



Even a crowded wave can be fun.

Same with Old Fords...

THAT'S A WILD RIDE



Surfers ride and wipe out on a wave Wednesday during the "Slamarack" session at Tamarack Beach in Carlsbad. During Slamarack, hundreds of people ride soft-top boards and other flotation devices in a free-for-all session where as many people as possible attempt to ride a wave at the same time. K.C. ALFRED / U-T



...See What I Mean?



The August club meeting was attended by 20 members. But despite the lighter turnout, the quality remained at it's usually high level. President Joey V let his great sense of humor to the evening as he went through the club membership and then individual anniversaries for both August and September. Longevity was evident in both categories with Dottie Fritz holding the longest membership at 55 years. Multiple members were celebrating wedding anniversaries in the 50 year range as well. Joey discussed the Celebration of Life for Billie Bonnoront and the wonderful retelling of stories by family members.

Janet Voinov was cited for having won a trophy at the El Cajon Classic Cruise and attending the La Mesa Classic Car Show on Thursday.

Dennis Bailey provided details to the Brocktoberfest being held at the Kaiserhof Restaurant and Biergarten , located at 2253 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., Point Loma on Friday, October 10, 2025. Reservations have been set for 2:30 PM in the afternoon.



Susan Valentino, our club's Historian provided a story from 2010 Ice Cream Social hosted by member Richard Tubner at his home in Poway. The race around Poway as part of the event was won by Tim and Sandy Shortt in his overheating Woody Wagon. Great pictures accompanied the story which Susan passed around for all to see.

The program for the evening consisted of two 10 minute

films. The first was provided by member Jerry Windle, covered the 1935 California Pacific Exhibition, which has been colorized using AI, and took place in San Diego's Balboa Park. Jerry noted it was the 90th anniversary of the exhibition. The second film, was entitled "The Shocking Truth Behind the Ford Flathead". It covered all the production problems and subsequent acceptance of the now iconic engine which was the Ford mainstay until 1953. Both films were well received.

There was no winner in the Name Tag drawing and Susan Valentino was the winner of the 50/50. Although refreshments were overlooked, clever club leaders managed to find bottled water, which was quite welcome in the hot evening air and appreciated by all.

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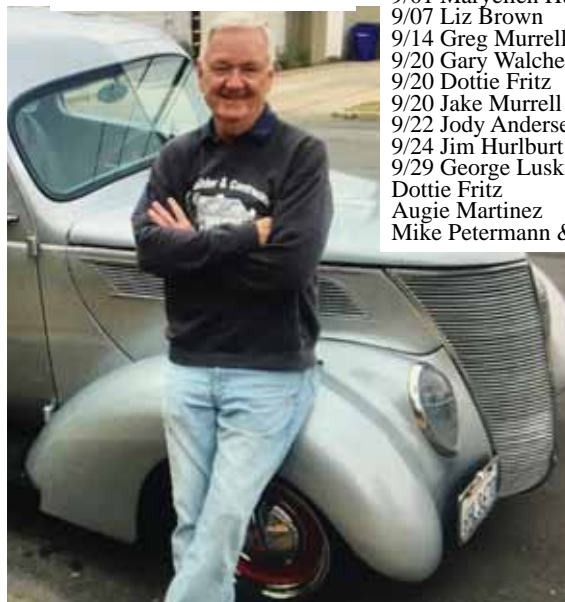
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September Anniversaries

9/17 George & Laura Lusk
September Birthday
9/01 Maryellen Huhn
9/07 Liz Brown
9/14 Greg Murrell
9/20 Gary Walcher
9/20 Dottie Fritz
9/20 Jake Murrell
9/22 Jody Andersen
9/24 Jim Hurlburt
9/29 George Lusk
Dottie Fritz 55 yrs
Augie Martinez 21 yrs
Mike Petermann &



Happy September V8ers!

August has been a great month for driving the old Mercury around town and I am sure September will be too!



I may have mentioned this already, but if I did, it is worth repeating. At the last El Cajon Cruise, on July 23rd, our very own Janet Voinov's beautiful '34 Ford won a trophy. Given the difficulties the organizer has had in getting the El Cajon powers-that-be to allow even the shortened cruise season in El Cajon to happen this year, this might have been the very last El Cajon Cruise to be held. Janet may have won the very last El Cajon Cruise night trophy, ever! Congratulations to Janet!



