



**PRESERVING OLD LA VERNE'S
ENVIRONMENT:
MAKING HISTORY FOR THE FUTURE**

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Hello Everyone:

Another month has flown by and we're almost into summer. Our LVHS May activities were successful and fun. Look forward to our summer Member/Community meeting at **7:00pm on Monday, June 13th at the Hillcrest Meeting House**. Our speaker is Larry Burns who will talk about "Inland Empire: A guide to the weird, wonderful, and obscure". We are meeting at Hillcrest so bring a mask. Your temperature will be taken when you check in for the event. A flyer is attached.

The big news is about the 1938 International. You'll read about it in the attached newsletter. Old Anvil Speed Shop is installing the truck's mechanicals and the plan is to feature the International in our July 4th parade. PLEASE... We need some LVHS member parade marchers. Contact Sherry Best if you are interested.

This is where the LVHS needs its members to step up. We have a GoFundMe account and you can access the link by clicking on <https://gofund.me/fa4d6e97>. Any size donation is welcome but if you can make a generous donation, we won't turn you down. We are a non-profit and receive no supporting funds from the city or private organizations. Our budget has been built on membership and donations made in exchange for t-shirts, books, and homemade marmalade and jelly. We also sell donated vintage items. Right now we're installing later model front and rear end assemblies, a new transmission, a motor, steering assembly, and tires. The original parts for much of the truck were just thrashed and are not able to be restored. The silver lining is that later model parts are more easily obtained and expected to be more reliable. I like to think of the truck as I do my dog; a hybrid not a purebred, but a sturdy creature with lots of vigor and energy. We'll have years of good use from the 1938 International and you can help get us over the hurdle of basic restoration. In the fall the International, with new installations, will go back to Bonita High School and function as a teaching tool for the students in the auto shop classes led by teacher Rob Zamboni. The truck will make many appearances at city events and hopefully travel to La Verne Heritage to enhance the "Hands on History" program.

Enjoy your attached newsletter. Join me in thanking new LVHS members and I thank our renewing members for their engagement with La Verne. I am going through boxes of materials from the estate of Galen Beery and have pounced on stories that need re-telling. Bill is ready to answer your

questions. I have a question. Does anyone know who was the LVHS President in the early 1980's? Inman Conety was LVHS President until 1984 and Sherry Best took over from Galen Beery in 2015, but was Galen President from 1984-2014? Bill recalls that Lynn Ebersole or Dave Sardeson served but we'd like your input. We'd also like to put together a list of other LVHS officers and archive the leadership for SOLVE. I imagine the truth is located somewhere in one of Galen's file cabinets, now resting comfortably at the La Verne City yard. All that is missing is the time to go through them, one by one.

Membership remains an area of concern. It is understandable that the disruptions brought about by the coronavirus remain an issue. However, our programming is picking up and we'll have a full agenda of activities in 2022-2023. Incidentally, 2023 is the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the LVHS, and we'll be busy planning special activities. So – if you are one of those people who have not yet renewed for 2022, do it now. We'll start calling people soon and start removing folks from our email if we don't get a membership renewal. We want as many people as possible to come together to enjoy our sponsored activities, read our newsletters, and celebrate the restoration of the 1938 truck. Your membership makes this happen.

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