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# No Name Tour To a Secret Place.

First, thanks to Ray Brock who set this up. This private collection is not open to the public. It includes some very interesting cars and antique furnishings from across the world and the distant past. Joe and Susan Valentino shared all the juicy details about each machine and some of the one-of-a-kind victorian furnishings and clocks. The display is a wealth of cultural history.









**Prez Sez-** April was a glorious month! At our monthly meeting Rick Carlton, on behalf of Ric Bonnoront and the Big 3 Board presented a whopping last check for the Sale of the Big

The 53 year run for Big 3 has got to be one of the all-time best ever events in the automobile club world. It will be missed, and not just because of the financial opportunities it has provided but the sheer magnitude of the endeavor. It was a gas!

You don't want to miss next month's meeting, we will be celebrating our clubs anniversary and we will also be honoring our Big 3 representatives. You know how we celebrate, don't eat dinner before the meeting!

This month we toured Don Long's Automotive Museum in Corona, what a treat! Don has built a tribute to the cars days of yesteryear. Old cars, old gas pumps, a malt shop, a diner, a Barbie and Friends store front, an old time barbershop, it was a beautiful day! If you missed it, you missed out.

Later in the month we toured a very private cars and culture museum - a first class collection of one-off autos and famous brass era racers plus V-8 60s midget racers from the 50s. Past EFV8 member Carl Burnett's '32 slightly modified 50's street rod, "as is", is there. Joe and Susan Valentino led us around the place. Many thanks to them and especially Ray Brock for making this tour possible.

Motor Cars on Main Street in Coronado is 4/29, contact Tim Shortt for details. The registered V8 group will meet at Von's Parking lot, 9th and Orange, leaving at 7:30am to enter as a group and park together. If you have not attended you need to, you will see 400 cars that aren't out all that often. As an Example, Jay Harris brought his 1939 Ford Convertible Dearborn Coupe and won Best Of Show! If you are not in the show, it's still worth the trip for the live band at one end and DJ at the other, good lunch spots and Awards.

May 6th is the All Ford Picnic at Santee Lakes - spread the word to all Ford Owmers, new and old. I attended last year for the first time, sadly it was a rainout, this year promises to be magnificent!

Susan and I are on vacation until May 10th, I leave the club in Bill Dorr's more than capable hands. While we are away please keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down!— Mike



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#### Wear Your Name Tag--May pot is \$75 Bucks

All current member names are in pot. If your name is drawn and you are at the meeting, wearing your name tag, YOU WIN! RULES: Pot starts a \$25

Increases Ea. Mo. until \$100. At \$100 we Draw 'til we have a a winner



### This Race Car did over a 100 MPH! It probably

won many races, and likely killed a few drivers or mechanics along the way. There were no seat belts, no helmits, no roll bars, no air bags, door guards. No inside handles to hang onto. The driver had the steering wheel, but the hapless mechnic had nothing. (His job was to watch traffic behind the car (no mirrors), do fast repairs during the race and change tires). Many cars also had an open drive chain wizzing around only inches from the mechnic. Inadequet rear drum mechnical brakes and no front brakes at all. In the old race films, it's guaraneed you'll see people flyng out of cars as they bounce off the walls or spin out on a curve.- Joe Valentino

## Local Firefighter Helps Restore Iconic Fire Engine

Longtime East County resident Gil Buxton was working to restore his prized vintage fire engine, a 1950 El Cajon American LaFrance, when he passed away. In 2014, Gil's wife Meg donated the disabled rig to the El Cajon Professional Firefighters Foundation with hopes to finally see the fire engine restored to its original prestige.



Ryan Abell, a board member of the El Cajon Professional Firefighters Foundation and Firefighter-Paramedic with Heartland Fire and Rescue, has been overseeing the restoration of the vintage engine. He has also been collecting information on the engine's history. For instance, he discovered that the truck first arrived at the El Cajon Fire Department on June

7, 1950. However, much about the truck remains unknown, including when the engine was retired.

