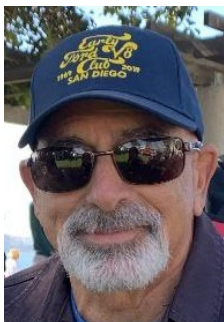




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As we approach the end of another great year together, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your participation, enthusiasm, and dedication to preserving the spirit of the Early Ford V-8 Club. Whether you joined us on tours, shared your expertise, or simply lent a hand when needed, you helped make 2025 a memorable year for our club.



Our annual **Holiday Party** is right around the corner, and I hope to see many of you there. It's always one of the highlights of our year—a time to gather with friends, enjoy good food, and celebrate our shared passion for these wonderful cars. The price to members is **only \$25 per member**. Our Board of Directors voted to subsidize the cost of the December 6th Holiday event and to keep it affordable so as many of you as possible can attend.

During the celebration, we will also **swear in the 2026 Officers and Board of Directors**. Please join me in showing appreciation for these members who have stepped up to guide the club in the coming year. Their willingness to serve keeps our club strong, active, and fun.

Thank you again for a wonderful year. I wish you all a joyful holiday season, safe travels, and smooth running engines throughout!



**Some Gals love a truck (me too). Who is this Club Member?**



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## Breakfast at the Broken Yolk

One of the great traditions of our club is our monthly breakfast gathering at the **Broken Yolk in Mission Valley**. If you haven't joined us yet, I encourage you to come out—it's one of the easiest, most relaxed ways to stay connected with fellow Early Ford V-8 enthusiasts.

We meet on the **second Wednesday of each month**, gathering at **9:00 a.m. in the parking lot**. Many members arrive in their Early Fords, which makes the parking lot look like a small car show of its own. There's always time to stroll around, admire the cars, "kick a few tires," and catch up before we head inside.

Around **9:30 a.m.**, the group moves into the restaurant. The Broken Yolk staff takes excellent care of us, and each member simply pays for their own meal. It's a laid-back, friendly breakfast with plenty of good conversation, shared stories, and more than a few laughs. Whether you come for the cars, the company, or the coffee, you'll find it's a great way to start the day.

If you haven't attended in a while—or have never attended at all—we'd love to see you there. It's one of the simple joys of our club: good friends, good food, and good old Fords.

Hope to see you at the next breakfast on December 10th!

Please RSVP to Susan Valentino at [SRJV@pacbell.net](mailto:SRJV@pacbell.net)

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*Car Show at Electric Building, Balboa Park, late 1950's*

<< These guys look like nothing but trouble!





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## City Announced Parking Rates as of Jan. 5, 2026

- o Paid parking will be enforced 8am-8pm 7 days a week
- o Parking lots are broken into one of three tiers. Tier 1 being the most expensive. The Lot next to the Museum is a Tier 1. A map of each parking lot is included in this Fan.
- o The Lower Inspiration Lot, east side of Park Blvd with the Solar Pannels, is free for 3 hours then \$5.00 for the day for city residents and \$10 for non-city.
- o The price to pay for a tier 1 is \$8 for the day or \$5 for 4 hours **only if** you live in the City of San Diego. If you live anywhere else in the county, it is double.
- o Monthly, Quarterly or Annual passes may be purchased for \$30, \$60 or \$150 respectively **only if** you live in the City of San Diego. If you live anywhere else in the county, it is double.
- o ADA Placards will **only be valid** for free parking in a blue parking stall inside the Park. It will remain free parking on a city street (6<sup>th</sup> Ave or Park Blvd). If a vehicle displaying an ADA card is parked anywhere else, and has not purchased parking, it will receive a ticket. This includes the metered spaces on President's Way and Balboa Park Drive.
- o The Museum's Cars and Coffee will have a time shift starting in January. It will now run 6:30am-8am. The Museum will open at 7am.
- o The Automotive Museum is fortunate to have a private lot. The Museum will send each Car Club President parking passes to distribute to the club members for the dates of our meetings. The lot does have a capacity, if done correctly you can get up to 30 cars back there. During the day, the Museum staff and volunteers will be back there, so if you are having a daytime meeting, be aware that you won't get as many cars back there. The Museum suggests each Club designate a club officer to handle the parking in the back before the meeting starts. Once the lot is full, this person will need to waive off oncoming cars. It will be difficult to turn around once the lot is full.
- o Special Event Parking pricing was also created. For Non-profits it will be \$5.00 per parking space up to 10am plus the event permit fee. For a For Profit, the price is \$10.00 per space. Beyond 10 am the price is at the discretion of Park and Rec. Time of year will be the main factor.

