



Greetings V8ers!

I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving! Before we know it, News Year's Eve of 2024 will be upon us. Time goes quickly, so we need to make the most of it!

In just a couple of days it will be December 7th, the day of our Club's "Christmas-Holiday-New Officer Installation Luncheon". I hope you all can attend, especially those of you that we rarely have the opportunity to see throughout the year. As a

special treat, we will have two U.S. Marines joining us for lunch and after the event they will take the toys back to Camp Pendleton. If you forgot to send your check to Susan before Thanksgiving and still wish to attend, call me and we will work it out.

We have had a great year of monthly Club breakfasts. We have typically had between 20 -25 members attending. If you haven't attended, you should try to make it to one. Our next breakfast is December 11th at 09:00 at the Broken Yolk in Mission Valley.

Our last Club meeting of the year was on November 20th, and it was a good one. We had two speakers come in. Newell Booth from the Horseless Carriage Club came to inform us that his Club and the Automotive Museum are sponsoring, on January 12th, a commemorative driving tour following the course of the 1915 Point Loma Road Race. He is hoping for 100 cars to participate. More information will be available as the date approaches. Also at the meeting was a member of the Model A and Mustang Clubs, Ahna Holder. Ahna participated in 5 different Great Races, either in her Model A or in her 64½ Mustang. She had great pictures and stories to share. She was a fantastic presenter that I wish all of you were able to be part of.

As we run down the clock in 2024, I ask all members to consider attending Club meetings. You don't have to feel obligated to attend every meeting. There will be Club meetings at 10AM in January, April, July, and October and a daytime December get together, if you don't care to drive after the meetings that start at 7PM. If Club meetings aren't your cup of tea, join us for our monthly breakfasts.

That is it for me for this month. Now get out there and drive that old V-8! Hope to see you December 7th!

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Once again The Broken Yolk, got our orders right and delivered them while they were still Hot... New Management makes good!















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Prez Joe invited Ahne Holder to talk about her Great Race experience at our meeting. 35 years ago she entered the Race with her Dad in their Model A Coupe. There are so many rules-so many check points to pass by at exact times and speeds-not too fast. Not too slow. It was a tough 9 day experience. But she learned and wanted more.

In the following races she got better and better and now she runs them with her daughter. Nine grueling days of precise driving each race. And

they are winning trophies and having a great time.





San Diego Early Ford VB Club General Meeting Minutes, November 20, 2024

President Joe Valentino called the meeting to order and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Presidents report: The president welcomed guests: Ray Brock's daughter Wendy, tonight's presenter Ahna Holder, and Newell Booth of the Horseless Carriage Club.

Newell described the upcoming January reenactment of the 1915 Point Loma Road Race that opened the Panama Exposition. Cars 1942 and earlier may officially participate, as well as all cars of all years that register. The "race" starts at Balboa park and drives through Mission Hills, Liberty Station, Shelter Island and Cabrillo Monument. The president reviewed a list of club members' birthdays, wedding anniversaries,

and club membership anniversaries.

Joe asked for nominations from the floor for the club's Board of directors, none were made. He then read a list of nominations previously received. A motion was made seconded and

aproved to accept the nominees as the new Board Members.

See the club website to purchase wreaths for Wreaths Across America.

Members can volunteer as individuals to help place wreaths.

Joe introduces Ahna Holder who proceeded to give a presentation about her participation in the Great Race. Ahna and her daughter we're one of only two mother/daughter teams ever.

Following the presentation, Joe noted the following dates:

December 7th Christmas Party

December 14th Wreaths Across America

January 12th Point Loma Race

Vice Presidents report: Dennis hopes to complete his car project in time for the Christmas party. Secretary report: The minutes from the September meeting were published in the Fan. No corrections were requested. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the published minutes. **Treasurer report:** The treasurer's report was presented, a motion was made and seconded and it was approved.

Membership report: No change, 29 single members and 33 joint members. Renewal is now open for 2025. Accessories: We have stuff to buy for Christmas.

