



**Halloween is Over**



**Thanksgiving is Next**





# Prez Sez

Greetings, Early Ford V8ers!

As we head into the Holiday season, Club members in many parts of the country are preparing their cars for winter. They might be getting ready to drain the fluids and put the car up on blocks until the spring. Lucky for us all that is required to winterize our cars is to put on our jackets and maybe put up the top of the old convertible! Our car driving season continues!

On October 12<sup>th</sup> we had our Club breakfast at the Broken Yolk. 27 Club members attended, and it was a great morning of tire kicking and tasty food.

The schedule for our Wednesday 2023 Club meetings is now available. All monthly meetings will occur at 7:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday, except for the January, April, July, and October meetings. Those meetings will be held at 10:00 A.M. All meetings will be in the Automotive Museum.

We had two Club tours for October. The "The Greatest Show on Turf!" car show and 2022's final El Cajon Cruise night for the year. Both events only drew 3 Club members, perhaps signaling that the Club members' interest or priority to get together outside of meetings and breakfast is waning as the year draws to a close. Hopefully, the interest will be back in the springtime.

**Our Club's Christmas Party/New Officer Installation Luncheon is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 P.M.** We hope to have a good turnout this year for several reasons. It is always good to get the members together to keep strong our members relationships and friendships. Additionally, the Club has committed funds on the room rental and a caterer. The hope is that there is enough enthusiasm for this luncheon to offset the cost of the event to the Club. Please remember send your check in so that it is received before Thanksgiving.

**Club Elections:** Board of Director election Results will be announced in the November Club meeting.

**Wreaths Across America:** John Davison is heading up the collection from Club members to purchase wreaths to be placed on the graves of veterans. It is a worthy cause acknowledging those that have served us. The Board of Directors has voted to kick off the initiative by donating five wreaths. Contact John ((619) 729-7252) for more information.

Summary of Events for November are:

- 1) The Club breakfast on Wednesday **November 9th. We will meet in the parking lot at 09:00 to chat and walk into the restaurant at 09:30.** If you have not been to a breakfast, try coming to one. We order off the menu, and we get separate checks. The only obligation you have, if you plan to come, is to **RSVP before November 3<sup>rd</sup>** and pay your bill!!! RSVP to Susan at (619) 861-4630 (call or text), or email Susan at [SRJV@pacbell.net](mailto:SRJV@pacbell.net). Join us if you can!

Have an enjoyable November, and a great Thanksgiving!

Do not forget, drive that old V-8!

---Joe Valentino

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**V8 Meeting Schedule for The All Next Year  
No excuses for missing a meeting**



# Another breakfast. Another good time.

Friendly conversations—mostly about cars, travels and families, but it's near Halloween, so Ghosts and Goblins got some attention. Also, I tried a new thing... I held up the newest FAN featuring a history of Henry himself- and asked 5 questions about our founder. I couldn't stump Ray Brock, but it was Joe Pipher who won the prize. (a wall clock that makes Mustang sounds on the hour) . Joe knew that Henry built 9 different cars before the Model T was introduced...then sold 15 Million of them. NO ONE could answer, "What was Henry Ford's middle name?" ( He didn't have one). Hah.



Most brought cars. Mike & Lois brought a hand made flying carpet.



Henry Blank Ford



Wasn't just V8 Members- There were some skinny guys in sheets...



Halloween was on the menu.



And ugly guys in rags...



# Henry Ford's FLYING CAR.

(Ford's first attempt at a flying machine-See Ford Fliver 1925. )



And here is the latest— Henry Ford's attempts to make us all pilots in 1959 saw the completion of the Ford Levacar MACH 1. A concept car built to be the first full-scale wheeless vehicle, utilizing air propultion to move around. This one was a full-sized prototype — a one-man "Flying Car" that was elevated several inches off the ground by three poerful jets located on the bottom of its chassis.

Planned to be powered by a small-scale turbijet engine, The Levelcar was proportely designed to reach a top speed of nearly 500 mph.

Ford's single seat space coupe was teathered to an arm, enabeling it to glide smoothly above a circular glass track, The tiny was suspended just slightly above the the surface by ducted air pads on the its underside. An attached arm guided it around a display in Ford's famous Rotunda.

**Ford promotional materials projected that the single seat, fiberglass-bobied Levacar might be capable of reaching speeds of 500 miles per hour, but it's lack of brakes might have made that a one-time experiment.**

Ford gave away thousands of plastic promotional modles of their exciting air car. AMT produced models of their exciting new air car. AMT produced a model kit that came complete with a rubber hose that kids could blow in to levitate thier toys like the real thing. Unfortunately, those plastic models all thats left of Fords bold air car experiment. And we're still bumping along on rubber tires, just like Ford's Model T.