The August 13th breakfast at the Broken Yolk was well attended by 20 V8ers. We had a good time swapping stories and having some laughs. If you have not been to a breakfast, try the one on September 10th. We will save you a seat!



On August 18th, many of the Early Ford V-8 Club and Model A Club members attended the Celebration of life for Billie Bonnoront. It was very well attended, with over 100 in attendance. It was a testament to how well liked and loved Billie was. It was fun to hear her brother talk of their growing up in San Diego, and what a scamp she was and of all the mischief they got into together. She and Ric had been together since they met in the 8th grade! It was sad to lose another great member and friend. She was a beautiful soul that will certainly be missed.

At our August 20th Club meeting, Bill Dorr featured a couple of interesting and informative videos. The topic of one of the videos was about how revolutionary the Ford Flathead engine was when it first was made available to the public. In 1932 V8 engines were typically available in only expensive cars. Ford changed the paradigm so that the working-class person could also afford a car with a V8 engine and performance. The video also mentioned something about flatheads having a tendency to overheat, but I think that belief is a remnant of an old conspiracy theory Chevrolet put out. Never happened! Once again, Bill delivered a great program for the meeting. Thanks Bill!

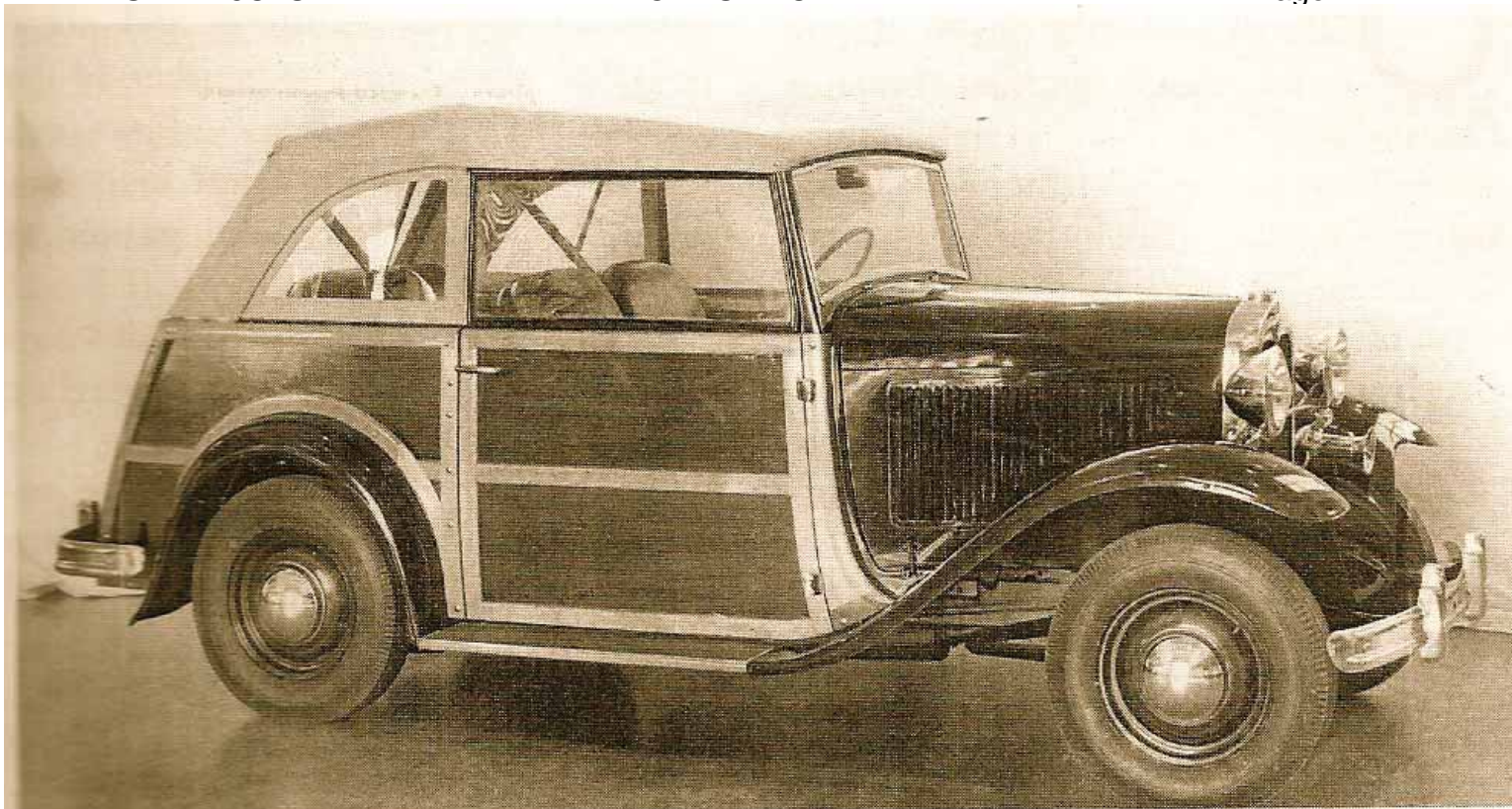


