



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

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Happy July Fourth!



In whatever way you decide to celebrate our country's independence, do it in good health and safely in the company of those you love. We are planning a BBQ with our household "social pod" consisting of myself, John, and Ruby. Maybe a few of you celebrated by entering the patriotic house decorating contest hosted by the city. Who won this year's contest?

We had a couple days of truck renovation in June. Erik Chaputa, John Best, and Bill Lemon positioned the truck for work, then Erik was assisted by Adam Moro to pull out the original motor. The original motor and transmission will go to the La Verne City Yard for storage. Since I am completely ignorant of automotive mechanics, I asked Erik to explain the next steps in getting the truck into functional shape. Here's the list of what you'll get for your donation:



- ✓ Transport motor & transmission to the City Yard
- ✓ Mock up a new motor & transmission
- ✓ Remove the cab & fenders
- ✓ Pull apart the chassis
- ✓ Sandblast the frame, locate cracks, then weld them
- ✓ Remove tires & axles
- ✓ Install new brake booster assembly (power-assisted hydraulics)
- ✓ Repair doors, side mirrors, etc. for functionality
- ✓ Recover the bench seat
- ✓ Re-build the wood flatbed; install side rails & seats
- ✓ Final cleaning & rust removal



T-shirts sales have been good and we have plenty more to sell. John and I are “fostering” four boxes of t-shirts in our living room, all individually packaged and ready for adoption and delivery. If you bought a t-shirt please consider sending me a selfie so we can post your image on Facebook. These t-shirts also make great gifts. I hope that the first time we actually have an in-person group event, everyone will attend wearing a LVHS t-shirt. Climb on board with your support.

We just heard from the printer that our book will be out on November 9th. I’ll be in touch with them to find out about shipping and will schedule an event to coincide with a book signing. Maybe by then we’ll be able to schedule our deferred home tour.

T-shirts and books are available for \$20 each. Email Sherry Best at sbest@lavernehistoricalsociety.org or call 909/596-4679 to place your t-shirt or book order. You can make a direct donation for funding the truck restoration by visiting the GoFundMe link and clicking: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-1938-international-truck>. Once rolling, the truck will be used throughout the year to foster community enjoyment and pride.

We are probably all sick of staying inside and/or away from social activities and people. The LVHS is planning a calendar of activities but with the realization that some goals will be achievable and others are only aspirational. Remember that the coronavirus is part of history that is evolving on a daily basis and we have to be guided by caution. Outdoor dining is available on “D” Street between Bonita and Third so this might be a place to get together safely and support community businesses. Outdoor dining is a good way to refresh ourselves with a view of downtown La Verne from a completely different perspective. John and I plan to check it out next week, wearing masks and armed only with our appetites and curiosity.

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