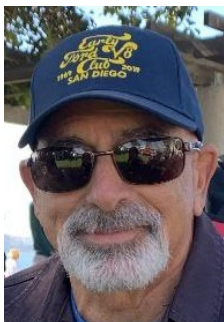




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~ The Prez Sez ~

Happy New Year V8ers!

This Prez Sez will be my last one as I transition the role of Club President to the honorable Russ Ries.

It was another hard fought election for the top role of the Club. Every Board member wanted to be President, but Russ won the

job.

I am grateful that Russ will lead our Club in 2026. If you have had the opportunity to talk with Russ, you know that he comes with many interesting life experiences and a very successful business life from which he is retired. Russ has been a Club member for more than 25 years. He grew up close to the Pomona Race track. On many Sunday afternoons, Russ and his brother Herb would ride their bicycles to watch the newly created drag races in the Fairground's parking lot. Both Ries brothers loved the races, and Herb got hooked drag racing. Herb built and raced top fuel dragsters. Russ built a very successful software company and bought cars that interested him. His taste in cars is similar to many of our Club members. He has a beautiful 36 Ford Cabriolet, a 32 three window coupe and a vintage corvette. He also has a custom hot rod that brother Herb built. Russ has driven each of his cars to the Club's monthly breakfasts, at one time or another.

As we prepare to welcome in 2026, we can expect great things from the Club with Russ as President and the outstanding Board of Directors for next year!



In this issue of the Ford Fan you will find the story and pictures of the December Party, upcoming dates which you may wish to be aware, the Club's meeting schedule (January's Club meeting is at **10:00 AM!**), the Club membership form, information on the "2026 San Diego Excursion Vintage Car Parade and Car Show" and the swap meet section. You will also find Doctor Joe Bean's Intense Eggnog recipe. I have had that concoction and I can tell you without hesitation, it is the best egg nogg you will every have!



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2025 San Diego Early Ford V8 Club Holiday and New Officer Installation Party

As every December, Club members have one final opportunity to gather and celebrate the Club and the volunteers who help lead it. This year, 58 members signed up to attend the festivities.

When the day began, Mike Peterman, Susan Graves, and I were the first to enter the Coral Room at Marina Village. The room was a grim sight, clearly showing its age, with bare tables and chairs as the only furnishings. To make matters worse, the Christmas tree that was supposed to be in the room was missing!

I headed down to the Conference Center office to request that a tree be brought in, just as the decorating team began to arrive and work their magic. The decorating team—Liz Dow, Maureen Colvin, Laura Lusk, Margaret Steinacher, Sue Dorr, and Susan Graves, with an assist from the Grinch himself (George Lusk)—did a fantastic job transforming the space. The caterer provided delicious food while Christmas music softly played in the background.

Once everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the meal, we began recognizing those who had given their time and energy over the past year to make the Club both fun and successful. Those recognized and applauded were:

The Club **Refreshment Coordinator** - Sandy Shortt; **Sunshine Persons** - Judy Grobbel / Sandy Shortt / Susan Valentino; **Membership Czar & Ollie Smith Scholarship Coordinator** - Paula Pifer; **Club Historian** - Susan Valentino; **Clothing, Accessories & Swag Manager & The Grinch!** - George Lusk (Grinch) & Rick Carlton; **Car Club Council Rep & Raffle Ticket Sales** - Paul Alvarado; **Tours and Events Coordination** - Dennis Bailey with Russ Ries and Rick Carlton; **Web Master of Excellence** – Rick Carlton

Next we recognized the 2025 Board of Directors and Officers: Paul Alvarado, Dennis Bailey – Vice President, Ken Burke – Treasurer, Rick Carlton, Bill Dorr, Bob Hargrave, Brad Nelson - Secretary, Mike Peterman, Russ Ries, Tim Shortt, Joe Valentino – the President. Remarkably, in attendance were 11 Club members, who were Club Presidents for 19 of the Club's 56 years in existence. Those Presidents were: Mike Pierson (1985 & 1986), Dave Huhn (2003), John Dow (2004), Paula Pifer (2005), Tim Shortt (2007), Bill Lewis (2009 & 2012), Barbara Martin (2010), Bill Dorr (2016), Mike Petermann (2017 & 2018), John Davison (2023), Joe Valentino (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024 & 2025)



