

# ✕ THE Ford FAN ✕

DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION & PRESERVATION OF 1932-1953 FORD MOTOR CAR COMPANY VEHICLES

*Live Music!  
Drawings!  
\$200 Best  
of Show!*



## Motor Cars on Main Street 2018

CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

**Limited to 400, Pre-'73 Rods, Customs, Classics & Trucks**

WHEN: SUNDAY April 29, 2018 *Rain or Shine!*  
 WHERE: Isabella & Orange Avenue - Coronado, CA  
 HOURS: 7AM to 9:30AM (Staging) and 10AM to 3PM (Show)  
 ENTRY FEE: \$40 per vehicle before April 22. (Includes one T-Shirt, two drawing tickets & dash plaque.) Registration after April 22 or at the event, IF AVAILABLE, is \$45 & does not include a shirt. ENTRANTS WHO WISH TO PARK TOGETHER MUST ARRIVE TOGETHER!

Sponsored by  
 Ron Baker  
 Chevrolet,  
 National City,  
 the County of  
 San Diego  
 and  
 the City of Coronado

MAIN STREET LTD  
 CORONADO  
 (619) 437-0254

Register on line at [CoronadoMainStreet.com](http://CoronadoMainStreet.com) or mail in form below:

## Don't miss these shows And Tours...

**SAT, Apr 14 Tour**  
**Evans Garage**  
 Leave Macys lot 1:30  
 2 hr tour followed  
 by snack nearby  
 Ray Brock 619-993-9190

**SUN, Apr 29**  
**Cars On Main, Coronado**  
 Register Now! Meet up at  
 VONS lot, 9th & Orange,  
 7am to ride in and  
 park together.  
 Info, Tim Shortt  
 619-851-8927

**SUNDAY, May 6-**  
**ALL FORD PICNIC**  
 Info, Dennis Bailey  
 619-954-8946

**SAT, May 26 Tour**  
**March Air Force Base,**  
**Riverside**  
 Leave from Macys  
 parking lot  
 Info-Bob Brown  
 619-890-6988

**Mar 17 Tour**  
**Changed to SAT, June 2**  
**Soap Box derby, Alpine**  
 For Lunch we take  
 a Country ride  
 thru Alpine to a  
 Burger joint in Jamul  
[jstthomas35@gmail.com](mailto:jstthomas35@gmail.com)

**Jun 13 -SD County Fair**  
 Theme : *HOW SWEET IT IS*  
 7-9 Cars needed.  
 FREE admission for  
 all in your car;  
 Barbara Martin  
 858-254-5009

**And It's the  
 Christmas Party  
 Already?**  
 Barabara Martin reports  
 The Christmas Party is on  
 SUN, Dec 9, 2018.  
 Mark your calendars!

The San Diego Early Ford V8 Club Presents the annual

## ALL FORD Picnic Sunday, **MAY 6** 2018 Santee Lakes Park

9310 Fanita Pkwy. Enter Main Gate,  
 proceed towards Section A, B and C.  
 At the first Lake, park in lot, NOT on grass.  
 Fun starts at 8 am - continues until 1 pm  
**\$5 entrance to Park Fee per car. Car Show is FREE.**  
 (SDEFV8C Members receive \$5 rebate)

Pizza Lunch & Drink-\$5.00  
 Or bring a Picnic  
 \*Event Dash Plaque For First 100 Cars  
 \*Gift Certificates For Winning Vehicles  
 \*Rocking DJ Tunes

All Fords - All Years Welcome  
 For Information, Dennis Bailey 619-954-8646





**Prez Sez—OK. Here it is -your first totally online edition of the FAN; I hope you enjoy it even more than the printed version. I love how great the pictures come out on the online version, clearer and richer colors!**

Sadly our Soap Box Derby tour was rained out but the new date is June 2. If you haven't seen these races you are in for a treat. Please join us in Alpine and cheer our V8 car on.

At our monthly members meeting we went over the usual business and then received a very handsome check from the Big 3 courtesy of Rick Bonnoront. This is our only fundraiser and will keep our club on a very firm financial footing for quite some time. Thanks Rick and thanks to all the volunteers who made this last Big 3 such a successful event.

We then celebrated Carl's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday with a beautiful cake brought in by Walter. Happy 91<sup>st</sup> Carl!

Our program was a movie featuring the Ford River Rouge Plant, very enjoyable history for us EFV-8 ers.

By the time you receive this FAN we will have enjoyed our tour to Corona, looking at Don Long's Automotive Museum. It has been called an automotive Disneyland. I hope many of you were able to join this tour, yes it's a distance but I suspect it will be well worth the time and trouble.

Be sure to set aside April 14<sup>th</sup> for our tour to Evan's Garage tour and May 6<sup>th</sup> for the All Ford Picnic, always a great event!

Yesterday several San Diego members joined the Palomar EFV-8 Clubs Harris tour to Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum and then the Flying Leatherneck Museum for a look at a WW1 dive bomber. A very nice drive on old US 395. My first visit to the winery, some nice old cars, TV's radio's, etc. The Leatherneck Museum was interesting, similar to the San Diego Auto Museums Restoration facility but housing vintage military airplanes.

