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For those of you who did not attend the April 15 morning meeting, you missed the opportunity to sing “Happy Birthday” to Joe Pifer. Joe shared his actual birthday with the Club. Thank you Joe for including us in this momentous occasion.

During the meeting, Lenny Leszczynski, President of the San Diego Automotive Museum, was presented the Club’s annual donation check. Following the presentation, Lenny spoke for about 30 minutes outlining the Museum’s current activities and future events. Along with questions, he described the IGNITE Academy project which is located within a museum owned building in Lakeside. The Academy provides high school students who have an interest in cars with volunteer opportunities on Saturdays to work on both museum owned and privately owned autos. As it turns out, within San Diego County, there are only ten high schools with auto shop classes. San Diego Unified School District has only four high schools with auto shop classes and at the end of the year one of them is closing.

It was an interesting coincidence that just prior to the Lenny presentation, Paula Pifer, during her monthly club meeting scholarship update, discussed the recent changes to the Cuyamaca College auto technical training program and its effect on awarding Ollie Smith Scholarship fund scholarships. The college has changed the program in such a way that it is very difficult to identify and connect with potential honorees. Paula created the fund concept and has spent many hours coordinating the awards. After Lenny’s discussion, a few of us discussed with Paula the possibility of supplying some support to the IGNITE Academy with the Ollie Smith Fund. The current thought is, prior to mentioning the possibility to the museum, the Club will tour the Academy while the kids are participating and make a determination. Dennis Bailey will coordinate the tour.

Keep in mind the June 27 picnic. We are in need of raffle items. The raffle funds greatly help in subsidizing the picnic’s cost. Also, a flyer with a link to the picnic’s RSVP system is up and well on the Club’s website. Please use it so that we will buy the correct amount of food.

See you at May’s breakfast and meeting,

Russ Ries, President

Happy Mother’s Day to all you Mothers!

In this issue of the Ford Fan you will find A recap of the April Club meeting, an update of the April Goodguys Car show, a story and pictures of the Barona Drag Races, a Tech tip, an installment of the Historian’s Glovebox with a delicious recipe, the Route 66 origin story, FDR and the first Mother’s day stamp, Club event dates, Club member milestone dates, and the classified ads, Enjoy!



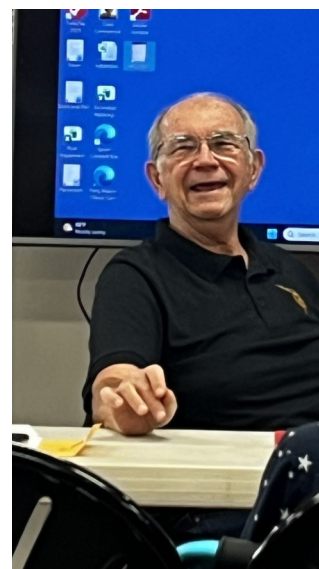
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The April 15th Club meeting was held at 10:00 AM at the Automobile Museum. The Ray Brock Hall of Fame room continues its transformation into an upscale meeting space with a relaxed, welcoming vibe—now even featuring leather couches.

Attendance at the daytime meetings has been comparable to our evening gatherings, and the addition of morning meetings and Club breakfasts provides a great opportunity for members who prefer not to drive at night to stay connected and participate in regularly scheduled events.

The program of the day was excellent, presented by Mike Petermann. He shared an engaging video that traced the history of the famed Route 66—from its humble beginnings as a patchwork of unpaved roads, through its heyday as the primary east-west highway lined with kitschy businesses, restaurants, gas stations, and iconic flashing neon signs. The story also covered its decline following President Eisenhower’s interstate highway system, which bypassed many towns and led to their eventual fade—or disappearance altogether.



An especially interesting twist highlighted a New Mexico man who helped revive Route 66 by forming an advocacy group dedicated to preserving and promoting it as a tourist destination. The movement spread across multiple states, breathing new life into those same roadside businesses and neon-lit landmarks, and drawing visitors from around the world.

Mike added a personal touch by recounting his solo trips along Route 66 in his '40 coupe—sharing both the joy of experiencing the route firsthand and the camaraderie of meeting those dedicated to preserving its legacy. He also told of a harrowing moment when his coupe’s frame cracked, and his good fortune in finding a skilled welder who made it roadworthy again.

Mike unflinchingly told of allowing a couple of beautiful, scantily clad young women who asked if they could be photographed along side his car as the male club members sighed at his generosity. All in all, it was a fantastic presentation that brought back memories for the Club members that had traveled Route 66 in the past. Thank you Mike!

“Route 66 is the main street of America.” ~ John Steinbeck ~

San Diego EFV8 Club’s Charitable donation

Each year, our Club makes a monetary donation to the Automotive Museum as a token of appreciation for the use of the Ray Brock Hall of Fame room for our meetings. At the April meeting, Museum CEO Lenny Leszczynski and Event Coordinator Brandi Wilson joined us to accept this year’s contribution. Lenny expressed his sincere thanks and shared an update on the Museum’s current priorities and initiatives. He noted that ongoing enhancements to the Ray Brock Hall of Fame are aimed at creating a more relaxed yet refined atmosphere. He also highlighted that the room to the north—soon to be used for media presentations—was made possible through the generosity of a benefactor. Looking ahead, plans include adding a bar along the south side of the room to better support events held in the space.