The Club's tradition of the annual Ice Cream social came roaring back on the 23rd of August. Dennis and Maureen hosted a bunch of V8 Club members at their estate. There were around 30 of us. The Pie and Ice Cream was to die for! I am not talking about grocery store pie and run of the mill ice cream. I am talking about Julian Apple Pie, Julian Berry Pie, Julian Peach Pie, and Tillamook Ice Cream; you know, the extra good ice cream from Oregon. V8ers eyes glazed over when I took a bite of that dynamic pie and ice cream combo! In addition to the good eats, Dennis showed us his brand X car project. It is still being built, but it has great parts; independent suspension, Ford 9' rear, and a muscular



sounding V8. It is an impressive project. It is a speeding ticket waiting to happen. I cannot wait to see it on the road! Maureen gave tours of her beautiful garden. She has a lovely yard with a wide variety of beautiful and interesting plants. It was a great day; fantastic hosts, beautiful people in attendance, and Pie and Ice Cream! **More Party Pics next Page**

Turn For-More PARTY & MoreDATES to REMEMBER



■ *Bob Gregorie designed this neat little Model A for Henry Ford II in 1945, but what is it? Gregorie called in an Estate Wagon, or a Convertible Station Wagon; the Michigan registration certificate said it was a Phaeton, and Special Interest Autos magazine called it the first Sportsman. SIA thought it "interesting how Gregorie cut out Model A cowl without making hood look short." He did that by making it long! Hood side panels have 28 louvers; a stock Model A hood has 22.*

"This is my grandpa, Kenneth Pennel, sitting on his new 1950 Ford convertible shortly after picking it up from the dealer (not sure which dealer)," reports Devon Bowers. "The photo was taken behind the Denver County Courthouse, summer 1950. Ken would become a detective and retire from the Denver Police Department."