## November Anniversaries

11/08 Jim & Cindy Hallsted  
11/20 Cal & Cheryl Westra  
11/21 Dan & Lani Prager  
11/25 Norm & Phyllis Burke  
Jerry & Sidney Windle

## November Club Anniversaries

Bob&Raphael Hargrave 37 yrs  
Jim Miller 37 yrs  
Dan Prager 36 yrs  
Jim Hallsted 30 yrs  
Ric & Billie Bonnoront 23 yrs  
Jake & Tiffany Murrell 16 yrs  
Judy Grobbel 14 yrs  
Ken & JoAnne Burke 14 yrs  
Carl Atkinson 13 yrs  
Bob & Susan Symonds 12 yrs  
Bill & Sue Dorr 12 yrs  
Joe & Susan Valentino 10 yrs  
Al Tarkington 9 yrs  
John & Maria Jarecki 4 yrs  
Paul Mears 4 yrs  
Janet Voinov 3 yrs  
John Davison 3 yrs  
Brad Nelson &  
Heather Wiggins 1 yr  
Ray & Sylvia Cavins 1 yr

## November Birthdays

11/03 Brenda Mullen  
11/05 Donald Gladden  
11/12 Calvin King  
11/12 Tiffany Murrell  
11/16 Barbara Martin  
11/17 John Dow  
11/21 Walter Andersen  
11/29 David Huhn  
11/29 Dick Martin  
11/30 Bonnie Krehbiel

## SAN DIEGO EARLY FORD V8 CLUB

### GENERAL MEETNG MINUTES, OCTOBER 19, 2022

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with President Joe Valentino leading the flag salute.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:** Joe announced the details for the Christmas party on Dec. 3rd. Also the Board members for 2023 will be announced at that time. There will be fourdaytime club meetings in the year 2023: January, April, July, and October.

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** No report given.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** The minutes from the Sept. general meeting were published in the Fan, accepted and approved.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Ken Burke read the financials, they were accepted and approved.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Dennis Bailey is suffering a sinus infection.

**FAN EDITORS REPORT:** Tim Shortt reported that the FAN is coming along just fine, and he brought copies of his book for sale.

**ACCESSORIES REPORT:** No report given.

**CAR CLUB COUNCIL:** Paul Alvarado promoted the El Cajon Cruise's final show of the year, "Trunk or Treat" on Oct. 26, and the Automotive Museum "Trunk of Treat" show on Oct. 29th. He brought flyers for other upcoming car events.

**HISTORIAN:** Susan Valentino shared an article from a 2010 Ford Fan. It featured a past president, Barbara Martin, and the pot luck style October Fest.

**PROGRAM:** Bill Dorr provided an interesting and historical video documentary on Fordlandia in the Amazon.

**TOURS:** No tours scheduled for October or November.

**TECH QUESTIONS OR TIPS:** A discussion on radiators and thermostats.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None reported. **NEW BUSINESS:** John Davidson has volunteered to take on the "Wreaths Across America" program. **MISC. BUSINESS:** None reported

**NAME TAG DRAWING:** Tim Shortt won \$100.

**50/50 DRAWING:** \$36 won by Bob Brown.

**MTG. ADJ.:** 8:10 p.m. - Minutes submitted by Bob Hargrave





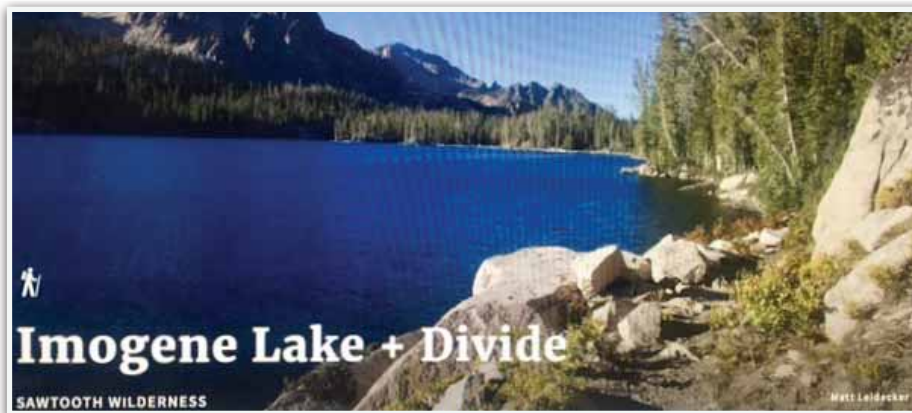
# Paula and Joe up in the clouds at nearly 14,000 Feet.