The 2025 Board of Directors

After recognizing the 2025 Board of Directors, the 2026 Board was announce and sworn in. Outgoing Director, Bill Dorr, honored the new Board by swearing them. The 2026 Board consists of Paul Alvarado, Dennis Bailey – Vice President, Ken Burke – Treasurer, Rick Carlton, Bob Hargrave, George Lusk, Brad Nelson - Secretary, Mike Peterman, Russ Ries– the President, and Joe Valentino





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Everyone in the Club recognizes the many contributions Tim Shortt has made over the years. In addition to serving as a past Club President, Tim has been the editor of the *Ford Fan* newsletter for 17 years—never missing a beat. In recognition of his dedication and service, the Board of Directors commissioned a plaque, which was presented to Tim at the Club party.



Joe & Susan Valentino's Recognition

Just when everyone thought the recognition portion of the day was over and we could move on to what many had been waiting for—the raffles—there was still more recognition to come. Bill Dorr retrieved a large box from his table and presented it to a completely surprised Susan Valentino.

Bill expressed the Club's gratitude for the work Susan has done as Club Historian, as well as her many other contributions of

time and effort. When Susan opened the box, she discovered a beautiful varsity jacket with her name embroidered on the front, and the title *Historian* beneath it. Susan was absolutely speechless, which, as she noted, "If anyone knows me, that isn't easy to do." No fooling!

Next, Bill, in a similar fashion, expressed the Club's gratitude to Joe Valentino for his six years of service as President and for the many other contributions of time and effort he has made to the Club. Bill presented Joe with a very generous gift card to C&G Old Ford Parts from the Club, along with a greeting card from the Board of Directors that was packed with enough cash to get him into trouble.

As you can tell from the photo, Joe was both astonished and speechless. Joe remarked that this was the sixth holiday party he had presided over, and the first time he had been on the receiving end. He had not expected to receive such generous gifts from the Club members and the Board of Directors and was deeply grateful.





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One might have expected that to be the final recognition of the day—but it wasn't. Paul Alvarado presented Joe with a framed etching commemorating the 75th anniversary of the 1932 Ford. This very cool and highly personal gift was hand-crafted by the talented Paul and was truly something special.

Heartfelt thanks go to Paul, the Club, and the Board of Directors for the outpouring of recognition, kindness, and appreciation. It will be a fond and lasting memory for both Joe and Susan.



The final, and arguably the most important part of the event was the passing of the Presidential gavel from the old and worn out President, to the new and vivacious, ready to pop the clutch and peel out, new President for 2026. That being Russ Ries! Russ has the benefit of a fantastic life partner in his wife Marty. They will make a terrific team for the Club!



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The Grinch came to the party directly from Whoville. He kept guests out of the party room until the decorations were set up. He greeted everyone as they arrived. He was a very charming character, winning the hearts of many of the ladies in attendance.



You're a mean one,
Mr. Grinch!



The Fabulous Decorating Team!

Maureen, Susan, Sue, Liz, Margaret & Laura

The Decorating crew was fabulous this year. Every year the volunteers that decorate the room do an excellent job and this year was no different. These wonderful ladies took a drab, worn-out, dismal looking room and transformed it into a festive party spot. Their imaginative decorations were top notch, and their center pieces were coveted. Pictured are Maureen Colvin, Susan Graves, Sue Dorr, Elizabeth Winters, Margaret Steinacher, Laura Lusk. Kudos, ladies. Job well done!



Each guest at the party received a raffle ticket, giving everyone a chance to win one of three door prizes. Margaret, Susan, and Sue made sure every guest received a ticket. The tickets were placed into a top hat and thoroughly mixed before the drawing began.

Three tickets were drawn—one at a time—by pure chance. The first winner was **Barbara Martin**. A second ticket was drawn, and the winner was **Avalee Smith**, who just happened to be seated at Barbara's table, in the chair immediately to her left. What a coincidence!

Then came the third drawing. The final winner was **Pete**, who was sitting in the seat to Barbara's right! Holy cow—three winners in a row, all from the same table, out of a room of 56 people. That is truly remarkable!

