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Bill Lewis shows off his new body. Look out Rocky!

Greetings Early Ford V8ers!

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Wow, October is here, and the frost is about to form on the pumpkins!

Our September general meeting was well attended, with even the honorable Jerry Windle in attendance. It was a pleasure to see him again at the meeting! The "Name Tag Drawing" pulled the name of a member who was not in attendance, so at the October meeting names will be pulled until we get a \$100 winner!

By the time you read this we will have probably already had our 2nd gathering this year at the El Cajon Cruise where we take over Orange Avenue.

At our breakfast get-together on September 8, 24 Club members met in the parking lot, chatted and kicked a couple of tires before going on to the patio, for breakfast. The next breakfast will be on Wednesday October 13th. The time of the breakfast has moved one hour later to try to alleviate traffic issues some members are experiencing if they have been hitting commute traffic. **We will meet in the parking lot at 09:00 and walk into the restaurant at 09:30**.

During our next General Membership meeting on October 20, we will be announcing the members that have graciously volunteered to be on our San Diego Regional Group's Board of Directors. Its not to late to step up and volunteer. You can call or email me, or any other member on the board, to submit your name. You can even raise your hand at the October meeting to volunteer. All members are welcome to participate. At the November meeting ballots will be counted, at our December gathering the new Board members names will be announced!

On September 15 the National EFV8 Club President, John Caldwell, held a "Global Presidents Zoom Call" with all the regional group Presidents. The topics covered were: The V-8 Times digital magazine will be available to all members that currently receive the magazine in the mail, effective with the September/October issue.

You will still get the magazine in the mail, but you will be able to see the digital version soon after the magazine is sent to the publisher. You can see it much sooner that when you will receive it in the mail. If you want to receive an email alert that the digital version is available, go to the Early Ford V8 Club website (Welcome to Early Ford V8 Club of America) and go to the "membership" area by clicking on the word "membership" in the lower left side of the page. When you log on you will be able to verify or edit your email address.

- The Club's Insurance Carrier representative joined the call to let us know that Director and Officer Insurance payments, \$140/year for \$2 million coverage is due November 1.
- 2. 2021 Membership Drive winners announced:
 - Large Region Winner: Dallas RG 115 16 new members – 35% growth
 - Medium Region Winner: Volunteer RG 97 13 new members – 58% growth
 - Small Region winner: Omaha RG 43 3 new members
 50% growth

4. National Meets:

- Eastern National Meet June 1–5, 2022 Franklin Tennessee - plan now - Check with Danny Driskell or Mickey Holton
- Western National Meet July 11–14, 2022 Wenatchee Washington - Contact Michael Rees or Bob Merz

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- *Western National Meet July 11–14, 2022
 Wenatchee Washington Contact Michael Rees or Bob Merz
 - *Grand National Meet 2023 Stay tuned for more detai
 - 1.V-8 Times September/October issue may be delayed due to Covid issues at the publisher.
- 2. Virtual Car Show had 150 cars submitted. The results are in the September/October issue of the V-8 Times.

In Closing, a couple of dates to circle on your Calendar:

September 29 – El Cajon Cruise Night – We are back! We again have Orange Avenue reserved for the Club. Let's break our record of 17 Cars and show them who rules Orange Avenue! More details to follow.

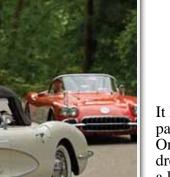
October 13 – Club breakfast in Mission Valley New time: Meet @ 09:00 & Enter @ 09:30

That is all for this month. Enjoy October and Halloween. Thanksgiving is next month, holy smokes! This will be a great month!

Drive that old Ford!——-Joe Valentino







Bob Brown's beautiful '59 Vette before and after his nap.

It had been a long, hot drive. Bob and his Corvette pals had covered half the country.

On this one long curve, Bob slipped into dreamland, missing the turn and went straight into a long fence, taking out seven dug in-posts and missing a huge tree by only inches. Seeing the damage to the car and especially the windshield and top, Bob was lucky, indeed.

After assessing the damage, he gave up the idea of driving the rest of the day...one fence post had speared the radiator, putting him out of commission

and sending the Vette on a tow truck to a Garage for repairs.

We're all happy to see Bob back home, unhurt.

The Corvette repairs are under way - in the meantime there's that 32 Coupe ... waiting.