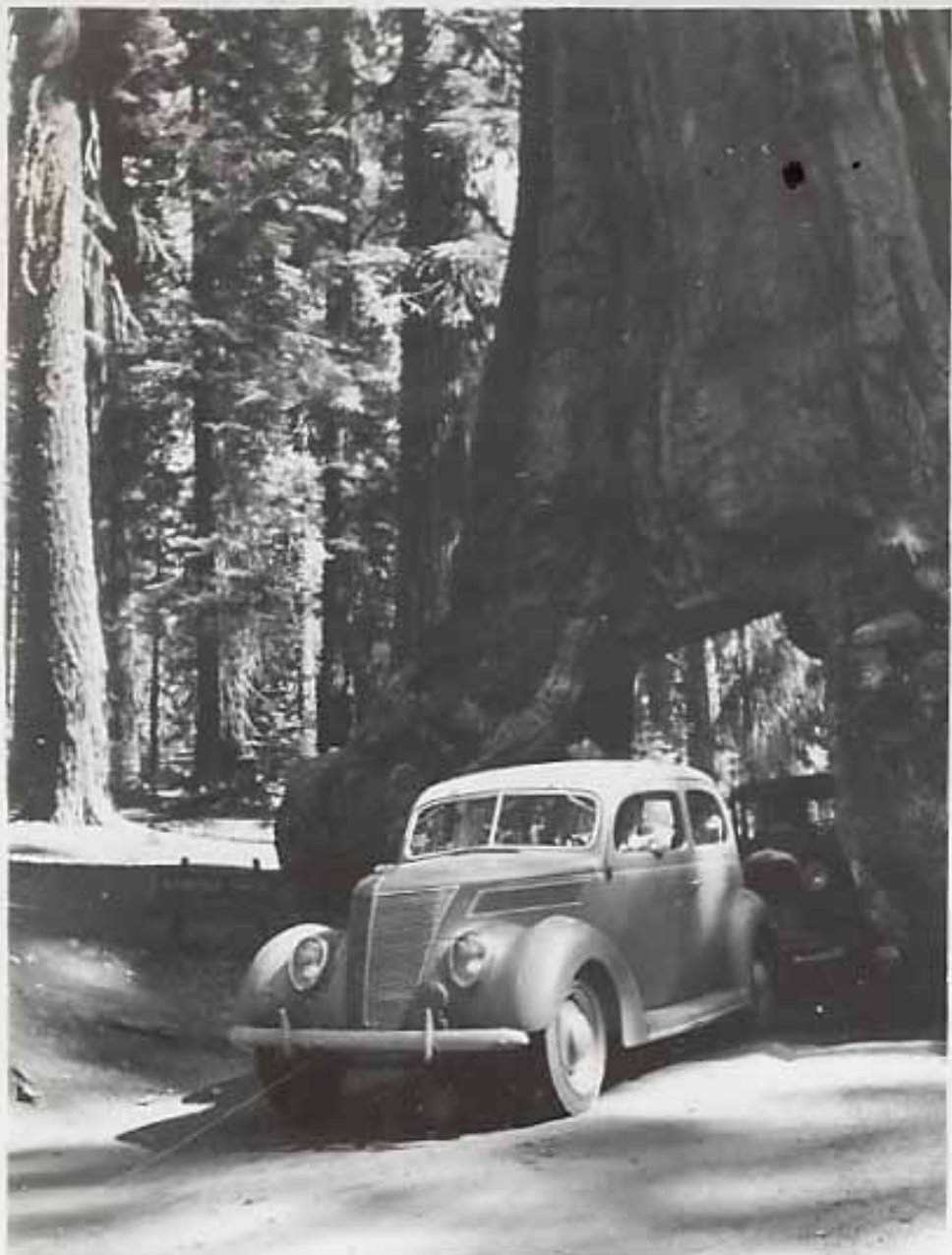


Photo by Herve Friend, 1887

Russ Public School, established in 1882, named after lumberman Joseph Russ, who donated the lumber to build it. First serving elementary students, a high school was added in 1888. In 1906 the building was moved several hundred feet to make way for a new building and the original was used for storage until it burned down in 1911. San Diego High was built on the original site, opening in 1907. It is the oldest California public school still on it's original site.

Notable Class of 1928 Alumni
Names:

'Gregory Peck
Actor and Academy Award winner
'Clarence Pinkston
Athlete Olympic gold medalist
'Art Powell
Athlete Former National Football
League player
'Charlie Powell-Former National
Football League player& boxer

AND My Dad, Andy Shortt, who sold Plumbing Pipe and Bait Fish, to get though the Depresion, then got into Real Estate and sold one group of lots on 5th st near downtown SD. He retired on that Pay Day. He also also owned this 1937 Ford Slant-back, our Family Car. And, oh yeah, He also graduated with Gregory Peck.

1946 On the Family trip to the Redwoods in the '37- I was small enough to nap on the back seat shelf.



Not a Ford, but a great field find



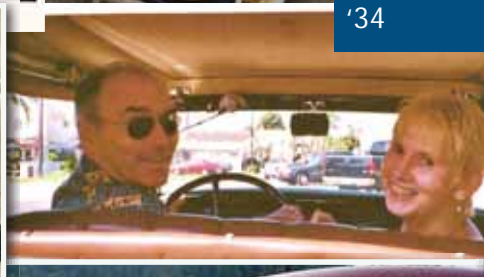
July 4th
Parade Car -

1956 -Bob McCoy and my Sister Judy, off to the
S.D.H.S. PROM - in Bob's famous Cover Car,



All Time
Favorite
'34

200 MPH IN 1922!



WHOOOPS



V8 Tour thru
Washinton
State
interrupted



OOOPS



Bought this Ford.- Next day it was
featured in a surfing Ad.



