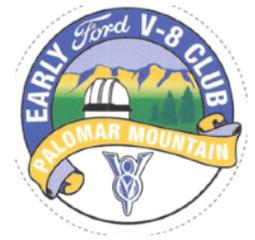




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Regional Group #148 of the Early Ford
V-8 Club of America, Inc



*NOTES
FROM THE
PRESIDENT*

DAN CASTELLINI



Despite the rainy weather, our March meeting was well attended by twenty-six members and two guests. The atmosphere in the room was filled with energy and lively conversations as folks enjoyed their breakfasts. This was truly a display of the fellowship our members value and what makes our group very special. Congratulations to Jackie Ouellette, winner of the Opportunity Drawing. Also, to Bonnie Bell and Patsy Hamlin, winners of gift bags donated by Jay Harris. The special St. Patrick's Day, Irish green, lollipop prize went to Joe Fazio. Our guest speaker, Tracy McClelland, provided insight into the recent So.Cal fires and the operational aspects of the fire service when responding to local and mutual aid requests during major events. Tracy also offered the group suggestions on how to prepare for a fire event and evacuation.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Gloria and I will be on a trip to Washington DC and Williamsburg with a group from our church. We will tour the capitol sites to include the White House, which reopened public tours last month. I have been selected, as part of a four person veterans group, to participate in the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. I hope to have some good photos to share with you at our April meeting.

*Remember, spring is almost here and time to get your EFV8 ready the upcoming driving season. I look forward to seeing you at our April 8th meeting at Richie's.
Cheers,
Dan*



SECRETARY

LINDA
LOWRY



**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 March 11, 2025 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: Roger & Bonnie Bell, Jim Brown, Dan Castellini, Bob & Letrice Davis, Joe Fazio, Cliff Gustin, Tom & Patsy Hamlin, Jay Harris, Don & Sylvia Harwick, Gregg & Linda Lowry, Ken & Merleen Magers, Bob & Sharon McClelland, Jerome Mueller, Ray & Jackie Ouellette, Rudy Perez, Peggy Petrucci, Eddy Rodriguez (1941 Ford Woody), Steve Wells.

Guests: Tracy & Shelly McClelland

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 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 our guests. He recapped the Deer Springs Tour. He spoke to the new CA legislation which, if it passes, will simplify smog checks for cars 35 years and older with proper collector's vehicle insurance.

Vice President: Steve Wells – Gave an update on the roundabout construction on Grand Avenue in Escondido. Cruisin Grand may be affected. Conflicting reports were heard as to whether it will be held this year.

Treasurer: Gregg Lowry- Reported a club balance!

Secretary: Linda Lowry - Presented the February minutes. **Motion to accept made by Bob McClelland and seconded by Jackie Ouellette. Motion passed.** She announced and congratulated those members who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries in March.

Director: Bob McClelland – No report

Accessories: Janet Harris – No report

Advertising: Don Harwick – He continues his search for new advertisers for the *Valve Chatter*.

Membership & Club Badges: Bob Davis - Our club has a total of 39 memberships. He hopes to have the new Roster ready next month. He commented on the great turnout today!

Sunshine: Jackie Ouellette – Sent a card to Jerry Otteson and will send one to Bob Payne as well.

Tours: Dan reported that 13 'tour interest' surveys were returned with good information received.

June 21st is National Drive-Your V-8 Day. Plan for a club tour.

Deer Park will have a Swap Meet on 3/22 7:30-1.

Newsletter & Website: Bob McClelland – Always needs articles for the *Valve Chatter*. He introduced Tracy & Shelly as our guests and as guest speaker.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: Joe Fazio has a '48 Ford Coupe for sale. See *Valve Chatter* for details.

Program: Tracy McClelland presented an interesting program on firefighting from the equipment used to how strike teams are organized in emergencies. Retired from the Santa Ana Fire Department, he shared several interesting stories from his career as well as insight on the science of firefighting. He also spoke to the latest So Cal Palisades & Eaton fires and the challenges those firefighters faced. Q & A followed. (CONT. ON PG. 3)

Tom's Trivia Question: What was the first year Ford used the 8 ba engine? Tom gave us the correct answer – 1949 – and a bit of history behind it.