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Lenny also spoke about the Museum’s long-term vision, including plans to expand the facility to nearly three times its current size by building into the dirt parking lot behind the building. The estimated cost of the expansion is \$10 million, with approximately \$6 million already secured through grants and donations. The Museum is actively working to close the remaining \$4 million gap. It will be exciting to see this ambitious project come to fruition.



Another highlight of Lenny’s presentation was the Museum’s Ignite program, which offers high school students and young adults—up to two years beyond graduation—the opportunity to learn various aspects of the automotive trades. The program is fully supported by donations and is offered at no cost to participants. Lenny pointed out a beautifully restored Nissan 300ZX on display, an impressive project completed by students in the program.

Lenny also shared that the Museum’s former restoration shop in National City has been closed, as planned changes to that facility would have required Coastal Commission approval. In its place, the Museum has acquired a new building on Cuyamaca Street in El Cajon. Discussion of this new facility, along with the Ignite program, sparked interest among members as a potential area for future Club support.

All in all, it was an informative and engaging presentation that was well received by those in attendance.

Always a highlight of our meetings is the handoff of the “**Hard Luck Trophy**” (also known as the *Tim Shortt Award of Excellence*), presented to a Club member who actually takes their old Ford out and drives it. Not one that sits in the garage getting polished every month or two, and not one that’s been “under construction” for the past 12 years (been there, done that), but one that’s out on the road—where it belongs.

The previous recipient, Brad Nelson, holds the distinction of having the shortest tenure as trophy holder since records have been kept—a remarkable feat in its own right.

This month’s “honoree” is George Lusk, whose ‘48 had the good manners to spit the bit on a freeway entrance rather than in the middle of traffic. The issue is still being diagnosed, though it has been narrowed down to an ignition problem—specifically, spark not making its way to the plugs.

And then there’s Tim Shortt himself, the namesake of the award and likely its most enduring champion. Tim didn’t earn his lengthy tenure with a single episode of bad luck, but rather through a steady and impressive string of mechanical misadventures over time. A true V-8er, demonstrating the grit and tenacity to keep these cars on the road—something we can all aspire to.





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Goodguys Cruise & Del Mar Show

April 10–12 marked the return of the Goodguys Car Show to the Del Mar Fairgrounds, continuing a tradition that has become a highlight of the local car scene.

Kicking things off a day early, on Thursday the 9th, the Over the Hill Gang—host club of the Goodguys event—organized a scenic cruise through San Diego. The group made a lunch stop at the Classic Malt Shop on Midway Drive, where many of the participants enjoyed burgers and other diner favorites.

After lunch, the cruise continued on to JBA Speed Shop for a behind-the-scenes tour. Thanks to Blanche and John of the Over the Hill Gang, who provided clear maps and directions, navigating the route was a breeze.

Representing the Early Ford V8 Club were Dennis Bailey, Brad Nelson, and Joe and Susan Valentino, all of whom enjoyed the day's festivities.

Here are a couple of snapshots from before the cruise got underway.



Goodguys Show Report

The Goodguys Show spans three full days, and the variety of cars—and people—you'll encounter is far too broad to capture in a short write-up. From stock muscle cars and vintage pickups to Kustoms, lowriders, and the downright rare and unusual, there's something for every automotive taste.

Several Early Ford V8 Club members volunteer at the event each year. While these are non-paying roles, the experience—and the front-row view of the action—makes it well worth it. This year, Paula and Joe Pifer, Calvin King, Paul Alvarado, and Susan and Joe Valentino represented the Club as volunteers.

Paul, Susan, and I were stationed at the front gate, checking that incoming vehicles met the pre-1999 cutoff for show entry and that drivers had valid tickets along with their Goodguys-issued windshield stickers, properly filled out with owner and vehicle information. A three-hour shift at the gate offers a steady parade of interesting cars as they roll in.

Among them was arguably the most unusual vehicle of the weekend: a 1963 Peel P50, manufactured on the Isle of Man.



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The young driver was also the owner—and he had upgraded the original 50cc engine to a 70cc. The Peel features three forward gears and, in true minimalist fashion, no reverse. Instead, there’s a handle at the rear that allows you to simply lift and pull the car backward!

Only 50 Peel P50s were originally produced, and just 27 are known to exist today. One sold at a Sotheby’s auction in March 2016 for a remarkable \$176,000.

Here’s a photo of this tiny but unforgettable machine as it made its way into the show.



The Gate Keepers



1963 Peel



Room for 1 and a small Bag!



3 gears & manual reverse!