The restored rig will play a key part in the Foundations expanded charitable and community outreach. When the engine is restored, East County residents will see the classic fire truck in parades and at local events.

Fundraising has been, and remains, an important part of restoring and maintaining the engine. To make a donation, please make checks payable to the El Cajon Professional Firefighters Foundation and send it to 100 E. Lexington Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020.

Thanks Norm Burke for sending this Story. Gill Buxton was a valued V8 member who shared his automtiove collection with everyone. He also was very generous with his time, helping to choose qualified Asset Students to receive the Ollie Smith Scholarships.

Last weekend,



on Harbor
Island, at a
somewhat
traditional
Indian
wedding, my
'50 was used to
transport the
Bride and Groom
and be the focal
point for family
wedding photos.



## **Tours to Come**

Sat May 5, Co-Tour w/ Over The Hill Gang—-Shawn -New Brake Shop Joe Pifer joenpj@cox.net

SUNDAY, May 6-ALL FORD PICNIC Santee Lakes—Info, Dennis Bailey 619-954-8946

SAT, May 26 Tour March Air Force Base, Riverside Leave from Macys parking lot Info-Bob Brown 619-890-6988

(Mar 17 Tour) Changed to SAT, June 2 Soap Box derby, Alpine

For Lunch we take a Country ride thru Alpine to a Burger joint in Jamul jsthomas35@gmail.com

Jun 13 -SD County Fair Theme: HOW SWEET IT IS

7-9 Cars needed. FREE admission for all in your car, Barbara Martin 858-254-5009

June 20 Gen Meeting FREE Catered dinner and celebration for 53 years of successful BIG 3 Events. 6pm- RSVP-need head count shortsandy@mac.com

**Thurs June 28-Overnight Tour** Palo Casino, Zip Line, Julian RSVP jim.thomas15888@outlook.com

> And planning ahead for Christmas Party... Barabara Martin reports The Christmas Party is on SUN, Dec 9, 2018. Mark your calendars!

> > May Anniversaries

5/10 Ron & Kathy Shedd 5/16 Tim & Sandy Shortt 5/16 Bob & Susan Symonds 5/17 Mike & Lois Pierson 5/22 Bob & Raphael Hargrave

May Birthdays

5/06 Eddie Sena 5/08 Avalee Smith 5/09 Norm Burke 5/12 Jerry Windle 5/14 Bill Dorr 5/15 Bill Houlihan 5/15 Swede Renberg 5/19 Jack Rabell 5/30 Lynn Clement

Membership Pauls reports 109 total

Sunshine Judy reports-Liz has cold...

#### SDEFV8 General Meeting Minutes, Apr 18, 2018, 7:05 pm

**President Petermann:** Welcome visitor Jim Knapp. We just had two great back to back Tours: Don Long's Place in Corona thanks to Bob Brown and The Private Tour here in SD thanks to Ray Brock. Our Board has voted to Co-sponser Hillcrest Car Show Aug 18. And June General Meeting will celebrate 0ur 49th year and the 53 year run of the BIG 3 with a catered dinner and awards ceremony for the club.

**VP Dorr:** El Cajon Cruise nite starts April 20- and every Thursday for the summer. June 13, Del Mar Fair-we can bring up to 9 cars- Free admission for all in everey car— Contact Barbara Martin. June 20 Gen meeting Club Dinner to celebrate BIG 3 history. Lakeside storage unit now empty. Few left over items stored at auto museum. Thanks to Bob symonds for tonights refreshments. June Tech Program— Cooling Issues. Tonights movie—1935 Ford Promo for World's Fair Expo demonstrating the car building process from Earth to Finished Car, and driving "Around the World" to visit all the sources for Ford's building materials. The film endss with a trip over the Plank Road to San Diegos Expo in Balboa Park - an event Carl Atkinson says he attended! Secretary Den- Minutes as seen in Fan approved.

