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June 18th - 8th Annual L.A. Roadsters Swap Meet & Roadster Show. Great Western Exhibit Center Santa Ana Freeway at Atlantic Blvd.

June 18th - Regular Meeting. Valley Federal Savings and Loan, Northridge

August 4,5,6.- Early Ford V-8 Club of America Western Regional Meet. Santa Rosa at El Rancho Tropicana Hotel.

May Meeting
As promised in last months' bulletin, Charles Seims of our neighboring chapter, the Southern California Regional Group, brought a wide assortment of hilarious silent and sound movies featuring such stars as Laurel and Hardy, Charlie Chase, Charlie Chaplin, W. C. Fields and many early Ford V-8's. It was an evening full of fun, nostalgia and sadness. Fun, because who could watch films with such talent and not be entertained. Nostalgia, because of those beautiful NEW V-8's being used, taken for granted and driven with great abandon since no one, at that time realized the great roll these cars would continue to play, on and off the screen, for years to come, and sadness because the simple, naive pure fun humor of that day seems to be

such a lost art today. Many thanks to Charlie Seims for his time and trouble in bringing us that program.

EDITORIAL - "IS THERE A FORD IN YOUR FUTURE?" An Early Ford V-8 to be exact? Is there a club for all those who enjoy, love, are entranced, to put it bluntly, "hooked" on one or more Early Ford V-8's? Well, the answer, hopefully, is a resounding YES to all these questions. But it has been difficult to tell whether the answer was yes or no because of the lack of enthusiasm and attendance at our meetings and the few tours we have tried to put together. Perhaps you say to yourself, "But I'm new. Maybe later, but not until I get more experience. I wouldn't know what to do as an officer, or on a tour or to be a chairman, or to give a talk about restoration tips. Well men, our club is now about 10 months old. Those of you that are fathers (and that is most) how much "experience" did your son or daughter have at 10 months? How much help did you give to help that baby human grow and learn? Our club is much like that. We can look and learn from sister clubs that are older. We can ask for their help to get started, but unless we really care and really try to make it on our own, it's no go! So maybe we'll make mistakes, but we all learn from mistakes, individually and collectively. So why don't we try a fresh start....all together!!?

We have planned no special program for the June 18th meeting for a purpose. That purpose is to have a vote on the future of Chapter 40, The Valley V-8's. If you want the club to continue, want to dontribute in some way, no matter how small or large, make a real effort to be there. We know some of our members have had real unavoidable problems making attendance and participation impossible. This happens. However, there must be some that want the club to go on. In any case let's make our wishes known. Be there, June 18th. The meeting will NOT BE LENGTHY, but VERY IMPORTANT!

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

Depending on the outcome of our meeting we will decide on whether or not to accept an invitation from the Southern California Chapter to join them on two tours. One will be to the Santa Pauk Airport where many antique aim lanes are hangered and on display. It should be a very interesting tour. Another is a beach party to be held near Ventura. More on these everts......if you want them.....in future issues. Remember.....it's up to you! What will it be?

WANTED - For '32 Sedan, Left front and Right rear Fenders., Misc. Victoria parts. For '36 Coupe, pair of 600 x 16 WSW Denmans. Also interested in low buck '34 or '41 Coupe, 33, 34, Roadster or lead on same. Charles Seims 797-2843 evenings.

Where are your ads? Enclosed are some blanks. You may fill as many out as you want, tear it off and mail it in before the next issue. Who knows, you may have what someone else is looking for or visa-versa. It doesn't cost a thing to find out!

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