Here are a couple pictures that were taken on our recent camping/Jeep trip to Ouray, Colorado. On one of our daily Jeep runs we headed up Imogene Pass, elevation 13,114 ft., and when we got to the top these two 1940's Jeeps with no tops were stopped there for a break. They had just come up the mountain from Telluride and were getting ready to go back down to Ouray by way of Imogene Pass. According to their owners the Jeeps were still stock and it was very unusual for us to see them there. Joe commented to them that they were pretty brave to be up there in a stock Jeep and they said "some folks think we are just plain crazy". Since it was starting to snow and

hail, we all headed back to our newer modified Jeep Rubicon's to go down to Telluride and they started down Imogene Pass back to Ouray. After lunch at the park in Telluride we headed down the highway a few miles and took Ophir Pass back to the trail head off the Million Dollar Highway and then back to camp in Ouray. We're just

adding these old Jeeps and their owners to the list of characters we have met up with over the years on Jeep trails!  
—Paula and Joe



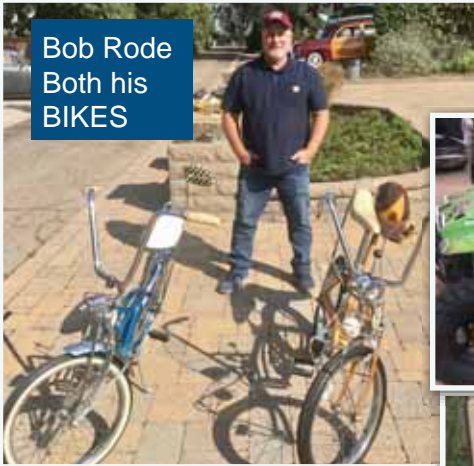




Talk, talk, talk



Bob Rode  
Both his  
BIKES



### Candy Green- How to party:

First you move onto a block full of neighbors who like old cars...any make, and are great cooks. Then you invite a bunch of other friends who like to eat and talk about old cars. Luckily, we are on the list. Thank you Candy.



Eat, eat, eat



'32 Buick and Mr Bones



# El Cajon Trunk or Treat -The Club's final El Cajon Cruise event of 2022 was one for the books! Club participation blew this President's expectations out of the water.

Our high attendance number for Club Cars at the El Cajon Cruise, when we were the cruise's host Club, was 20 cars. This El Cajon Cruise was attended by only 3 of our Club's cars, quite a disappointment! Paul and Marilyn Alvarado, Calvin King and Susan and Joe Valentino showed up with a load of candy for Trick or Treaters. Our three cars were joined in our reserved Orange Avenue location by a couple of nice guys in a 2022 red Corvette and a red Acura NSX. At 5 o'clock the trick or treating began and there was a frenzy of costumed kids and weird adults rushing Marilyn and Susan to gather candy. Costumes ranged from the very humorous to the creepy and frightening. There was the usual sprinkling of individuals that made you wonder if they

were in costume or if that was just the way they normally dressed! The Club turn out might have been miniscule, but the fun and laughs were huge. -Joe Valentino



NEXT YEAR- Start Here, Add teeth and mean eyes... and maybe a sloppy tongue also...





V8er Greg  
Henkel

# The Henkels- Hot Rods...



These photos were taken in 1947-1950 in Pasadena Cal. featuring my oldest Brother Jim, who was born in 1927. He joined the Navy in early 1945 and was assigned to a to an amphibious ship practicing for the invasion of Japan. In 1948 he was discharged and came home to guess what?

Girls and Hot Rods.

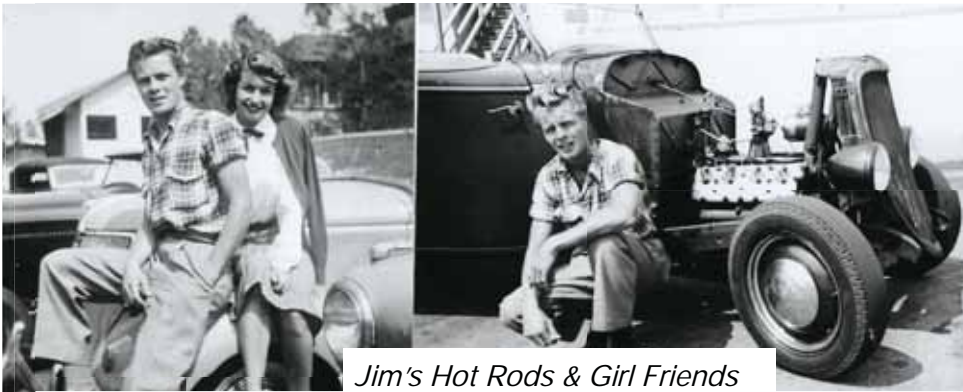
We lived very close to the Rose Bowl and at that time there was a dirt circular road around the Bowl.

