



**GOLDEN GATE CHARTER REGION #1  
V-8 CLUB - FIFTH 2024 CALENDAR PLANNER**

**EVENTS, TOURS, AND SWAP MEETS:**

**May:**

**May 4 – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Silicon Valley Cruise** – Hosted by Northern California Ford F-100 Elite Club – For more information, call (408)314-7575 or email [fly2pla@yahoo.com](mailto:fly2pla@yahoo.com)

**May 5 – Spring Turlock Swap Meet**, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds 900 N, Broadway, Turlock CA For more information call (209)201-8491 or visit [www.SpringFallTurlock.com](http://www.SpringFallTurlock.com)

**5** - Cinco de Mayo

**11 - Golden Gate RG#1 – 9:30am General Meeting and Breakfast – Mark and Andrea Strohecker's home 2509 Carisbrook Court, Hayward, CA – Open to all members and guests. You could win a free breakfast just for attending! (See below)**

**12** - Mother's Day

**16** – Blackhawk Spring Season Speaker Series – 7:00pm Speaker Craig Jackson Barrett-Jackson Auction CEO – purchase tickets on the Blackhawk Museum website.

**May 18 – SJV Auto Swap Meet and Car Show** – Galt Market Grounds contact [SJVautoswapmeets@yahoo.com](mailto:SJVautoswapmeets@yahoo.com)

**19 – Friendship Day** – Hosted by Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club, 441 Seaport Court, Port of Redwood City

**19 – Redwood Empire RG#27 - Annual Swap Meet**, Sonoma-Marín Fairgrounds, Petaluma, CA. Swap Stalls \$40. For more information call Dave Peterson @ (707) 527-9183 or email [1davepete@comcast.net](mailto:1davepete@comcast.net)

**22 – Castro Valley Moose Lodge – Summer Car show and BBQ, 3:00 to 7:00 PM**, 20835 Rutledge Rd. For more information call (510)537-0830

**27 – Memorial Day - 9:00am Golden Gate RG#1 at Lone Tree Cemetery.** As tradition dictates our group will start lining up in front of the Pino's old house for a 10:00 a.m. arrival/parking time at the cemetery. As a reminder, bring a chair and/or blanket, hat, jacket and gloves if needed. Pino's old address is 25227 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Hayward. Questions, contact Mark Strohecker.

### **JUNE:**

**1** - Cobra Day, 8th Annual All Ford Car Show, 777 Arnold Drive, Martinez, CA. Pre-register to show at <http://www.cobraday.org/> spectators are free.

**June 8 - Golden Gate RG#1 – 9:30am General Meeting and Breakfast – JP's Restaurant, 3600 Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley – Open to all members and guests. You could win a free breakfast just for attending! (See below)**

**14** - Flag Day

**15 – Annual Drive Your V-8 Day** – Help us to plan an event.

**16** – Father's Day

**19 - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Castro Valley Car Show – 12:00 – 5:00**

**Jun 17-21 – Central National Meet** - Hosted by Regional Groups #56, #141 and #169. Auburn, IN. Early registration now at <https://2024cnm.com>

**20** - First Day of Summer

**26 – Castro Valley Moose Lodge – Summer Car show and BBQ, 3:00 to 7:00 PM**, 20835 Rutledge Rd. For more information call (510)537-0830

**CARS AND COFFEE EVENTS:** (Get your car out of the garage and share it, or just enjoy the cars of like-minded individuals, maybe meet our next new

member!) (Provided by [Upcoming Events - NorCal Car Culture](#) - [NorCalCarCulture.com](#)) (Some of these may be seasonal. Check at the above link to verify event dates)

**Alameda Cars and Coffee** - Every First Saturday 8AM - 10AM - Greer Family Mortuary 2694 Blanding Ave, Alameda (May thru November)

**Danville Livery Cars and Coffee** - Fridays from 8:30am to 10am at 400 Sycamore Valley Road, Danville

**Niles Flying A Classics and Coffee** - Every Second Sunday 7AM - 11AM - Niles Flying A 37810 Niles Blvd, Fremont

**Redwood City Cars and Coffee** - Every Second Sunday 7AM - 10AM - Breakers Cafe 270 Woodside Road

**Rob's Zombies Cars and Coffee** - Every Saturday 8AM - 12PM - Rob's Zombies 1776 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord

**Rose's Cars and Coffee** - First Saturday 8AM - 10AM - Lloyd's Donuts 5200 Mowry Avenue Fremont

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**Me and My V8** - It would be great to feature club members and their cars and/or experiences in this publication so we can continue to get to know one another. Please consider writing a short story about one of your cars or an experience that I can share. Include pictures if you have them and any other facts to peak club member curiosity.

Some Ideas:

- Crazy, worst, funniest Swap Meet Story, Breakdown stories, Tour Stories

Submit your story to Matt Beall, [mbeall\\_ra@yahoo.com](mailto:mbeall_ra@yahoo.com), (510)910-4321.

