

The Valley V-8's

Well V-8ers, if you missed the All Ford picnic, you missed a real turnout of fine Ford machines. There were games and movies plus old time records. Most of all there were Fords galore. Many of the cars at the event were feature cars from Rod and Custom magazine. There was a line of Model T's and a line of Model A's plus a great many gorgeous rods. Forty's limited was there in numbers, with cars, panels, and trucks. All super nice! There must have been a line two blocks long of 53-56 Ford pickups, many of which were really show car material. There were eight or so restored Edsels and a couple of classic T-Birds. Last, but not least were the cars closest to all of us, the genny Ford V-'s from Southern California Chapters of the Early Ford V-8 club. There were Fords for every year 32 thru 40, with the San Fernando Valley group showing up with five in the line up. I was so busy eye-balling cars and taking pictures that I hardly had time for my fried chicken. All in all, everyone had a great time and I for one am looking forward to the same thing next year.

As you know we have a new meeting hall. It is located in the Valley Federal Savings building, 9055 Reseda Blvd. Northridge, Calif. Attendance of club members leaves something to be desired. Lets all become involved and come to the meetings. Remember our next meeting is Sunday, Nov. 21, 7:00 P.M.

Our annual membership dues for 1972 are being excepted now, \$5.00. After October 5th. any new member is payed up thru the following year. Pay your membership dues to Dick Berry, treasurer at our next meeting or send it by mail to the Valley V-8's, 18909 Malden St. Northridge, Calif. 91324. Attn: Dick Berry, a new membership roster of current members will be printed in January, so don't delay!

Don Durkee introduced a prospective new member, Larry Stocker at our last meeting . Larry owns a 40 Merc. convertible. A discussion was held regarding the need for pictures of members cars. They will be mounted on a bulletin board , which will be displayed at club events and meetings.

A discussion of more definite regional bounderies was held. President Jim Rowe and Glen DePue are to workout a satisfactory boundry.

It was decided that a news letter be sent to other California groups, The V-8 Times editor and the National President, plus of cours all San Fernando Valley members. However it was also decided thata news letter would not be sent to any non-member other than those mentioned. We received and read a news letter from the Sacramento Reginal group last meeting and since then have received news letters from Wichita Kansas and Long Island, New York. We may discuss expanding our mailing list to regional groups in other states as well at our next meeting.

Provisions for refreshments in our new meeting hall were discussed. Members will be asked to donate one or possibly two blue chip stamp books to obtain an ice chest and thermos or coffee pot. President Jim Rowe will use his connections to provide cookies and beverages at a discount and a donation will be asked for the refreshments to help the treasury get well.

Plans were begun for a Christmas party. It was decided to have our own chapter party rather than to join with the Southern California groups. Details remain to be worked out by the entertainment chairman.

At our last meeting, we discussed club tours to Warner Bros. Studio and a tour thru the Ford Assembly plant in Pico Rivera. Activity chairman Shel Harriman, I understand have one or two more in the fire. More on these later.