Jim built his hot rods and tested them on this road.

Our Father, Jim, Sr., worked for RKO and Paramount Studios from 1930-1960 in Hollywood. Many times he would bring home Fords and Lincolns from the 1920s-1930s that had been in movies and the studios no longer needed them. We were a family of 15, 10 boys, 5 girls. My Dad packed the cars in our backyard so we could learn and work on the classics. Sort of a an Automoitve technical School at home. Talk about Home Schooling!—*Contd next page*



# Hot Rods, Lincolns and More Lincolns



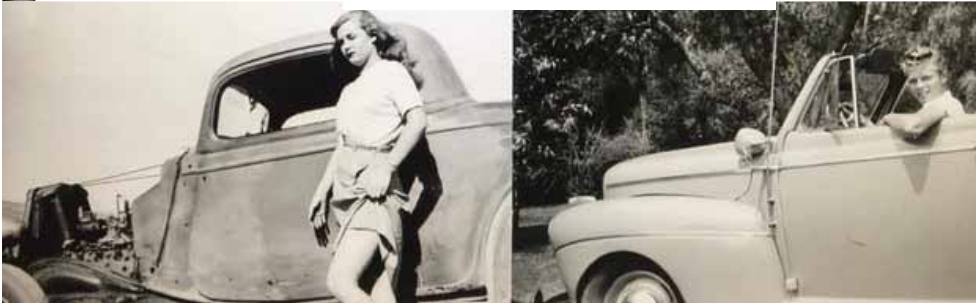
*Jim's Hot Rods & Girl Friends*

*Contd.....I've included one picture of our home and a line-up of some of the Lincolns we owned. And some of the girl friends my oldest Brother Jim, brought home.*

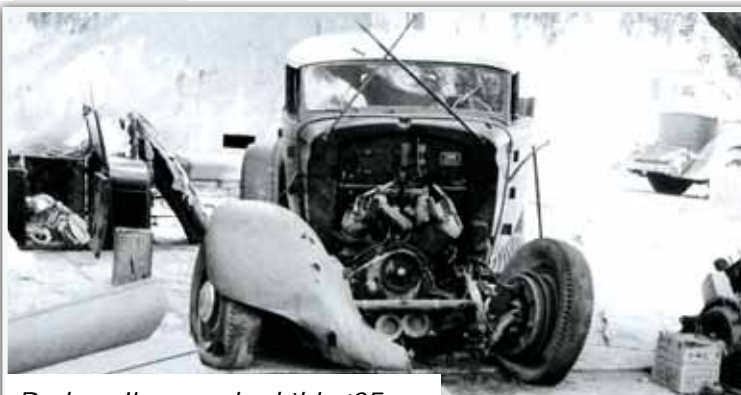
*Most of this activity happened from 1946-1970. Also, my dad bought Cecil B. DeMille's 1933 V12*

*Lincoln convertible coupe and drove it to work daily at Paramount studios - Pasadena to Hollywood.*

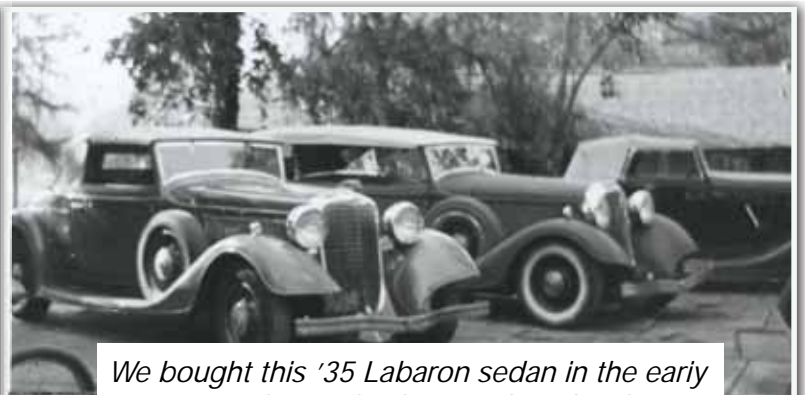
*I have many more pictures of our Fords and Lincolns and will introduce them to you.*



