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**Happy New Year 2020**





## PREZ Joe SEZ—

Happy New Year V8ers! The roaring twenties are back at last! 2019 was a great year, capped off with a wonderful gathering of 65 members of our Club to celebrate the holiday season and the installation of the 2020

Club Board of Directors and Officers. Having so many of our members together at one time made the event especially enjoyable!

In 2020 programs and tours are going to be handled differently than in past years. Rather than one person being the Programs Director and one a Tours Director, Programs and Tours will be coordinated by members of the Club's Board of Directors and Officers. Each Officer and Board Member will take a turn coordinating at least one program for a Wednesday evening monthly meeting and also one monthly Club tour. Tim Shortt is kicking off 2020's tours with one in January and I am coordinating January's program. More information on upcoming programs & Tours will be found in the Fan Newsletter or communicated via email.

Enjoy the rest of the holidays, because before you know it it will be the 4th of July!

I'll see you all in 2020! Keep on V8ing!

*Joe Valentino*

*President*

### Welcome New Members-

Paul Alvarado  
Marilyn Alvarado  
Christy Brown  
John Davison  
John Jaecki  
Paul Mears  
Russ Saterly  
Janet Voinov  
Cal Westra  
Cheryl Westra  
Fred Williamson

President: **Joe Valentino** - 619-275-1255

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### Directors:

**Mike Petermann Prez Pro Tem** 916-479-3665

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**Dennis Bailey** - 619-954-8646

**Bob Hargrave**-619-283-4111

**Ken Burke** - 619-469-7350

**Ray Brock** 619-993-9190

**Rick Carlton** - 619-512-7058

**Joe Valentino** - 619-275-1255

### Other Chairpersons

50/50: **Carl Atkinson** - 619-593-1514

Membership : **Paula Pifer** - 619-464-5445

### Programs: Volunteers

Tour Co-ordinator-Month to Month

Car Club Council: **Susan Johns Valentino** 619-275-1255

Web Master: **Rick Carlton** - 619-512-7058

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Sunshine: **Judy Grobbel** - 619-435-2932

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619-851-7878

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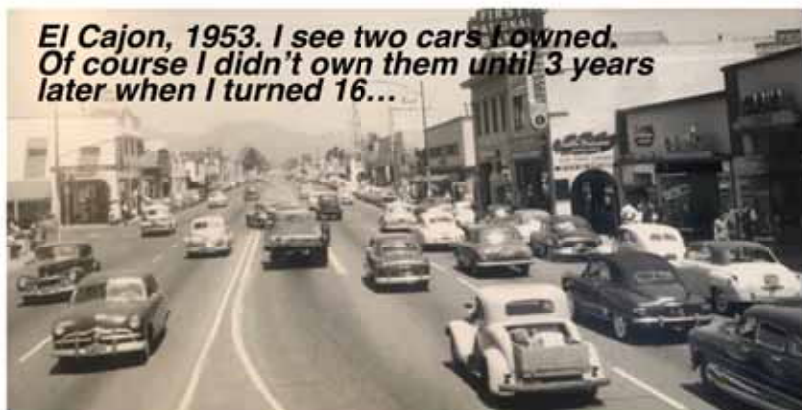


### Wear Your Name Tag-- Jan pot is \$50 Bucks

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, we Draw 'til we have a winner.

**El Cajon, 1953. I see two cars I owned. Of course I didn't own them until 3 years later when I turned 16...**



1947-  
Youthful  
Driving  
Safety  
Award  
presented  
at Coronado Texaco Station







## Coronado Cays Clubhouse Christmas Blast.

*Bill Dorr booked the perfect party place overlooking the Bay. Food was served by SD Catering and it was delicious.*

Rain threatened outside but inside the mood was warm and festive. Prez Joe and first Lady, Susan took over the ceremonies. Joe recounted all the tours, programs and other highlights for the year of 2019 - a very successful year for the club including welcoming 12 new members, bringing us up to 126 friends who all happen to love old Fords.

Food was served, special awards for hard working members, winners announced for Card Match Game and table prizes awarded. Barbara Martin spoke about the success of Wreaths Across America tribute to fallen heroes.