Sunshine: Nothing to report.

Fan editor report: "Coming along just fine. Thanks for asking."

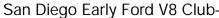
Car Club Council: Early Ford swap meet this weekend at Deer Park Winery. January swap meet at Pechanga Arena. Alpine car show next month. Go to the Car Club Council website for Cars and Coffee information. Historian: Susan Valentino reviewed article from the November 1975 SD EFV8 club newsletter, "The Fan," featuring a club photo with cars taken at elevation from a fire truck cherry picker.

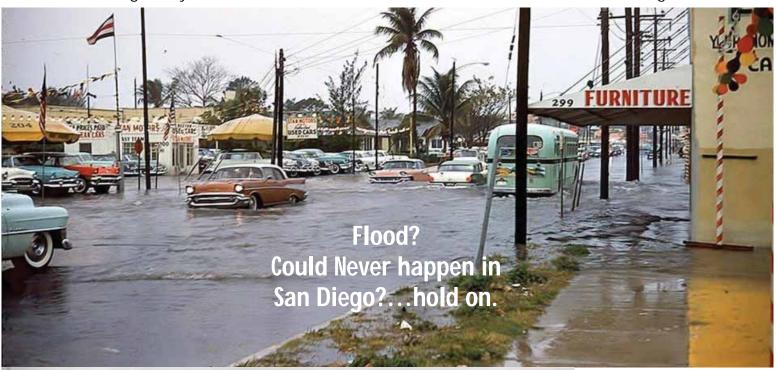
Hard Luck Trophy: Tim Shortt was awarded custody of the trophy for having his driverless car escape during a refueling stop and run into a parked car. There were no injuries.

> Tech Issues: none New Business: none Old Business: none Name tag drawing: No winner.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 p.m. Minutes submitted by Brad Nelson.









Jan/28/1916

Photo of the San Diego River at Old Town during the January 1916 floods that occurred shortly after the San Diego City Council agreed to pay 'Rainmaker' Charles Hatfield \$10,000 if he filled Lake Morena. The floods are still considered the biggest weather disaster in San Diego history. 22 people died, bridges, roads and rail lines washed out,. Dams collapsed sending huge waves through the communities below. Houses floated away on raging currents,

and 5 feet of water flowed through downtown and Old Town San Diego.



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Bill's litte Hot Rod Secret in the Basement.

Bill Gise hand dug a Basement Garage and Winery under the house he grew up in, 40 years ago. Since then he has restored several big money cars and held many Grape Stomping Parties. He also made room for four interesting Cars -like this, a 200MPH million dollar Roadster that he expects to run the Flats in the next few months. The body is a stretched and widened '31 with a no cost spared. Add a Beautiful, just finished two tone Paint job & Red Interior to follow.

The engine and drive line...Only Bill can describe the power.... Built to move this car like a rocket.

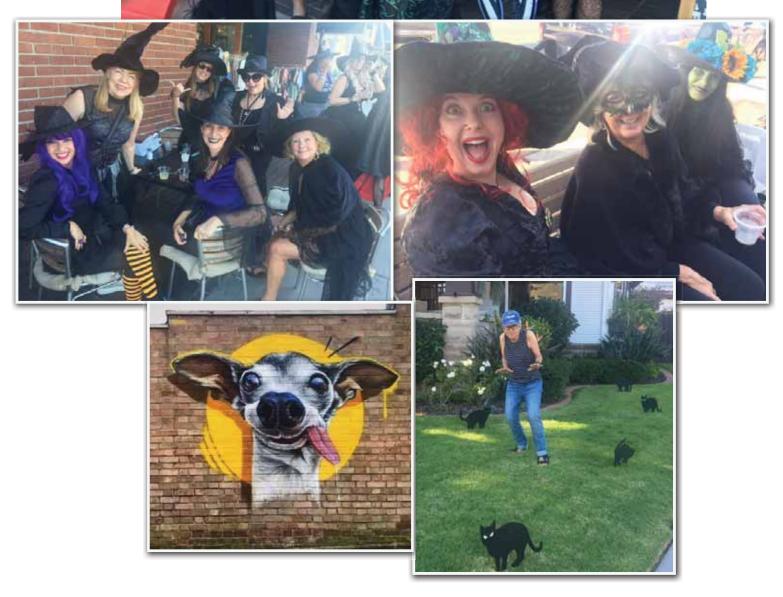
One year ago- Just the begining...