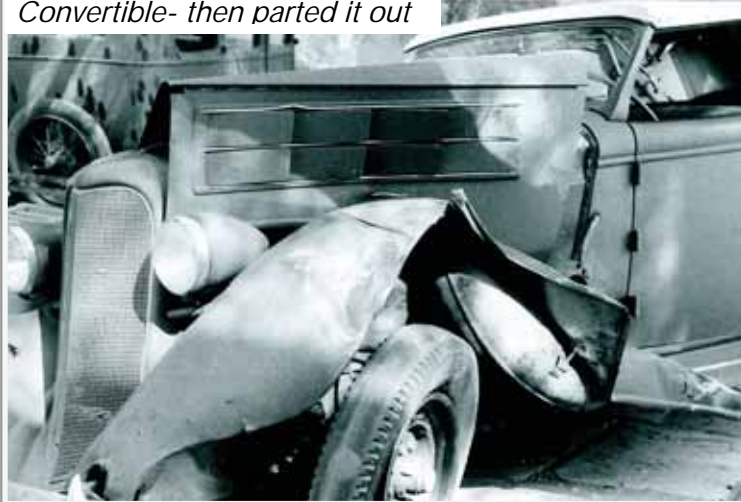
## The Henkel's Lincolns



*Bg bro Jim wrecked this '35 Convertible- then parted it out*



*We bought this '35 Labaron sedan in the early '50s. Note the "I Like Ike" window decal.*







1896—The Quadricycle was Henry Ford's first attempt to build a gasoline-powered automobile. It utilized commonly available materials: angle iron for the frame, a leather belt and chain drive for the transmission, and a buggy seat. Ford had to devise his own ignition system. He sold his Quadricycle for \$200, then used the money to build his second car. ...



Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy - 1930s Comics with their favorite car, The Model T



Harry S. Truman at the wheel of his 1946 Ford Coupe - a present from Henry Ford



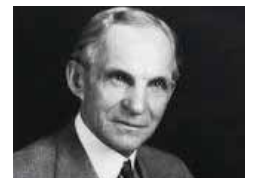
## More About Henry Ford:

John Steinbeck who wrote the book, "Grapes of Wrath" had quite a war of words with Henry Ford. John Steinbeck believed there were more illegitimate children conceived in the back seat of a Model "T" Ford than what occurred from married people in their bedrooms. Mr. Steinbeck believed Ford should cease making cars as children belonged home with their parents who would then decide who their children should marry. He blamed Henry Ford for all the phillandering that was happening in the US. As a result, Henry hired dozens of goons to follow his factory workers into bars and assault them. Henry Ford paid his workers well but was against unions and again hired goons to assault those involved or picketing his factories. Henry Ford was quite offended by all the negative publicity over his cars and people using them for romance.

1. Henry Ford worked a number of different jobs long before he founded the Ford Motor Company. At 15, he gained a reputation as a **talented watch repairman**(he made his own tools to repair watches)
2. He was also a race car driver, competing in a coast-to-coast race in 1909 (he was disqualified for changing the engine), and he even tried to enter one of the first Indianapolis 500 races
3. One of Henry's first real jobs was **as an engineer with the Edison Illuminating Company**, where he quickly became Chief Engineer. In his spare time, he continued to experiment with a new-fangled contraption known as the "gasoline engine."
4. He was born to a farmer
5. Ford Motor Company *wasn't* his first car company. In fact, it was his third.
6. Ford was awarded **161 unique patents**, Ford had long been interested in materials science. In particular, he was keen *on the development of alternative plastics derived from soybeans* and built a soybean car to prove his point. The idea is still alive today in the 2013 Ford Fusion.