Special Drawing: – Tom Hamlin announced \$110 was collected with \$55 going to the club and \$55 won by Jackie Ouellette. Two gift bags of car care products, donated by Jay Harris, were won by Bonnie Bell & Patsy Hamlin. A special St. Patrick's Day treat was won by Joe Fazio.

Being no further business to come before the meeting and on **motion duly made by Peggy Petrucci and seconded by Roger Bell**, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 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: March 11, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lowry, Secretary
Corporate Minutes



April Birthdays

- 1 - Janet Harris
- 8 – Bud Williams
- 8 – Missi Kay
- 10 – Karen Walcher
- 16 – Gloria Castellini
- 30 – Belinda Rodriguez



April Anniversaries

- 3 – Tom & Barbara Keck
- 16 – Eddy & Belinda Rodriguez



NEXT MEETING APRIL 8 TH
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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Feel free to call me if you need help,

Janet



Identifying the best Flathead Transmission

Story and Photos by Zac Parks

Check out more from Zac on his Instagram Account: [@wiredcustoms.va](https://www.instagram.com/wiredcustoms.va)

When it comes to a traditional Flathead V8 build, the holy grail of transmissions is either the 1939 Ford 3 speed or the 1939-1952 Truck three speed. Both are floor shift three speeds, the large trucks had a 4 speed floor shift but the gears are unsynchronized and the gear ratio is terrible for a Hot Rod. I am going to show you how to identify the two transmissions so when you go to the swap meets you know



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FOR SALE/WANTED

Items from the 1933/34 Ford CENTURY OF PROGRESS asking price for all \$150.
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The first problem lies with the overall appearance, 1932-1939 car and 1939-1952 truck transmission case look extremely similar, but only a few in that bunch will build a good Hot Rod. So let's cut right to the chase and give you the most valuable information first! Ford actually serialized the cases unlike the motors of the time. This serial number does not correspond directly to the VIN of the vehicle, but rather indirectly in that this serial number was only used within certain timeframes and years.

1932-1934: 18-7006

1935-1936: 48-7006

1937- Infamous 78 series case was introduced 78-7006

The 78 top loader case is the best case to have, it will take the larger clutch and pressure plate, and internally the bottom of the case is deeper, capable of clearing the 29 tooth cluster gear. Below you can see where to find the case number, the beginning part of the serial number before the dash is the most important information.



Outside from the case, a lot of parts can be interchangeable between the above stated cases, an early case that's non synchronized 1932-1938, could have the later synchronized gear sets but needs a lot of modifications to do so, that's why the 1939 and later three speed top loaders are so important.

Next important piece you will need is the 1939 car or 1939-1952 Truck shift tower. These will have a double detent and will help to lock the transmission into gear, a lot of the earlier cases without this era detent will pop out of gear during acceleration. Below you can see me pointing out one of these detents, then the second picture showing both detents, one on each side of the shift tower.



**TO
BE
CONTINUED**

PICTURES BY PATSY HAMLIN





SUNSHINE REPORT
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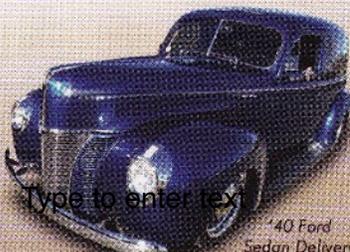


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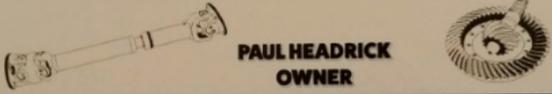



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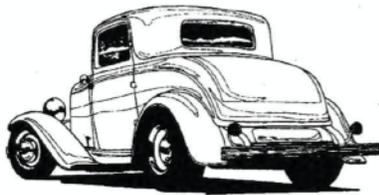
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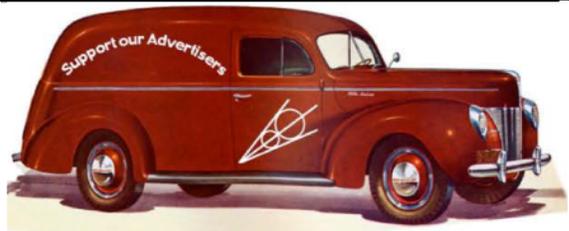
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MAY 13TH

JUNE 10TH

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10AM - 2PM



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