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Caddies & Foreign Sports cars yes, but Most Elvis Cars were Ford Made.

Elvis seemed to enjoy cars for as long as he was famous. He started his musical career in 1954, and by 1955, he'd bought his first Cadillac. Once he hit it big in 1956, Elvis bought luxury vehicles left and right. When he started collecting, it seemed as though the King was always on the hunt for another stand-out vehicle. He was particularly fond of Cadillacs, allegedly giving away over 200 during his career.

When Elvis's mother — who never had a license — was asked about his collection, she saidhed learned to drive when he was 9 or 10 years old. From childhood, he loved driving, and hitting it big gave him the resources to finally make his dream car collection a reality. He continued to collect hundreds of vehicles throughout his life.



1941 LINCOLN

While not technically part of Elvis's car collection, the 1941 Lincoln was reportedly the first car Elvis bought while working as a truck driver.

1956 CONTINENTAL MARK II

This luxury vehicle was the worldwide flagship of Ford when it launched. Elvis personally owned a white model, which he drove for several years.





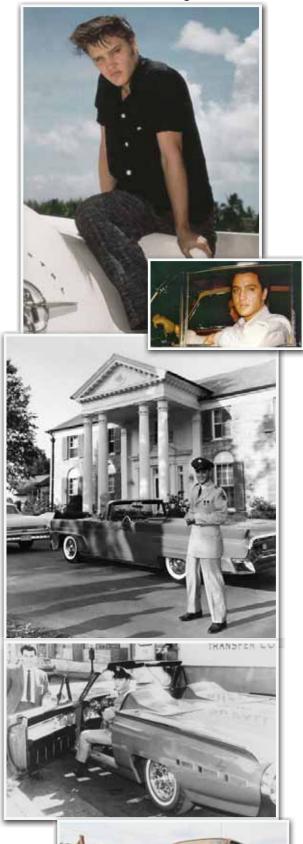
1956 Ford TBird Ford's Smash Hit two seater Sports Car released in 1955.



1960 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL MARK V

This car was another favorite of Elvis's when he was in Germany. He specially ordered his while in the Army. It was one of the first Mark Vs sent out and was specially customized for Elvis.

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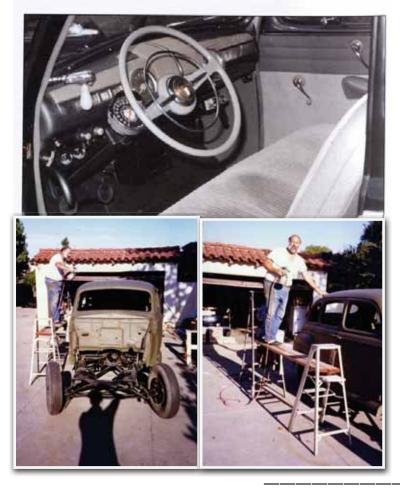


The custom Lincoln limousine was a wedding present for newlyweds Elvis and Priscilla Presley in May 1967. After seemingly being lost for decades, the Presley Lincoln turned up dirty from barn stoage, but at for auction at Monterey in 2019, it sold in unrestored condition for \$165,000.





Left: These sparkling new 1946 Ford Tudor sedans are lined up for review. Equipment includes two-way radios and an advanced-model siren/red light on the roofs. Above: San Diego law-breakers faced a tight squeeze into the back seat of this 1948 coupe sedan. Below: Aside from the few pieces of police-specific equipment, San Diego officers worked in a basically unmodified interior.