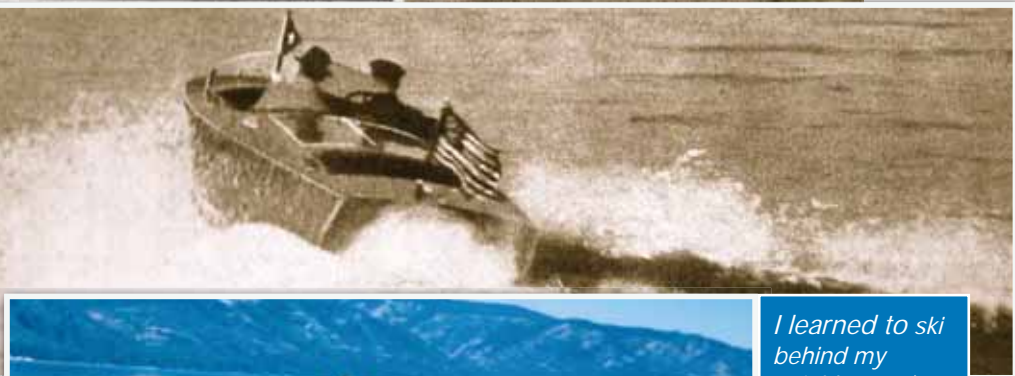
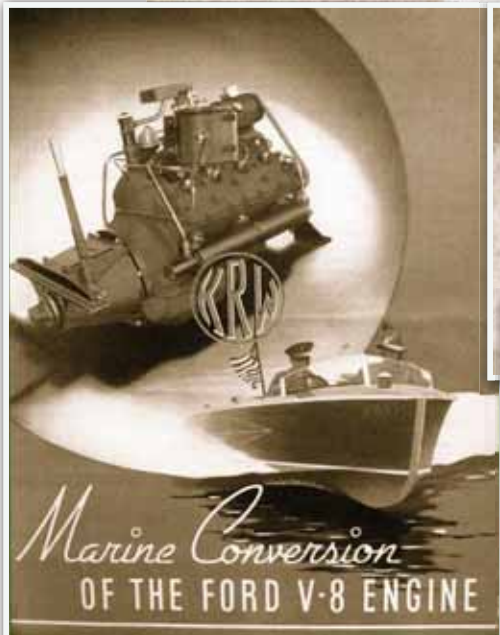
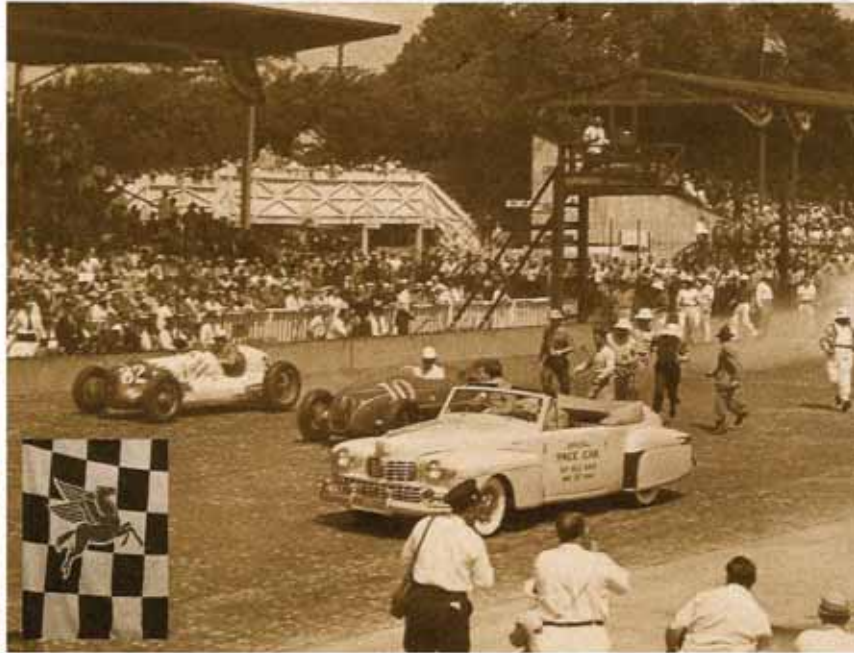
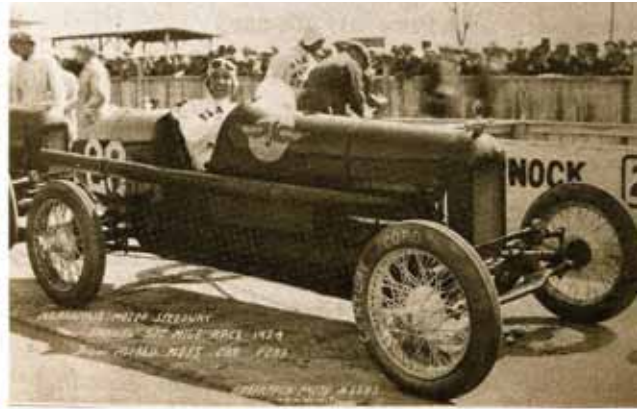
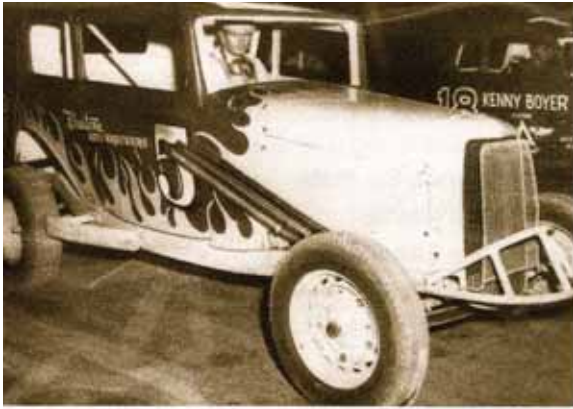
### THE SOYABEAN CAR



8. ...and what about Henry's girlfriend who he bought a house for next door to himself and the wife??!!  
...interesting..