Toys for Tots were loaded to be taken to the Marines for distribution. Bill Dorr was awarded Outstanding Member and the board for 2020 was sworn in with the "So Help Me Henry" pledge.  
—Award photos on page 5—





## Tours

### **Jan 14, 2020 SDEFV8 Tour Air and Space Museum, Balboa Park.**

**Meet at Museum at 10 am.  
Photo of V8 group and Ford  
Building planned.**

**You must RSVP and pay in advance  
by Jan 7th, 2020 for this tour.**

**Special GROUP RATE applies  
for 10 or more:**

**\$14 for Adults (Reduced from \$19)**

**\$11 for Over 65 or Active Military  
(Cheap- bring the family)**

**\$6 for kids 3-11 yrs old (Bring the  
Grand kids)**

**RSVP to Tim Shortt 619-851-8927**

### **Birthday and Anniversaries**

#### January Anniversary

1/26 Al & Stephanie Tarkington

#### January Birthdays

1/02 Don Pettee

1/02 Phil Spaid

1/02 Bob Brown

1/02 Ignacio Castaneda

1/05 Augustin Martinez

1/07 Judy Gladden

1/07 Marty Ries

1/09 Dennis Bailey

1/10 Maureen Colvin

1/19 Raphael Hargrave

1/20 Ken Tibbot

1/21 Webb Smith

1/23 Lois Pierson

1/23 Sheryl Carlton

1/26 Diego Orozco

Membership Paula- Now 126 !

Welcome two new members-  
**John Davidson-jjd1957@att.net and  
Janet Voinov- hotelstaf@cox.net**

Sunshine Judy- Rumor has it that at last  
Wednesday's Breakfast in Lemon Grove  
that it was determined by unidentified  
sources that Dennis Bailey is  
"mellowing with age"!

Happy, Healthy  
New Years, Everybody

## **San Diego Early Ford V8 Club. Wreaths Across America Dec 13, 2019**

### **Union-Tribune**

SUNDAY

#### **A TIME TO REFLECT**

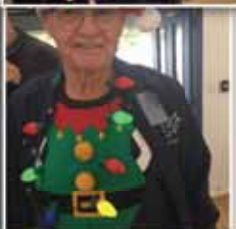


Millions of  
Americans  
gathered at the  
same moment  
across the country  
to reflect on the  
sacrifice of those  
that died while  
defending our  
country.

Several V8  
Veterans joined in  
at Ft. Rosecrans,  
where Ric Storrs is  
interred, for the  
laying of Wreaths.







## PRESIDENTS AWARDS 2020

1. 50-50 raffle chair – Carl Atkinson – A constant at our club meetings with hat – our man on the honor flight
2. Sunshine chair – Judy Grobbel Telling us who is under the weather, and sending cards to those that are
3. Membership chair – Paula Pifer - Every year – behind the scenes Managing Membership & Dues
4. Email communications chair - Sandy Shortt – When you think emails and e-blasts, who do you think of?
5. Car club council chair – Susan Valentino – Always providing club tour options

### > Recognition of 2019 Board of Directors:

1. Walter Andersen - a man with a lot of experience, Great asset on the Board
2. Dennis Bailey - Vice President – Unfiltered opinions and the man behind the All Ford Picnic
3. Ray Brock - Accessories - Technical support – generous to Museum, to our Club & SW college Automotive Program
4. Bob Brown – Tours – Great tours-always had something lined up for us -swift boats- As a matter of Fact, I thought he did such a good job, I had our staff in the Trophy Department Create this Garage Trophy, The Golden Wrench, in Appreciation of his contribution in Touring this year!
5. Ken Burke – Treasurer - Always looking after Finances – 2018 President's Award winner
6. Rick Carlton - Webmaster – Keeps Cyber world informed of the Club
7. Bill Dorr – Programs – Every month something – and who can forget his final program as he channeled a fabulous Alex Trebek
8. Bob Hargrave – Secretary - Always reminded us of what we said, whether or not we want to be reminded!
9. Mike Petermann – President Pro Tem – Stoic advice man. I could count him when I needed a sanity check, or to ask how he handled things
10. Tim Shortt – Fan Editor – another year of Awesome Newsletters. Tim kept all members informed of past events, future events, member's marriages, the passing of Members, members Birthdays & anniversaries, and of parties he and Sandy attended. He publishes great pictures and we love the classified. I believe his Tombstone will be inscribed "Coming along Nicely". Tim we appreciate your work every month!

