that are not past the due date nor require an address change.
- Driver's license renewals that do not require an in-person visit.
- Requests for copies of vehicle registration records, which show a vehicle's ownership history.
- Requests for copies of driver's license records, which show a driver's history.
- Replacing a lost or stolen driver's license card.

Brake System Evolution: A History



In the 1800's, the first mechanisms to slow a vehicles momentum and prevent motion were tested. Today, over 100 years later, the braking system has evolved into a complex device designed to adapt to different road conditions. From the early drum brakes

to modern day discs, brake system evolution has improved safety and reduced the risk of car crashes across Canada and the globe.

With so many forms of brakes that have existed over the century, it is hard to pinpoint the inventor of the original brake system; however, those who designed these systems had a common goal: to make it possible for humans to control a motor vehicle. With the goal of creating safer conditions, innovators over the years have brought new technologies to the braking system, improving upon this original idea.

The Development of the Braking System

The evolution of brakes has been impressive, and has included many new technologies throughout the years. In all new developments to the brake system, the number one priority is to improve [auto safety](#) and efficiency.

Since the earliest automobiles, several methods of braking have been used. As the history of brakes progressed, each new system was built using the concepts used to design its predecessor.

Brake system evolution began in the 19th century, and continues today. The types of braking systems that have been used over the years include:

- **Wooden block brakes**

The earliest brake system applied the physical principles used to design brakes today; however, the system consisted only of wooden blocks and a single lever used by the driver to apply the brake. This form was used on vehicles with steel-rimmed wheels, including horse-drawn vehicles and steam-driven automobiles.

- **Mechanical drum brakes**

Considered to be the foundation of the modern braking system, the mechanical drum brake was developed in 1902 by French manufacturer Louis Renault, but had been invented earlier by Gottlieb Daimler. Daimler had theorized that anchoring a cable-wrapped drum to the vehicles chassis could be used to stop momentum, thus creating the first concept of the drum brake. (**CONT. ON PG 14**)



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- **Expanding internal shoe brakes**

Before the expanding internal shoe brake was invented, all brake systems had been fastened outside of the vehicle. Those systems were vulnerable to the elements, collecting dust and water, and being affected by fluctuations in temperature all of which made the brake less effective. The internal shoe brake was the first to be fixed inside the vehicles frame, an important innovation in the history of braking systems.

- **Hydraulic brakes**

In 1918, the concept of a four-wheel brake system using hydraulics was first proposed by Malcolm Loughead. The system used fluids to transfer force to the brake shoe when a pedal was pressed. This braking system was adopted in nearly every vehicle by the late 1920's.

- **Disc brakes**

The disc brake was invented long before becoming popular. William Lanchester patented the disc brake in 1902; the system was not popular until the auto industry began to boom in the mid-20th century. The rise of disc brakes as a popular option is attributed to the increasing weight and speed capabilities of vehicles, which caused hydraulic brakes to become less efficient in distributing heat. The first system to use disc brakes integrated both disc and hydraulic functions and was introduced in the Chrysler Imperial.

- **Anti-lock brakes**

The anti-lock brake system, better known as ABS, was created to assist previous braking systems to prevent the brakes from locking up while in use. ABS works by sensing when a lock is about to occur and igniting a system of hydraulic valves to reduce the pressure of a brake on a single wheel. The system revolutionized the way brakes function and is useful in providing more control for the modern driver.

Brake system evolution has seen interesting advances in technology since the introduction of the wooden block brake. Such innovations have led to an increase in safety on the road and fewer accidents.





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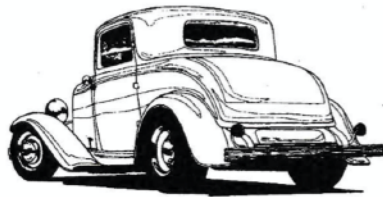
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MONTHLY CLUB BUSINESS & BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

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

Christmas Luncheon Dec 10 TH

January 14 TH

February 11 TH

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

DEC 8 TH Pomona - Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show at the
Fairplex 5-2PM



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