Garage Find
set free

San Diego to half way across the USofA—Here she comes, Ready or Not

Michi-Gang Plans A New Home

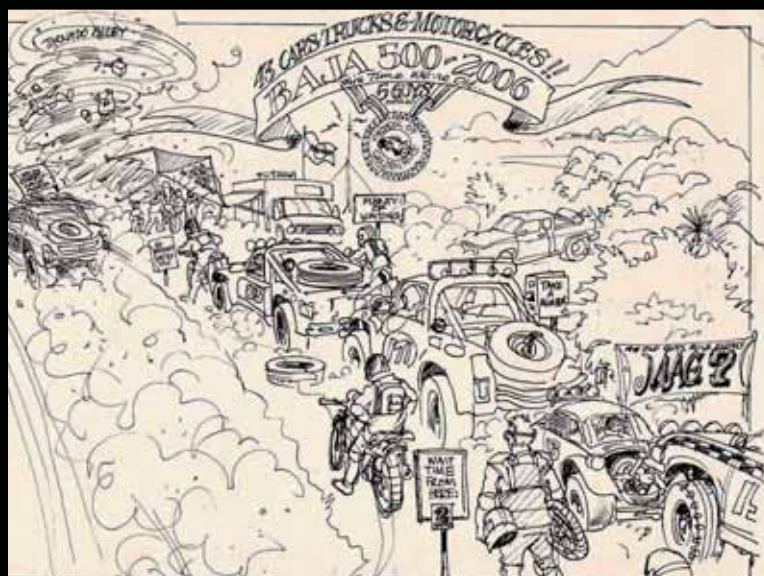
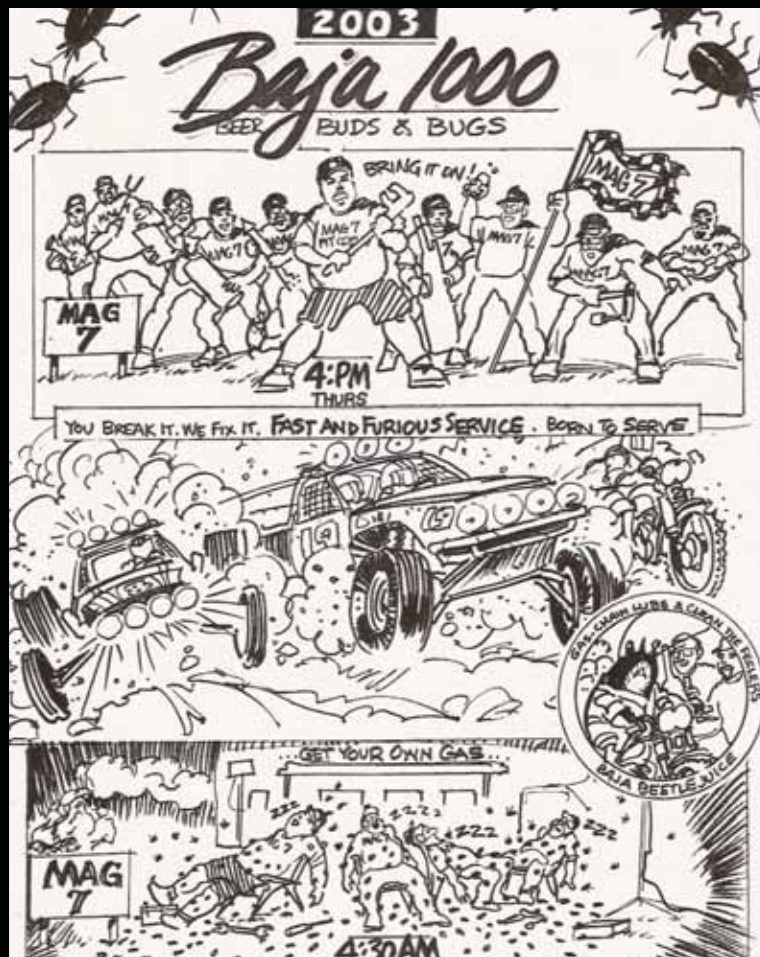


Friends have called, wondering where my sister Judy went after Ray Died. She was surrounded by Ray's Daughters And the Family from her former Marriage to Bob Grobble. Not an easy decision, but she said "I've never lived anywhere but California. Bob's family lives in Michigan in a beautiful large House on a Lake next to a small town. And they love me." -So she sold her Condo in Coronado and packed up for Michigan . Many phone calls later,- She's having a great new life.



The United States of America is located on the North American Continent. The United States is bordered by the Pacific Ocean on its west coast, the Atlantic Ocean on its east coast, Canada to the north, and Mexico to the south.