Club Dates to Remember

May 3rd: Motor Cars on Mainstreet 1050 Orange Ave. Coronado

May 8 & 9: The Streak Car show and optional camping at Mission Bay

May 13th: Club Breakfast is on that Wednesday at the Broken Yolk

May 20th: EFV8 Club meeting at the Automotive Museum in Balboa Park—**7:00 PM!**

June 12: Cruisin’ Grand in Escondido—“All Ford Picnic” Sponsor C&G will have a booth there

June 27: ** All Ford Picnic at Santee Lakes Regional Park & Drive Your V8 Day

September: Ice Cream Social—Date To Be Announced



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RPM & Antique Drag Races at Barona Race Track

On a beautiful, sun-soaked weekend, the Barona Indian Reservation came alive with the rumble of cars more than a half century old—machines built (and modified) for one purpose: rapid acceleration and straight-line speed. It was the weekend of the RPM and Antique Drag Races, where the sharp crackle of headers and straight pipes mixed with the unmistakable aroma of rich fuel.

Everyone in attendance knew they were witnessing something special. How often do you get the chance to see race cars built with period-correct components—more than 50 of them—gathered in one place? Those who appreciate early Fords in their original form could also admire how many of these same cars were transformed—often rescued from the scrap heap—into machines that put a smile on every gearhead’s face.

While the atmosphere was relaxed and friendly, the racers, their crews, and often their families were all business when it came time to prep for a run. The pits were open, giving spectators the rare opportunity to walk among the cars, talk with the drivers, and get an up-close look at these remarkable machines.

For flathead fans, it was a real treat—more modified flathead V8s and hopped-up four-bangers in one place than most of us have ever seen. The cars were decked out in vintage club insignia, and many participants embraced the full race day persona and race day correct attire.

Where else can you see a 1920s track car transformed into a drag racer, driven by the grandson of its original caretaker? Or an early Ford drag car—year hard to pin down—running a period hot rod four-banger mounted in the passenger compartment, piloted by someone who looked like they stepped right out of a Spy vs. Spy cartoon (check out the photos—you’ll see what we mean!).

If you ever have the chance to attend one of these events—at Barona or elsewhere—don’t pass it up. It’s a unique blend of history, ingenuity, and good old-fashioned horsepower.

Enjoy the photos from a great 2 days at the Barona drags!

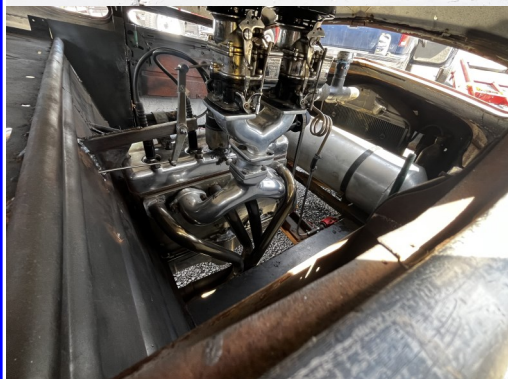


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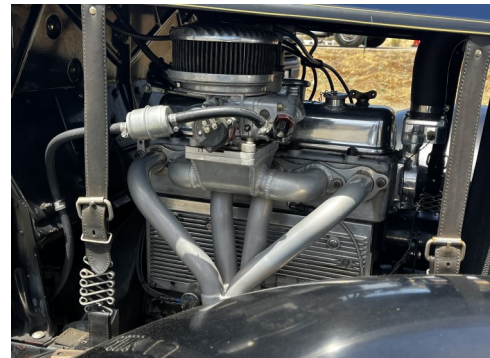




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Barona Drag Races Continued



After a long day of Drag Races!





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From the Historian’s Glovebox

May, 1934 — A Cake, A Visit, and a Day for Mother

Let us turn the key and step into May of 1934.

Here in San Diego, May often arrives under a soft gray sky. The mornings linger with a gentle coastal haze before the sun slowly makes its way through. It is not unpleasant. In fact, it suits the season rather well.

In kitchens across the country, a fresh printing of Hershey’s 1934 Cookbook offered practical recipes to bring a bit of sweetness to everyday tables. One can imagine a simple cake made from its pages — carefully measured, mixed, and baked in a moderate oven. Not extravagant, but just right for an occasion.

And May offered such a reason.

Mother’s Day, already established but still quietly observed, was marked with small gestures. A card sent with a newly issued three-cent stamp. A carnation worn on the lapel — white in remembrance, red in appreciation.

The cake, once cooled, would be wrapped and carried along. The family gathered. A polished Ford waiting in the drive, ready to carry both cake and family. Children bundled in, perhaps tucked into the rumble seat. Doors closing, laughter settling — and off they would go, not far, but far enough to make the day feel set apart.

Simply, a visit to Mother.

There is a quiet grace in such moments — not elaborate, not costly, but deeply felt. A cake shared. Time given. The simple act of being together.

For some among us, this is not distant history. It is memory — found in a familiar recipe, worn and marked from use, and passed gently from one generation to the next.