The City is going to review this in one year.

**This is the information as of 11/20/2026**

**If you have questions, The Museum requests that you send them to me and I will forward all the questions to the Museum in one list. I will share their answers back to the Club. ~ Joe V ~**



**San Diego City Council at work**

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In 1985, the Ford Building in Balboa Park celebrated its 50th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the San Diego Regional Group set out to gather every operable 1935 Ford and photograph them in front of the building.

For one of the photos Jerry Windle first attempted to capture the shot by climbing a step ladder set in the back of a pickup truck, but even from that height he couldn't fit all the cars into one frame.

To solve the problem, Regional Group 19 member—and San Diego Firefighter—Jim Hurlburt contacted Fire Station 1 and explained the situation to the station captain. Without hesitation, the captain dispatched a ladder truck with a 100-foot ladder to the Museum. The truck arrived shortly after, the ladder was extended, and Jerry climbed all the way up to get the perfect “aerial” view.

One of the resulting photos was submitted to the *V-8 Times* and appeared across the front and back covers of the July/August 1985 issue, forming one impressive panoramic image.

~ Jerry Windle & Jim Hurlburt ~



**Lane Showalter, Jerry Windle,  
Dave Davison & Len Barbieri**

**All looking very cool with their  
1935 Fords**





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**It is time to renew your Club membership. Please send or hand Paula 2 checks.**

**You can join the national for a mere \$10. If you have questions about membership, please call Paula. Thanks!**

## EARLY FORD V8 CLUB of AMERICA

San Diego Regional Group #19

**Dedicated to The Restoration and Preservation of  
1932 - 1953 Ford Motor Company Vehicles**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Joint Member \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone)home \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Early V8's \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_ Condition \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List Others on Reverse

*The San Diego Regional Group is a Chapter of the Early Ford V8 Club of America. Ownership of a 1932-1953 vehicle is not required for membership. **In accordance with local and National By-Laws, members of the San Diego Regional Group must also maintain membership in the Early Ford V8 Club of America.***

*Dues for the San Diego Regional Group are \$30 per calendar year (\$34 if Joint Membership).*

*If you are not a National member, simply include National dues as listed below and the San Diego Regional Group will forward your National dues for you. If you are currently a National member, payment of dues will automatically extend your National dues expiration date by one year from your current expiration date.*

*(National dues are on a "cycle" basis, meaning renewal date is based on when you join, not the calendar year)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

*By signature hereon, applicant does hereby release and hold harmless the San Diego Regional Group of the Early Ford V8 Club of America from any liability or responsibility for any damage or injury to applicant's vehicle arising from any function or activity of the organization.*

### **San Diego Regional Group Dues:**

\$30 - SAN DIEGO (single) \_\_\_\_\_

\$34 - SAN DIEGO (joint) \_\_\_\_\_

### **National V8 Club Dues:**

\*\$45 Regular w/V8 Times (single) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\$50 Regular w/V8 Times (joint) \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 Membership/No V8 Times \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* \$25 Digital Membership \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Also Includes FREE Access to the Digital Format Magazine & Annual Roster**

**\*\* NEW: Digital Format for Both Magazine and Annual Roster**

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**Annual Digital Membership Regular Digital Membership \$25**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ National Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Send This Form With Payment To: **Paula Pifer, 3558 Bentley Dr., Spring Valley, CA 91977**

