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Regional Group #148 of the Early Ford

V-8 Club of America, Inc



*NOTES FROM
THE
PRESIDENTS
GARAGE
DAN CASTELLINI*



Greetings to all you V-8'ers. By the time we meet in September Labor Day 2026 will have come and gone. Labor Day traditionally marks the unofficial end of summer when most working folks get a long weekend to relax, spend time with family and enjoy grilling their favorite food. I come from a Steelworker Union town where Labor Day was celebrated with "gusto" each year, particularly in our backyard. Many of these steelworkers had a work ethic of showing up and getting the job done that was not only an example, but an expectation for us younger folks. This Labor Day remember our country's workforce that shows up each day to keep this great nation moving forward. On August 14th a board retreat was held at Kathys Diner, Fallbrook to discuss next steps following the membership vote on the Bylaw changes and check out Kathys Diner as an alternate location for our monthly breakfast. First, after looking at the room, seating arrangement and technical support (wall mounted T.V. monitor, internet connection), meal prices and sampling a few menu items the board decided to explore other locations. Second, the board adopted a resolution to align policies and procedures for hosting monthly meetings that reflects our Bylaw changes. This will be presented at our September meeting. October is the month for nominating candidates for President and Secretary/Treasure. While we have one candidate for Secretary / Treasure we need a candidate for President. Without a President the club cannot function as a California non-profit. Should that occur, the ability for the club to operate will be in question. Under the new two person board structure the Presidents duties have been reduced to only a few minutes a year necessary to oversee the annual board meeting. The term of the seat will be at the discretion of the individual. Unlike in the past, Monthly Breakfast gatherings will be member hosted. We are at a critical point in the process. One person can make a BIG difference....PLEASE, step up and serve for a few minutes a year.

Thanks, 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.
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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 August 11, 2026 at the meeting place of the members: Richie's Diner, 40651 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Murrieta, California.

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

Members Present & Cars Driven: Roger & Bonnie Bell, Dan Castellini, Bob Davis, Cliff Gustin, Tom & Patsy Hamlin, Don & Sylvia Harwick, Gregg & Linda Lowry, Ken & Merleen Magers, Bob McClelland, Jerome Mueller, Jerry & Roxie Otteson, Bob Payne, Peggy Petrucci.

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 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 – Dan gave an update on National weekly meeting. The next National Board meeting will be August 29th

Vice President: Steve Wells – No report

Treasurer: Gregg Lowry- Reported a club balance.

Secretary: Linda Lowry - Presented the July minutes. Motion to accept made by Merleen Magers and seconded by Roxy Otteson. Motion passed. She announced and congratulated those members who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries in August.

Director: Bob McClelland – No report but gave us an update on Sharon.

Accessories: Janet Harris – No report.

Advertising: Don Harwick – Don gave us an advertising update on new and renewals. It was suggested he send a renewal form by mail to The Early Ford Store in San Dimas. The considerable distance makes it difficult to contact them in person.

Membership & Club Badges: Bob Davis – No new membership update.

Sunshine: Jackie Ouellette – No report.

Tours: Members are reminded that Cruisin Grand in Escondido runs through September. The RPM Nationals will be held on September 19th in Buellton. Murietta's Rod Run will be October. The VFW Car Show in Oceanside is on August 22 and the March Air Base show on October 11th

Newsletter & Website: Bob McClelland – He welcomes any articles members would like to submit to the Valve Chatter and thanks Glenn Davis for his article.

Old Business: Linda read the third and final reading – a formal procedure – where this bylaw amendment has been provided in writing to the members. The bylaw amendment includes Procedural Guidelines as directed by California Law, Parliamentary Rules, and our specific Club Bylaws. Linda summarized the changes that have been made including: Modifications to existing Articles; Inclusion of New Articles; Board of Directors Term Changes; Changes to the Monthly Meeting Format to include Hosts for each breakfast meeting; and importantly the Focus to modify the existing Bylaws to recognize member priorities to maintain the enjoy the Social Aspect of the Club.(CONT ON PG 3)

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New Business: None

Announcements: None

Program: None

Tom's Trivia Question: Tom read this month's trivia question: "What was the year Henry Ford passed away"? He gave the correct answer, 1947.

Special Drawing: – \$81 was collected with \$40 going to the club and \$41 won by Ken & Merleen Magers.