That's all for now, please keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down. —Mike



- President: **Mike Petermann** 916-479-3665  
 V.P. **Bill Dorr** 619-884-4188  
 Secretary: **Dennis Bailey** - 619-954-8646  
 Treasurer: **Ken Burke** - 619-469-7350  
**Directors:**  
**Mike Petermann** 916-479-3665  
**Bill Dorr - Prez Pro Tem** 619-884-4188  
**Dennis Bailey** - 619-954-8646  
**Tim Shortt** - 619-851-8927  
**Ken Burke** - 619-469-7350  
**Walter Andersen** - 858-274-0138 619-224-8271  
**Bob Hargrave**—619-283-4111  
**Ray Brock** 619-993-9190  
**Rick Carlton** - 619-754-6259  
**Bob Brown** - 619-890-6988  
**Other Chairpersons**  
 50/50: **Carl Atkinson** - 619-593-1514  
 Membership : **Paula Pifer** - 619-464-5445  
 Programs: **Jim Thomas** - 619-669-9990  
 Tour Co-ordinator- **Jim Thomas** 619-669-9990  
 Car Club Council: **Bill Lewis** - 619-651-3232  
 Web Master: **Rick Carlton** - 619-754-6259  
 Lady 8ers: **TBD**  
 Accessories: **Judy Grobbel** - 619-435-2932  
 Ford Fan: **Tim Shortt** - 619-435-9013 Cell 619-851-8927  
 Refreshments: **Liz Winters/Dow**  
 Sunshine: **Judy Grobbel** - 619-435-2932



- Big 3 Board Members:**  
**Ric Bonnoront** - 619-669-6391  
**Rick Carlton** - 619-754-6259  
**Calvin King** - 619-447-1960  
**Dave Huhn** - 619-462-4545  
 V8 eBlasts: **Sandy Shortt** [shorttsandy@mac.com](mailto:shorttsandy@mac.com)  
 619-435-9013

The Ford Fan is published by the San Diego Regional Group of the Early Ford V8 Club of America. Materials submitted must be received by the 25th of the month to be considered for the following month's publication. Photo and Article submissions are welcome. Please send materials to **The Ford Fan c/o Tim Shortt, 1211 5th st. Coronado, Ca 92118**. The Ford fan invites other groups of the Early Ford V8 Club to use it's material provided the Ford Fan is credited as the source. Send Change of address to Paula Pifer, Membership Chairperson, 3558 Bentley



**Wear Your Name Tag—  
 Apr pot is \$25 Bucks**  
 All current member names are in pot. If your name is drawn and you are at the meeting, wearing your name tag, **YOU WIN!**  
**RULES:** Pot starts a \$25. Increases Ea. Mo. until \$100. At \$100,

**“Recently** I had to find someone to replace/rebuild the front spring on my '33 tudor. Finally located a great spring company to do business with. They are quick and prices are good value. Ben can glance at a spring and tell you what can be done for it. I thought it would be good to pass on the name of a 'good guy'. **E and C Spring, 518 Venture Street, Escondido** They only do springs and they are experts. If they can't repair your spring they can build a new one. Friendly people, great prices. **Ask for Ben @ 760 747 5050**”—Jim Thomas

## Hang on, it's a bumpy ride...



Hanging over Cliff!

This 1911 Model T Mother-In-Law Roadster (so called, because the single rear seat was meant for a chaperone to keep tabs on amorous young couples up front).

The car is owned by Gail Garrison, and is a regular participant in Model T Tours. Two years ago the car was being driven by Jim Burns, who is a good friend and an experienced NASCAR Lead Mechanic and Pit Crew Captain. But as Jim and Gail negotiated the rough and narrow cliff-side road, there was a steering failure on the right front. The wheel jammed sideways and hooked the rough shoulder of the road flipping the car nearly off the cliff. Gail was thrown through the top and clear of the car, Jim tried a three pedal stop to avoid going over the cliff. But when the car flipped his foot was caught in the pedals, trapping him under the wreck as the below-the-seat gas tank unleashed gasoline all over him. Gail and other tour folks managed to drag Jim free of the car. Despite his critical injuries, he crawled back into the wreck and shut down the ignition and gas valve.

The car was basically demolished and saved from sliding off the cliff only by the service cans bolted to the running board.

Jim spent 11 days in hospital for a broken Collar Bone, 19 rib fractures, and a punctured lung. Gail survived with only a broken thumb.

Since the crash, both Jim and Gail have recovered and the mangled T has been completely rebuilt better than new. Gail generously loans it out to events and parades - the latest being the Lambs Players of Coronado production, "**Camping with Henry and Tom**" (that would be Henry Ford and Thomas Edison). The T is again a star among stars. —TS



**Apr 14 Tour  
Evans Garage**

Leave Macys Parking lot 1:30  
2 hr tour followed by snack nearby  
Ray Brock 619-993-9190

**Apr 29 Cars On Main St, Coronado**

Register Now. Meet up at VONS lot, 9th & Orange, 7am to ride in and park together.  
Info, Tim Shortt 619-851-8927

**May 5- ALL FORD PICNIC**

Info, Dennis Bailey 619-954-8946

**May 26 Tour**

**March Air Force Base, Riverside**

Leave Macys parking lot—  
info-Bob Brown 619-890-6988

**Mar 17 Tour Changed to June 2**

**Soap Box derby, Alpine**

For Lunch we take a Country ride thru Alpine to a Burger joint in Jamul  
jsthomas35@gmail.com

**Jun 13 -SD County Fair**

Theme is *HOW SWEET IT IS*  
7-9 Cars needed. All in your car,  
FREE admission.

Barbara Martin 858-254-5009

**Christmas Party Already?**

Barabara Martin reports  
The Christmas Party is on Dec 9, 2018.  
Mark your calendars!

**Happy Anniversary & Happy Birthday  
to all of us born or married in April**

**Paula Welcomes New Members:  
David & Mary Cuzick, Spring Valley  
Mike Shortt- Clairemont**

**Miss Sunshine, Judy reports:  
Everybody that was sick is now on the mend!**

**SAN DIEGO EARLY FORD V8 CLUB**

General Meeting Minutes—Mar. 21, 2018

**President** Mike Peterman pounded the gavel at 7:00

**Guests:** Swede Renberg's brother and sister in law.

**Pres. Report:** Mike talked about Auto Disneyland in Corona.

**VP Report:** Bill Dorr thanked Tim and Sandy's son in law for the outstanding aerial photo's taken at the Big 3

**Secretary:** Dennis Bailey asked for approval of the minutes from the Feb. General meeting, as published in the fan, and they were accepted and approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Ken Burke read through the monthly financial figures and they were accepted and approved.