**Make Checks Payable to: EARLY FORD V8 CLUB**

**\*\*\*\*\* TWO CHECKS REQUIRED \*\*\*\*\***

**(ONE for REGIONAL DUES and ONE for NATIONAL DUES)**



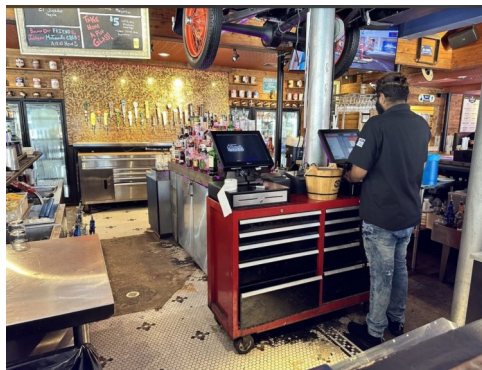


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From the Club Historian

At our November Club breakfast at the Broken Yolk, I was chatting with Russ Ries, and he mentioned a great restaurant he and Marty visited in Carmel, Indiana, called **Ford's Garage**. I told him that Susan and I had also been to the Ford's Garage in Fort Myers. We both agreed that the restaurant was really unique and a lot of fun — especially for Early Ford owners! The food was delicious. The decorations were totally Ford. The Men's "Fluid Disposal" rooms were ingeniously designed. Here are some photos Russ and I took during our visits.



Hose Clamp Napkin Holder



Onion Rings on a funnel

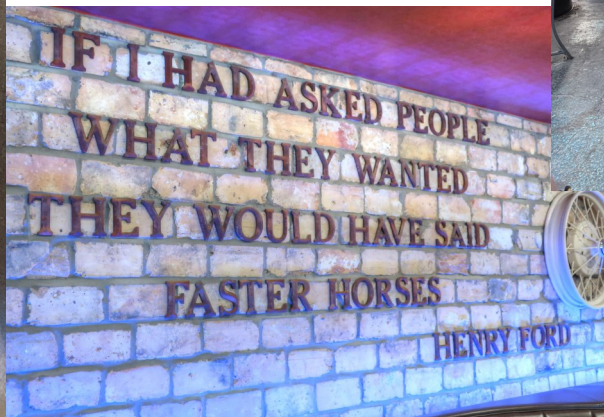
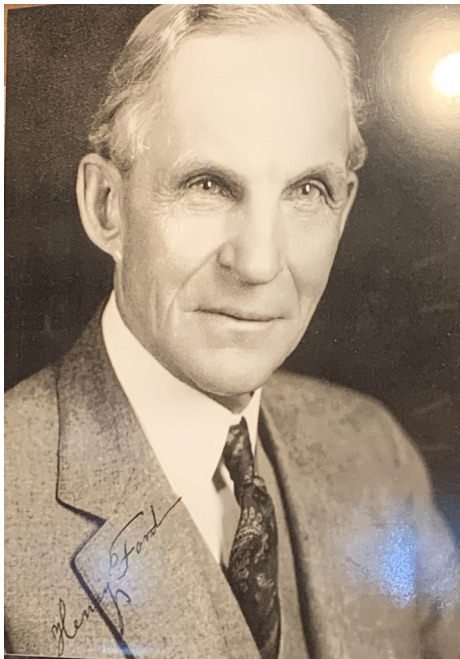


Ford Branded Burgers

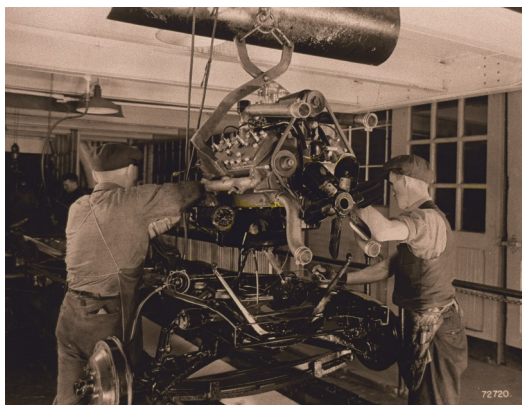




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## Meanwhile, Back at the Factory







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The past year brought challenges for many of our members, including health concerns and the loss of friends and loved ones. In times like these, we are especially grateful for the friendship, support, and camaraderie we share through the Early Ford V8 Club of San Diego. Our member's contributions, stories, and enthusiasm for the Early Ford V-8 will continue to be part of our club's history and spirit.