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—No Sleep, Plenty of Dirt, Grease, and Ear splitting exhaust -all Fun

BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 06, 2025

A ZOOM MEETING WAS HELD AND BEGAN AT 5:00 P.M.. THERE WERE ELEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE VALENTINO, BRAD NELSON, MIKE PETERMAN, RUSS RIES, KEN BURKE, RICK CARLTON, BILL DORR, PAUL ALVARADO, DENNIS BAILEY, TIM SHORTT, AND BOB HARGRAVE. GEORGE LUSK, ACCESSORIES CHAIRMAN WAS ALSO PRESENT.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

JOE IS LEAVING HIS POST AS SOUTHWEST II REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. HE REVIEWED THE COMMITMENT. THE NATIONAL CLUB PICKS UP TRAVELING EXPENSES.

LOOKING FOR CLUBS TO VOLUNTEER FOR NATIONAL MEETS IT IS AN OPEN-ENDED LEVEL OF EFFORT THAT DEPENDS UPON WHAT THE CLUB AGREES TO DO. THE SD CLUB ASSISTED THE PALOMAR CLUB WITH A NATIONAL MEET 25 YEARS AGO. THE CLUB HOSTED A NATIONAL MEET AT THE BAHIA IN 1985. UPPER NEW YORK STATE (IN A CORNER OF THE US LIKE SD) HAD VERY MODEST ATTENDANCE. NO ONE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST. BREAKFAST. NEXT WEDNESDAY 8/13 AT THE BROKEN YOLK.

REGULAR MEETING. WEDNESDAY 8/20 AT 7:00 P.M.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: ICE CREAM SOCIAL 8/23 1:30 – 3:30 AT THE BAILEY ESTATE. THE SEPTEMBER EVENT COORDINATED BY RUSS RIES IS POSTPOINED.

SECRETARY REPORT: NO REPORT

TREASURER REPORT: THE TREASURER SENT OUT THE REPORT. A MOTION WAS MADE SECONDED AND APPROVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT.

WEBSITE: SANDY SHORTT RECEIVED A PROPOSAL FOR MOVING THE DOMAIN. IT'S HIGHER PRICED THAN THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENT AND THE CLUB IS NOT INTERESTED.

ACCESSORIES: WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PRELIMINARY ORDERS FOR LONG-SLEEVE CLUB T-SHIRTS AT A DISCOUNT BUT IF PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN PAYING FULL PRICE THEY MAY. WE'LL BRING THIS UP AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING.

FAN: "COMING ALONG FINE."

PROGRAMS: WE DO HAVE A PROGRAM FOR THE AUGUST MEETING. CAR CLUB COUNCIL: MEETING WAS LAST NIGHT BUT PAUL COULDN'T MAKE IT. PACIFIC BEACH WILD RIDES WAS A GREAT SHOW. PAUL WON BEST HOT ROD. CHECK THE CCC WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING SHOWS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:37

——Brad Nelson

BOARD MEETING, JULY 02, 2025

A ZOOM MEETING WAS HELD AND BEGAN AT 4:58 P.M.
THERE WERE EIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE VALENTINO,
RUSS RIES, BRAD NELSON, BOB HARGRAVE, PAUL ALVARADO, KEN
BURKE, BILL DORR, AND RICK CARLTON.

President Report:

1. All Ford Picnic wrap:

a. Revenue: \$1,388

Expense: \$953.92

Delta: \$434.08

*** At the next Club meeting I will bring a check for \$1,388 to Ken Burke

*** I will bring Ken the \$348.92 receipt for food costs for reimbursement

b. There were 3 unclaimed raffle prizes.

* Dog bone wrench set

* Passes to Midway

* \$25 gift card and Tee-shirt from C&G

* Let's discuss how to handle those at the end of the Picnic &
Christmas Party discussions

c. Discussion was had on whether or not the Board wishes to have a picnic in 2026? Discussion agreement was to identify a picnic committee chair before reserving the park and to defer discussion on other picnic topics until that's resolved.

2. 2025 Christmas Party: If we follow the actions of previous years, the party would be on
the first Saturday in December, December 6, 2025. The Terrace Room, the room we have
rented for the past 2 years, is currently available for that date. Rental Rate \$1,050 plus a
cleaning deposit. The Board voted to secure the room.