Upside-Down Chocolate Cake **(From the Hershey’s 1934 Cookbook)**

Ingredients:

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| 2 tablespoons plus 1/3 cup butter | Dash ground cinnamon |
| 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar | 2 eggs |
| 1 can (1 lb.) apricot halves, drained | 1-3/4 cups cake flour |
| 8 to 10 maraschino cherries, halved | 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| 3/4 cup granulated sugar | 3/4 cup milk |
| 1/4 cup HERSHEY’S cocoa | 1/2 tsp vanilla extract |

Upside-Down Chocolate Cake (continued next page)



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Upside-Down Chocolate Cake (*continued*)

Method:

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. In 9-inch square baking pan, melt 2 tablespoons butter in oven. Remove from oven. Stir in brown sugar. Arrange apricot halves, rounded side down, and cherries in the pan. Set aside. In small mixer bowl, beat 1/3 cup butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy. Add cocoa and cinnamon; beat until blended. Add eggs; beat well. Stir together flour and baking soda; add alternately with milk to cocoa mixture, beating until well blended. Stir in vanilla. Pour batter into pan over fruit. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. With metal spatula, loosen sides; invert cake onto serving plate. Serve warm or better yet, cool, and carry along to share.

Yield: 8 servings

Until next month, polish the chrome and the memories.

FDR's Original Mother's Day Sketch

In 1933, Roosevelt's first year in office, Mrs. H. H. McCluer of Kansas City, a past National President of the American War Mothers, conceived the idea of having a special stamp for use in conjunction with Mother's Day mail. She presented her idea to President Roosevelt on January 25, 1934, and was informed on February 16 that her request had been granted. President Roosevelt, known to have been devoted to his own mother, personally sketched his idea for the stamp.

Artists at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing followed FDR's sketch fairly closely, though they cropped the painting at the bottom and realigned the inscriptions to the left. In addition, a bowl of carnations was added to the lower left of the design for balance. The stamp was issued on May 2, 1934.

As a memento, the President presented his Mother's Day stamp sketch to his first Postmaster General, James A. Farley, with the notation "For Jim Farley - The 'Original Design' of the Mothers Day Stamp by Franklin D. Roosevelt." The dedication was inadvertently dated "2/16/33," and was corrected by placing a "4" over the final "3."

FDR's Original Mother's Day Stamp Sketch



Below is the editorial cartoon from the Washington Star, May 11, 1934, showing James Farley encouraging America to

"Write mother today. Let her know you haven't forgotten." James A. Farley, President Franklin Roosevelt's first Postmaster General, was considered one of the most resourceful men to ever hold the position. The dynamic duo of Farley and FDR introduced postal innovations that are still used over sixty years later. The FDR-Farley team must be credited with the concept of "First Day of Issue" ceremonies, the utilization of philatelic press releases, and with the establishment of philatelic sales windows.





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Program Director Dennis Bailey's Latest Schedule of Events

MONTH	SCHEDULED EVENT	DATE	POSSIBLE EVENTS	DATE
JANUARY	SD EXCURSION	1/11/2026	CANDY GREENS CAR SHOW	TBD
	REGISTRATION REQUIRED		EL CAJON CRUSE NITE	TBD
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FEBURARY			MINITURE MUSEUM (CARLSBAD)	TBD
			MUSIC MUSEUM (CARLSBAD)	TBD
MARCH	ALLEN MUSEUM GILISPIE FIELD	3/23/2026	DAN ESPISITO'S SHOP (RAMONA)	TBD
	RSVP		CAMEL DAIRY (RAMONA)	TBD
			USS MIDWAY TOUR	TBD
APRIL	GOODGUYS DEL MAR	4/11&12		
MAY	MOTOR CARS ON MAIN STREET	5/3/2026		
	REGISTRAION REQUIRED			
	THE STREAK	5/8-10/26		
JUNE	ALL FORD PICNIC	6/27/2026		
	RSVP			
	DRIVE YOUR V8 DAY	6/27/2026		
JULY				
AUGUST	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	8/22/2026		
	RSVP			
SEPTEMBER	GREATEST SHOW ON TURF	9/20/2026		
	REGISTRAION REQUIRED			
OCTOBER	BROCK'TOBERFEST	10/9/2026		
	RSVP (36 PERSON LIMIT)			
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY	12/5/2026		
	RSVP			



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TECH TALK

The following article came from the 1949-50-51 Ford Shop Manual

Trouble Shooting Brakes

The standard hydraulic system is the type of braking system used on Passenger cars. When trouble shooting this system, follow the symptom given below which applied.

(a) **BRAKES LOCK DURING VEHICLE OPERATION.** Locked brakes may be due to a restricted by-pass port in the master cylinder, improperly adjusted linkage, swollen master cylinder piston cups, or dirt in the brake fluid.

NOTE: *If the brakes are locked preventing movement of the vehicle, open a wheel cylinder bleeder screw momentarily. A few drops of fluid will come out, relieving the pressure, thus freeing the brakes. This is merely a temporary expedient and does not correct the cause of the trouble.*

Adjust the brake pedal if required. If adjustment of the brake pedal free travel is not required, or if it does not correct the trouble, replace the master cylinder piston and cup assembly.

