



**EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA  
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL GROUP #4**



**CLUTCH CHATTER**

**April 2013**

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**April Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on MONDAY, April 1st, in the Conference Room of the Sheriff's Sub-Station at 2500 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA. Tire Kicking at 7:00 PM and Meeting at 7:30 PM Sharp. We hope that you all can attend; guests are always welcome.

**Minutes of the Early Ford V-8 Club Region 4 Meeting, March 4, 2013**

President Dale says he needs a gavel!

Craig Weckman, Professor of all things diesel, on loan from ARC, gave a fantastic talk on those high compression universal power plants. 50 to 60 percent of the world uses diesel on a daily basis. Diesel gives 30% better fuel economy than gas and 40% better towing capacity. The noise that is associated with diesels actually comes from the injectors. The black smoke is from excess fuel. In 2007 CAT gave up building engines because of the restrictions placed by California. In 2009 Cummins solves the problem, so CAT returned. Nissan is supposed to have a 1/2 ton diesel in two years that will get 26 to 28 mpg. Clearly the gas companies do not have our best interests in mind which was proven by the military tanks that used gas because the oil companies offered to sell the fuel so cheap! Same old story.

Saturday March 9th at the CAM free hot dogs and drinks for a showing of micro cars.

March 11 a Board meeting at President Dale's 7pm.

April 13th Shenandoah Valley wine tour. Tour pro is John Asmus

April 5-6 is the ACCC conference. The 7th is a spaghetti feed at \$10 dollars a ticket to benefit the CAM.

The color of Calif plates is \$7500 not \$75000!

That's it for now.

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Wahab, Secretary

**Please visit our website at [clutchchatter.org](http://clutchchatter.org) for pictures, tour plans and much more.**

## MY '48 MERCURY CONVERTIBLE

by Dave Petersen

When I was going to an all male college back East up in the remote Northwestern corner of Massachusetts a great coming of age step was to be able to have a car starting in the junior year. All the girls were at colleges over 30 miles away so this suddenly made social life a lot better.

In 1951, after working on a railroad track gang all summer I had most of the money I needed to find a car (\$600), and a 1948 black Mercury convertible I thought one of the most handsome looking cars that I saw on a used car lot and bought it. With my small stipend from ROTC at college I could maintain it (new tires every 10K miles as I remembered then but gas was cheap!)

It lasted until graduation when at a party at a fraternity brother's house on Lake Cayuga I lent the car to a buddy and he came back from a date in the early morning and it boiled over. He put some water in it and it never ran right again. Later of course I discovered a cracked block.

As I was going into the Air Force first in Florida far from my NJ home and had 2nd lieutenant's pay I was convinced by my Dad to get a new, reliable car. So, I got my 2nd V8, a 1953 Ford Convertible. I loved that car and it took me to Florida and Mississippi for flight training and then on to Denver.

In 1958, I got my 3rd V8, a 1950 Ford Station Wagon while stationed at Hickam AFB in Hawaii and rebuilt it for my family as I was coming back to medical school at Stanford. The car was in pretty good shape and a buddy of mine taught me how to time the engine and change the brakes which was really all that was needed for the 5 years of medical school. I did some woodwork on a few spots using maple from a torn up bowling alley from Hickam AFB at the auto/woodworking shop on base before bringing it back to the mainland.

Later, a busy practice in Palo Alto kept me from working on cars but with a family I kept up a succession of Ford station wagons as I loved the Ford cars (as did my Dad). He had a '46 Ford Wagon for a time but he was really not a "car nut".

I finally got back into Ford restorations with the complete ground up project of a 1931 Ford pick-up truck that I found in a barnyard in Los Banos where I duck hunted. This was a 5 year project starting in 1990 in my garage at home in the Bay Area. I loved to drive around the Peninsula and to Marin and back. Finally however after two total knee replacements I couldn't get my feet quickly enough on the pedals to be safe so I sold it to a local Model A enthusiast here in Granite Bay. I had a lot of fun re-doing every part and system on that '31!

So, finally we come back to the Mercury. I was casually looking on-line through the antique car section of various sites and found an awfully nice looking '48 Mercury convertible in LA, in 2011. It had new paint, top, nice white wall tires and some chrome that had been done. I fell in love with my first V8 all over again.

I reasoned that I might as well tuck some of my retirement money away in something I can have fun with so I



had it transported up here. Each year I try to add a bit more but the first was a nice new leather/vinyl interior and trunk space. A myriad of other things were done in refurbishing the knobs, windshield wiper motor, radio, new glove box, brakes (as the old ones hadn't been used and the cylinders were rusty) and YOM plates, among other things.

I was most proud to take it to the Western Early Ford V8 meet in Redmond, OR last year and take a 1st in Touring Class plus the fun of getting to know many other V8ers.

So now while I can't have my youth back, I can at least enjoy a small sliver of fun from that era. That's enough for me to enjoy. It now is Lorraine's and my "go to Amador Wine Country" car. It's a great Tourer!

## March 9th Hot Dogs and Micro Car Display at CAM

The Sacramento Early Ford Regional Group 4 was the host of Paradise Early Ford Regional Group 138 for the famous hot dog lunch at the California Automobile Museum.