Treasurer Ken- Finacial report appoved as read.

Membership Paula- 109 members total.

Sunshine Judy- Liz has cold.

Accessories Ray- New suplies in-step right up.

**Tours Jim:** 

May 5- Co tour w/ Over The Hill Gang- Shawn's Vintage Auto Service-Open house.

May 6- All Ford Picnic

May 26- March AFB

June 2- Soap Box Derby

June 13- Del Mar fair

June 20 Gen Meeting Dinner celebration for 53 years of BIG 3

June 28 Overnight Tour to Palo Casino, Nite Night Zip line, Julian lunch next day

Aug 11-13 Over the Hill Gang Streak at Mission Bay

Aug 18 co sponser Hillcrest car show

CCC-Bill Lewis absent -no report

Fan- Tim- Apr FAN coming along. Name of collection owner for private tour omitted from FAN, as requested.

New Bus-BIG 3 Board final report- Rick Carlton handed over the last big payment check for sale of BIG 3 Event. Storge unit is closed.

Joe Pifer announced that May 5th, Sean Ketchem's Vintage Auto Service, who spoke to our club regarding brake systems in February 2018, will be holding an open house at his new shop on Cuyamaca St., near Gillespie Field, El Cajon. A number of other shops catering to the vintage car crowd in the same area will also be open for the day.

Old Bus-None

Misc: 50/50 won by Prez Mike, who said he would spend it in Maui. Name Tag would have been won by Ignacio Casandeda-Garcia-but he was absent

Meeting adjoured 8:10, Grabbed donuts and watched movie

## Look what Bill **Lewis just** bought.

It's a smooth and fast '36 three window - painted a subtle red so he doesn't draw too much attention..



Susan points out 'Dare -Devils Row' of fast & dangerous machines. In paticulair the Indian Motorcycle with the Side Shifter. "You have to let go the hand grip and push in the Foot Cluch at the same time. so say you're stopped at a light and leaning to the left, you fall on your face..."