(b) **BRAKES DO NOT APPLY.** A normal pedal travels just far enough to develop the hydraulic pressure required to apply the brakes. If air has entered the hydraulic system, the brake pedal will have a "spongy" feel when depressed, and may travel all the way to the floor board

without developing sufficient pressure to stop the vehicle.

Air will enter the hydraulic system if the fluid in the master cylinder is too low, excessive clearance exists between the brake linings and the drums, or if the pistons of the wheel cylinders are not held firmly in place when the tension of the brake shoe retracting springs is removed while servicing the brakes.

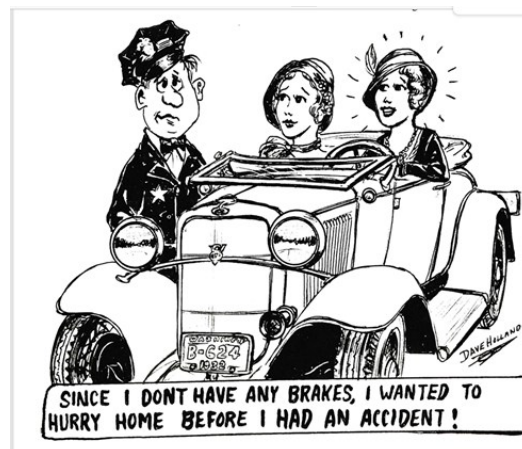
Bleed the hydraulic system to eliminate air that has entered the system.

(c) **LOW PEDAL RESERVE.** During normal operation a little of the brake lining wears away each time the brakes are applied. This wear is compensated for by means of a minor brake adjustment.

(d) **UNEVEN, NOISY, GRABBING, OR HARD BRAKES.** Uneven, noisy or severe brake action or an excessively hard brake can be caused by a combination of conditions all of which require the removal of the drums before the cause of the trouble can be located. When these troubles exist, nothing is to be gained by attempting to name the cause before the drums are removed and an inspection is possible. A major brake adjustment with the recommended repairs or replacements will correct any of these troubles.

One Liners of the Month:

- Five out of six people think Russian Roulette is safe.
- I couldn't figure out how the seat belt worked, then it clicked.
- The man who survived a mustard gas attack and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- I have a fear of speed bumps, but I am slowly getting over it.
- I tried to catch fog last night, but I mist.
- Sleeping on a corduroy pillow makes headlines.
- A termite walks into a bar and asks, is the bar tender here?





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Thanks to the Oklahoma V8 Club for this story!

Route 66

Compiled by Connie Cook, her sources:

The Mother Road ... Route 66 By David Knudson, *Moon Route 66 ... Road Trip* by Jessica Dunham, *100 Years of Route 66 - 2025-2026 Trip Guide* - Oklahoma Route 66 Association, & *Life's Vintage Magazine* March 2026 issue



The Birth of Route 66

Cyrus Stevens Avery (August 31, 1871 - July 2, 1963) of Tulsa Oklahoma, was known as the "Father of Route 66".

Tulsa County Commissioner, Cyrus Avery headed the effort to build a concrete-reinforced bridge across the Arkansas River. It was completed in 1916. A decade later that same bridge was crucial to U.S. Highway 66 coming through Tulsa. Avery argued that it should come through Tulsa on its way to Los Angeles because the city already had a bridge that could carry the traffic, thus saving the cost of constructing a new one elsewhere.

He became a member of several associations that were working to improve roads, including the Oklahoma Good Roads Association, the Albert Pike Highway Association, and the National Ozark Trail Association.

Avery soon headed the National Ozark Trail Association. The trail evolved into the U.S. Highway 66. Avery served as vice president of the U.S. Highway 66 in 1927 and the Joint Board of Interstate Highways from 1925-1927. During this time, he was also serving as one of Oklahoma's highway commissioners from 1922-1926.

The idea for a national highway system took off in the 1920's with Avery as one of the biggest supporters. He promoted the concept of a transcontinental highway between Chicago and the Pacific Coast. Avery wanted the highway designated as 'Route 66' because he thought the double sixes were catchy. In 1926, Avery was successful and the route from Chicago-to-Los Angeles was assigned '66'. November 11, 1926 Route 66 was commissioned as a federal highway.

Promoting Route 66

Bunion Derby - 1928

A footrace from California to Chicago to NYC.
Winner - Andy Payne, Cherokee from Foyil, OK

Fairweather Highway

- Truckers named Route 66 the "Fairweather Highway" Being a southern route, temperatures were appealing.
- During World War II Route 66 was beneficial to the

military as troops could easily be carried across the country from base to base.

Roadside Architecture

Tourist courts, garages, and diners popped up as travelers had to eat and sleep.

- A streamline Moderne trend came about in the buildings.
- In modern day, filling stations and motels the most popular restoration projects.

Route 66 in Popular Media

Thousands migrated from the East and Midwest to California to escape the despair of the Dust Bowl.

- Route 66 symbolized the "Road to Opportunity"
- John Steinbeck memorialized the plight of Dust Bowl farmers in *The Grapes of Wrath*.
- Remember the 1960's television series 'Route 66' starring George Maharis and Martin Milner.

