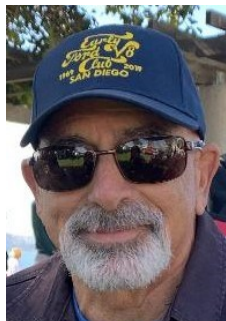


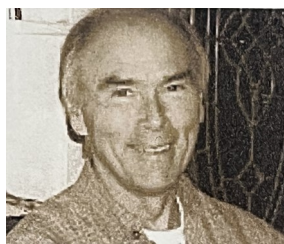


The Fan



Greetings V8ers and welcome to November. You will notice that this Ford Fan looks different than the Ford Fans of the last 17 years. This is due to Tim Shortt saying that as much as he enjoys the challenge of putting together 16 pages of quality Club news, it is time for him to pass the editorial baton to the next person. I will be doing this month's newsletter and maybe more months of Fans will be coming from me; we shall see. I want to manage all of your expectations on what you will be seeing in the Fan when I do it. I didn't have an auspicious career in advertising like Tim. You will be getting a Newsletter that covers Club events and Club news in fewer pages without some of the entertaining stories, and most likely some hokey page formatting. I will try to provide what I can, within my abilities, with the software I use. So bear with me!

Tim Sez:



After around twelve years of rounding up 16 pages of Club news each month, Tim Shortt has run out of things to say.

Old Fords have been his passion since buying his first '34 Ford in 1955 for \$15 bucks, a year before he had a driver's license.

He's owned hundreds of Cars but always favored Fords.

And he's having fun attending V8 meetings and other events to pal around with the V8ers....

I know Prez Joe is thinking of retirement, but he's still in charge having a good time with Susan's history finds, more inside Ford Stories, Bill Dorr films, Dennis Bailey tours, Rick Carlton events, Joe and Paula's Asset Students, Cruising El Cajon, Annual events like Ray Brock Dinners, The All Ford picnic, Jay Harris Events, Candy Green's Block Party, The Ice Cream Social, and the Christmas Party that's coming up.

Ray BROCK TOBER FEST

Annual Dinner

30 V8ers arrived all at once. We were escorted to the patio area which was all set with tables and five waitresses waiting to take our orders. The lead waitress was a man size woman with a wide open shirt.

She took over, we followed her orders.

Rick Carleton and Dennis Bailey made toasts to Ray Brock. Food was ordered and arrived, it seemed, just minutes later.

~Tim Shortt~

Brocktoberfest was a fitting way to remember Ray Brock. Ray was a fan of Oktoberfest and he celebrated it in past years with his friends and family. Ray would typically coordinate a venue for the event and then pick up the tab for the adult beverages. This year the event was coordinated by Dennis Bailey and Rick Carlton, who like Ray, picked up the tab for the moonshine.

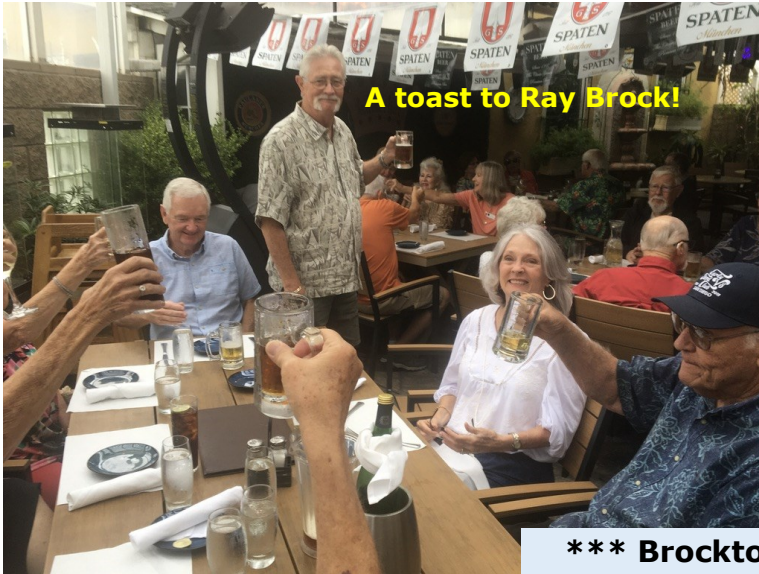
Tim Shortt documented the event with his camera, and commented on the waitress's outstanding ability to serve the guests carrying around plates of food with those big jugs, of beer and wine. I think other members would agree.