**Win a FREE Breakfast!** - The Board has decided to offer a free breakfast to one attendee at each General Meeting, (limited to once every 6 months). Must be present to win. All those attending breakfast will be entered in a drawing. Come on out and mingle with the rest of us V-Eaters!

**IT IS SPRINGTIME, TIME FOR EVENTS and TOURS!** - Why not plan and lead a tour or at least suggest one. Did you have a favorite tour from days past? Is there somewhere you'd love to take a drive? A Museum? A Park? Someone's

Garage? A Car event? Let's make it happen! Let me know... Matt Beall, [mbeall\\_ra@yahoo.com](mailto:mbeall_ra@yahoo.com), (510)910-4321.

**CALENDAR INPUT** - If you have any Dates, For Sales Items, information or additional content you would like to share with the Club, please reach out to [mbeall\\_ra@yahoo.com](mailto:mbeall_ra@yahoo.com) or (510)910-4321.

**SAVE THESE 2024 DATES:**

**Jul 24 – Castro Valley Moose Lodge – Summer Car show and BBQ, 3:00 to 7:00 PM**, 20835 Rutledge Rd. For more information call (510)537-0830

**Aug 23-25 – Good Guys 37<sup>th</sup> West Coast Nationals** - Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton

**Aug 28 – Castro Valley Moose Lodge – Summer Car show and BBQ, 3:00 to 7:00 PM**, 20835 Rutledge Rd. For more information call (510)537-0830

**Sep 15–20 – Eastern National Meet** – Hosted by Regional Groups #3 and #59. Clayton, NY. Early registration now at <https://2024enm.com>

**PARTS WANTED/FOR SALE:**



**1936 Ford Fordor Sedan** - Complete car, many parts including new gas tank, original headlights, etc. 59AB 24 Stud flathead. Contact Jim for more pictures and information at (408)201-2352



**1946 Ford Super Deluxe Woodie Wagon** for sale for ~~\$60,000~~ \$50,000. It has a Flathead V8, a 3-speed transmission and the radio works. The car is painted Greenfield Green, which is a dark green almost black. All three seats are installed. A ground up restoration was done in the 1990's. The price includes extra engine and transmission parts. Call Chuck at 775-267-1915





**Three Model A's** - Asking \$16500 each call Chuck Kallas for details call Chuck Kallas (559) 287-1256 (Fresno, CA area)



**1946 Ford coupe** Freshly build, all GM running gear including AC over 60K invested plus labor! Sacrifice ~~\$44500~~ \$29.900 obo call Chuck Kallas 559 287-1256



**1950 Ford Woody** - 302 mustang and C4 automatic running gear.  
Asking \$39500 call Chuck Kallas for details call Chuck Kallas (559) 287-1256 (Fresno, CA area)

**1941 Mercury** - Fully restored by George Butcher, needs nothing, has Columbia. Asking \$22,500 - Call Mike Aahl @ (510)760-1260 or Mark Strohecker @ (510)432-1532



**Ford exhaust parts for sale** - 2 header pipes, 1 crossover pipe, two tail pipes, 4 mufflers and half a dozen clamps. The mufflers (Part No. 18-5230) are new and fit 1932-1934 Fords. Parts located in San Jose. Asking \$400.00 for all or best offer. - Contact Mike Gavin @ email: [343753@gmail.com](mailto:343753@gmail.com)

**1939 Ford parts** - Front and Rear Bumpers with Dual Bumper Guards and Wingtips, Front and Rear Center Bumper Guards, 2 Rear Bumper Brackets, Front License Frame, Fog Lights, Spotlight - Call Denny Flynn @ (415)827-6919 Tiburon



**1940 Sedan Delivery** - passenger side rear - \$300.00 Contact: Don Ciriello, [ciriellodon@yahoo.com](mailto:ciriellodon@yahoo.com) (Gardnerville, Nevada)

**Columbia Rear End with some controls** ~~\$1200~~ \$1000 - Call Mike Aahl @ (510)760-1260 or Mark Strohecker @ (510) 306-8119

**1935 Ford Radiator** - restored show quality \$600 - Call Mike Aahl @ (510)760-1260 or Mark Strohecker @ (510) 306-8119

**We help Sell or Buy your Cars and Parts** - Complete cars, unfinished projects and parts - Call Mike Aahl @ (510)760-1260 or Mark Strohecker @ (510)432-1532.

**Automobile Storage** - Safe and Secure facility - Call Mike Aahl @ (510)760-1260 or Mark Strohecker @ (510)432-1532

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**

**May:** 6<sup>th</sup> Ken Bredlau, 13<sup>th</sup> Tim Repp, 22<sup>nd</sup> Kristina Gonsalves, 26<sup>th</sup> Linhares Anniversary, 27<sup>th</sup> Strohecker Anniversary, and 28<sup>th</sup> John Erickson.

**June:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Palmer, 5<sup>th</sup> Dominguez Anniversary, 17<sup>th</sup> Toni Wilkerson, 18<sup>th</sup> Emery Anniversary, 20<sup>th</sup> Derickson Anniversary, 27<sup>th</sup> David Burla, 27<sup>th</sup> Bettie Keyser and 30<sup>th</sup> Callen Anniversary.