7. Henry built an entire town. If a car factory needed steel, he'd build a factory to make it. But his ultimate attempt to manufacture everything in-house was **Fordlandia**, a town he constructed **in the middle of the Amazon**.

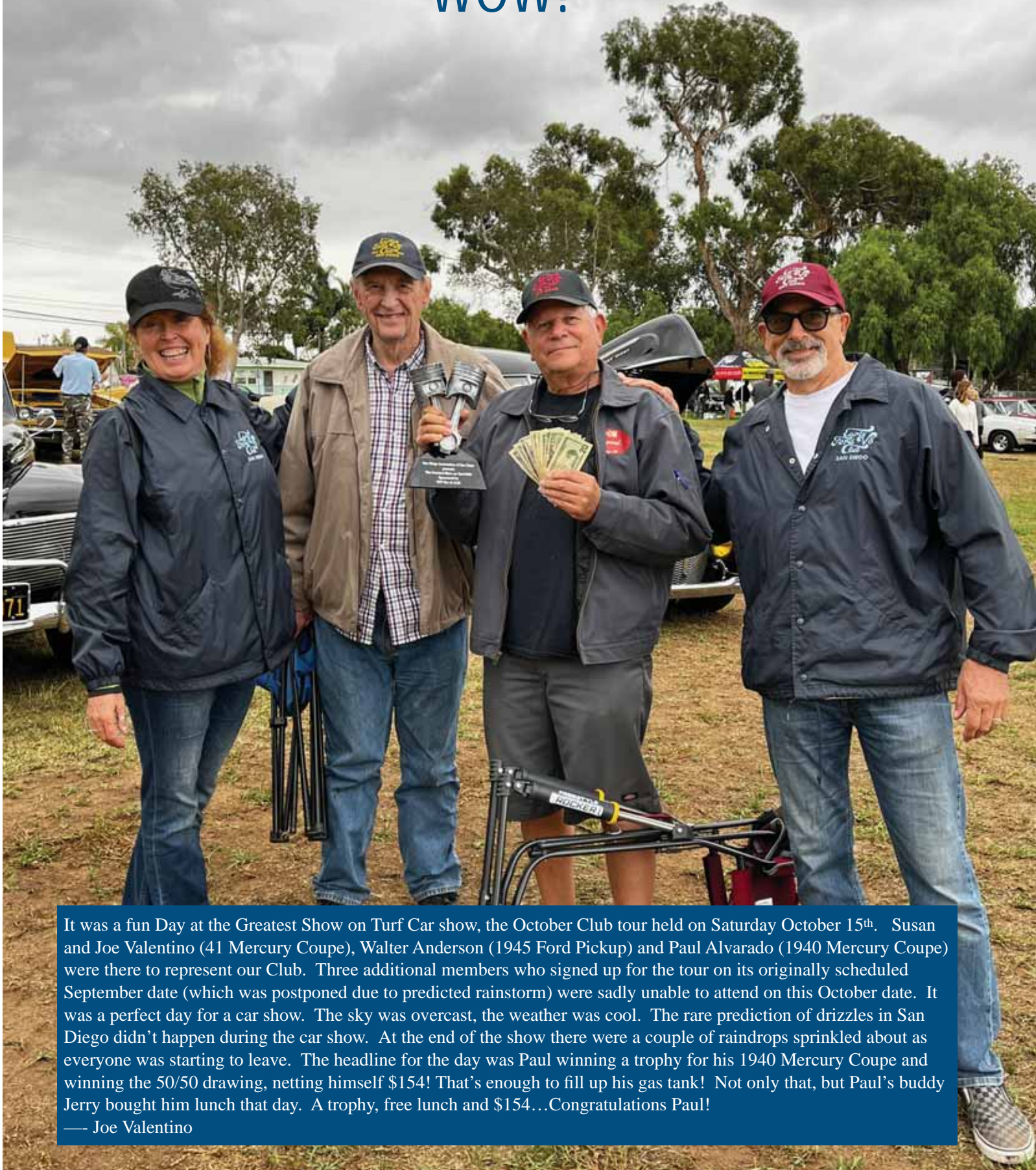




*I learned to ski behind my neighbor's 3/4 race v8 Flathead Powered 16' inboard. 35mph, deep wake perfect for jumping.*