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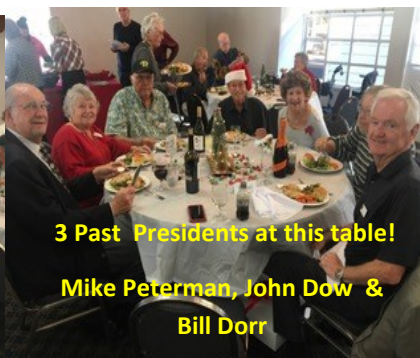
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The traditional 50/50 raffle was spear-headed by Paul Alvarado. Ticket sales were brisk! When the winning ticket was drawn, the lucky winner was Susan Graves! The good karma she put out by being part of the decorating committee came back to bless her with a fist full of cash!



Who Attended this shindig? Here are the pictures that were taken at the party.



3 Past Presidents at this table!
Mike Peterman, John Dow & Bill Dorr



Past President
Dave Huhn



Past President Tim Shortt



Secretary Brad Nelson and past president
Bill Lewis. Also pictured, Candy Greene



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2026 First Lady
Marty Ries!!



Outgoing First Lady
Susan Valentino



Past President Barbara Martin with Avellee Smith—Both were Door Prize winners!



Newest members Robert Newsome
& Marj Hughs!



Past President Tim Shortt &
Deb Murrell



2026 & 2023 Presidents
Russ Ries & John Davison



You have to Drive them!!



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Club Members were very generous donating to Toys for Tots



The 1946 Station Wagon was packed with the donated toys. All 3 seats were stacked with toys, as well as the floors. The wagon was driven over to Fire Station 25. If you know where Siesel's Meats Store is, the Fire Station 25 is directly across the street. I interrupted a Fireman who was in the middle for her weight lifting routine. She dropped her 250 pound barbell, called another fireman to come out and they emptied the Wagon. The toys filled 2 Toys-4-Tots donation boxes and three huge plastic bags. They were very grateful for the donations and wanted those thanks to be communicated back to the Club. Well done, V8ers! You were awesome!!





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Doctor Joe Bean's Intense Eggnog

14 Eggs

1 Cup Sugar

6 Oz. Light Rum

1 Bottle (1/5) Bourbon

1 Quart Half & Half

1 Quart Whipping Cream

8 Rounded Tsp of Sugar

2 Tsp Vanilla

Nutmeg

Directions:

Bring the eggs to room temperature and then separate the yolks from the whites.

Use the mixer to beat the egg yolks until smooth and frothy (5 to 10 minutes).

In a separate bowl, use the mixer to beat the whites until **VERY STIFF**. As they are getting stiff, gradually add 1 cup of sugar.

When stiff, add the yolks **slowly** while still beating.

Continue beating while **slowly** adding the booze. This should take a couple of minutes.

Now add the 1 quart of half and half, gradually, while still beating.

In a separate bowl, beat 1 pint whipping cream until stiff and add 4 rounded teaspoons of sugar and one teaspoon vanilla. Fold into the egg stuff in small doses. Then **Chill!!!**

To serve: beat the other pint of whipping cream with sugar and vanilla, same as above. Fold into mix by teaspoons (or just fold a dollop into cup. Ladle into punch cups and sprinkle with nutmeg. **ENJOY!**





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There were events that occurred in 2025 that stand out. First off, we lost Ray Brock and Billie Bonnoront. Two people we were fortunate to have known.

There were fun times in 2025. Of course the December installation Luncheon and Holiday party, the story found in this Fan. Remember the great tour of the U.S.S. Midway and the Tour of Chuck

Spielman's awesome museum? How about the party, compliments of our new President, at the Vault car storage / Club/event venue? There was delicious pizza and cannoli served there! Don't forget the Car Show at Candy Green's street (more good food!). How about Bob Brown's Honor Flight to DC? I'm blessed to know him, what a guy! Brock-tober fest was a delight, as was the Ice Cream Social that Maureen and her side kick Dennis put on in August! Love those two! Let's not forget the Goodguy's Show in Del Mar, the El Cajon Cruise, the Greatest Show on Turf, and the Pal Joey's Car show to benefit the Braille Charity (great Bloody Mary's there, so I am told). And of course, the event in which so many members kick in to make a success and fun, the annual All-Ford Picnic. There is more of all of this in 2026, so stand by!

