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Regional Group #148 of the Early Ford

V-8 Club of America, Inc



NOTES FROM
THE
PRESIDENTS
GARAGE
DAN CASTELLINI



Fall 2026 has finally arrived. Gloria and I will be heading out soon for a fall colors cruise down the East Coast. We will board the ship in Quebec and end up in Boston, where we will fly home to San Diego. We are looking forward to spending time with friends from church and experiencing all the area has to offer in the way of sights and cooler weather. Although I had to leave last month's meeting early, I want to thank Janet Harris for stepping up and volunteering for the 2027 Presidents seat. Also, thanks to Gregg Lowry who will be staying on as Treasurer / Secretary. Keep in mind that nominations remain open until the October meeting. If you are interested in running contact one of the board members. The new board officers will be sworn in at our December Christmas Luncheon / Meeting. Annual membership renewal time is just around the corner. Bob Davis will be handling all renewals. Thanks, Bob for staying on to serve as the 2027 Membership Chairman. Bob and Sharon McClelland will be hosting the Octoberfest, Milk Can Dinner on October 17th @ 28443 Jenny Lane, Menifee. Come at 11:00 a.m. to spend time with friends before enjoying a great meal at noon. Please RSVP to Bob by Tuesday, October 14th.

See you at next month's meeting.

Best,
Dan



SECRETARY

LINDA
LOWRY

Happy Halloween

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 September 8, 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, Tom & Patsy
Hamlin, Jay & Janet Harris, Jim Hurlburt, Gregg & Linda Lowry, Bob McClelland, Jerry &
Roxie Otteson, Jackie Ouelette, Peggy Petrucci, Steve Wells.

Guests: Derek Hurlburt

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 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 Castellini - He spoke to the August 14th Board Meeting held at Katy's Diner
in Fallbrook as a possible alternative site for our monthly meetings. After assessing the
location, it was decided to continue to look for other options. He asked members for
suggestions for alternative restaurant locations further south.

The Board adopted a resolution for procedures and policies for management and
administration of hosting monthly breakfasts.

Members have been emailed a copy of the new bylaws. Hard copies are available upon
request. October is nomination month for our 2-person Board of Directors for 2027. Gregg
Lowry will fill the Secretary/Treasurer position and Janet Harris has volunteered for
President. We will vote in November. Peggy Petrucci will be our host and hostess coordinator
for our Monthly Breakfasts. There will not be a Board meeting today.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. as Dan needed to leave and for breakfast to continue.

Steve Wells re opened the meeting at 9:17 and continued with Board and Committee reports.

Vice President: Steve Wells – No report but gave an update on his Clydesdale riding
experience during their last vacation!

Treasurer: Gregg Lowry- Reported a club balance!

Secretary: Linda Lowry - Presented the August minutes. **Motion to accept made by Roxie
Otteson** and seconded by Peggy Petrucci. Motion passed. She announced and congratulated
those members who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries in September.

Director: Bob McClelland – No report

Accessories: Janet Harris – No report

Advertising: Don Harwick – Don & Sylvia were absent but Bob McClelland reported on the
advertising renewal of America's Tire.

Membership & Club Badges: Bob Davis – No report

Sunshine: Jackie Ouellette – Gave a report on cards sent this past month.

Tours: The McClelland's will be hosting our annual Milk Can Supper on October 17th.

Members will receive an email invitation with details of the event and how to sign up as well
as a sign-up sheet that was passed around today. Upcoming shows include: March Air Base
on November 11th, VFW Show in Oceanside on September 22nd, Murrieta Rod Run October
9th & 10th, Crusin' Grand continues this week with 1st Responders. **(CONT ON PG 3)**

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See *Valve Chatter* for additional local events and car shows

Newsletter & Website: Bob McClelland – The *Valve Chatter* will have reduced pages as photos will not be repeated. Bob noted that our advertisers are listed on our website as well as in the *Valve Chatter*.

Old Business: None

New Business: Linda Lowry gave an update on our Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 8th at Jack's Garage. Details to follow

Announcements: None

Program: None

Tom's Trivia Question: Tom read this month's trivia question: "What was the first year Ford had locks on both doors? He gave the correct answer – 1941 – and a bit of history behind it.

Special Drawing: – \$70.00 was collected with \$35 going to the club and \$35 won by Jim Hurlburt. Being no further business to come before the meeting and on **motion duly made by Roxie Otteson and seconded by Jackie Ouelette**, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 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: September 8, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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AND THE WINNER is
JIM HURLBURT



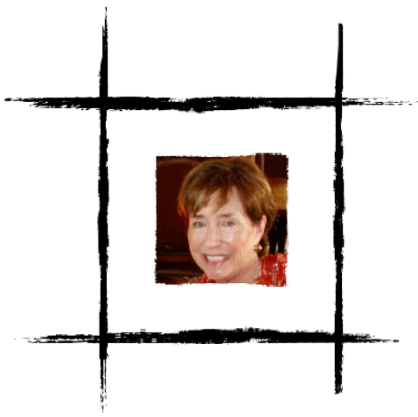
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ACCESSORIES 2026 UPDATED LIST

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.