Despite its challenges, the year also brought many memorable moments and good times for our Club. As we head into the winter months, I'm already looking forward to the brighter days of spring and summer—those long evenings filled with sunshine, cars, and camaraderie.

## Member's December Milestone Dates

### Wedding Anniversaries

12/06 Jake & Tiffany Murrell

### Club Anniversaries

Norm & Phyllis Burke	40 yrs
Webb & Avalee Smith	30 yrs
Mike Fritz	23 yrs
Bill & Linda Lewis	16 yrs

### Birthdays

12/02 Gregory Henkels  
 12/10 Lani Prager  
 12/10 Linda Lewis  
 12/10 Michael Petermann  
 12/13 Candy Greene  
 12/15 Joe Valentino  
 12/17 Tim Shortt  
 12/22 Janet Voinov  
 12/30 Paula Pifer







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## Dates to Remember

**Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>**: The Early Ford V8 Club's 2025 Christmas, Holiday party and New Officer Installation party. The location is the Coral Room at Marina Village. Please reserve a place by paying before Thanksgiving. See the Flyer for details! At the party Ro Ramirez will be collecting greeting cards from members to send to Judy Grobbel in one big envelope. Bring a card if you wish to have your card included in the mailing.



**December 10<sup>th</sup>**: Club Breakfast is on that Wednesday at the Broken Yolk in Mission Valley, meet at 09:00 Dine at 09:30 – Please RSVP! If you attend, please make sure that the prices you are charged are the same as on the menu!!!

**December 21<sup>st</sup>**: Hanukkah begins



**December 25<sup>th</sup>**: Christmas Day



**December 31<sup>st</sup>**: New Year's Eve



**Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>**: The San Diego Excursion—See the Flyer in this Fan for details!

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**: Club Breakfast is on that Wednesday at the Broken Yolk

**January 21<sup>st</sup>**: The first Club meeting of the Year at **10:00 AM!!!**

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## **SAN DIEGO EARLY FORD V8 CLUB HOLIDAY & INSTALLATION PARTY**

**December 6, 2025 1:00 pm—4:00 pm**  
**\$25 per person**

**Payment must be received by Thanksgiving  
(11/27/2025)**

**Please bring a check to the November meeting, payable  
to:**

**Early Ford V8 Club**

**Or mail check to:**

**Susan Valentino  
2229 Erie Street  
San Diego CA 92110**

**Party Location: Marina Village—Coral Room  
1936 Quivira Way  
San Diego, CA 92109**

### **Menu:**

**Chicken Piccata or Grilled Lemon Salmon**

**Roasted Potatoes**

**Grilled Vegetables**

**Winter Blend Salad**

**Raspberry and Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing**

**Rolls & Butter**

**Chocolate Chip Cookies & Brownies**

**Iced Tea, Spring Water & Coffee**

**Toys for Tots (Optional)**

**Bring New Unwrapped Toy**







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2nd Annual

## SAN DIEGO EXCURSION CELEBRATION OF THE 1915 EXPOSITION ROAD RACE SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2026

DRIVE TO POINT LOMA AND AROUND THE 1915 ROAD RACE ROUTE.



OPEN TO ALL UNMODIFIED 1942 OR EARLIER CARS  
INCLUDING VINTAGE SPEEDSTERS.

SAN DIEGO AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM: 7 AM DEPART 9 AM

DRIVE ROAD RACE ROUTE START: 10:15 AM

CAR SHOW AT LIBERTY STATION: 12 - 2 PM

DRIVER SIGNUPS: [hcfi.org/SDExcursion/signup](https://hcfi.org/SDExcursion/signup)

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## Early Ford V8 Club of San Diego 3rd Wednesday Meeting Schedule

~ 2025 ~

Date	Time
Wednesday, November 19, 2025	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 18, 2025	<b>No Meeting</b>

~ 2026 ~

Date	Time
Wednesday, January 21, 2026	10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 18, 2026	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 18, 2026	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Wednesday, April 15, 2026	10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 20, 2026	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Wednesday, June 17, 2026	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Wednesday, July 15, 2026	10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, August 19, 2026	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 16, 2026	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 16, 2026	<b>No Meeting</b>





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## San Diego Early Ford V8 Club General Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2025

President Joe Valentino called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Bob Newsom, the new owner of a '34 Ford was welcomed as well as Ken Burke's grandson Hunter.