Joe Valentino  
Prez 2020

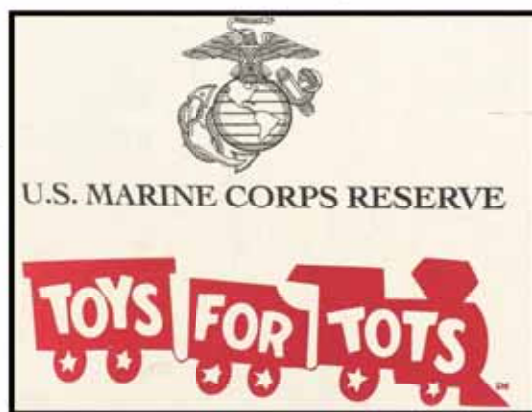






**Toys for Tots** began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR, and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children ... The 1947 campaign was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted **Toys for Tots** in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign.

Monday after the V8 Christmas party, Paula and Joe, Bob Brown, Dennis and Maureen and Tim and Sandy met up at the Marine Base. Our cars were filled with goodies and we were directed to pull in among all the trucks where the Marines and a hard working volunteer group were unloading. A photo, then Merry Christmas hand shakes all around.





**Those new Vans offering 3-row seating-  
room for family, friends, stuff...  
Done already.**





## SDV8- 2019- Tours to Remember

1. Air and Space Museum at Gillespie Field to check out all the aircraft -
2. Feb Tour -We went to the Big 3 as visitors for the first time
3. Madison High School Car Show - March
4. Drag Race Museum in Lake Elsinore - March Tour
5. Cars on Main Street in Coronado - April
6. The Julian Beer Company
7. All Ford Picnic at Santee Lakes - May Tour
8. El Cajon Cruise night - we took over Orange Avenue
9. Edgemoor Skilled Nursing facility show in May
10. The Streak (rainy) sponsored by the OTHG
11. Fireman's appreciation at the Crown Plaza Hotel - June Tour
12. June: Drive your Ford Day & the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday bash at the Auto museum. Bob and Joe had to go to the Caterer commissary to get the food redirected to the correct location
13. Harris tour of California's Highway 1 - May
14. San Diego County Fair car show
15. Edelbrock Factory Tour - July Tour
16. Greatest Show on Turf - Aug
17. The Thomas' Ice Cream Social
18. The Fabulous Swift Boat Tour - September
19. Picnic by the Bay Car Show
20. Tour Wife Swap on Coronado - October
21. Barona Drag races - October
22. Edgemoor Car Show - October
23. OTHG fire extinguisher presentation- October
24. Best Damn Car Show
25. Crawford Colts Car Show

