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V-8 Club of America, Inc



*NOTES FROM
THE
PRESIDENTS
GARAGE*

DAN CASTELLINI



Greetings, I hope this message finds everyone in good spirits and looking forward to the annual car shows and events that Southern California has to offer during this time of year. Thanks to all who came out for the April meeting. As always, there were plenty of smiles and lots of good conversations filling the room. The monthly drawing brought lots of good natured comments when I picked the winning ticket, that happened to be one of my numbers. I can't wait to see what's in store for me at the next meeting :) Gregg Lowry updated the members on the April board of directors retreat where by-law revision recommendations were discussed and drafted. The revisions are the next step in the process to align the clubs by-laws with the new business structure. Copies of the recommended by-law changes were provided to the members present for their review and comment. I encourage each of you to take the time to read the recommended changes and bring any questions to the next meeting. The new structure calls for any member to "host" one of our monthly meetings. In order to test drive this idea, Peggy Petrucci volunteered to be the host" next month. This will give our members the opportunity to experience the new format and provide feedback. This more relaxed/ informal approach is a work in progress intended to spark interest, encourage member participation. So, make it a point to be at the May meeting and contribute to making this the club you (members) want it to be.

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 NonProfit Public Benefit Corporation was held on April 14, 2026 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, Dan Castellini ('53 Tudor), Bob Davis, Cliff Gustin, Tom & Patsy Hamlin, Jay & Janet Harris, Jim Hurlburt, Gregg & Linda Lowry, Ken & Merleen Magers, Bob McClelland, Jerry & Roxie Otteson, Peggy Petrucci, Ron Shedd, Steve Wells.

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. President Dan opened the meeting and asked Tom Hamlin to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob McClelland to lead us in Prayer.

Officer & Committee Reports were accepted:

President: Dan noted that the 3rd Board of Directors' Retreat was held on March 20th. The focus was on modifying bylaws in keeping with our current club restructuring. These changes will be the focus of our program today. Everyone will receive a copy of the proposed bylaws to take home with them. Dan participated in an episode of On the Case with Paula Zahn which airs on the Discovery Channel. He will update us with programming information. There is no board meeting today.

Vice President: Steve Wells – Steve reported on the Goodguys show that he and Kimry attended with her 1947 Ford Woodie. He said it was well attended with a lot of low riders and hot rods and is glad to see the show continue. He also commented on all of the time and effort that has been put into modifying our bylaws.

Treasurer: Gregg Lowry- Reported a club balance. Taxes have been filed and the Attorney General fees have been paid.

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

Director: Bob McClelland – Bob gave us an update on Sharon.

Accessories: Janet Harris – Janet said she is available for help with any orders.

Advertising: Don Harwick –No Report

Membership & Club Badges: Bob Davis – Bob handed out an updated addendum for members to add to their existing rosters. The club currently has 35 members.

Sunshine: Jackie Ouellette – No report

Tours: Upcoming tours and events: La Jolla Concours d'Elegance April 26th and 27th; Temecula Rod Run May 1st and 2nd; Fallbrook Car Show May 24th; Cruisin' Grand begins on June 5th; Ford Picnic June 27th

Newsletter & Website: Bob McClelland – Bob reported that data indicates 71% of members view the newsletter on line. Always welcomes input for the Valve Chatter.

Old Business: None

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All Ford Picnic

June 27, 2026 8:00AM—2:00PM

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New Business: None
Announcements: None
Program:

The Board presented an update on the Retreat that took place on March 20th, beginning with a Board letter to the members read by Secretary Linda Lowry accompanied with a slide presentation by Treasurer Gregg Lowry. Highlights of the presentation are:

- Differences between Policies and Bylaws
- RG #148 comingling of Policy and Bylaws when originally written
- Addition of a new class of membership – Modifieds

After the Board reviewed the legal requirement for bylaws (governance) and policies (statutes) and concluded that while our current bylaws were adopted as a comingling of the governance and operational policies, the potential problems with comingling have not occurred in our club's past. After reviewing the trends in the car hobby and noting that the National club is discussing this same subject, the board recognized that our bylaws should embrace this cultural change by adding a class titled Modifieds to our membership.