# WOW!



It was a fun Day at the Greatest Show on Turf Car show, the October Club tour held on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Susan and Joe Valentino (41 Mercury Coupe), Walter Anderson (1945 Ford Pickup) and Paul Alvarado (1940 Mercury Coupe) were there to represent our Club. Three additional members who signed up for the tour on its originally scheduled September date (which was postponed due to predicted rainstorm) were sadly unable to attend on this October date. It was a perfect day for a car show. The sky was overcast, the weather was cool. The rare prediction of drizzles in San Diego didn't happen during the car show. At the end of the show there were a couple of raindrops sprinkled about as everyone was starting to leave. The headline for the day was Paul winning a trophy for his 1940 Mercury Coupe and winning the 50/50 drawing, netting himself \$154! That's enough to fill up his gas tank! Not only that, but Paul's buddy Jerry bought him lunch that day. A trophy, free lunch and \$154...Congratulations Paul!

— Joe Valentino





1980- V8s looking good in back country



While going through my "stuff" I ran across these pictures that I took on a San Diego Regional Group tour in March, 1980! That's 42 years ago!

There were 13 V-8s on the 100+ mile trip. This was the first tour of the year. The tour made a rest stop at Torrey Pines State Park (Pictured) and along California Highway 6 near Lake Hodges. (Pictured)

All 13 V-8s made the 100+ made the trip with no problems.  
—Jerry Windle. —*Thanks Jerry*



Notice: No Fords in this junk yard.



# 11 Looking for a bargain at Hershey Car Show 1998.

After walking the huge show for 3 days with a piddly two grand burning a hole in my pocket, I was ready to give up.

But wait, Last Day. Last Field. Last Chance and there it was. A '49 Ford Woodie begging me to take it home. It was barn stored tired, but no rust, complete interior and most of the wood was good. And it ran!

The owner had paperwork, including a notebook from the original owner detailing everything since new. and was willing to deliver it to my NY house on his way home to Vermont.

His price came down to exactly what I had in my pocket. The deal was made. Car delivered and restoration began. Five years later, fresh out of a paint shop. I shipped it to Coronado and our new house. Then took it on a Harris Tour to Washington State. On the way back, on a Sunday, coming down Grants Pass at 60 MPH, the LR wheel came off. Luckily, tire folded under car as we slid to a stop. Minor scratches, new seal and blown tire.

Looked in V8 National roster, found an old V8er with a shop nearby. Got it on his lift, Put it back together, got a new tire and were back on the road Monday morning.

Since then its been on many cruises. I've added surfboards so it fits into the beach culture it was born for.

Only has one bad habit —running out of gas.





SDEFV8- Meetings Schedule-  
SD Auto Museum 2nd Floor 7pm

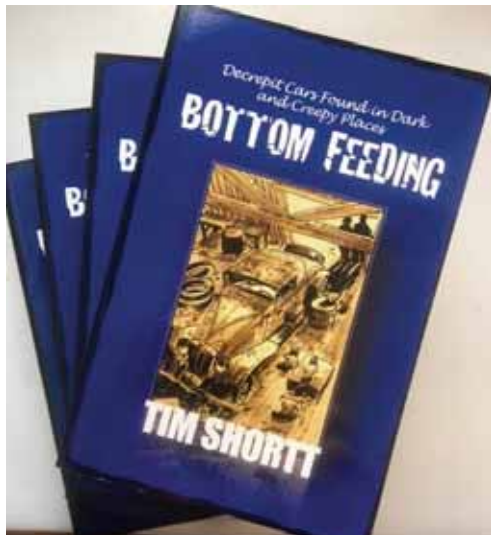
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## FORD V8 Swap Corner



Buy This Book- It's a cheap ride  
with plenty of Laughs- \$15, Tim Shortt

On CraigsList SD  
CLASSICS- by  
Owner- NOW:

'62 Ford ranchero -  
\$7,500 New V8 Motor-  
(Cardiff)

'31 Model A  
Leatherback-Ezcondido  
\$8,200

'66 Mustang Good shape-  
\$13,500 S.D.

'54 Ford Sunliner  
Convert- \$23k S.D.

'39 Ford Coupe \$22k  
Looks good-La Mesa

'29 Ford Woodie-  
restored -\$19k El Cajon  
"4

'41 Business Coupe-  
runs gd -looks pretty  
good \$10k

'66 Mustang 289 Ca  
Car- \$13,500 Escondido

1940 FORD PICKUP FOR SALE  
\$33,500.00  
JACK CLEGG'S BODY OFF  
RESTORATION  
ALL METAL- LESS THAN 500 MILES  
ON SMALL BLOCK CHEVY  
3 ON THE FLOOR- SOLID TRUCK  
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