**Membership Report:** Paula reported 31 Single Members and 46 Joint members.

**Sunshine Report:** Sue Hoolihan is still under the weather.

**Fan Editor:** The April. Fan is coming together and will be available on line.

**Accessories:** Judy reported that new Club Jackets are available to order and purchase.

**Car Club Council:** No report.

**Programs:** TBD

**Tours:** Evans garage April 14.

**Program:** Video on the Rouge Ford Plant produced in 1939.

**Old Business:** Ric Bonnoront Thanked everyone for 52 years of participation in the "Big Three". He also presented the first check for 2018 with more to come.

**New Business:** Mike Pierson presented items donated by Penny Williamson. The items are memorabilia from Earl's collection,

**Tech Tips:** None

**50/50:** Dan Prager won the 50/50

**Name tag drawing:** Lois Pierson won \$75.00

**Misc:** Jerry Windle presented Hot Dog proceeds to be donated to the Ollie Smith Fund. He also gave out flyers for free smoke alarms for Senior's.

Mtg. Adj. 8:10

*Respectfully submitted: Dennis Bailey Secy.*

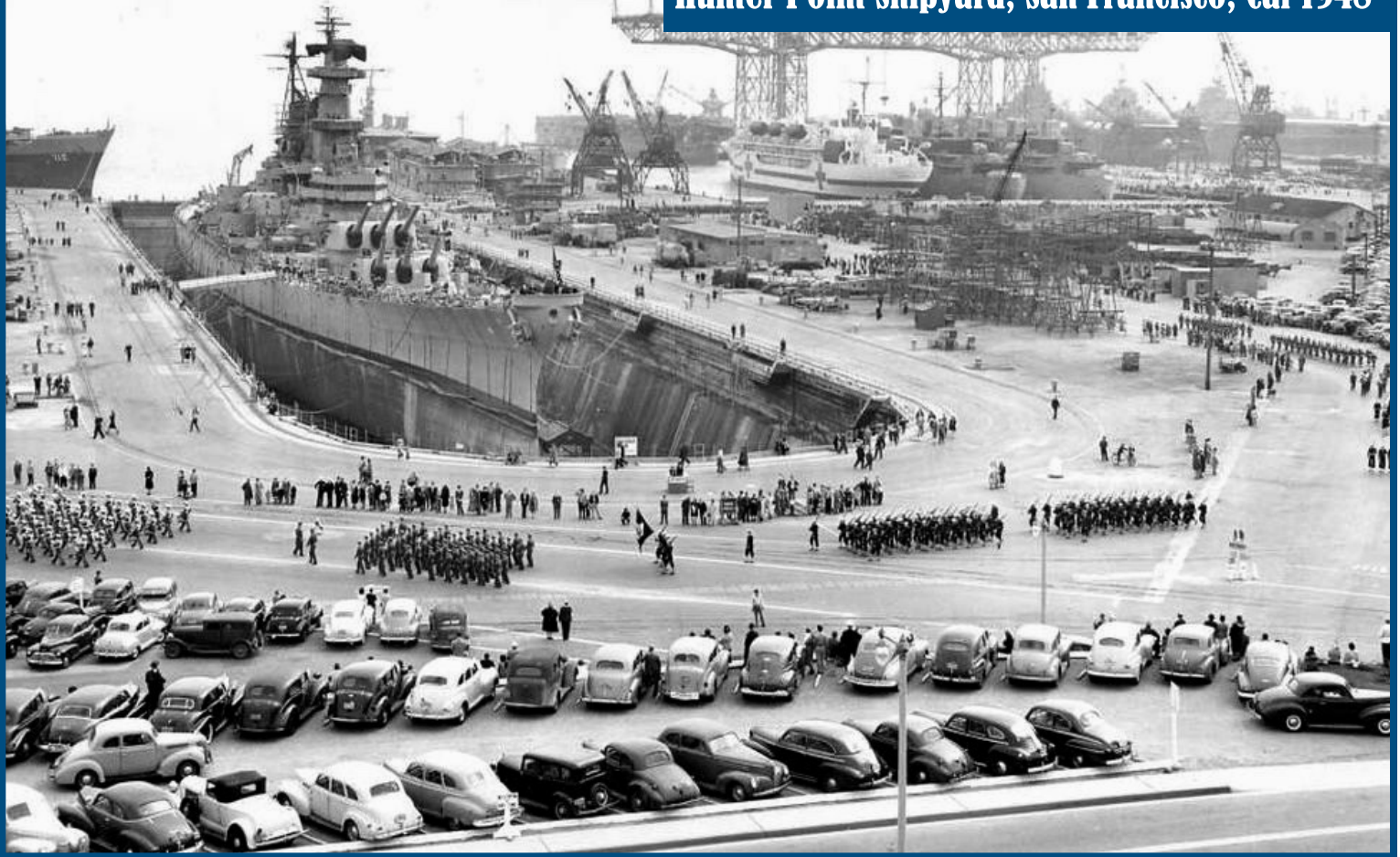


**Remember all those old  
Fords you could buy for  
\$50 bucks...or less?**



Thanks, Hemmings

## Hunter Point Shipyard, San Francisco, Cal 1948



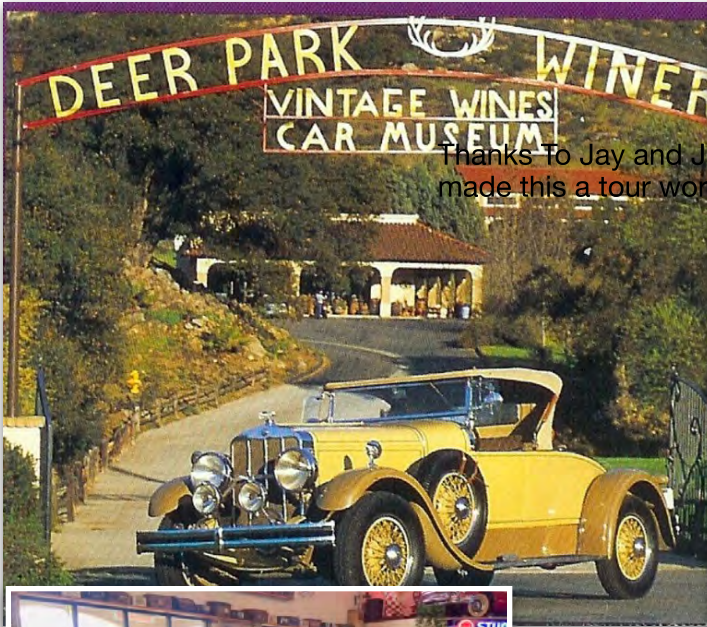
### Some Guys have nothing better to do...

Every month on the third Saturday, you'll find a group of graying car nuts gathered out back of Burger King in Coronado. It's an eclectic mix - owners from every background and cars from every manufacturer...Fords, Chevys, Maseratis, Volvos, a Dodge, a Cobra, Jeeps, a few Porsches, etc. Last week, the founder of CARS & COFFEE, Bill Gise, invited those who had braved the rain to come over to his famous underground garage. Some 25 years ago, he and a few friends dug the hole with picks and shovels, slid in several 20 foot one-ton steel beams to hold the house up and