V8 Tours and Stuff

Sunshine Judy says-

Walter Andersen and Tom Cook getting better

Paula Says-Anniveraries And BDAYs

October Anniversaries 10/12 John & Pat Hildebrand 10/25 Jim & Lynne Miller

October Birthdays

10/01 Duane Edwards 10/02 Allen Deerhake 10/08 Susan Valentino 10/10 Elizabeth Fritz 10/10 Elizabeth Fitz 10/10 Cheryl Westra 10/14 Ella Carnahan 10/18 Jay Harris 10/18 Ken Burke 10/19 Rick Carlton 10/20 Bob Symonds 10/21 Russ Ries 10/23 Phyllis Burke 10/01 Duane Edwards 10/02 Allen Deerhake 10/08 Susan Valentino 10/10 Elizabeth Fritz 10/10 Elizabeth Filiz 10/10 Cheryl Westra 10/14 Ella Carnahan 10/18 Jay Harris 10/18 Ken Burke 10/19 Rick Carlton 10/20 Bob Symonds 10/21 Russ Ries 10/23 Phyllis Burke

October Club Birthdays

Ella Carnahan 50 yrs
Jay Harris 49 yrs
Greg&Debbie Murrell24 yrs
Les Hilgers 22 yrs
Calvin & Shirley King 22 yrs
Frank&LoyceSwedberg 17 yrs

Accessories- Bob Symonds had brisk sales at Sept 16 Meeting





Monday, Sept 6

Swap Meet at
Sante Drive In -7am-1pm.
Calvin sold a lot of stuff. Tim
bought a Van and a Visor.
Mostly Hot Rods with Lots of
surface rust and
well worn Patina.
And, man,
it was hot!







Thurs, Sept 10 Woodie Shines at

Woodie Shines at
Hotel Del
Rotary Club
Wine Tasting
and \$ One Million \$
Fund Raising Event.







Judy and Ray in their NEW Car

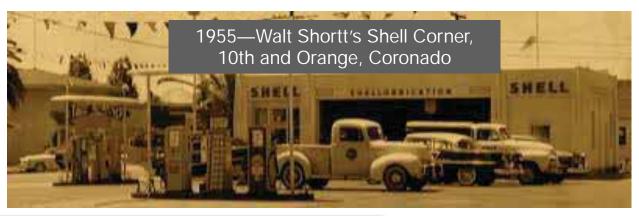


Hi Tim.

Just finished the Fan - While reading your article on tire development I flashed back to my childhood in the 50s as I remembered my neighbor up the road that ran a mobile tire re-treading business. He would collect worn out tires from shops and service stations, re-groove them in his work van, paint them with tire black, and then they would be sold from an outside tire display rack at the service stations. I'm not sure when this practice was no longer allowed?

—Paul Alvarado

Hey Paul, I like your tire story. In 1955, my uncle had a Shell station on Coronado and sold lots of tires—mostly new but there was a used and retread rack over to the side. I remember all the returns of retreads that had come apart—On a 600 mi trip to Tahoe in his own car, all four tires lost their tread. Thats when he stopped selling them.





Lee Hopkins sent these shots of his '34 Cabriolet— It's a driver and he takes it all over Montana.

Note, Being out in the wilderness, he also has his own Gas Pump. And he packs heat, just in case there are any bad squirrels in the neighborhood.





Even the radio still worked: A 1936 Ford cabriolet emerged from 10 years underwater in much better shape than expected By Daniel Strohl-- Hemmings



Frank Hawkes arrived at the Thames River near Chatham and watched chunks of ice float along. Spring had come early in 1975 in Ontario and the day was warm enough, but the water remained almost as cold as the ice that had recently broken up along the river. It was Easter Sunday, though, and Frank was ready for a resurrection.

Somewhere down at the bottom of the Thames lay a car. No bodies in it, no sort of foul play, just a car that had fallen into the water around 1965 after a young man driving on the river's embankments lost control of it and rolled it into the water. The property owner hadn't even considered recovering the car from the water - it was just an old used car, nothing special, he thought - until the township officials started to dredge the river and

ordered the property owner to remove the car.

These days, tales of submerged automotive treasure abound: the Bugatti pulled from Lake Maggiore, the many rumored shipwrecks full of old cars at the bottom of the Great Lakes, the 427 Cobra yanked from the Erie Canal, even whatever might be left of the Chrysler Norseman on the

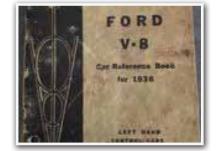
wreckage of the Andrea Doria. But Frank wasn't contemplating his pending plunge into the river to make his own great discovery. Instead, he had a job to do - Frank owned a towing company and had become known in the area for underwater recoveries.