Janet Harris

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**PLEASE
NOTE..**

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 13TH
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.



The Palomar Mountain V-8's

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

A Non-Profit Public Benefit Charitable California Corporation, Incorporated August 7, 2001



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.

2027 RENEWAL of Membership

(Due on January 1, 2027 Delinquent if not Paid by February 1, 2027)

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
Fallbrook, CA 92028

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 09/18/2026

For Sale: 1932 Ford Roadster Hot Rod
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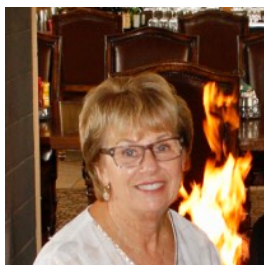


Up for sale is a beautifully built All Steel 1932 Ford Roadster, a true hot rod with the perfect blend of original vintage parts and quality new components. Built over the course of 15 years with close attention to detail, this car is ready to cruise, show, and enjoy. This Deuce Roadster has been meticulously maintained with about 4,400 miles since being completed. It is a top-level, quality built ride. If you are looking for a road-trip hotrod, or something to take to shows, this is the '32 Roadster for you! Curb appeal is second to none and this black roadster turns heads everywhere it goes!

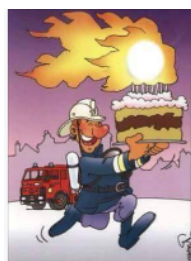
Early Mustang rebuilt 302 V8 with mild cam – runs strong Snow White shorty water pump set-up Flow Kooler water pump 1968 Mustang 3-speed manual transmission with Jeep shifter tower.



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SUNSHINE REPORT
 THINKING OF OUR MEMBERS STRUGGLING
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 THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



October Birthdays

16 - Carlota Mueller
 18 - Jay Harris
 27 - Dave Louzek



October Anniversaries
 14 - David & Helena Bjorklund



Palomar Mountain V-8's
 Regional Group of the Early
 Ford V-8 Club of America, Inc.,
 Temecula, CA Organized
 November 8, 1996 Chartered
 January 18, 1997 RG #148

Incorporated August 7, 2001

2026 Board of Directors &
 Officers

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Vice President Steve Wells

Treasurer Greg Lowry

Secretary Linda Lowry

Director Robert McClelland

2022 Committee Chairpersons

ACCESSORIES

Janet Harris

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 By-laws

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Robert McClelland
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DEADLINE: 20th of Each Month

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Tom Hamlin

SUNSHINE CHAIR

Jackie Ouellette

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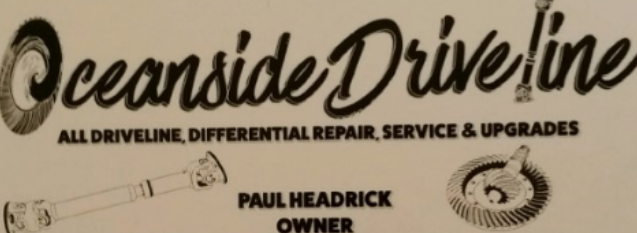
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How to Prevent Overcharging your Battery

Overcharging occurs when a vehicle battery receives more voltage or current than it can safely absorb. In a 6 volt automotive lead-acid battery, excessive charging breaks down water in the electrolyte and releases hydrogen and oxygen gas. This process increases internal heat, accelerates corrosion, and can shorten battery life or create an explosion hazard if gases accumulate near a spark or flame.

When a battery is repeatedly overcharged, the electrolyte loses water and becomes more acidic. The resulting heat and gassing can wash active material from the plates, corrode the positive plate grids, damage separators, and weaken the negative plates. In severe cases, excess heat may soften or distort the battery case and force electrolyte out through the vents.

Escaped electrolyte mist or overflow can also corrode the battery tray, hold-down hardware, cables, terminals, and nearby engine-compartment components. For this reason, overcharging should be treated as both a battery-performance issue and a safety issue.

How to Avoid Overcharging

- Use a charger designed for the battery type, such as flooded lead-acid, AGM, or gel. Do not use a charger intended for a different battery chemistry.
- Select the correct voltage and charging mode before connecting the charger. For most automotive batteries, use the manufacturer's charging specifications rather than guessing.
- Prefer a smart or automatic charger that reduces current and switches to maintenance or float mode when the battery reaches full charge.
- Charge the battery in a well-ventilated area and keep flames, cigarettes, and spark-producing tools away from the battery.
- Monitor the battery during charging. Stop charging if the case becomes hot, the battery swells, electrolyte leaks, or gassing becomes excessive.
- For serviceable flooded batteries, check electrolyte level after charging and top up only with distilled water when required. Do not overfill.