* The Christmas party cost the Club more but is much less work than the picnic.

** For future consideration: How many hundreds of dollars was spent on table
decorations last year? Are the table decorations worth the extra expense?

3. The Board decided to save the picnic's 3 leftover prizes for next year's picnic
(assuming we have one.)

4. Recognizing Ray's passing:

a. There will not be a club-organized "tour" to attend Ray Brock's Celebration of Life.
There is no room to meet at Bonita Plaza. The only alternative is to simply drive old
cars, each member on their own and park at the Bonita Golf course. Bill Dorr will
coordinate with Ray's daughters Vicky and Wendy
to determine the parking situation at the golf course.

5. Upcoming Club Activities

a. July 9th - Club Breakfast @ Broken Yolk Mission Valley

b. Club Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday July 16th @ 10:00 AM

c. Cars and Coffee @ Auto Museum - 3rd Sunday

Vice President Report: Dennis

Secretary Report: Brad noted that the minutes were based upon the meeting agenda. A
motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the last board meeting

Treasurer Report: Ken provided the Treasurer's report and a motion
was made and seconded to accept it.

Website Report: Rick reported that he couldn't upload the fan because he had only 3 of 5
pages. The link to the bylaws is broken.

The meeting ended when the Zoom clock timed out at 5:38— Brad Nelson



The day was beautiful at the Glenn Abbey Memorial Park for a large gathering of friends and family to say a few words about Billie Bonnoront. A quiet guitar set the mood as family members spoke about their wife, mom, grandmother, sister and mentor, Billie. They reminisced about their cherished times together recounting the fun, mischievous adventures, moments that defined Billie's love for her family, precious times together; each speaker projecting the deep connection that will carry on in the family. Husband Ric shared his 69 year long relationship with Billie having first met in the 8th grade. He described the instant connection they had which led to a 62 year marriage. They became friends, high school sweethearts and eventually a happy, successful marriage for 62 years.

After the service, guests were invited to gather in the Magnolia Room for food and conversation.

We EFV8'ers will remember Billie's grace, quiet charm, engaging manner and great sense of humor. She was a truly genuine person. Ric was the cornerstone of the club's success with the Big Three Auto Parts Swap Meet. Their vineyard produced fine wines, which they shared in volume at some of our EFV8 events. And they cheerfully opened their home to club members when hosting car tours throughout the years. Thank you!





Years ago John Dow heard about this '55 TBIRD stuck in a Back Yard Box. He talked the owner into selling the Bird. He then dissassembled it and restored it...then, after having it for about a week he DIDN'T LIKE DRIVING IT...so, he SOLD it. And THEN he bought a complete running chassis for a '31... and built a terrific WOODY body. But, again he didn't like driving it, so he SOLD it to some guy in HAWAII who didn't even know HOW to DRIVE it.





1963 Mercury Marauder. Complete Restoration last 10 years.

'63 Q & R code Low Rider 427-first offered on Merc and Galaxies, had Cleveland Heads, 410 HP with the 4 Barrel & 425 HP with two Barrel Carbs. These race Spec engines require premium gas (102 octane) provides 476 or 480 Lbs/rt of /Torque.

The engine includes long 427 Headers & Hydraulic cams that came on the '66 and '67 427 Motors. April 1961 Ford offered Tri Power as an option on the Galaxie and Thunder Bird. And the same setup also fit the 427 as a correct upgrade.

The car has 3,000 miles since rotisserie restoration was performed. The Underbody was also restored and shows zero of rust. The Suspension was also rebuilt with new components such as Heavy Duty rear shocks. It also features 3" stainless steel exhaust.

**\$28,000.-----858-254-5009-
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A N ELECTRIC CAR with a clean-air decal charges at a Los Angeles parking garage

DID YOU KNOW— The program that has allowed California motorists to drive solo in carpool lanes in their low and zero-emission vehicles is set to expire ——— this year?

Electric cars are soon to lose access to California Car Pool Lanes.

(I see tickets in our future)

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Pollard Fire:
A 1934 Chrysler Imperial with a Waterhous convertible Victoria body was the star classic at Atlantic City. It failed to reach reserve, however.