Being no further business to come before the meeting and on motion duly made by Peggy Petrucci and seconded by Bonnie Bell, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 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 11, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lowry, Secretary
Corporate Minute



PHOTO BY PATSY HAMLIN



AND THE WINNER'S ARE
KEN & MERLEEN MAGERS



STROMBERG 97 CARBURATOR ADJUSTMENT

To adjust a vintage [Stromberg 97 carburetor](#), start by setting the idle mixture screws 1 1/2 turns out from a gently seated position, warm up the engine and tune them individually until you achieve the smoothest idle. [1]

Idle Mixture and Speed Adjustment

- **Initial baseline:** Gently screw both idle mixture screws all the way in until seated, then back them out 1 1/2 turns. [1]
- **Tuning for smoothness:** Start the engine and let it warm to normal operating temperature. Screw one idle mixture screw in until the engine begins to misfire or stumble, then back it out slightly until the idle recovers; repeat this process on the second screw. [1, 2]
- **Resetting idle speed:** If the overall idle speed changes during mixture adjustment, use the throttle stop screw on the throttle arm to bring the engine speed back to factory specifications (around **500 RPM**) and re-verify your mixture settings. [1]

Float Level and Fuel Pressure

- **Fuel level target:** The internal fuel level in the bowl should sit precisely 1/2 inch (or between 15/32" and 17/32") down from the top machined surface of the fuel bowl. [1, 2]
- **Making adjustments:** With the car running or fuel pressurized (ideally around 2 psi via a pressure regulator), remove the bowl top if needed and bend the small internal float tang gently up or down until the fuel stabilizes at the correct height. [1]

Linkage and Synchronization (Multi-Carb Setups)

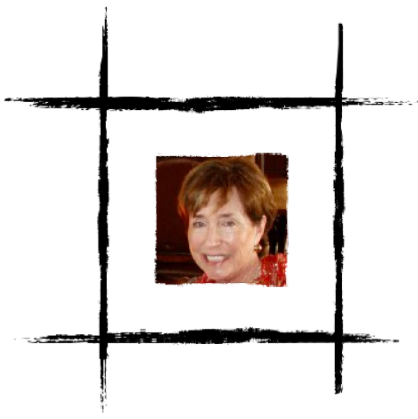
- **Closing plates:** Disconnect all accelerator and cross-carb linkage rods before tuning to ensure every throttle plate is fully and independently closed. [1, 2]
- **Even opening:** Adjust progressive or direct linkages so that multiple carburetors reach wide-open throttle simultaneously without binding. [1]

The correct wet fuel level for a [Stromberg 97 carburetor](#) is 15/32 inch to 1/2 inch (specifically between 15/32" and 17/32") below the machined top surface of the fuel bowl.

Measuring and Adjusting Fuel Level

- **Wet Level:** Measured with fuel in the bowl while the engine idles, sitting roughly 15/32" down from the upper edge of the bowl casting (without a gasket).
- **Dry Float Setting:** When adjusting the float bench-style, the top surface of the float should sit parallel and level with the upper edge or casting body of the inverted bowl, or roughly 1/4" to 5/16" down depending on the specific rebuild kit gauge used.





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.

Men's baseball cap STC39 \$12.00

Men's long sleeve t shirt 8400 \$13.00

Men's short sleeve t shirt 8000 \$9.00

Men's long sleeve polo shirt K500LS \$21.50

Men's short sleeve polo shirt K5000 \$17.25

It is very easy to use the Sanmar.com site and I highly recommend that you take a look. Prices on the website are a good estimate and include embroidery. There are multiple colors available for each product. There are also jackets and vests you might want to look at. Please call, email, or text me with your order or any questions. I will give you the exact price of your order. Mail me a check and I will then place your order and deliver your purchase.

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NOTE..**

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 8TH
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.

For Sale: 1932 Ford Roadster Hot Rod
A beautifully built All Steel 1932 Ford Roadster

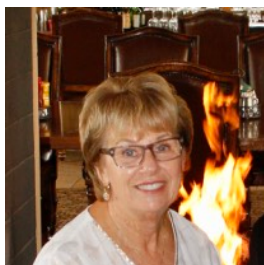


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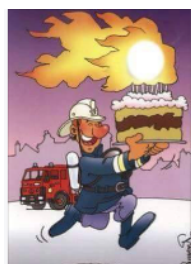
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September Birthdays

1 – Robert Mc Clelland
10 – Judith Spaid
12 – Merleen Magers
20 – Gary Walcher
24 - Jim Hurlburt
25 – Ken Magers
29 – Linda Lowry



September Anniversaries

16 – Gregg & Linda Lowry
22 – David & Lisa Simard
24 – Ray & Jackie Ouellette

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Director Robert McClelland

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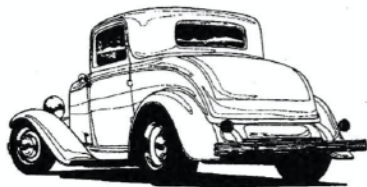
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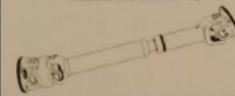
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SEPTEMBER 8TH

OCTOBER 13TH

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SEPTEMBER 6TH Vista - 36th Annual Rod Run - Downtown Vista - 9AM - 2PM

SEPT 7TH

SEPT 12TH Menifee - 3rd Annual Car & Bike Show - 28125 Bradley Rd. - 9AM - 2PM -

SEPT 20 TH San Clemente - 30th Annual San Clemente Car Show - 100 & 200 blocks Avenida Del Mar - 10AM - 3PM -



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