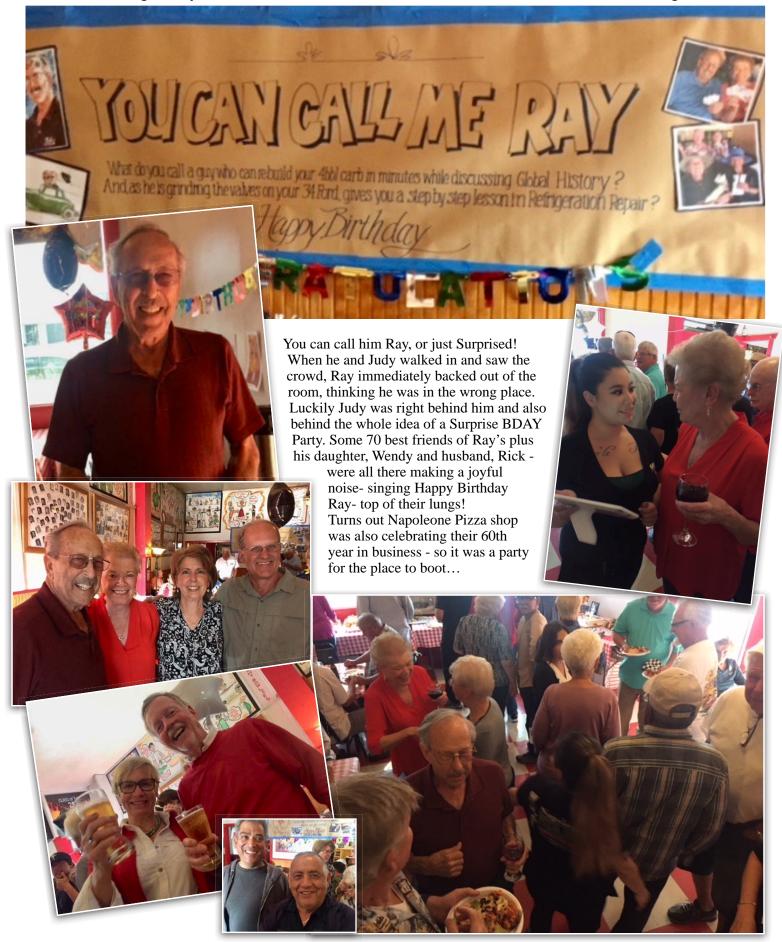






find' cars. We all wonder why is 'surface rust - ie, patina' so valuable these days?









Look what Gordon Menzie just built... Yep, Those are Ardun Heads, 3 carbs, hundreds of louvers. La Sal grill, and countless other modifications. What a ride.

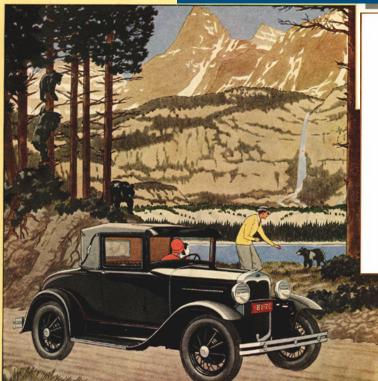




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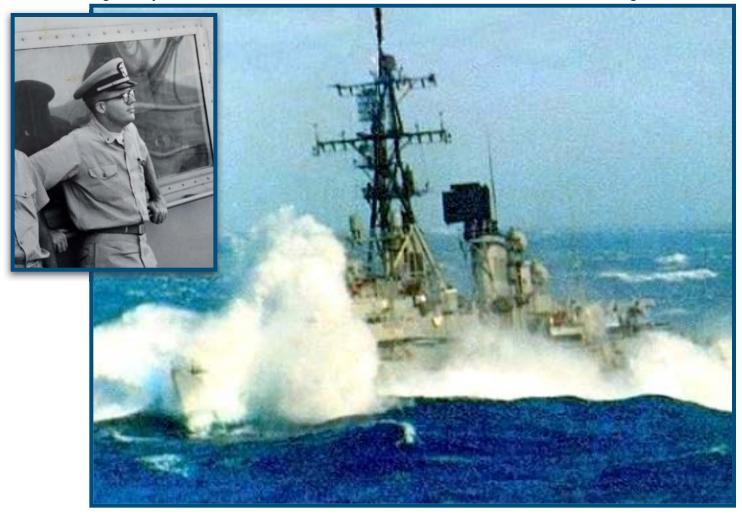
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Most often there were two artists for each painting - one for the background drama of lanscape, lighting and people. And another for the hard and precise details of the car.



Lt.jg Bill Houlihan. 1966, off Taiwan. "Under a typhoon threat, Ship was ordered out to sea, leaving part of the crew on the beach. Typhoon fizzled and we were back in a few days. I was lucky to be aboard that day. Those that were on the beach had only the clothes on their back and not enough money to enjoy themselves for the days we were away...".



Did you see Susan and Joe Valentino in this '39 Mercury beauty, recently bought from Dan Kreihbiel in Temecula?



Next Meeting: Wed, May 16, 2018,-Auto Museum, Balboa Park

#### FORD V8 SWAP CORNER...

The Ford Fan will publish ads relating to 1932-1953 Ford

Sale—<u>Complete front clip for 1954 F100 Pick Up.</u> Front fenders, Grill, Valence and Hood. Plus a Tailgate and Bed Rails. No Rust, small dings, in Primer, good metal. \$600 for all. 619-851-8927

**FOR SALE:** Pair of '34 Ford Tudor Bucket Seats, complete springs, Need reupholstery. \$450.00 OBO. **Todd, Speedo Shop 619-258-8195** 

'40 Deluxe Opera Coupe. Beautiful shape. Drive anywhere. Terry Johnson 303-888-8231 Englewood, Colorado.