Route 66 Becomes Outdated

- Excessive use during the war put great pressure on American's highways. Some were nearly undriveable.
- By the 1950's, public demand for a better highway system contributed to the demise of Route 66.
- Route 66 was decommissioned in 1985.

East Meets West: Symbolic Route 66 Midpoint

The Sculptures are located at the Cyrus Avery Memorial Plaza in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They are the work of Robert Summers.





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The San Diego Association of Car Clubs Calendar: Car events around Town—May

[SAT. May 2nd - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | FACEBOOK](#)

SAT. May 2nd - Motors For Minds 4th Annual Firefighter Charity Car Show | 9:30a-2p | 15805 El Monte Rd Lakeside, CA 92040 | Motorsforminds@gmail.com

SAT. May 2nd - Poway Cruisers In-N-Out Cruise In | 10:30a-1:30p | 12890 Gregg Court. Poway, CA 92064 | Every 1st Saturday | billpersonius@gmail.com

SUN. May 3rd - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404

SUN. May 3rd - MotorCars on MainStreet | 10a-3p | 1050 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118 | Director@CoronadoMainStreet.com

WED. May 6th - Cajon Cruise Opening Night | 5p-7:30p | DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3PM | Main St & Magnolia Ave. Downtown El Cajon | Every Wed May 6-Aug 26 | 619-995-5219

FRI. May 8th - Over the Hill Gang Streak | 8a-10P | 2211 Pacific Beach Drive, San Diego 92109 | othgsd.streak@aol.com

[SAT. May 9th - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | FACEBOOK](#)

FRI. May 9th - Over the Hill Gang Streak | 8a-10P | 2211 Pacific Beach Drive, San Diego 92109 | othgsd.streak@aol.com

SUN. May 10th - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404

WED. May 13th - Cajon Cruise Girls Nite Out | 5p-7:30p | DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3PM | Main St & Magnolia Ave. Downtown El Cajon | Every Wed May 6-Aug 26 | 619-995-5219

[SAT. May 16th - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | FACEBOOK](#)

SAT. May 16th - Run to the Hills Car Show | 9a-3p | Old Hwy 80 | 619-504-2682

SUN. May 17th - SD Automotive Museum Cars & Coffee | 6:30a-8a | 2080 Pan American Plaza 92101 | Every 3rd SUN | Brandi@sdautomuseum.org

[SUN. May 17th - Cars and Coffee La Mesa | 7a-9a | 8332 La Mesa Blvd. La Mesa, CA 91942 | Every 3rd Sunday | INSTAGRAM](#)

SUN. May 17th - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404

WED. May 20th - Cajon Cruise Camaro Craze | 5p-7:30p | DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3PM | Main St & Magnolia Ave. Downtown El Cajon | Every Wed May 6-Aug 26 | 619-995-5219 **(Continued on Next Page)**



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Car events around Town—May (continued)

[SAT. May 23rd - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | FACEBOOK](#)

SAT. May 23rd - Santee Cars & Coffee | 7a-10a | 9608 Carlton Hills Blvd. Santee, CA 92071 | Every 4th Saturday | 619-253-0524

SUN. May 24th - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404

SUN. May 24th - Black Angus Steakhouse Car Show | 10:30a-1:30p | 707 E St. 91910 | Every 4th Sunday | 619-778-1395

MON. May 25th - San Diego AutoSwap | 6a-1p | Pechanga Arena 3500 Sports Arena Blvd 92110 | 619-201-8207

WED. May 27th - Cajon Cruise Impala Palace | 5p-7:30p | DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3PM | Main St & Magnolia Ave. Downtown El Cajon | Every Wed May 6-Aug 26 | 619-995-5219

[SAT. May 30th - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | FACEBOOK](#)

SUN. May 31st - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404

All-Ford Picnic Raffle Donations Requested

The All-Ford Picnic is right around the corner—June 27—and once again we’re counting on the generosity and enthusiasm of our members to help make it a success.

Thanks to past donations of raffle prizes, the Club has been able to cover the cost of hosting this annual event, which runs roughly \$1,400. That figure doesn’t include the many behind-the-scenes contributions from members—tables, cooking equipment, dash plaques, raffle supplies, cases of ice, water, and even coffee and donuts for our early-bird volunteers. It truly takes a team effort, and those who step up on the day of the event are a big part of what makes it all come together.

A special nod to the many talented women of the Club who create the beautiful and imaginative gift baskets each year. Individually they’re eye-catching—but together, they transform the raffle table into something spectacular. In addition, members have donated restaurant gift cards, Midway Museum passes, tools, jewelry, and other desirable items that really help drive raffle ticket sales. We’ve also been fortunate to receive support from the Model A and Model T Clubs.

Our goal this year is to match (or top!) last year’s energy and success so that any funds in excess of event expenses can go toward worthwhile causes—like supporting students in local automotive tech programs.