All in attendance were very appreciative of Rick and Dennis's efforts to continue the Ray Brock annual get together. A pleasant evening it was. Photos provided by Tim Shortt.

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A toast to Ray Brock!



*** Brocktoberfest ***

10/10/2025



Make up your own caption to this picture!





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While they don't agree on everything, Calvin and Dennis both agree that there is no place for a rattle or other annoying sound coming from your car. In this photo you see good pals Dennis and Calvin trouble shooting Dennis's hotrod 34 Tudor for a noise that is bugging Dennis. While not 100% successful, excellent progress was made. The good news, there are still car guys working on their rides! If you need help, ask!



~ Flashback Corner ~

On July 23, 2025 our San Diego Early Ford V8 Club had exclusive use of Orange Avenue at the El Cajon Cruise. Several of our Club members attended, as did hundreds of other car enthusiasts. The judging for trophies is very competitive. There have been stories of individuals removing award placards from cars to place on their own car! Fortunately that did not happen at this Cruise night. Own very own Janet Voinov, and her sidekick Stanley, won the day and received the Best of Trophy. Congratulations Janet and Stanley!



**Ford Factory assembling 1939—
1940 Fords and Mercurys**



**How long has the Ford Asset Program been part of the
San Diego Early Ford V8 Club?**

Ask the lady in the middle!



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From the Club Historian



Old Ford ad with slogan of the day!



Dan Prager, one of our favorite EFV8 members, cooking hotdogs at the Big 3 circa 2006



Dan Prager at his 90th Birthday Party



These very popular ladies know a good thing when they have it, Cruising San Diego in their 1932 Roadster.



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San Diego Automotive Museum Trunk or Treat 2025



On October 25th the Auto Museum sponsored its annual Trunk or Treat event. There are a couple of reasons the Auto Museum hosts the event. It brings families that would probably never go to the Auto Museum to venture there on that morning. Families that dressed in costume were given free admission to the museum. The other benefit to the Museum, and to the Clubs that attended, was to have youths that may never see our cars close up have the opportunity to do so. The thought is if you want to have youths interested in the car hobby, you must expose them to the cars. This event did that, disguised as a Trick or treat opportunity. Genius!

Inside the Museum, families wandered around the classic cars, many of which have their trunk lid opened and inside the trunk kids can grab a handful of candy. There were some exceptions, the Ferraris and other mega dollar exotics were still in the "mitts off!" category. Once the kids finished wandering through the Museum, they exited its back door where they found more that 25 cars in the rear lot, parked around the periphery of the lot, trunks full of, yes, more candy! The line of costumed trick or treating tikes and parents lasted from 10 am to afternoon. The Museum provided all of the candy, with museum staff periodically replenishing the pile of candy in the car's trunks. The trick or treaters were all grins as they made their rounds and they could not have been any cuter.

The predominant car club that participated in the event was the San Diego Miata Club with about 20 of those little zoom-zoomers there. There were three Early Ford V8 Club member cars in attendance, Russ and Marty Ries brought the perfect 1932 Ford Three Window Coupe, Bob McGehee and his sidekick Kay came in Bob's beautiful 1937 Slant back and Susan, Cannoli and I showed up in our 1941 business Coupe. Parked next to our cars was Ahna Holder and her 1964 1/2 Great Race Mustang. Ahna's parents were also there in full costume, putting the rest of us to shame. It was a fun event; there could not have been more smiles packed into the 3 hour event. Next year you should come enjoy it too!





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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

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 858-218-6281 or SDExcursion@hcfi.org

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In 1919, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and John Burroughs went on a camping trip (not exactly roughing it). When their car broke down in some remote corner of West Virginia, it was Ford who took off his coat and repaired the radiator, using only some old metal obtained from a village blacksmith. Out of this incident, the journalists who followed in their trail worked up an apocryphal story, the burden of which was that when their car broke down, some village mechanic suggested that the trouble might be with the motor. "I am Henry Ford," spoke up the tall man, "and I say the motor is running perfectly." Then the mechanic suggested that the electric spark distribution might not be working. "I am Thomas Edison," spoke up the stout man in the front seat, "and I say the wiring is all right." Whereupon the village mechanic, pointing to John Burroughs and his long white beard, remarked, "And I suppose that must be Santa Claus."