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Nate Fluke, Building & Collections Jerry Windle, John Hoham, Museum director

Some 30-35+ years ago, one of my fellow San Diego Group members told me about a 1942 sixcylinder1942 Ford Fordor Sedan he spotted in a local junk yard. I went to take a look. It was in ROUGH shape – rusted sheet metal, holes in the floorboards. It was a mess!

But it was a 1942. I was born in 1942 so I had to save it.

I didn't know what to do with it. Previously I had restored 1948 Coupe as San Diego police car. Thinking since the car was a Fordor Sedan, what could I do with it. Then I remembered seeing such a car in the movie "Twelve O'clock High" starring Gregory Peck. So I decided to make it into an army car with all the army accessories I could find: blackout light, "cat's eye" lights for the front fenders, blackout taillights, siren etc. I also gathered a number of WWII items: walkie talkie, field phone, uniform items, maintenance manuals, etc., even a standup of Betty Grable.

My intent was to drive it in parades and just enjoy driving it. I had restored a 1948 Ford Coupe as a San Diego Police car and enjoyed driving it in parades and car shows. I even got a set of decals the from the SDPD they put on their police cars today. I eventually sold the car to the SDPD museum where it resides today.

Back to the '42. Once I got it in back home, I started restoration. Since it was not to be a show car, I used unconventional things like fiberglass to patch the holes. I began to do research on these cars.

I discovered there was something called a buy back" car. With the attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. had to build up a fleet and do it in a hurry. Cars and trucks for sale in the civilian market were turned into military cars.

That's what I decided to do that with my '42 Ford.

I thought it would be great to tow a WWII army trailer. I beefed up the rear end and added a trailer hitch...

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...where I could use a regular hitch or one that could handle pintle hooks found on military vehicles. Once I realized if I had a break down on the road, I'd have to deal with the trailer, I changed my mind

I found a restored six-cylinder engine. There was a tag on it stating it was rebuilt by Montgomery Wards!

The Olive Drab paint was another challenge. The WWII era paint is like a primer. It's very pourus and scratches easily. I used the Vietnam era paint. Paint vendors to use paint as a primer and then paint the car with the OD paint.

Got the interior from LeBaron Bonney installed.

And then it was 1996. I became editor of the V-8 TIMES. The restoration was put on hold for the next 25 years.

When I stepped down in 2021, I wasn't the go-getter like I was back in the day. I realized I'd never be able to finish the car. It would have to be gone through: brakes, fuel system, etc. What remains is the front clip. The engine turns over easily. I have the front fenders and hood that have to be painted. Since it is matte finish, the body work doesn't have to be perfect. I have all. the parts needed to get it back on the road.

I decided to donate the car to the Early Ford V8 Museum in Auburn, Indiana. They have a youth program teaching them how work on these old cars and get them back on the road. I know the car is in good hands. They plan to have the car up and running for the 2025 Veteran's Day Parade.

-Jerry Windle



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_____WILD AFTERNOON on the TV. _____14

NTSB Investigating Plane Crash at POMONA FAIRPLEX dragstip during the show.



The plane crash is shown in a separate video shared by ABC News. Once the low-flying plane crosses the screen, a crash can be heard followed by a spectator in the grandstands exclaiming, "An airplane just crashed!" Pilot and 2 passengers OK- No one hurt.



I'm trying to finish my lunch but... on the other channel: A Wild Hour and half 90 miles per hour pursuit, Three cars stolen crashed and the guy runs from the cops stealing another truck... Through and around Whittier. Neighborhoods, Freeways. It's getting dark as he goes back through parking lots. Ramming cars, through red lights, all under the spot lights of several helicopters and 30 Cop cars in pursuit. Finally with two flats on fire, he's chased into a gas station and trapped. The guy fires a pistol and gets 50 Cop shots in reply. Amazingly the idiot was not hit. He had sprawled on the rear floor in the passenger compartment and so, was arrested. and dragged out - no one hurt. San Diego early Ford V8 Club-

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