Warning Signs of Overcharging

- Strong sulfur or rotten-egg odor near the battery
- Excessive bubbling or hissing while charging
- Battery case feels unusually hot
- Low electrolyte level in serviceable cells
- Corrosion around terminals, hold-downs, or the battery tray
- Battery case swelling, distortion, or visible leakage

Vehicle-System Causes of Overcharging

A battery may be overcharged by the vehicle's charging system, not just by an external charger. A faulty voltage regulator can allow alternator output to rise too high. Poor connections can also cause incorrect charging behavior, and worn or loose drive belts can create inconsistent alternator output. Any unexplained battery overheating, repeated water loss, or rapid corrosion should prompt inspection of the charging system.

Inspection and Maintenance Procedure

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical loads before inspecting the battery.
- Wear eye protection and acid-resistant gloves.
- Check the battery case for swelling, cracks, leakage, or heat damage.
- Inspect terminals and cables for corrosion, looseness, or damaged insulation.
- For serviceable flooded batteries, verify electrolyte level and condition in each cell.
- Use a hydrometer only on batteries designed for cell access. A fully charged flooded lead-acid cell commonly reads about 1.265 specific gravity at standard temperature, or as specified by the battery manufacturer.
- If readings vary widely between cells, or if the battery repeatedly loses water, have the battery and vehicle charging system tested.

(Info from a 1981 V-8 Times article by Dick Flynn)

Summary of the August 29, 2026 National Board Meeting

Early Ford V-8 Club of America

The third quarter board meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Dave Gunnarson on August 29, 2026 via zoom call at 1:03 p.m. Eastern Standard time. Those attending were Dave Gunnarson, Steve Boskovich, John Caldwell, John Emmering, Phill Hall, Steve Kroeger, Jim White. Staff present included Micheal Stichter, Micheal Rowe and Bruce Nelson. Minutes of the second quarter board meeting were reviewed and approved. Financial Reports: Financial reports were reviewed by the board. Treasurer Micheal Stichter, Treasurer, noted that membership has declined affecting income generation. Magazine related costs were below budget and interest income will be increasing due to CD income over regular deposit accounts. Membership has apparently fallen under 5,000 members.

Club Logo Trademark: Board is reapplying an application to our club trademark which is the club logo as shown on the cover of the V-8 Times.

Scheduled Events, Elections and Insurance: The board reviewed the schedule for director elections, insurance deadlines and officer elections. Director resumes and ballots will appear in the September/October issue of the V-8 Times.

National Meets and Tours: The Eastern National Meet is planned for June 20-25, 2027 at Williamsburg, VA. Watch for details in upcoming issues of the V-8 Times. Sites for the upcoming Grand National for 2028 are under review by the board. The Peaks and Prairies National tour was reported as a success with no major breakdowns. The Amish Country tour was also completed successfully with 52 participants from 11 states and 16 early Fords.

Policy Manual Review: The policy manual review committee has been meeting regularly with the goal of updating the policy manual by the end of the year. International Representatives: Dave Gunnarson will contact the four International representatives to affirm their roles and are willing to continue for

another three year term. Website, Advertising and Online Store: Bruce Nelson reported on website updates including completion of the classified ads section and ongoing work to finalize advertising functionality. An article will also be prepared for the V-8 Times describing the new website features and how members can use them.

Accessories, Book Inventory and Valuation: The Board reviewed accessory sales with particular emphasis on book inventory. The 1933-1934 book is selling well, while several other titles, especially the 1952-1953 two volume set and the 1937 book remain in substantial over supply. The Board discussed whether inventory values should be adjusted to reflect realistic sales potential and whether a warehouse clearance sale could help reduce excess inventory.

Benson Ford Research Center: The Benson Ford Research Center has reopened for research visits by appointment. Visits are limited to weekdays, with two hours available in the morning and 3 hours in the afternoon. An article explaining the process and research access details has been submitted to the V-8 Times. Fourth Quarter Board Meeting: The fourth quarter Board Meeting has been scheduled for November 14.

Respectfully Submitted:

Steve Kroeger, National Secretary

Early Ford V-8 Club of America.

Save the Date

Please Mark Your Calendars for Our Annual

Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 8th ~ 11:30 a.m.

Jack's Garage – Temecula, CA

Details to follow



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.

OCTOBER 13TH

NOVEMBER 10TH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! SEPTEMBER 8TH 2026

CHECK OUT

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

OCT 7TH Pomona - Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show at the Fairplex

OCT17 Bonsall - 5th Annual Trunk or Treat Car Show - 31555 Old River Rd.

- 10AM - 2PM -

OCT 17TH Dana Point - 29th Annual Doheny Wood Woodie Car Show -

Doheny State Beach -AM - 3PM -

OCT 25 TH Vista - Muscles on Main Street - Main Street Vista Village - 9AM - 2PM



Palomar Mountain V-8's

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