## **Me and My V-8**

### **Flathead Ford and Friend**

**By Jim Palmer**

My first involvement with the venerable Flathead Ford started in 1967, when my friend Tom Tyler, (Tippy), found a deal on a 1932 Ford



roadster in nearby Livermore, California. It would be a classic by today's standards, and it was priced at \$150. We picked up the turquoise highboy roadster powered by a 24-stud Flathead with a set of finned heads, two-barrel carburetor, and stock distributor. The interior consisted of a filled dash with Stewart-Warner gauges, Covico steering wheel, Moon pedal, and a red and white vinyl covered seat. What more could you want? Our goal was to make the car drivable and go from Hayward, California to Harrah's Swap Meet and car show in Reno, Nevada, then on to some camping and fishing in Oregon.



The assembly of the sheet metal was accomplished with boxes of license plate bolts which cost \$1.00 per box from Tippy's employer Ed Chavonas Ford in San Leandro, the biggest challenge was the replacement of the rear floor, which had been removed. We took an old water heater and removed the outer skin, trimmed it to fit and used more license plate bolts to install it. It wasn't very strong, but it only had to hold our suitcases and sleeping bags. We of course were planning to buy lots of parts and go to Oregon and find parts laying all over the place. So, we added a trailer hitch and rented a small box trailer to carry our tent, fishing poles, and tools, and to have room for all the treasure.

We made it to Reno by driving at night since we did not have a fan. Our only problem was that the voltage regulator gave out on the way up to Donner Pass, but we persevered and made it to Reno at 6:00 AM, What can we tell you about Bill Harah's swap meet and car show that has not been said already? We gave up counting how many times we heard, "Do you want to sell it?" We didn't find any great deal on Ford parts, and we heard the same refrain we hear today, "all the good stuff is gone to the big buck dealers", and that was 1967!!

The next phase of our trip was to head off to Oregon for camping and adventure. We headed out 395, planning to go through Mt. Lassen and arrive at I-5. Driving through this beautiful country by the full moon is one of those lifelong memories. The little Flathead purred along and seemed to enjoy the experience as much as we did. Arriving at highway five, we found a large pullout and slept on the fenders and running boards. Those full fendered cars do have some advantages. We were feeling pretty confident about the car we had thrown together but found out how hot it can get without a firewall insulator. So, we got some insulation and some undercoating and made our own in the parking lot of an auto parts store. I'm sure glad it was an open car, what a smell.



We went to Grants Pass and found a Model A Ford parts yard. They had only one V-8 part, a 32 frame with all the cross members for \$100.00. Ha, we bought a whole roadster for \$150.00, they must have thought we fell off a turnip truck! We then went to Crater Lake, camped along the way, and did some fishing, it was great. We were on a two-lane highway and ran into some rain, but as long as we were moving, we were staying dry. I remember saying, "I hope we don't run into any logging trucks." Tippy said, "They don't drive them empty in the rain." I said, "yeah sure..." hoping he was right. No sooner had I finished my statement, than we could see a pair of bouncing empty logging truck

headlights headed toward us. When we passed, we were blown off the road and damn near landed in the ditch on the side of the road.

The Deuce brought us lots of attention, and while in a diner at Fort Klamath, a guy tells us that there are lots of old cars at the local dumps. So, we got directions, and we headed off to find this gold. Well, nobody mentioned that the dump was a world-class breeding ground for mosquitoes. The only part we found was a cowl for a Dodge touring. We were trying to load it into our trailer when a cloud of mosquitoes descended us: we tossed the cowl in and just took off. This is one of those moments when an open car is not a plus. We were sure the locals were having a good laugh.

The next day we found an old livery stable at the end of the main street, and we could see some vintage tin inside. The owner of the barn told us we could have any car parts that were there, just don't leave a mess. The barn had some Model T parts, and most of them were well worn, so we gathered most of the sellable parts and ended up looking like the Beverly Hillbillies.

The Trip home was interesting. We tried to stay off main highways, since we looked like a scene from "The Grapes of Wrath." Of course, we were pulled over by that one lone Highway patrolman stuck on the backroads of California. He looked everywhere to find something wrong with our ride, and finally decided we should have a crankcase breathing device, since in 1967, this was a hot topic. This is the part when friend Tippy went in to his own. He explained that the Flathead Ford was a unique engine and that there was no manifold vacuum and that there was no way that our blow by gases could be sucked back into the carburetor, so a smog device couldn't possibly work. He left that poor patrolman scratching his head and he let us go saying that we needed to look into that. We said, "Yes sir." Tippy surely could have sold an Eskimo a deep freezer.

We made it back to Hayward, with one burned valve, a few new oil leaks and a front end that would give us a good shake when we hit a bump in the road. This trip would be the subject of many great discussions for years to come and a wonderful source of stories to tell around the garage. Now that Tippy has passed, our trip is one of my priceless memories. It sold me on two very important things: 1932 Ford Roadsters and the venerable Flathead V-8.

**Side Notes:**



**Who doesn't love the look of a 1932 Ford Roadster?**