### Sacramento Cars:

Bruce Woodward 32 roadster, Bob & Lorraine Kane 47 Woodie Wagon  
Daryl Spiker 40 Tudor, Dan & Gerry Schwartz 32 coupe



### Paradise Cars:

Gary & Alma Thompson Nash with the Paradise Cars



# Car Show

## 32-53 Original Modified Fords to the Foothills

Early Ford V-8 Club Regional Group 4

May18, 2013

1932 -1953 Ford, Mercury, and Lincoln cars & trucks  
Displayed in order of year Manufactured Limited to 70 cars  
REDHAWK CASINO in Placerville, CA

**SATURDAY:**

8am to 10am – Car Show registration

10am to 2pm – Judging and festivities

3pm – Awards

Pre-registration \$20.00, Day of Show \$25

Make all checks payable to: Early Ford V-8 Club Regional Group 4

Mail to: Alma Thompson- 9575 Horseshoe Bar Rd. Loomis, CA 95650

Goody Bags: to first 70 participants

Proceeds: awarded Scholarships to Automotive Tech School Students

Music: REDHAWK

There will be Raffles and Awards.

Please, No Pets!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Stock  Customized  Email \_\_\_\_\_

Liability: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, registrants and participants by their entry fees release and discharge the Early Ford V-8 Club, Shingle Springs Tribal Gaming Authority and REDHAWK CASINO, Shingle Springs band of Miwok Indians and all representatives, employees, agents of from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, judgments, and or claims from any cause whatsoever related to their participation in this event.

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Signature Date

**Directions:**

**1 Red Hawk Parkway Placerville, CA 95667**

**From Sacramento**

**From I-80 East or US-50 East:**

**Take US-50 East toward South Lake Tahoe**

**Approximately 35 miles East of Sacramento exit at Red Hawk Parkway**

**The off-ramp takes you right to Red Hawk CASINO just off US-50**

**From San Francisco**

**I-80 toward Oakland**

**Continue on I-80 East toward Sacramento (see directions from Sacramento)**

**Merge onto US-50 East toward South Lake Tahoe**

**From San Jose**

**I-880 toward Oakland**

**Merge onto I-680 toward Sacramento**

**Merge onto I-80 toward Sacramento (see directions from Sacramento)**

**Merge onto US-50 East toward South Lake Tahoe**

**Area Hotels:**

**For a list of all local hotels:**

**<http://www.redhawkCASINO.com/hotels/index.asp>**

<p>Courtyard Marriott Sacramento Folsom 2575 Iron Point Road Folsom, CA 95630 Phone: (916) 984-7624 Fax: (916) 984-3198 <a href="http://www.marriott.com/sacfo">www.marriott.com/sacfo</a></p>	<p>Holiday Inn Express Hotel &amp; Suites 4360 Town Center Blvd El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 Phone: (916) 358-3100 Fax: (916) 358-3110 <a href="http://www.hiexpress.com/eldoradohills">www.hiexpress.com/eldoradohills</a></p>
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**Drive your Fords to the Gold Country and enjoy the beautiful foothills  
and the hospitality of the REDHAWK CASINO.**

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>2013 EVENTS</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
APRIL 1 MONDAY	REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM Tire Kicking 7:30 PM Meeting	SHERIFF'S SUBSTATION
APRIL 20 (changed) SATURDAY	SHENANDOAH VALLEY WINE TOUR MEET AT BROOKFIELDS, 10 AM	VOLCANO RANCHO CORDOVA
MAY 6 MONDAY	4:30 PM VINTAGE FORD (Pictures will be taken of members cars' for album)	REGULAR MEETING RANCHO CORDOVA
MAY 18 SATURDAY	FORDS TO THE FOOT HILLS CAR SHOW	REDHAWK CASINO
JUNE 5 WEDNESDAY	5 PM WM POND PARK CASPER HOT DOGS – POTLUCK (Pictures will be taken of members' cars for album)	SACRAMENTO
JUNE 17-21	GRAND NATIONAL GOLDEN JUBILEE	SOUTH LAKE TAHOE
JULY 6 SATURDAY	OLD AIRPLANES & OLD FORDS BBQ & POTLUCK 10 AM (Pictures will be taken of members cars for album)	CLARKSBURG MEET EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
AUGUST 17 SATURDAY	ICE CREAM SOCIAL THE THOMPSON'S ALMA & GARY THOMPSON'S (Pictures will be taken of members' cars for album)	LOOMS 11 AM BROOKFIEDS'S
SEPTEMBER 8	SWAP MEET	CONSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE
SEPTEMBER 19 THURSDAY	REGULAR MEETING 5-8:30 PM PIZZA & SALAD	CAM SACRAMENTO

NOTE THE EVENTS LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE

4" Drop Axel for a 29 model A \$150.00  
 Front upper and lower brackets for tub shocks  
 for 29 model A \$30.00  
 46-48 Front and Rear backing plates \$100.00  
 Steve Wahab (916) 988-4249  
 Cell: (916) 616-4249

Jahans 3-5/16 new pistons in box \$450.00  
 Slightly used 3-5/16 pistons \$150.00  
 Russ Broyles (916) 363-3740