"Submerged vehicles, snowmobiles, ice fishing shacks," he said. He didn't bother bringing a camera that day because it "was one of many I did on a regular basis, so it was not a big deal."

Mostly not a big deal. It was about an hour's drive from home and he didn't particularly want to dive

for this car. Yet when Frank quoted the property owner a ludicrous price, hoping he would call somebody else,

the property owner hardly batted an eye. At the river's edge, the property owner told Frank the story of how the car ended up roughly 20 feet from the bank and 20 feet down. They loaded a nylon strap in a canoe, hauled the end of a 50-foot strap out to the middle of the river with them, and Frank dropped into the water. He looped the nylon strap around the first solid surface he felt, surfaced, and attached the two straps together, then back



at the shore secured the other end of the 50-foot strap to his tow truck's boom and started to winch the car up.—..contd next page

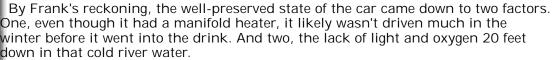


...Contd from page 7—- I winched in the hulk up to where I could see something emerging out of the surface. The wheels came visible first. OK, I quickly realized, the car was upside down and I had wrapped the nylon strap around the enclosed drive shaft. It was an easy pull up - I actually pulled the car out just by driving the tow truck up the embankment. As the front grill started to surface to the top of the water I recognized the distinctive Ford contoured grill. This is when I realized I just hooked on to a treasure.

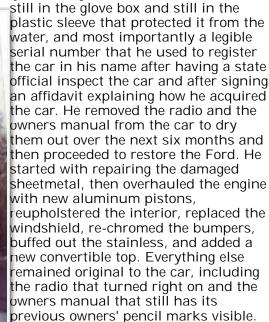
His hopes dimmed somewhat when he waded back into the frigid water to wrap the strap



around the body itself and, still unable to entirely see the car, believed it to be a coupe with its roof caved in. But only when he finished dragging the car out and flipped it onto all four wheels did he discover that he'd hooked a 1936 Ford cabriolet with rumble seat, one of 4,616 cabriolets that Ford built that year. It remained complete, down to the greyhound leaping from the center of the hood and the original Forest Green paint. The rumble seat lid and the rear portions of the front fenders had suffered some damage, and the interior and convertible top were shot, but the car actually had potential.

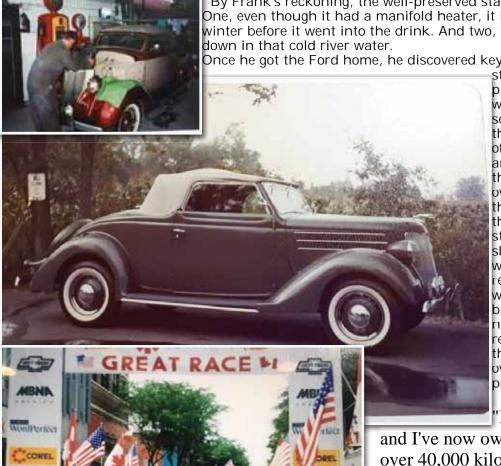


Once he got the Ford home, he discovered keys in the ignition, the owners manual



"It took five years of joy to do this and I've now owned it for over 46 years doing over 40,000 kilometers," Frank said. "It's still in regular summer use to this day."

In those 46 years, he's repainted the Ford a few times, but has kept it original - more original, in fact, than many 1936 Ford cabriolets that didn't spend a decade under water. Definitely worth an icy Easter Sunday dip in the Thames.







If you had owned this car for 50 years, would you sell it?

As much as I and my family have enjoyed this little Ford, I did sell it— to a very happy guy in Maryland.

So it has begun its new life. And I miss it already. But it was time to pass it along to someone who wants to keep it all original and safe on slow country roads—no freeways.

Note: The good looking model was not included in the deal. Tim





One of just 96 built, this 1936 White Model 706 'Yellowstone National Park' Tour Bus achieved a stunning \$550,000 Bid at the RM Sotheby's Auction.



Carl Atkinson has a solution for everything...When Carl discovered his right leg was slow to react in a braking

When Carl discovered his right leg was slow to react in a braking situation, he did what any highly trained Air and Space Engineer would do. He designed and built a hand brake for his award -winning '38 Chevy. He located it right on the steering column where it's an easy grab in an emergency situation.









Greatest Show on Turf

On Saturday September 25, a group of San Diego Early Ford V8 Club members attended the "Greatest Show on Turf" car show in Clairemont. The show was well attended, with upward of 100 cars. Our Club had our pop-up tents and our Early Ford V8 Club banner flying.