Brad Nelson

**Club Secretary
Extraordinaire**

~ Courtesy of V-8 Times Magazine May/June 1977 ~

~ Car stuff or services for sale or barter ~

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



Need an Optima Battery? Try **Powerstride Battery Co.** at 3486 Kurtz St. Suite 101. Tell them you are with the Early Ford V8 Club. You will get Fleet pricing. I purchased a 12V group 34 for about \$35 less than anywhere else. This tip compliments of Dave Huhn.



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Dates to Celebrate!

Club Membership Anniversaries

Bob & Raphael Hargrave	40 yrs
Dan Prager	39 yrs
Jim Hallsted	33 yrs
Ric Bonnoront	25yrs
Jake & Tiffany Murrell	19 yrs
Judy Grobbel	17 yrs
Ken & JoAnne Burke	17 yrs
Carl Atkinson	16 yrs
Bill & Sue Dorr	15 yrs
Joe & Susan Valentino	13 yrs
John & Maria Jarecki	6 yrs
Paul Mears	6 yrs
Janet Voinov	6 yrs
Brad Nelson & Heather Wiggins	4 yrs

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

11/02 Vincent Geroche
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

~ Early Ford V8 Club of San Diego History ~

The BIG event for June (1980) was the club's participation in the "Wheels for Wings" car show to benefit the San Diego Aerospace Museum. The San Diego Group added fourteen Early V-8s to more than 250 other early cars from local car clubs. A total of \$6000 was raised to benefit the museum. The Aerospace Museum, located in Balboa Park, was destroyed by fire in 1978. It has since relocated to what was formerly the home of the Ford Motor Company Exhibit during the 1935 Panama-Pacific Exposition held in San Diego. The San Diego Early V-8 Group had the place of honor directly in front of the "Ford" building during the show.

Courtesy of V-8 Times Magazine September/October 1980

Can you recognize any of these V8ers?





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San Diego Early Ford VB Club General Meeting Minutes October 15, 2025

President Joe Valentino called the meeting to order and led the club in the pledge of allegiance.

President's report:

The President welcomed Russ Ries and Paul Alvarado back after recent health issues.

The President reviewed a list of club members' birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and club membership anniversaries.

The September Club breakfast was well attended with 20 in attendance. Breakfasts are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, RSVP if you plan to attend.

The annual Brock-toberfest held on October 10th at the Kaiserhoff restaurant was organized and hosted by Rick Carlton and Dennis Bailey, who also picked up the tab for the adult libations. 30 people were in attendance. It was an enjoyable afternoon. Ray would have been proud.

The Club's Christmas Party and Officer Installation is scheduled for Saturday, December 6. This year the cost is only \$25, as the Club will pick up the difference. We will again do Toys for Tots to be donated to military families. Be sure to bring your checks to the next meeting or mail to Susan Valentino. Checks must be received before Thanksgiving!

The President reviewed the list of new BOD members for the Club's approval. They are Paul Alvarado, Dennis Bailey, Ken Burke, Rick Carlton, Bob Hargrave, Brad Nelson, Mike Petermann, Russ Ries, Tim Shortt, George Lusk, and Joe Valentino (President Pro temp). The President asked for questions or discussion regarding the candidates. Tim Shortt removed his name from the list. There was a motion and a vote to accept the slate of Board members for the year 2026. In the December BOD meeting the Board members will identify the officers for 2026. At the Holiday party we share with the Club the new Directors and Officers and swear them in.

The President asked if anyone had attended any car events this month. Several members attended The Greatest Show on Turf hosted by the San Diego Car Club Council.

Upcoming Events:

10/25 - Trunk or Treat at the Auto Museum. 10:00 – 1:00 pm. The Museum will supply the Candy. If you do not want to bring an old car you can show up and give out candy. A lot of cute kids show up.

11/12 - Club Breakfast 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!!!