created a man cave with 9 foot ceilings uninterrupted by annoying support posts. Now he is on the last lap of a dream build - one he can drive 200 MPH on the Bonneville salt. It all started innocently enough - take this old Model T Roadster, beef up the frame, toss in a lot of horse power and off we go... Well, things have gotten dramatically more complicated. First he



lengthened the body, made it wider and slipped a new high teck custom-built chassis under, built a 1000 HP Turbo Charged motor, Spealized Trans and quick-change rear, Daytona Wire Wheels, race ready tires, disc brakes, chute package, Roll Cage, and all. Once he passes the Race Inspection and Certification, he'll prep for the real deal and one more thing off the bucket list.

By the way, last year Bill finished his another dream car - a '64 Cobra that had been hiding in his cave since '70 . But that's another story —TS



Thanks To Jay and Janet for the master plan that made this a tour worth remembering.



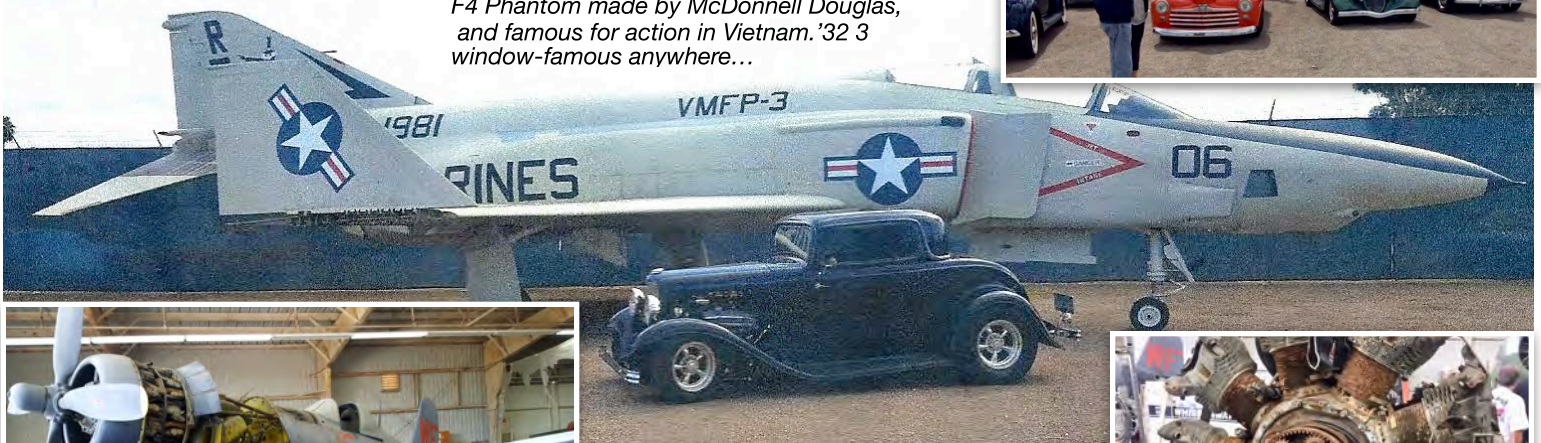
### Another kudo for Jay.

Thanks to Jay and Janet Harris, this three-stop-ride was a tour to remember. The Palomar Group left Temecula heading south and the San Diego group drove north on a collision course to happen at the Deer Park Winery gate. What a difference traveling the scenic old 395 verses the high speed crazy 15. At 65mph noisy old Fords do not make for easy conversations, but at 50mph on the two lane, you can actually converse without yelling - maybe even hear the radio... Great to see all the familiar north county faces, the winery vinyards, the vintage radios, TVs and humongous rag top car collection again.

The question is, who keeps all those tires pumped up? For the rest of the day see the Leatherneck Airman museum and resto shop contd on next page...



F4 Phantom made by McDonnell Douglas, and famous for action in Vietnam. '32 3 window-famous anywhere...