The final topic covered the bylaw rewrite and amending process with the following highlights:

- Addition of table of contents (TOC)
- Renumbering articles for proper numerical sequence
- Amending, rewriting or deleting sections under each article
- Spelling and grammatical changes
- Significant changes were noted in Articles I thru VI and addition of new Article VII MEETINGS and Article VIII AMENDMENTS.

A Question-and-Answer session followed with comments and discussion from members.

As is proposed in the restructuring to have members host our meetings, it was suggested to do a trial run for our May meeting. Peggy Petrucci graciously volunteered to be our May Host.

Tom's Trivia Question: "What year did Ford purchase Lincoln?" Tom gave us the correct answer –1922 – and a bit of history behind it.

Special Drawing: – \$90 collected with \$45 going to the club and \$45 going to Dan Castellini.

Being no further business to come before the meeting and on motion duly made by Merleen Magers and seconded by Bonnie Bell, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 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: April 14, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lowry, Secretary
Corporate Minute



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AND THE WINNER IS LAST MONTH'S LOOSER DAN CASTILLINI

JIM HURLBURT LOOKING BACK



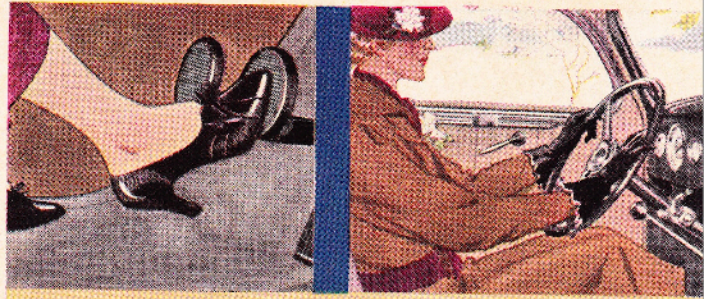
In December 1972, I Atended the San Diego V8 club Christmas diner. At the end of the program, Ollie Smith called my name, so I went up to the front of the banquet room. Ollie then proceeded to tell the members that I had attended all of the meetings, all of the tours, and all other events of the year. He presented me with this ford watch, which read SDRG 1972 on the back of the watch. I have enjoyed the watch for many years. Jim Hurlburt

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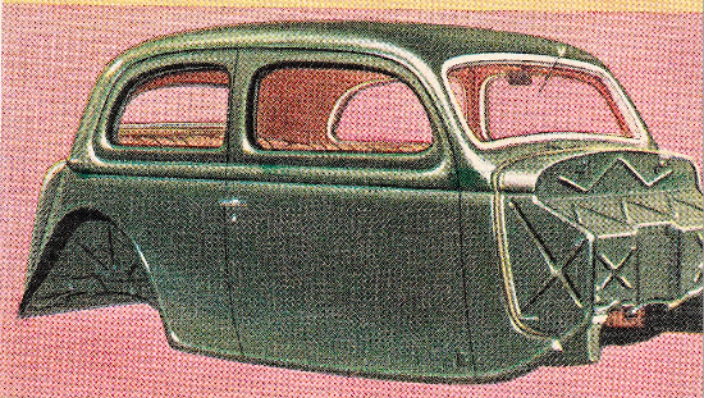
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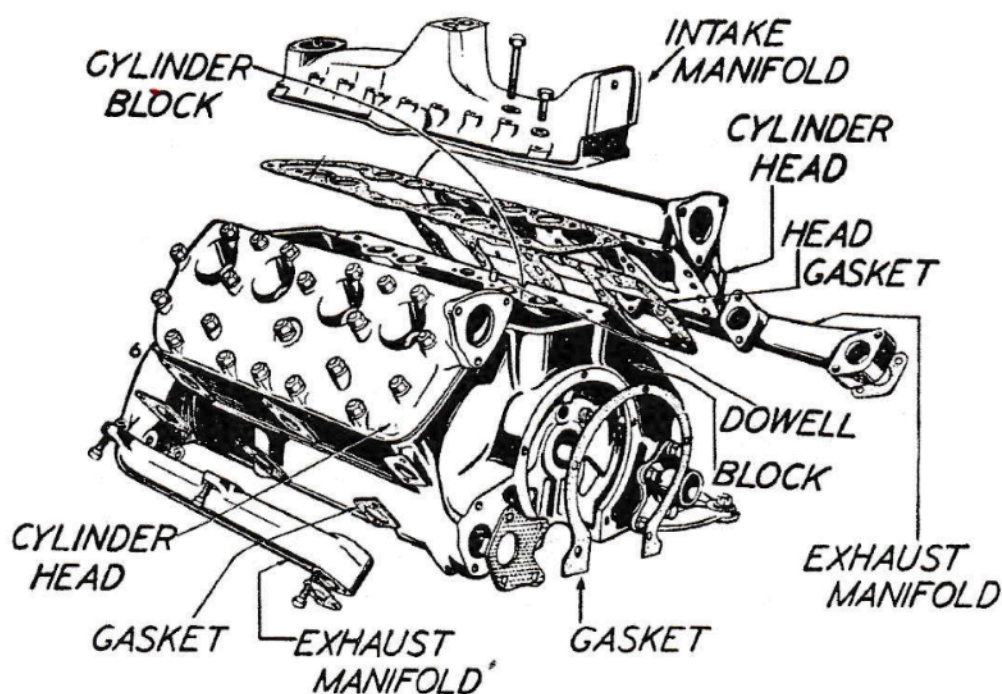
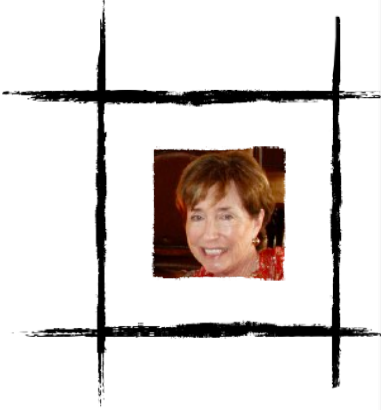