Paul Alvarado had his '40 Mercury polished to a blinding shine. Many of the show's attendees came by to admire it. His Mercury should have won a trophy, but apparently the judges didn't realize there were Ford Motor Company cars built before 1965! We had a nice lineup of cars that drove into the show together. Walter Anderson drove his Model A, Dennis Bailey and Maureen Colvin came in his '35, Susan drove our '40 Mercury, John Davison drove his '56 pickup and I drove the '46 station wagon.

Susan set up a table piled with back issues of the V-8 Times and membership forms to entice any passerby to join the Club. We met one gent with a neat '32 Ford Flatbed that he purchased from the Boney family (local grocery chain owners). We told him to join the Club!

We had a surprise visit from Cal and Cheryl Westra who cruised to San Diego on their Harley to attend a motorcycle event but made time to visit the Club at the show. It was good to see them in their leather wrapped glory! The food trucks provided the tacos and ice cream. An allround good day with friends- Joe











SAN DIEGO EARLY FORD V8 CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

The meeting began at 7:03 p.m. with President Joe Valentino welcoming Jerry Windle. There were no visitors.

PRESIDENT: Joe Valentino reported that Paul Alvarado has volunteered to be the clubs' representative at the Car Club Council and Sandy Shortt will be the refreshments coordinator. Susan Valentino has taken on the position of Club Historian. Joe announced, we are looking for candidates to serve on the Board. He also said the recent club breakfast was good and the next one is scheduled for Oct. 8th at 9:30 A.M., Broken Yoke. Another item discussed was the V8 Times is coming out with a video version. Also next year will have a couple of national meets; Nashville in June and Washington State in July.

<u>VICE PRESIDENT:</u> Dennis Bailey assures us we have a "Hard Luck Trophy". **<u>SECRETARY REPORT:</u>** The 'minutes' from the August meeting were published in the FAN, were accepted and approved.

TREASURER REPORT; Ken Burke read the financials which were

accepted and approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No report given.

SUN SHINE REPORT: No report given.

<u>FAN EDITOR:</u> No report given. <u>ACCESSORIES:</u> No report given.

CAR CLUB COUNCIL: Paul Alvarado promoted several upcoming events,

Greatest Show

On Turf, Sept. 25th, The El Cajon Cruise. He brought flyers for several other car shows. **PROGRAMS**; Bill Dorr presented two videos; one was a continuation on building a racing flat head engine and the other was on the 1935 California Pacific Expedition in Balboa Park with emphasis on the Ford Exhibit.

TOURS: No scheduled tours except for the events listed under Car Club Council. **HISTORIAN:** Susan shared some tidbits from the 1986 Presidents' report of Mike Pearson and his trip to the Western National meet in his 1937 Ford sedan.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> None reported. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> None reported.

50/50 DRAWING: \$36. Won by Bob Brown.

NAME TAG DRAWING: No winner; Debbie Murrell's name was called.

MTG. ADJ: At 8:10 P.M.——-Minutes submitted by Bob Hargrave.

CHP - SQUADRON 645 CAR SHOW happened Sat, Sept 4 Had a great time yesterday, over 200 cars,

Had a great time yesferday, over 200 cars, vendors and CHP MOTO COP DISPLAY. John Davison and Paul Alvarado in attendance. A love for classic cars is bringing the community together in support of law enforcement officers injured or killed on the job.

San Diego California Highway Patrol hosted its first classic car show Saturday at CHP headquarters. The event was presented by the 645 Squad Club in Kearny Mesa, benefitting injured or fallen law enforcement officers and their families. Money raised from the event helps families pay for rent, child care, groceries and other bills when tragedy hits.

"We've had a few officers go down this year, one of our officers here in our area was hit while on his

motorcycle and our foundation reached out and gave with no questions asked," said Salvador Castro, treasurer of the 645 Squad Club. "It's not a handout, it's a helping hand because they deserve it. They go out there every day and they risk their lives." "With everything that's going on in the world right now, everybody is divided, so this is a way for everyone in the community to come together and just show peace can happen," Banks said. "It's just a matter of us doing it."

If you would like to support the families of injured or fallen officers, you can donate to the the CAHP Widows and Orphans' Trust Fund or the CHP 11-99 Foundation.





Cecil B. Dorr

Even while eating he's planning for his next big Movie extravaganza. October 20 EFV8 Meeting. Don't miss it.