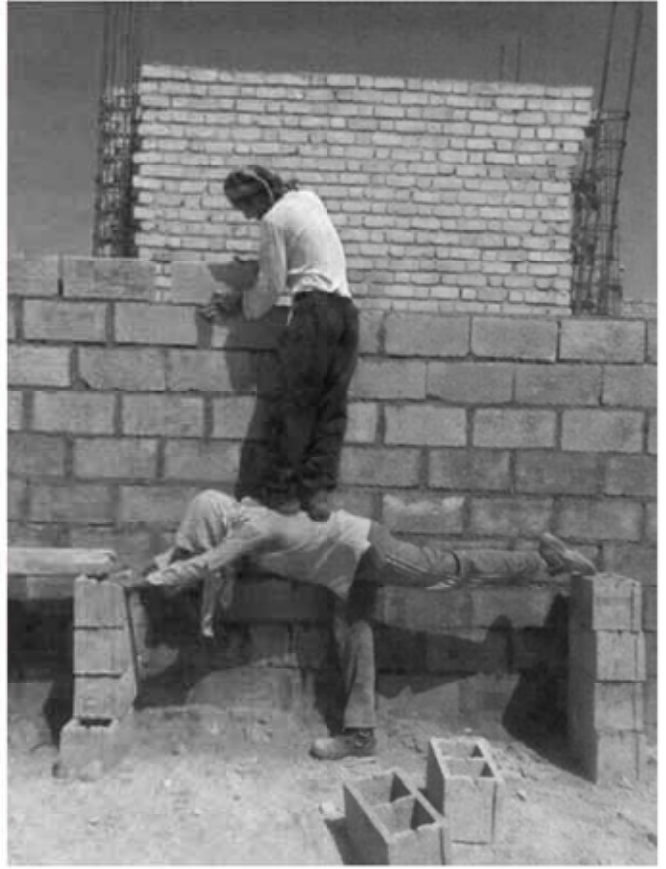
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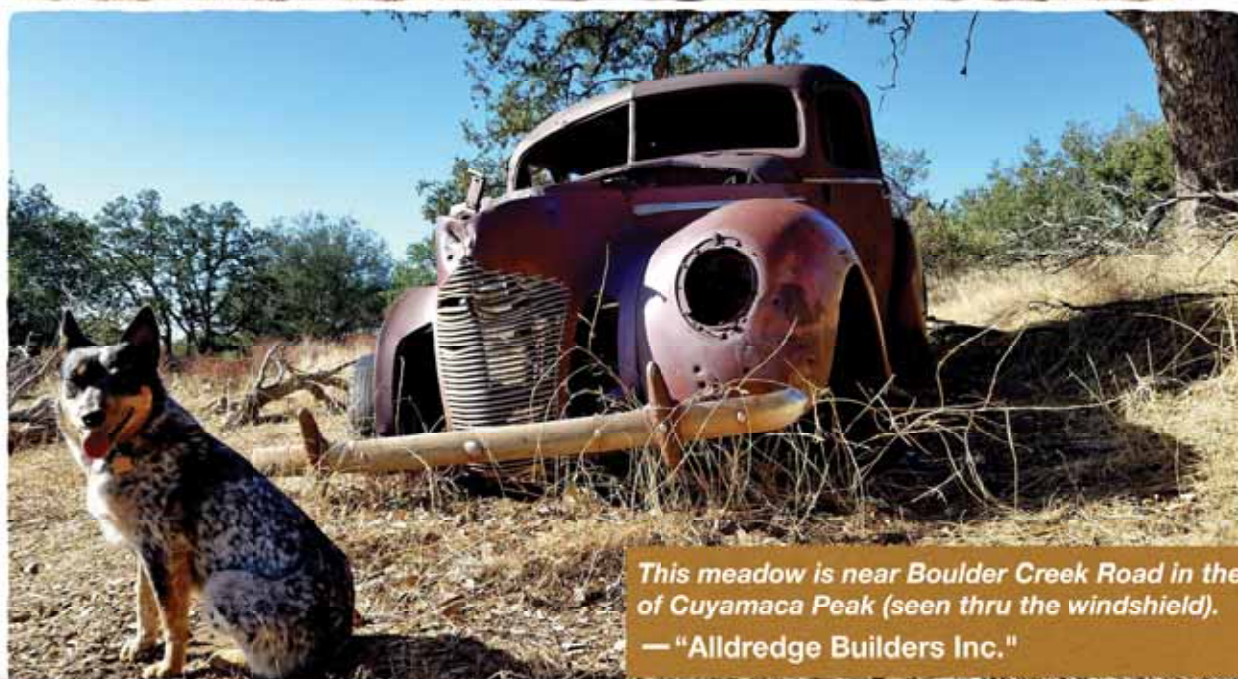


In Toronto, a Brownie breaks the boredom of an awards ceremony by sending a message to one of her elders.