Flea Market, Auction Activity Brisk at Second Annual Atlantic City Meet
All roads led to Atlantic City, New Jersey the weekend of February 13-14th for Northeast enthusiasts as they headed for the Second Annual indoor flea market and classic car auction. Held at the world's largest, the flea market took over most of the new addition of the Convention Hall occupying nearly one city block. Vendors from as far away as Columbia were set up on the main level. The gates after port. Some by 11 AM. The hall was full. Some cars were parked in the "lot" opening into the main hall. The cars had managed to occupy themselves with early morning strolls along Atlantic City's famous, but deserted, boardwalk.

There were traffic jams in the aisles and vendors allowed as few business as they could. The automotive flea market area was about twice as large as last year, while the general antiques section was held in the same area and spread out along the back wall.

virtually enough equipment to fill out a fire house, and it all fit on a table. Toys were hot items again this year at Atlantic City.

Four Hobby Bills Approved by Wisconsin Legislators
Four hobby-related bills were approved by the Wisconsin Legislature. The bills were: 1. A bill to create a new hobby tax. 2. A bill to create a new hobby license. 3. A bill to create a new hobby permit. 4. A bill to create a new hobby certificate.

1976— Not so long ago..But check out the Bargain Prices! —————

OUR 14th YEAR "BEST IN THE WEST"

1955 CORVETTE
Full restoration (see cover of Blue Flame Special). Original 265 Copper with beige interior. Concours condition.
\$13,500.00

1933 FORD V-8 VICTORIA
Fully restored. Second place '76 Western V-8 National Meet. Maroon over black, red wheels. 36,300 original miles.
\$14,300.00

1920 FORD MODEL T DEPOT HACK
401 engine (#685797), electric starter, tan upholstery, green body, family fun.
\$5,700.00

1957 MERCEDES-BENZ 300 SL GULLWING COUPE
Recent grey lacquer, black leather, fuel-injected 6 cylinder. Exceptional.
\$19,000.00

1950 OLDSMOBILE 88 FASTBACK
Recent complete restoration including engine, transmission, paint, upholstery, tires. Beautifully detailed.
\$3,500.00

1951 FORD COUNTRY SQUIRE
37,000 miles! Sky Blue enamel, new tires, V-8, 3-speed, expert wood, radio, heater; one of the best.
\$8,500.00

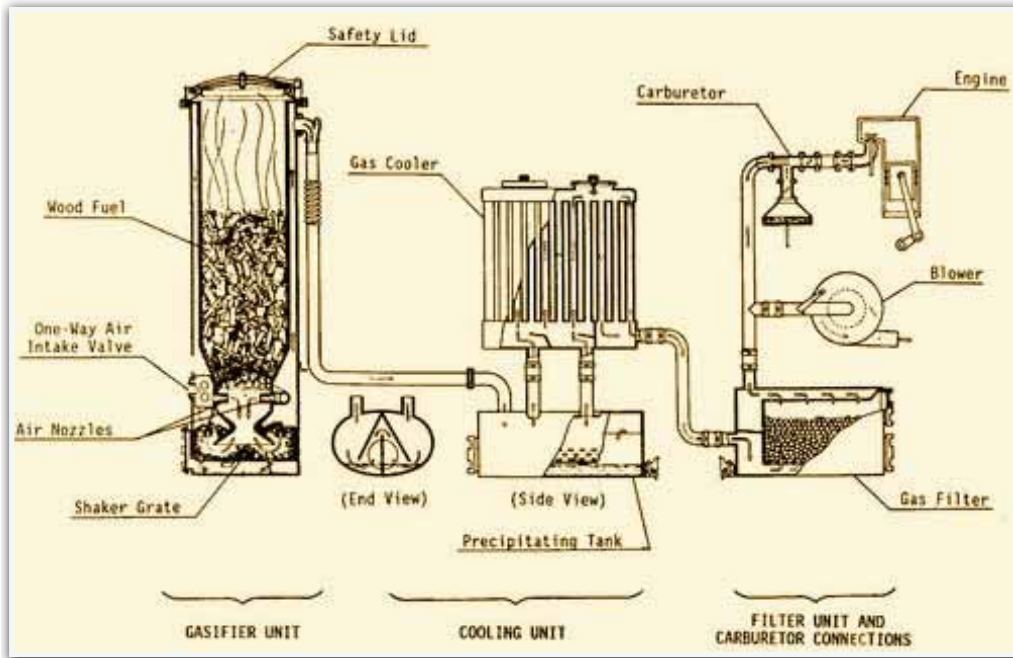
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