Fig. 9. Ford V-8 Cylinder Block with Related Parts

the fins for air cooling attached to the cylinder. This is similar to aircraft engine practice illustrated in Fig. 8.

In order to provide space for water cooling, the cylinder block is water-jacketed, except the air-cooled engines. This means that a very complicated mold is required for pouring and consequently the patterns for providing the mold, with their attendant core boxes, are very intricate. When engines are cooled, the water circulates from the bottom of the cylinder upward, so that with the removable cylinder heads provision must be made to allow the water to pass from the cylinder block into the water jacket of the cylinder head. Fig. 9.



ACCESSORIES 2025 UPDATED LIST

This is an updated list of suggested accessories with prices. The embroidery is included. There is no tax as our accessory source is now in Arizona. This basically cancels out any postage fees.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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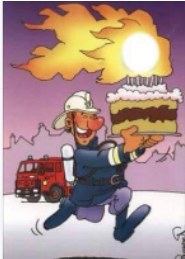
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May Birthdays
 1 – Donna Payne
 9 – Tom Keck
 25 – Gayla Louzek
 28 – Mike Monell
 29 – Ray Ouellette



May Anniversaries
 11 – Robert & Sharon McClelland
 15 – Dave & Gayla Louzek
 21 – Steve & Kimry Wells

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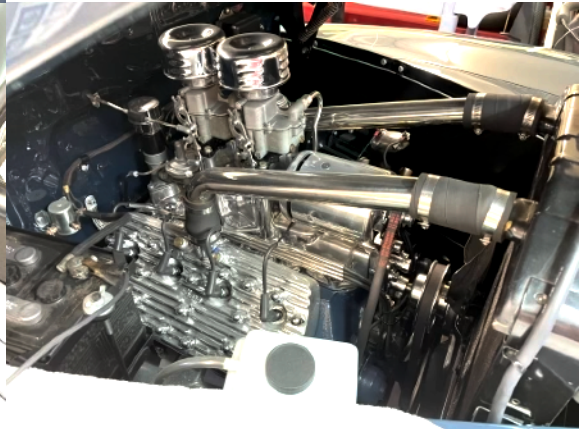
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Second Tuesday Monthly

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

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Murrieta, Ca.

APRIL 14TH

MAY 12TH

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CHECK OUT

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

May 16th Vista - 8th Annual GoodNews Cruise & Flea Market -
885 E. Vista Way - 8AM - 2PM

May 24th Chula Vista* - Black Angus Steakhouse Car Show -
707 E St. - 10:30AM - 1:30PM

May 24th Fallbrook - 59th Annual Fallbrook Vintage Car Show -
Main Avenue - 10AM - 3PM

May 24th Valley Center - Spring Festival 2026 by SOCAL EURO -
15954 Woods Valley Rd. - 11AM - 4PM



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