So take a look around—do you have something you could donate? Maybe a new carburetor still sitting on the shelf... or even the “royal jewels” tucked away in the garage? Every contribution helps.

Thanks in advance for your support—we couldn’t do it without you!





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I need your story for the Ford Fan!

Tell us a little about yourself. What are you driving? What makes it special? Did you build it—or were you smart enough to buy it finished? Was it previously inhabited by non-human life forms? (Mine was.)

Were you an only child or one of thirteen? Parochial school... or reform school? Have you had an audience with the Pope (not the current one—the good one)? When did your car habit begin? Were you a wild youth? A high school cheerleader? (Ladies only, please.) How many cars have you owned? Any spectacular wrecks you care to confess? Were you a young hottie (women or men can submit, pictures help)!

Did you start out on Harleys and run with the Hells Angels—or the Mongols? Have you set speed records at El Mirage or Bonneville? Are you secretly a lowrider? In the witness protection program? (Anonymous submissions accepted.) Related to a movie star or sports legend?

Your fellow inquisitive (and slightly nosy) club members want to know!

Send me a draft, and I'll format and polish it for publication.

Member's Milestone Dates

Wedding Anniversaries

- 5/16 Tim & Sandy Shortt
- 5/17 Mike & Lois Pierson
- 5/22 Bob & Raphael Hargrave

Club Anniversaries — Years

- Jim Hurlburt 56 yrs
- Don & Judy Gladden 12 yrs
- Maureen Colvin 9 yrs
- Paul & Marilyn Alvarado 7 yrs
- Dan Esposito 6 yrs

Birthdays

- 5/08 Avalee Smith
- 5/09 Norm Burke
- 5/12 Jerry Windle
- 5/14 Bill Dorr
- 5/14 John Popenhagen
- 5/15 Bill Houlihan
- 5/22 Margaret Steinacher



On occasion a Member's milestone date may accidentally be omitted or incorrect. If that happens to you, you can email the Fan editor and your Milestone will be included in the next Fan.



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San Diego Early Ford V8 Club General Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2026

President Russ Ries called the meeting to order at 10:10 am and led the club in the pledge of allegiance.

Presidents report:

- The president reviewed a list of club members' birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and club membership anniversaries.
- Event summary: May 3rd Coronado Motorcars on Mainstreet, May 9th Shifting Gears Rally. May 13th EFV8 Breakfast, May 20th next EFV8 regular meeting, June 27th All-Ford Picnic. Joe will send out an All-Ford Picnic reservation link to the club. Our website has a valid link.

Vice Presidents report: Nothing to report. He's busy welding panels into his Chevy truck.

Secretary report: The March minutes were published in the Fan. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer report: Ken Burke presented the monthly treasurer's report. A motion was made, seconded and a vote taken to approve the report. Ken presented the new fiscal year budget. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the budget.

Membership report: 26 single and 31 joint paid members. Five have still not renewed.

Accessories report: "I want your money man. Plenty for sale."

Presentation: President Russ Ries presented a check to San Diego Auto Museum (SDAM) CEO Lenny Leszczynski. Lenny then gave an update on SDAM starting with display refreshes. The museum expansion fund drive is under way. Education is anchored in the Ignite Academy which has 120 enrolled students. SDAM's goal is to become the center of car culture in San Diego.

Website: No report.

Fan editor report: "coming along wonderfully." Send pictures, classified ads and stories to Joe.

Sunshine report: Our hearts are still heavy with the passing of Dan Praeger. Bill Lewis is still in the hospital fighting an infection. Gary Murrell had his gall bladder removed while on vacation.

Program: Mike presented a 15 minute video about Route 66 that was well received.

Historian: Susan Valentino reprised a 2016 Fan article about a steering column sold for a beer and a buck. She also related a story about Joe Vidali explaining how to be cool to Rick Bondurant.

Tours: There are only 2 months without tours, July and November. Candy will have her car show when her road is fixed. We have a night in El Cajon. We would like to schedule another USS Midway tour. Dan Esposito will open his Ramona shop for a tour. A Miniature Museum tour plan is in progress. Ice Cream social August 27th. October 9th 2:30 -5:00 Brocktoberfest.

Hard Luck Trophy: George Lusk was formally presented with the hard luck trophy. It is a custom trophy that includes a lucky horseshoe. The horseshoe is upside down indicating that the luck has run out.

Car Club Council: Wednesday June 3, El Cajon at 3:00, only one date this year. The season is shorter, May – August. Sunday April 19th Tru Line. Heartbeat Classic Car Show Sunday the 26th at Bates Nut Farm. Saturday May 2nd Coronado Motorcars on Mainstreet. We'll meet in the Von's parking lot at 7:00 am to go in together. Friday June 12 is Early Ford Night at Cruisin' Grand Escondido. May 8-9 The Annual Streak at Camplands, \$35 registration fee, by the Over the Hill Gang.

50/50 Drawing: Maurene won \$42.

Name tag drawing: no winner.

Adjournment: A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn at 12:04 pm.