'56 TBird. V8, auto. Porthole Top. New Pearl paint. Very clean \$20K? John Hildebrand 619-850-4099

'59 Edsel Ranger. All original, green & white, 4 dr, Needs TLC. \$1900-Cheap. Rick 619-512-7058

Wanted- Two Wheels-16" x 4.5" Mike Pearson 760-729-4645. m.pierson@roadrunner.com

Jeep CJG Trans, Transfer Case. Everything from flywheel to Drive Shaft. \$500. Carl 619-593-1514

'37 Fordor. Good shape. New V8 60 Motor, radiator & everything else under hood. Solid body, good interior, WWW tires. Runs & drives great.-619-829-1678 Dr. Tom





**'32 Phaeton**-All Steel. All Original. Once was Dickey Smothers car, then Harrah's Museum. Good condition. Sidemounts, Luggage Rack. Runs great. \$95k OBO. **Dixie, 619-677-8922** 



'32 Tudor. ready to go hot rod. Real Nice Car. \$30,000. Tom Cook 619-200-8114

'36 Coupe Hot Rod-Proven Tour Car. Best Offer. Extra set new running Boards \$400. Tom Cook 619-200-8114

Wanted: '49-'51 Ford Tudor Basket Case. Carl 619-593-1514

'35 Ford 1/2 ton PU. Solid, never hit, never cut up, all steel, still has mechanical brakes, converted to 12 volt, gas tank moved to back of the truck. Motor is frozen, last run 4 years ago. \$14K OBO - Joe (619) 851-3289.



'48 Ford Deluxe Bus Coupe. New motor. Everything else NOS. \$16,500 OBO Norm Burke 619-462-8956

'54 F100 PU. 302, C4 auto, PS, PB, New Chrome, Nice interior, Clean Dash, Flat black paint. New oak Bed. New 4bbl, tune, brakes, tires, wiring, trans, etc. \$18,500 Very Fast Truck. Tim 619-851-8927

Sale- NOS & Used Ford Shoebox Parts- left over inventory from '49-'50-'51 Parts business. Sell all for B.O—-619-466-5475





## 1953 Mercury 2Dr HT Custom- not **Monterey**

Last driven three years ago. Needs a starter solenoid and front brake job. Original Flatty was rebuilt and blueprinted. Dual Carbs added.

Bumpers need rechroming. Always A Ca car. .Worth \$20k OBO Daz Paris

email me; director@vehicles.org





'35 Ford Pumper Fire Truck. 21 Stud Orig Flathead. Runs, needs TLC. Body, paint, Lyle Fisk gold leaf pin striping all good. \$15k OBO-Rick Carlton 619-512-7058

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Several v8 members who used the restrooms at the Apirl 14th Tour, reported Fun House Mirrors installed at just the right angles.

The woman's mirror was on the lavatory door. And as she stood up, the mirror would reflect the image of her with 6 foot long slender legs.

In the men's room the distortion mirror was placed facing the Urinal.

And as the man unzipped, the reflection revealed an enormous....



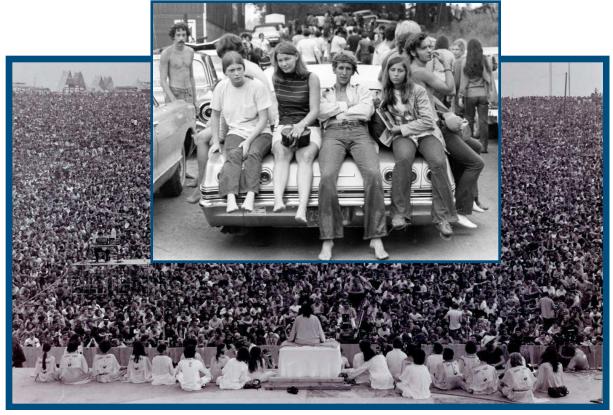














In 1969 Sandy and I were nearby, in the actual town of Woodstock where we would soon own a country cabin. I had just bought a 1967 23 window, split windshield, suroof VW Bus. I paid \$600 bucks and we drove the slow motion box for 3 years - even used it as our main jeep/truck to build our cabin in 1971. I placed a bumper sticker on the rear that read, "GO AROUND". We were tempted to go to the big event, but on the radio reports, of massive traffic jams, and people hiking 5 miles to get in, plus, we were out of drugs, so we bagged it.— Tim