**Timeless Observations...**





*This meadow is near Boulder Creek Road in the shadow of Cuyamaca Peak (seen thru the windshield).*

*—“Alldredge Builders Inc.”*

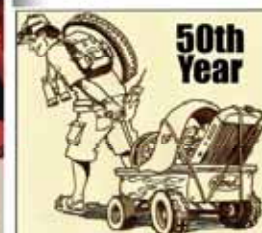


Last Saturday I met a fellow at Cars and Coffee in Coronado. We talked a bit about, what else, Cars we have owned. Turns out he had just sold a '50 Ford Woody (same color as my '49) and bought a Porsche Speedster. He then said he was hiking a week ago came across this Field Art - sitting quietly in a beautiful meadow overlooking Mt Palomar—no where near a road—The '37 Flatback Ford Tudor - still on its wheels, has a motor and has a few bullet holes. The push dents on the trunk, explain how it got out here. ...



## Big 3 Memories, 2016—

## Five Guys Seen Marking Up the Q-

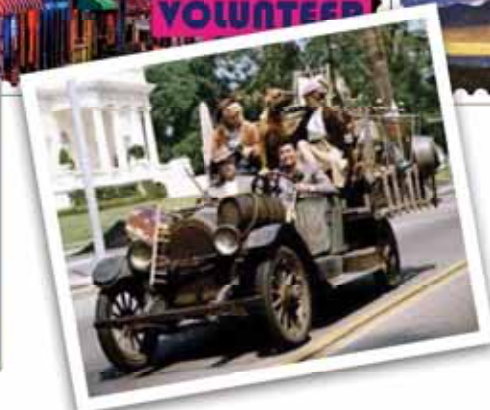


## Big 3 Memories-

In prep for our last BIG 3, Ric, Joe, Bill, Mike and Tim were photographed spray painting dots and numbers all over the Q Parking lot - like a gang of graffiti artists. The weird thing was, the Cops didn't care. By the end of the day we had covered most of the lot, our shoes and parts of Friars road with white paint, but we were ready for our LAST BIG 3.



# The 10 Most Tax-Friendly States in the U.S.



**Think California  
is too expensive?  
...Move. Please.**



*When U.S. oil tanker Pennsylvania Sun was torpedoed by U-571 on July, 15, 1942, about 125 miles west of Key West, Florida. Britain's oil reserves were 2 million barrels below safety reserves.*



*A Republic P-47 in Italy is fueled in this February 1945 photograph "passed for publication" by Allied field press censors.*



*Noble Drilling Corporation financed a May 1991 trip for 14 survivors of the original crew to return to Duke's Wood in Sherwood Forest. Photo courtesy of the Dukes Wood Oil Museum.*



*Dedicated in 2001, an Oil Patch Warrior stands in Ardmore, Oklahoma. The bronze statue is an exact duplicate of one erected 10 years earlier near Nottinghamshire, England.*

## THE OIL PATCH WARRIORS OF WORLD WAR II

Seventy-five years ago this month, a Band of Roughnecks went abroad on a top secret mission into Robin Hood's stomping grounds to punch oil wells to help fuel England's war machines.

It's a story that should make any oilman or woman proud.

The year was 1943 and England was mired in World War II. U-boats attacked supply vessels, choking off badly needed supplies to the island nation. But oil was the commodity they needed the most as they warred with Germany.

A book "The Secret of Sherwood Forest: Oil Production in England During World War II" written by Guy Woodward and Grace Steele Woodward was published in 1973, and tells the obscure story of the American oil men who went to England to bore wells in a top secret mission in March 1943.

England had but one oil field, in Sherwood Forest of all places. Its meager output of 300 barrels a day was literally a drop in the bucket of their requirement of 150,000 barrels a day to fuel their war machines.

Then a top secret plan was devised: to send some Americans and their expertise to assist in developing the field. Oklahoma based Noble Drilling Company, along with Fain-Porter signed a one year contract to drill 100 wells for England, merely for costs and expenses.

42 drillers and roughnecks from Texas and Oklahoma, most in their teens and early twenties volunteered for the mission to go abroad. The hands embarked for England in March 1943 aboard the HMS Queen Elizabeth. Four National 50 drilling rigs were loaded onto ships but only three of them made landfall; the Nazi U-boats sank one of the rigs en route to the UK.