## Leave it to the Marines

After having our fill at the winery, Jay honked his horn and we headed south on old 395 to the Flying Leatherneck Museum on Mira Mar mesa. Ex Marine, Bob Brown joined in ready to lead us into the Restoration Shop. The Crew Chief of the shop, Bob Cramsie, welcomed us and pointed out the latest project: a rare (only 57 built) SBD-1 (Dauntless Dive Bomber) fished from the bottom of Lake Michigan several years ago. Air Crews training to be carrier pilots trained on the lake. They were required to make eight successful landings and takeoffs from a carrier before they received their "Wings" and were shipped off to war zones in Europe or the Pacific theater. According to Pilots, SBD stood for *SLOW BUT DEADLY*.

Quite a few rookies went in the drink when they missed the ship - in fact the Navy has mapped over 300 planes on the bottom. They know the plane type, pilots name, general condition of the wreck and exact location under water. When Museums are looking to restore a soggy wreck, they go to the map, select a plane and raise the \$100Gs it takes to bring it up.

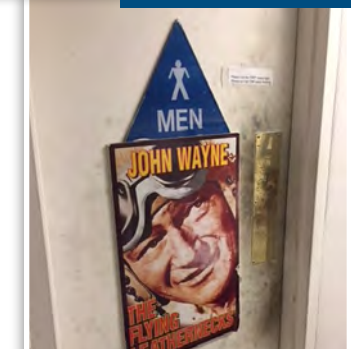
75 years is a long time under water—even fresh water. This plane needed a major rebuild and much new fabrication - five year's worth to date. I'd say it's 75% done and this is not a plane you could fly - it will just look like you could.

The resto shop was filled with projects, some done, but most still in need of work. Cramsie said he had never been in the military - he learned all he knows as a PSA Aircraft mechanic for 22 years. (email handle: psawrench) But he sees what the results of warfare on men and machines and feels obligated to volunteer his time and talent to save the remains of war as his way of serving his country.

We were there until our growling stomachs could be heard. Time for lunch at MIMI's. —TS



Wright R-1820 Radial engine with about 1000 hp



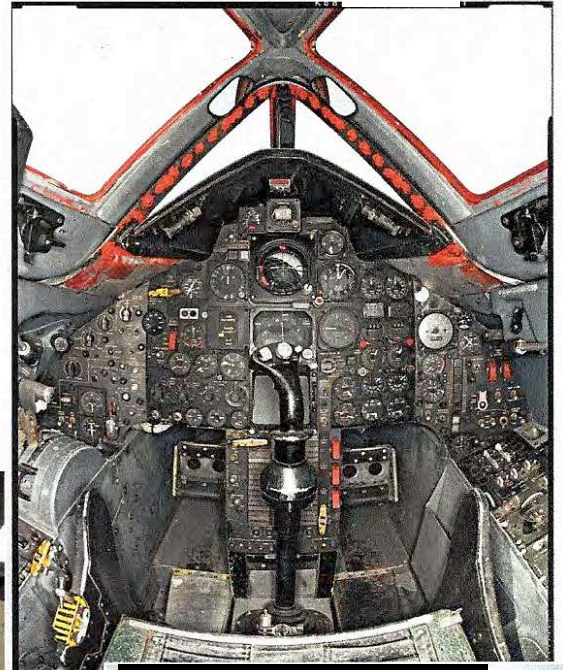
Men's Room: John Wayne. Woman's: More John Wayne



Seen any interesting Cockpits recently?