# In Search of the vehicles of Woodstock- Terry Shea

By the time we got to Woodstock
We were half a million strong
And everywhere there was song and celebration
And I dreamed I saw the bombers
Riding shotgun in the sky
—"Woodstock" by Joni Mitchell

No one really knows since they lost count almost as soon as the gates opened, or were overran—take your pick—but an estimated 400,000 people or more attended the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in August of 1969 at Max Yasgur's farm in Bethel, New York, more than 60 miles away from the actual Woodstock, New York. We'll spare the joke about only 2,000,000 people remembering having gone there, but that point is relevant to our story.

The legacy of Woodstock continues to fascinate Americans, even those weren't even born in 1969. Take Stephen Paris, a first-year cadet (a.k.a. fourth class, a.k.a. freshman) at the State University of New York Maritime College in The Bronx, New York. As part of his American Civilization II course, Stephen and a classmate, Salvatore Macaluso, began a project to track down cars that actually carried concert goers to the festival. More specifically, they are trying to find any Volkswagens that might have been there, be they Type 1 sedans, Type 2 microbuses or even the sportier or more square variants of the world's most-loved air-cooled car.

Considering the thousands upon thousands of parked cars that lined the roads as far as 20 miles from Bethel, surely there are plenty of those cars still around? Well, so far, Stephen and Sal have tracked down two possible cars. We recently talked to Stephen to learn a little bit more about the project.

We asked him why he chose such a topic. "We got to choose the topic of our project, which was to choose an artifact and add to the significant body of knowledge to it," says Stephen. "Our professor had told us that he sought interest

in finding Woodstock vehicles, mainly Volkswagens that were there. He said that it was a fun project that he didn't take up on, so, a colleague and I decided to follow up with it. We've been doing research on it for about two and a half months now." He mentioned a couple of other examples that students have done over the years, ranging from... attempting to find a historically significant military sword to someone discovering a NASA space capsule on a Pennsylvania farm about to be sold for scrap, but which has since been saved with the help of his professor. And what have they found these past 10 weeks? "So far, we have tracked down a Karmann Ghia that was at the Woodstock convention, in New Jersey," Stephen says. "Additionally, we found—we're not exactly sure of the date of it—a 1959 to '61 Volkswagen bus that is located at my father's best friend's property in upstate New York, in Harpersfield, New York."



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Verification and authentication is another challenge entirely. "We know that the Karmann Ghia was there because there are pictures that in the process of being sent to me. My colleague and I are in the process of verifying that the bus was there. We don't exactly know that the bus was there. We have a verbal confirmation, but we are looking for picture proof." And there's the rub—somehow verifying that a car was, indeed, abandoned on the side of a two-lane road in New York for three or more days some 49 years ago.

Just like the people who have claimed to have attended Woodstock, but maybe really didn't (Here's a hint: Joni Mitchell performed with Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young the night before the festival was set to open, but even she didn't go, instead ending up in New York City a couple of days later on The Dick Cavett Show at the behest of her manager.) We wonder if there are people with painted VWs—or full-ion school buses—with stories attached about the vehicles having been at Woodstock, even if they are likely apocryphal.

Do you have a car that hauled some hippies to Woodstock, looking for three days of peace and music? Were you there with your trusty VW? Do you know of anyone who was there and still knows the car that brought them there?