The Brits' jaws dropped as the Yanks began punching the wells in a week, compared to five to eight weeks for their British counterparts. They worked 12 hour tours, 7 days a week and within a year, the Americans had drilled 106 wells and England oil production shot up from 300 barrels a day to over 300,000

The contract fulfilled, the American oil men departed England in late March 1944 But only 41 hands were on board the return voyage. Herman Douthit, a Texan derrick-hand was killed during the operation. He was laid to rest with full military honors, and remains the only civilian to be buried at The American Military Cemetery in Cambridge.

"The Oil Patch Warrior," a seven foot bronze statue of a roughneck holding a four foot pipe wrench stands near Nottingham England to honor the American oil men's assistance and sacrifice in the war. A replica was placed in Ardmore Oklahoma in 2001

It is by no means a stretch to state that without the American mission, we might all be speaking German today.—Thanks Walter





Untouched for almost 7 decades, the tunnel used in the Great Escape has finally been unearthed. The 111 yard passage nicknamed 'Harry' by Allied prisoners, was sealed by the Germans after the audacious break-out from the POW camp Stalag Luft III in western Poland. Despite huge interest in the subject, encouraged by the film starring Steve McQueen, the tunnel was undisturbed over the decades because it was behind the Iron Curtain and the Soviets had no interest in its significance.

But at last British archaeologists have excavated it, and discovered its remarkable secrets.

Many of the bed boards which had been joined to stop it from collapsing were still in position. And the ventilation shaft, ingeniously crafted from used powdered milk containers known as Klim Tins, remained in working order.

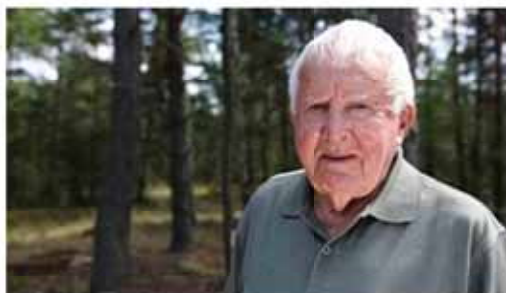
Scattered throughout the tunnel, which is 30 feet below ground, were bits of old metal buckets, hammers and crowbars which were used to hollow out the route.

A total of 600 prisoners worked on 3 tunnels at the same time. They were nicknamed Tom, Dick, and Harry, and were just 2 feet square for most of their length. It was on the night of March 24 and 25, 1944, that 76 Allied airmen escaped through Harry.

1/3rd of the 200 prisoners, many in fake German uniforms and civilian outfits and carrying false ID papers, who were meant to slip away, managed to leave before the alarm was raised when escapee number 77 was spotted.

Only 3 made it back to Britain. Another 50 were executed by firing squad on the orders of Adolf Hitler, who was furious after learning of the breach of security. In all, 90 boards from bunk beds, 62 tables, 34 chairs, and 76 benches, as well as 1000's of items including knives, spoons, forks, towels and blankets, were squirreled away by Allied prisoners to aid the escape plan under the noses of their captors.

NO Americans were involved in the operation. (Editor Note: **Except Steve McQueen driving his Mustang.**) Most were Brits and Canadians, (all the tunnelers were Canadian personnel with backgrounds in mining) Poland, New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa.



The site of the tunnel, recently excavated by British archaeologists. The latest dig, over 3 weeks in August, located the entrance to Harry, which was originally concealed under a stove in Hut 104.

The team also found another tunnel, called George, whose exact position had not been charted. It was never used as the 2,000 prisoners were forced to march to other camps as the Red Army approached in January 1945.

*Watching the excavation was Gordie King, 91, an RAF radio operator, who was 140th in line to use Harry and therefore missed out. 'This brings back such bitter-sweet memories', he said as he wiped away tears. 'I'm amazed by what they've found.'*



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

**SDEFV8 General Meeting- Auto Museum,  
Balboa Park- 3rd Wed of month- 7pm**

### **FORD V8 SWAP CORNER...**

**10 Ton Bench Press— Like new. Cherry Picker  
Engine Lift—good shape — Ray Brock- 619-993-  
9190.**

**'35-'36 Wanted - '35 Sway Bar. For Sale-Ford  
Rear Shocks-never used. Greg Murrell  
859-483-3998**

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

**1950 Deluxe Con-  
vert. One owner  
since 1952. Beautiful  
solid body, nice top  
and interior. Rebuilt  
3/4 race, dual carb  
flathead runs strong.  
New tune, Batt &  
Starter.  
Rachael Welch Pa-  
rade car. 1956,  
Many trips to Lake  
Tahoe. \$25,500  
OBO.  
619- 466-5475**