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The Bad Joke of the Month—A new Ford Fan Feature ... (Maybe)

A moth goes into a podiatrist’s office, and the podiatrist’s office says, “What seems to be the problem, moth?”

The moth says “What’s the problem? Where do I begin, man? I go to work for Gregory Illinivich, and all day long I work. Honestly doc, I don’t even know what I’m doing anymore. I don’t even know if Gregory Illinivich knows. He only knows that he has power over me, and that seems to bring him happiness. But I don’t know, I wake up in a malaise, and I walk here and there... at night I...I sometimes wake up and I turn to some old lady in my bed that’s on my arm. A lady that I once loved, doc. I don’t know where to turn to. My youngest, Alexendria, she fell in the...in the cold of last year. The cold took her down, as it did many of us. And my other boy, and this is the hardest pill to swallow, doc. My other boy, Gregarro Ivinalitavitch... I no longer love him. As much as it pains me to say, when I look in his eyes, all I see is the same cowardice that I... that I catch when I take a glimpse of my own face in the mirror. If only I wasn’t such a coward, then perhaps...perhaps I could bring myself to reach over to that cocked and loaded gun that lays on the bedside behind me and end this hellish facade once and for all...Doc, sometimes I feel like a spider, even though I’m a moth, just barely hanging on to my web with an everlasting fire underneath me. I’m not feeling good. And so the doctor says, “Moth, man, you’re troubled. But you should be seeing a psychiatrist. Why on earth did you come here?”

And the moth says, “Cause the light was on.”

(Norm MacDonald_R.I.P.)

What do those well-appointed characters pictured below all have in common? It’s not luck—and it’s not just the cars. It’s the unmistakable polish that comes from sporting San Diego Early Ford V8 Club apparel. For more than 50 years, our members have been quietly (and sometimes not so quietly) raising the bar for garage-to-street style. From hats and shirts to license plate toppers and other essential bits of club flair, we’ve got everything you need to wear your EFV8 Club pride with a little extra attitude. You’ll find it all at our club meetings—just see George Lusk and he’ll get you properly outfitted. You can special order anything you want. Do you want something embroidered with the Club Logo? Ask George how! Bring cash, choose wisely, and prepare to be addressed as Mr. or Ms. **COOL!**





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For more information email => AllFordPicnic@Gmail.com <=> or call (619) 300-4280





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

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Two 1952/1953 Ford Three-speed transmissions with overdrive, One was rebuilt some years ago, never installed – still in crate. Asking \$200. The other one has not been rebuilt, \$100. BOTH \$250. Pickup Jerry Windle (619) 316-4962



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

EFV8FordFanEditor@Gmail.com !

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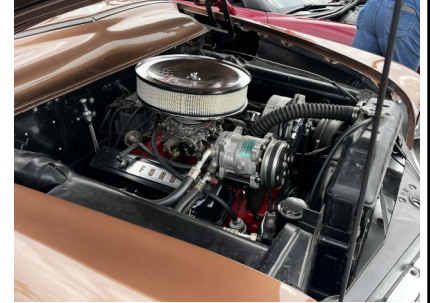


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The Swap meet— For Sale, Trade, Give-Aways & Miscellaneous (continued)

Ray Brock's 51 Ford Victoria was purchased by John Poppenhagen last year, but it is up for sale again. If you were kicking yourself for not buying it last time, here is your chance! John put another \$5,000 into the car replacing all of the suspension parts and mufflers. He is asking \$28,000 for the car. The car has power steering and A/C. It is Bullet proof and you can drive it anywhere! Call Tracy 408-709-0789 Email: tpopenha@gmail.com



Here is your chance to buy an unmolested 1950 Mercury Coupe. Flathead with overdrive. These are hard to find in this condition. Club member Alex Ramirez is willing to part with it for \$22,500. Act quickly before Alex changes his mind or I buy it! (619) 952-0044



1948 Ford Super Deluxe - 302,PS,PB,AC. \$33,000

Greg Williams 619-857-4193

If you have been with the EFV8 Club for a while you will remember this car as the car Rick Storr built. I saw it when Rick had it...beautiful!





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Editor's Suggestions

Mt. Helix Car Show 2026



Currently scheduled for Saturday, June 13th, 12-4*

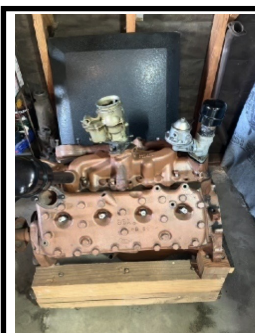
Fully hosted lunch and drinks! Sides are welcome BUT NOT REQUIRED (we always have plenty!)

If you're planning to show your car we ask that you RSVP with one of the lane hosts to ensure a space is reserved

if you would like to come but are not displaying a car, please park along Crestland or in Candy's lower lot accessed via Crestland

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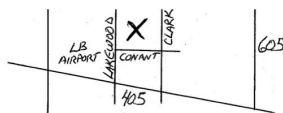
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Early Ford V8 Club of San Diego 3rd Wednesday Meeting Schedule

~ 2026 ~

Date	Time
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