### **Presidents report:**

The president reviewed a list of club members' birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and club membership anniversaries. The November breakfast was well attended with 20 people present. Christmas party will be Saturday December 6. Next club breakfast is Wednesday December 10. The January club meeting will be in the daytime.

**Vice Presidents report:** Everything is great and Dennis will be working with Russ Ries to schedule some tours.

**Secretary report:** The secretary's substitute for last month had an emergent commitment and Susan Valentino took the minutes for the October meeting. The minutes were published in The Fan. A motion was made, seconded and a vote taken to approve the minutes.

**Treasurer report:** Ken Burke presented the monthly treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded and a vote taken to approve the report.

**Membership report:** No change since last month. 24 singles and 34 joint memberships for a total of 60.

**Accessories:** George reminded us that there are only a few days left until Christmas. If you know someone who drives a Kia, buy them a gift that shows them what a real car is like.

**Web Report:** Everything is up to date. Judy Grobbel called from Michigan, is doing well and said to say hello to everyone.

**Sunshine report:** Susan Valentino reported that Raphael Hargrave fell and broke her hip and wrist. Dan Praeger is doing well but still bed-ridden and would appreciate calls or cards. Carl Atkinson is doing well and will be at the Christmas Party.

**Fan editor report:** "coming along quite nicely."

**Car Club Council:** Things are winding down. Pernicanos Car Show Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> in El Cajon. Alpine Autism Benefit car show Sunday December 7 at the Liberty Charter High School. Low Rider car show Sunday December 7 at University Square, 5831 University Ave. See the flier for Black Angus shows in Chula Vista, Sunday November 23.

**Historian:** Susan Valentino reprised a November/December 1985 story from the V8 times that noted a getaway to San Diego was planned for the installation of national officers. Joe Valentino is ending his six years on the national board this year and the 2026 installation of national officers will be held in San Diego with the Hacienda Hotel hosting the event.

**Tours:** November date for visit to Gillespie Field to be determined.

**Program:** Bill Dorr led a program that included video of last San Diego Big 3 Swap meet and recollections club members who volunteered and provided leadership to the event.

**Hard Luck Trophy:** Tim Shortt still holds the trophy.

**Tech Issues:** Dave Huhn's friend Ian is still doing classic car work. See Dave for contact information.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**50/50 Drawing:** Russ Ries won \$60. An additional drawing was held for a V8 mug of candy donated by George Lusk. George won the drawing. The drawing was re-done and Sue Dorr won the prize.

**Name tag drawing:** no winner.

**Refreshments:** Laura Lusk is taking names for upcoming meeting refreshments.

**2026 Board of Directors:** Joe Valentino reviewed the names of nominees for the 2026 Board: Paul Alvarado, Dennis Bailey, Ken Burke, Rick Carlton, Bob Hargrave, George Lusk, Brad Nelson, Mike Petermann, Russ Ries, and Joe Valentino

Minutes submitted by Brad Nelson.





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~ From The Club Historian ~

In 1961, the San Diego Regional Group, along with co-sponsor Drew Ford presented a plaque to the Aerospace Museum which can found in the outdoor patio. The plaque tells the history of the building.



## Car stuff or services for sale or barter

Have something to sell, trade, or wanted? Send it to: [Joeyv@pacbell.net](mailto:Joeyv@pacbell.net) to get it in the Fan

**1950 Ford Convertible** 1953 Mercury engine. Air conditioning, overdrive, recent paint and top, radiator, brakes, tune-up and tires. Tim Shortt—(619) 851-8927



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