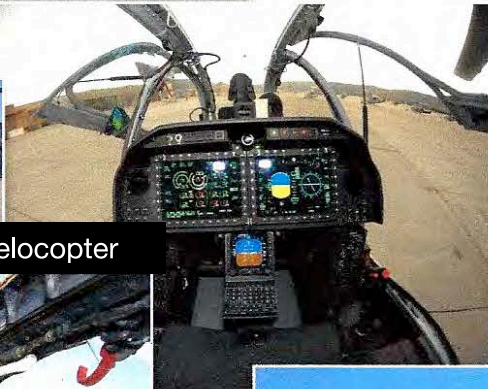
A1 Abrams Tank



Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird



AH-1Z Viper Helicopter



Mi-24 Hind



P51 Mustang



1934 Ford



Concord



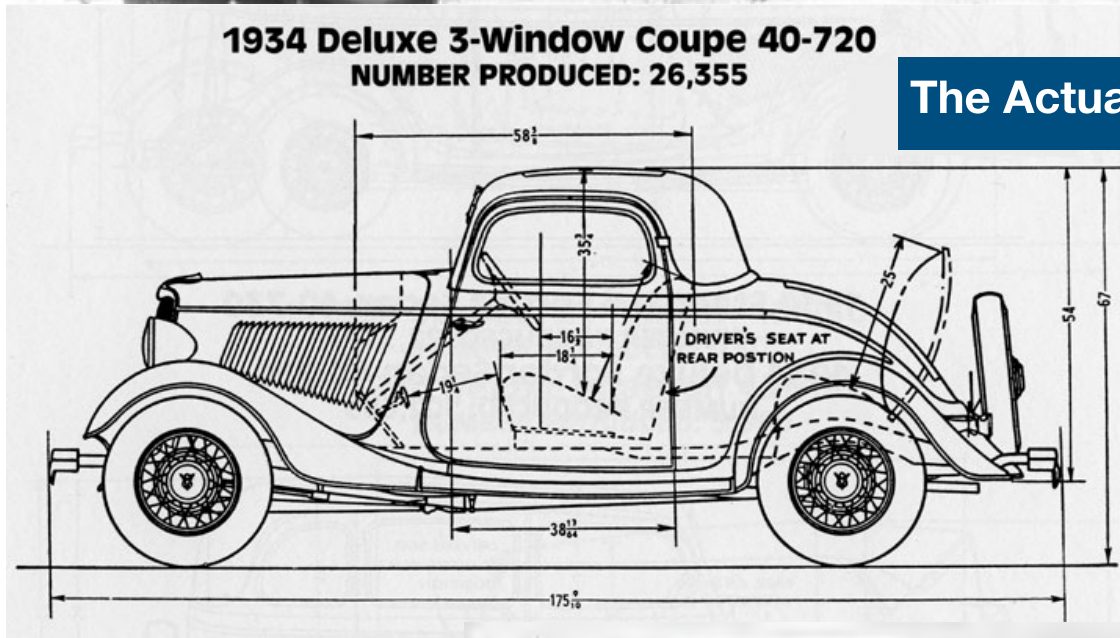




**The Actual 1934 Ford**

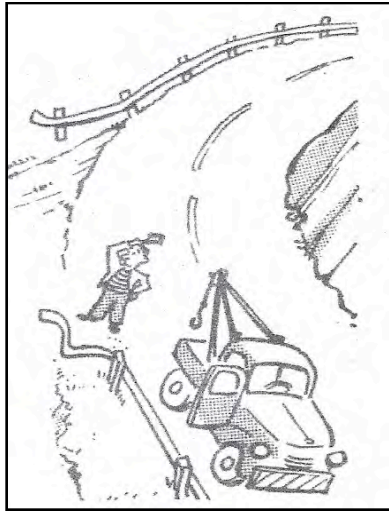
**1934 Deluxe 3-Window Coupe 40-720  
NUMBER PRODUCED: 26,355**

**The Actual Specs**



**The Artist Rendition:  
Longer, Lower, More  
Exotic. (Never trust an  
Artist)**





Thanks Hooshirev8IEWS



*Brothers from different Mothers noticed at March Meeting*

*Torrie Olsen and Dave Huhn. Separated at birth?*

The March V8 General meeting was different in a lot of ways. Because of a museum event, we were moved down the hall to the smaller room normally used by the V8 Board—where we had lots of things to talk about: The BIG 3s final resolution, upcoming tours all over north county, The FAN going digital, New V8 Jackets availble. Bill Dorr brought along some Ford related films that wern't at the Oscars, but were award winners. The Name Tag drawing was won by Lois Pierson, who hadn't been to a meeting for years. Seemed odd that after 3 wins, Bill Houlihan didn't win jack. Dan Prager showed no emotion when he won the 50/50, unlike Carl Atkinson, who was thrilled to have a cake and the whole place sing Happy 91st BDay. Mike Pierson did a great job describing all the 1980s V8 momentos donated by past Prez and BIG 3 honcho Earl Williamson's widow, Penny. With no room to spread out, I noticed some couples in the dark getting reacquainted during the movie —married? Who cares?.... *Thanks to Walter for the photo*



**Virginia Key, Florida—1950s**

Send Rick Carlton your email address- if you want to receive EAN by email.

**Next Meeting : Wed, Mar 21, 2018, 7pm, Auto Museum, Balboa Park**

**FORD V8 SWAP CORNER...**

The Ford Fan will publish ads relating to 1932-1953 Ford

**Sale—Complete front clip for 1954 F100 Pick Up. Front fenders, Grill, Valence and Hood. Plus a Tailgate and Bed Rails. No Rust, small dings, in Primer, good metal. \$600 for all. 619-851-8927**

**FOR SALE:** Pair of '34 Ford Tudor Bucket Seats, complete springs, Need reupholstery. \$450.00 OBO. **Todd, Speedo Shop 619-258-8195**

**'40 Deluxe Opera Coupe.** Beautiful shape. Drive anywhere. **Terry Johnson 303-888-8231 En-**



**'56 TBird. V8, auto. Porthole Top. New Pearl paint. Very clean \$20K? John Hildebrand 619-850-4099**

**'59 Edsel Ranger.** All original, green & white, 4 dr, Needs TLC. \$1900-Cheap. **Rick 619-512-7058**

**Wanted- Two Wheels-16" x 4.5" Mike Pearson 760-729-4645. [m.pearson@roadrunner.com](mailto:m.pearson@roadrunner.com)**

**Jeep CJG Trans, Transfer Case.** Everything from fly-wheel to Drive Shaft. \$500. **Carl 619-593-1514**

**'37 Fordor. Good shape. New V8 60 Motor, radiator & everything else under hood. Solid body, good interior, WWW tires. Runs & drives great.-619-829-1678 Dr. Tom**



**'32 Phaeton-All Steel. All Original. Once was Dickey Smothers car, then Harrah's Museum. Good condition. Sidemounts, Luggage Rack. Runs great. \$95k OBO. **Dixie, 619-677-8922****



**'40 Deluxe Convert.** Solid straight rust free original. Stored for several years. Runs good. Prime spots. New Chrome & interior. **\$35k**

**'40 Deluxe Coupe.** Excellent rust free. Beautiful inside and out. Stored several years. Paint excellent. **Runs good. \$30k.**

**'39 Rumble Seat Convert. Project. (No Photo) Frame done, Body in prime. 5 new WWW. New parts in boxes. All Apart. Needs assembly \$14k**

**3 Cars \$75k. 619-444-1401**



**'32 Tudor. ready to go hot rod. Real Nice Car. \$30,000. **Tom Cook 619-200-8114****



**'36 Coupe Hot Rod- Proven Tour Car. Best Offer. Extra set new running Boards \$400. **Tom Cook 619-200-8114****



**Wanted: '49-'51 Ford Tudor Basket Case. Carl 619-593-1514**

**'35 Ford 1/2 ton PU. Solid, never hit, never cut up, all steel, still has mechanical brakes, converted to 12 volt, gas tank moved to back of the truck. Motor is frozen, last run 4 years ago. \$14K OBO - **Joe (619) 851-3289.****



**'48 Ford Deluxe Bus Coupe. New motor. Everything else NOS. \$16,500 OBO Norm Burke 619-462-8956**

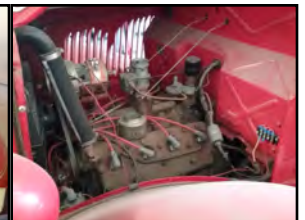
**'54 F100 PU. 302, C4 auto, PS, PB, New Chrome, Nice interior, Clean Dash, Flat black paint. New oak Bed. New 4bbl, tune, brakes, tires, wiring, trans, etc. \$18,500 Very Fast Truck. **Tim 619-851-8927****