1935 Ford 5 window deluxe 5 window Coupe - LaBarron Bonney Interior and Rumble seat - Dearborn Blue with Tacoma Cream Wheels and Pin Striping. Excellent Chrome -

completely stock \$32,500

1940 Deluxe Coupe -Black exterior - All Stock - Lebaron Bonney interior with wood grained window garnish - owned by same EFV8 member for 50+ years \$35,000——Call Joe Valentino 619 300-4280



Buy Both and you've got a collection—





SDEFV8 General Meetings- Auto Museum, Balboa Park-MEETING Oct 20!!

Ford V8 Swap Corner...

SDEFV8 Club c/o

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1936 Ford Standard 5 Window Coupe

4 time Emeritus Winner. Black with Tan LeBaron Bonney Interior. Trunk model with roll down back window. Aluminum Heads, Ford Script Battery. \$39,000 OBO Ron Shedd 858-776-6508.



32 Phaeton-All Steel. All Original.

619-677-8922

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

1936 Ford 5 window

coupe-Columbia rear -LeBaron Bonnie interior RB trans-Clock-Radio All Ford steel Beige body. Brown fenders LB engine \$33,000 or best Tom 714-998-4528

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

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

The following cars can be viewed in Julian CA: 32 Roadster (FORD SB)

32 Five Window (Chevy & 4 Speed)

> 36 Roadster 40 Std Coupe

(Additional parts available)

41 Lead Sled

(Original 50's car) 39 Kurttis

Midget

Your Contact is Gen Tutttle @ (760) 765 - 1934.

> 50 ford flathead V8 engine equipped with rebuilt 5speed trans. Also includ-ed: new water pumps,

speed trans. Also included: new water pumps, radiator, MSD ignition, 12v coil, ceramic coated headers new plugs & wires. Engine has good compression. No oil leaks or smoke. 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



Once was Dickey Smothers car, then HarrahMuseum. Good condition. Side-mounts, Luggage Rack. Runs great. New lower price...\$83k. Dixie.



'37 rust free- v860 Fordor. New paint, chrome, interior. New motor. Tires, brakes Very clean. \$24k OBO -Dr. Tom Sytko 619-829-1678



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

265 Chevy V8 Motor- To-tal Rebuild, Best Offer 619-247-6525

1932 Fender Gloves-covers complete fenders. No scratch padding inside and Naugahide outside. Carl Atkinson 619-892-0222



Pair of YOM CA 1934 Plates. Also with SHELL Travel Badge. Good Shape- Tim 619-851-8927 Offer...

1950 Convert- '53 v8 Merc motor, OD recent paint, interior, Chrome and top. New AC. Looks good inside and out. Have owned 30 Years-Runs great. \$28 Tim 619-851-8927



1934 Ford Rootlieb HOOD For pass. car louvered top and stock louvered sides Attached with zoos buttons, all tabs come with it for zoos buttons.

Bill @619-766-4420 landline or blvdbil-132@gmail.com \$600.



'50 Club Coupe- Orig - Long time San Diego owner. Rust Free-Looks & Runs Great. Minor interior work needed. \$12k Perry 619 840-4142

'47 Merc Steering column w/ Ignition switch & key \$150. And Trans Case with side plate. \$60. Should fit any flathead V8. In storage 29 yrs. Jim Hallsted 858-672-0167

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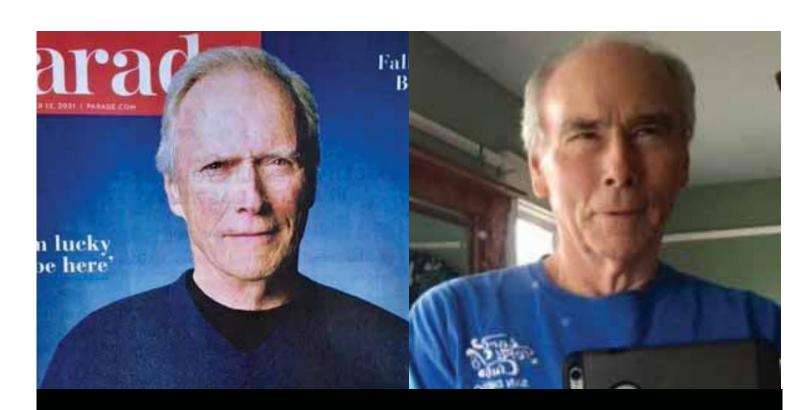




(My Uncle Walt on left)

Walt Shortt's Shell Corner

'Service With a Smile' 10th & Orange, Coronado 1954



Some People think I look like Clint Eastwood. What do you think? (That's Clint on the left)