11/19 - Club meeting is at 7:00pm! Please spread the word!

12/6 - Club's Christmas party and New Officer Installation party. Marina Village in the Coral Room. A group of ladies volunteered to take care of decorations and activities for the party.

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San Diego Early Ford VB Club General Meeting Minutes October 15, 2025 (*continued*)

Vice President's Report - Dennis Bailey reported on events at the Clairemont Car Show. He thanked everyone for attending the Brocktoberfest event. 30 people attended. He would like to have this be an annual event but would like to have Ray's daughters attend as well.

Secretary's Report - Brad Nelson was not in attendance. A motion was made and voted on to accept the minutes as published in the Fan.

Treasurer's Report - Ken Burke. The treasurer's report was presented; a motion was made, seconded and approved.

Membership Report - Paula Pifer. 26 single memberships, 34 joint memberships

Accessory - George Lusk - Come and get them!

Web Report - Rick Carlton - All up to date. Will add in the Christmas party flyer.

Sunshine Report - Sandy Shortt will retire as Sunshine coordinator. Susan Valentino will step in. Please let her know of any members that need a note of Sunshine from our Club.

Ford Fan Update - Tim Shortt will retire as Editor of The Fan. Joe Valentino will step in as the new Editor until further notice.

Car Club Council Update - Paul Alvarado - Three more El Cajon Cruises, last one 10/29. Paul put a selection of flyers out.

10/25 - Autofest in Ramona

11/9 - Bates Nut Farm - sponsored by The East County Cruisers - collecting Toys for Tots.

11/15 - Pernicano's - benefit for the Wounded Warriors.

Club Historian - Susan Valentino - no report this month. Bob Brown showed a slide show of his recent Honor Flight; he shared his memories of the tour and thanked our members for their support.

Tours Update - Dennis Bailey will provide a list of tours planned for next year.

Hard Luck Trophy - No new owners.

Laura and George Lusk provided refreshments. Thank you.

Program: Bill Dorr provided a film of the history of the VW.

New business - none

Old business - none

50/50 Drawing: Maureen won \$37.

Name tag drawing: Avalee Smith's name was selected. She was not in attendance.

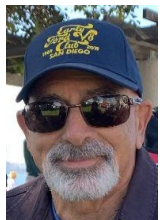
Meeting Adjourned: 11:39 a.m.

Note - 18 members in attendance.

Minutes submitted by Susan Valentino



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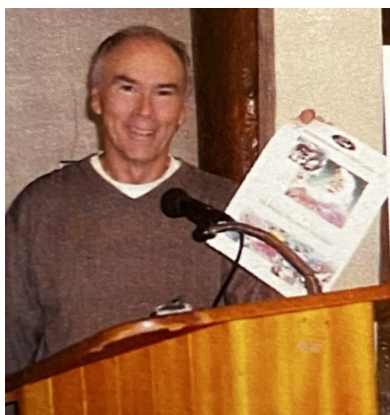
The Prez Sez:

Well this brings me to the end of the first Newsletter for which I acted as editor. It is being created in the shadows of the giant that was the previous Newsletter editor, Tim Shortt. I don't expect the Newsletters I create to meet the high bar he set with his Ford Fans, but I hope to provide the news, some entertainment, and to meet the minimum requirements.

Again I want to give a hat-tip to Rick and Dennis for the Brocktoberfest coordination and the libations they funded. I also wish to acknowledge Jerry Windle from whom I received some of the vintage pictures in this Fan, and to Tim Shortt for his 17 years as Ford Fan Editor. Be sure to join the Club at the annual Holiday / Christmas / New Officer Installation banquet on December 6th. No night driving is involved, plenty of parking close to the room, and good food, companionship and laughter will abound. Join us!

That's all for this month. Keep your fellow V8ers in your thoughts and prayers. Now get out there and drive those old Fords!

~ Joe V ~



Dates to Remember

November 12th: 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!!!

November 19th: Our November Club meeting is at 7:00pm! Please spread the word!

Saturday December 6th: The Early Ford V8 Club's 2025 Christmas, Holiday party and New Officer Installation party. Marina Village, the Coral Room is the location. Please reserve a place by paying before Thanksgiving. See the Flyer for details!

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

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