**Sale- NOS & Used Ford Shoebox Parts- left over inventory from '49-'50-'51 Parts business. Sell all for B.O—619-466-5475**



**'35 Ford Pumper Fire Truck. 21 Stud Orig Flathead. Runs, needs TLC. Body, paint, Lyle Fisk gold leaf pin striping all good. \$15k OBO-Rick Carlton 619-512-7058**



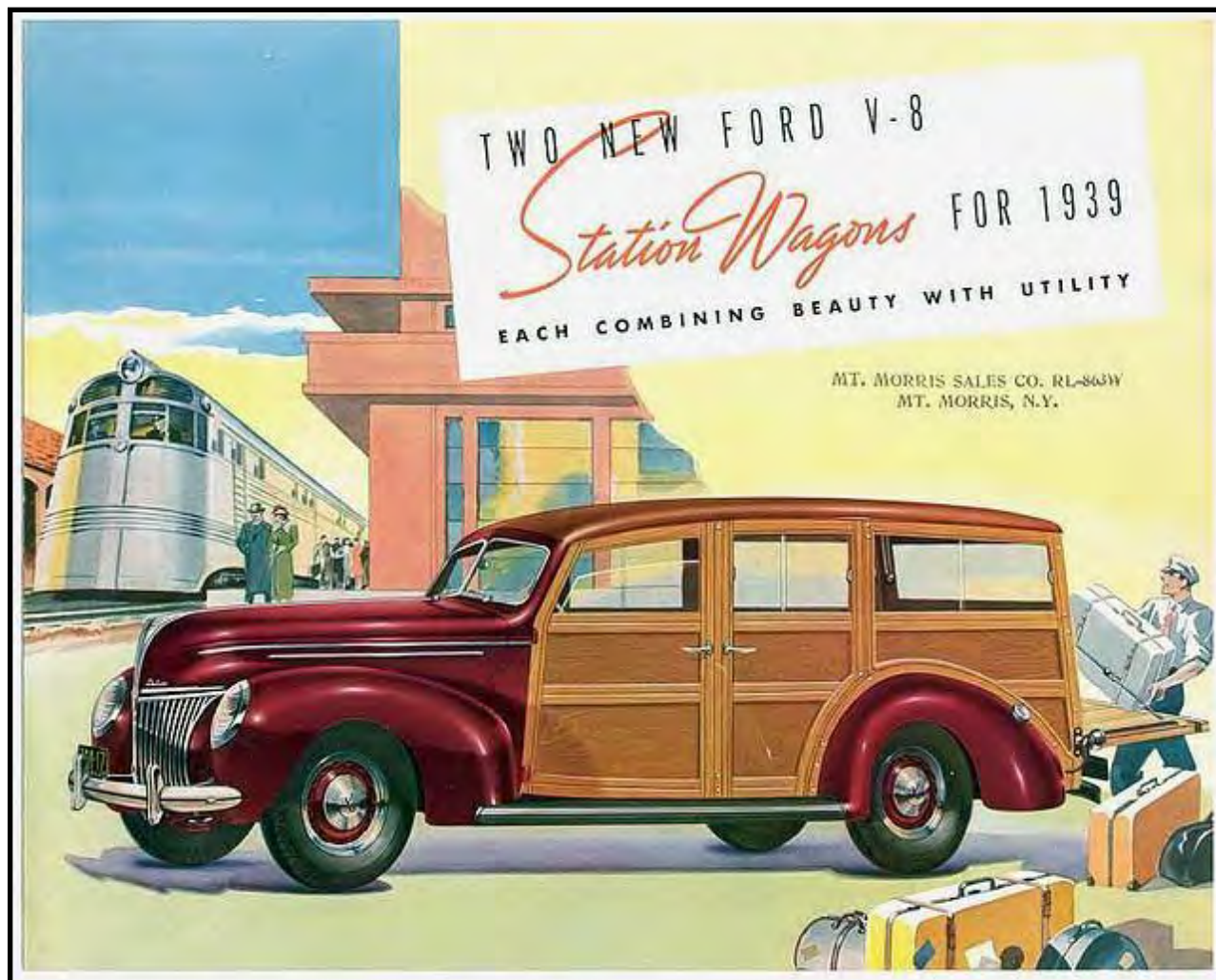
SDEFV8 Club, C/O Tim Shortt, 1211 5th St, Coronado, Ca 92118



DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION & PRESERVATION OF 1932-1953 FORD MOTOR CAR COMPANY VEHICLES



Apr/18



'The Stoner' is a regular feature of Hemmings Daily, under Dream Cars, Show Cars and Prototypes.

## The Stoner T: How to build a hot rod in 10 years (and impress people), part 10

Dan Stoner

My T coupe and all its influences. When I look at this collection of cars that I've loved for the entirety of my consciousness, I pause and just marvel at what this purely American phenomenon has produced over the last 70 years. Just amazing. All photos by the author, unless otherwise noted.

Ever reach the point, when you're working on an old-car project, where you just get... stuck? You've tapped-out all your credit cards, you can see the bottom of the drawer where you keep your slush fund, and you can actually hear your own echo in that one corner of your bank account that you swore you'd only use for car parts. And then you can't figure out the fuel-system fittings. Or why the doors just refuse to line up and gap correctly. Or maybe the steering is buckling and you screwed up the geometry. These are the things that can stop me dead in my tracks, but I thank all that is holy in the Temple of Hot Rod that I've got a shaman like Conder to fearlessly guide me through these moments when I feel my own car-guy mortality. He's like that wizard on the rocky hilltop with the lantern on that Zeppelin album cover, silently floating over the rocks as I follow along behind on my bloody knees. Understand? I'll bet you do.