**4 bdrm, 2 ba  
1900sf Home, 5 car  
garage/workshop-  
Large property. San  
Carlos- 10 min to  
SDSU. \$700k  
619- 466-5475**



**9" Ford Rear End— 2.70:1 Ratio \$100-Bob Brown 619-890-6988**

**265 Chevy V8 Motor- Total Rebuild, Best Offer 619-247-6525**



**'46 Lincoln. New motor.  
Factory PW and door  
locks, Nice interior, clean  
all under. . \$18,00 OBO.  
Attilio Petani AZ, 928-710-  
7566**



**'37 Fordor. Good shape. RB V8, carb, fuel pump, radiator, trans,  
clutch, pressure plate, starter , alt, 12v, hydraulic brakes, E Brake,  
Bumpers, Glass and rubber, Solid body, Good Paint, good interi-  
or, WWW. Clean in and out. Drives great. \$29k-OBO - 5% of sell  
price goes to V8 Club. 619-829-1678 Dr. Tom Sysko**

**'56 F100 -302 V8, C4 Auto. Two-tone paint. Daily Driver-needs minor  
stuff. \$20 Ken Van Wormer 619-302-5714**

**Joe Vidali cleaning out Garage—Lot of good stuff- 619-315-3645**

**4 bdrm, 1900 sq ft home, 5 car garages on generous lot -Nice neighborhood  
- Perfect for car nut. 619-466-5475—SD 92119**



**'32 Phaeton-All Steel All Original.  
Once was Dickey Smothers car, then  
Harrah's Museum. Good condition.  
Side-mounts, Luggage Rack. Runs  
great. New lower price...  
\$83k .Dixie, 619-677-8922**

**50 ford flathead V8 engine equipped with rebuilt 5speed trans. Also  
included: new water pumps, radiator, MSD ignition, 12v coil, ceramic  
coated headers new plugs and plug wires. The engine has good  
compression, no oil leaks or smoke. I drove the car from San Diego to  
Colorado with no problems. I have paperwork on the transmission.  
Asking \$2,900 OBO for all. 619-339- 0902**

**302 v8 com-  
plete motor  
with 4 BBL  
& C4 Trans.  
78k miles.  
Good shape-  
dry storage  
for 7 yrs.  
Turns free.  
\$400 obo.  
Dave  
619-392-4545**

**'53 Crestline Victoria Black over Sungate  
Ivory. Black interior- Runs, drives good TX Histo-  
ry- Tom Shields- 15k. 210-368-2223**

**'50 TransWorks good, T5 Trans 5 speed \$600  
OBO- 714-490-0613-cell 714-906-1644**

**'32 Cabriolet-all steel, pro built street rod-Don  
Shankin 954-898-9304**

**WANTED—'51 Ca plates-(Pair) Tom Shields  
210-368-1113**

**Paul Alvarado has many '34 Parts left  
after hot rodding a '34 5 window Coupe—  
Rear steel fenders, Front seat and rumble  
cushions in excellent shape, new ashtray,  
light stanchions, Running Boards, etc, etc  
No shipping- must pick up locally. 619-846-  
7012**

**Enclosed 28' Car Trailer-with toilet, sink  
and wood interior. \$3,000 Sheila Rabell  
619-977-3152**



**1933 FORD TUDOR...ALL STEEL  
NEW RADIATOR, NEW BRAKES,  
REFRESHED TRANSMISSION,  
REBUILT STARTER, NEW CLUTCH  
AND PRESSURE PLATE  
RAY BROCK REBUILT ENGINE  
WITH LOW MILES  
NICE INTERIOR, FAIR PAINT 35k  
JIM THOMAS 619 669 9990**





*World War II -when women stepped up to do traditional Man work*



*Late 40s-Early 50s — my introduction to Hot Rods*