Member's January Milestone Dates

Wedding Anniversaries

1/4 Ignacio & Annette
Castenada

Club Anniversaries

John & Liz Dow	31
Barbara Martin	26
Walter Anderson	12
Ron Shedd	7
Vincent Geroche	2

Birthdays

1/2 Bob Brown
1/2 Ignacio Castaneda
1/5 Augustin Martinez
1/7 Judy Gladden
1/7 Marty Ries
1/9 Dennis Bailey
1/10 Maureen Colvin
1/10 Jerry Adams
1/19 Raphael Hargrave
1/21 Webb Smith





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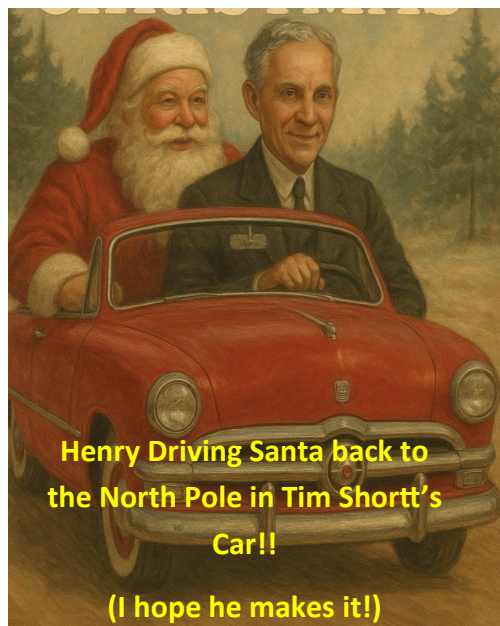


Dates to Remember

Sunday January 11th: The San Diego Excursion—See the Flyer in this Fan for details!

January 14th: Club Breakfast is on that Wednesday at the Broken Yolk

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





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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. **Don't be a deadbeat!!** 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.

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\$30 - SAN DIEGO (single) _____

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SAN DIEGO EXCURSION VINTAGE CAR PARADE AND CAR SHOW CELEBRATING THE 1915 POINT LOMA ROAD RACE



SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2026
PARADE 10:30 - 11:30 AM
CAR SHOW 12 NOON - 2 PM



More than 100 Vintage Cars



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Horseless Carriage Club, San Diego Group
Model T Ford Club, San Diego
HCFI Automotive Library, La Mesa
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SAN DIEGO EXCURSION SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2026

BALBOA PARK

DRIVER REGISTRATION
& PHOTO SHOOT
7:30 - 9:15 AM



Mission Hills

VINTAGE CAR PARADE
9:15 - 10:00 AM



POINT LOMA

VINTAGE CAR PARADE
10:30 - 11:30 AM



PARADE START
10:30 AM
LIBERTY STATION
CAR SHOW
12 N - 2 PM





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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	No Meeting

~ 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	No Meeting



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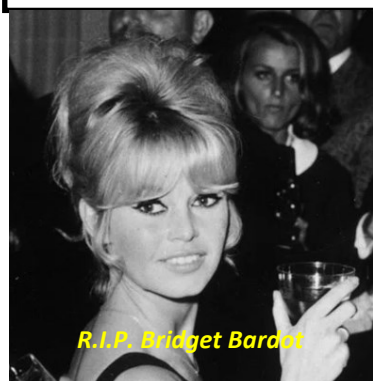


The Swap meet— For Sale, Trade, Give-Aways & Miscellaneous

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



1941 Mercury Coupe - 284cu. in. Flathead with Stroker kit...Polished Navarro heads & intake manifold, 2 New Stromberg's, (from England) Electronic Ignition, Scheider Cam 260f, good idle! Red's Ceramic Headers, Stainless Exhaust, Dan Krehbiel built Columbia Rear. The car was repainted The Original Capri Blue by a previous owner. The last four owners have all been Early Ford V/8 members. This 41 Mercury has been to 6 Early Ford National meets...as far west as Auburn, IN (From Long Island) Al Wintermyer (631) 445-0031



R.I.P. Bridget Bardot

Do you have a car or parts lying around taking up space? Turn that stuff into petty cash! Send a photo and description to:

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