I'm at that point with the T. Really, it just comes down to money. I'm lucky that I can't swing a dead cat without hitting so many great, if not historic, hot rods here in Northern California, so all that inspiration keeps me focused. So, while Tim and I are figuring out the rest of the punch list on this car and gathering more epicness to share with you, I thought I'd take a breather, clear off those two stools over by the workbench, crack two cold ones, and dig into some of my – and, consequently, this car's – inspiration with you. I think you'll dig it.



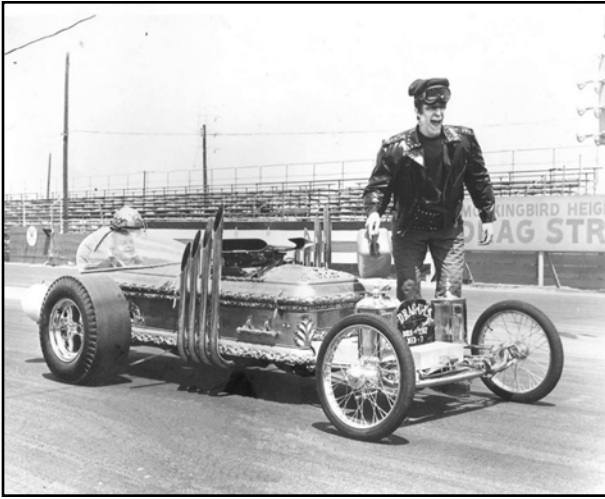
*Rich Guasco built this early Fuel Altered Bantam drag car, piloted by Dale Emory. This thing still lives in the Northern California town of Pleasanton with Rich, and they both can still be seen at car shows and drag strips. One of the most well-known Alterededs, it's a national treasure, for sure. Photo: Stephen Justice.*

*The Red Baron brought all kinds of influences of its age together in one car: the German helmet and "Iron Cross" were symbols of outlaw biker culture in the late '50s and '60s; the World War I flying ace idea was also picked up by Snoopy in Peanuts; and the show-car circuit had the potential to be a fairly good income for anyone with the right, seemingly mysterious idea for a car that could also become a model kit. Ah, the Good 'Ol Days...*  
 Photo: Tom Daniel.



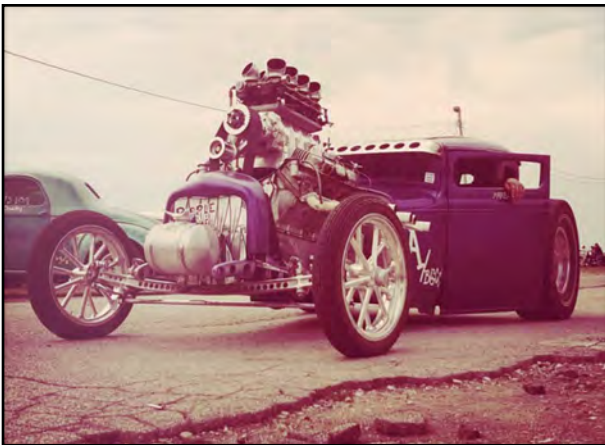
*By the time the Druid Princess (named by none other than artist, Robert Williams) made the scene, things were getting truly wacky on the hot-rod show circuit. But, it could be argued that this is just what happens when Hollywood picks up on an idea and shoots it through its own psychedelic wormhole. Photo: Darin Schnabel, courtesy RM Sotheby's. (Contd)*





*Drag-U-La was my favorite car to ever come out of George Barris' Barris Kustom in North Hollywood. It wasn't as popular as the Batmobile or the Munsters Koach, but a coffin with a bubble-top and slicks? C'mon, man... Photo: Brett Barris and Barris Kustom.*

*Scotty Strebel's hot-rod pickup was a big, modern-day influence on me, because of its stance and those ever-present slicks-n-slicers. First time I saw it, the truck was in its Army drab livery. I remember the day I got the call that he'd wrecked it. One of the great San Francisco hot-rod stories, and it's still a real "Kennedy" moment for many of us who remember where we were when the accident happened. Don't worry, Scotty is still with us, ruling hard. Photo: Scott Strebel.*



*Probably the most influential hot rod of the last 30 years, Marky Idzardi's Purple People Eater is still in one piece, still owned by its builder, and still making passes on*

*quarter-miles all over the world. I know it sounds corny, but this car makes me proud to be a member of the generation that redefined hot-rodding in ways not seen in 40 years. Photo: Mark Idzardi.*



*The Boot Hill Express was the monster truck of its time: fetishized by the kids, loved by the show promoters, questioned by parents, and lauded by the model-car kit brands. While Ray Fahrner's Boothill Caravan traveling circus is long gone, the original Express can still be seen at the Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed. Photo: Darin Schnabel, courtesy RM Sotheby's.*

*The one and only "Uncertain T." When Steve Scott built an addition to his mom's house so he could start building this car in high school, I don't think he had plans to change the world. And, now that I think about it, it's hard to imagine under what circumstances a high-school kid might do some modern-day version of the T. Photo: Steve Scott.*

*So, these are my hot-rod influences. Like I said, you can probably see the consistencies among all of them: that fueler slicks-n-slicers wheel and tire combination, a mean rake, big motor, no fenders, no front brakes, some sort of gothic-inspired vertical shape in the body with sharp edges and right angles, all wrapped up in an unmistakable attitude. The art-school grad in me is driven by the aesthetics of these cars, and Conder and I bonded as builder/customer over his own approach to choppers: "They're supposed to be dangerous, man. If your butt doesn't pucker just a little when you light it, you're wasting your time."*

*Back to the build next week, friends. Thanks for taking a breather with me and talking about inspiration — it's important, if hot-rodding is going to survive. — Dan Stoner*