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ACTIVITIES...MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

My thanks and gratitude go to our sister group of the Southern California Regional, for their overwhelming support of our tours and their help in making our meetings an interesting and educational event. In the past one and a half years, on three separate occasions members from So. Cal. have greatly participated in our meetings by giving talks, bringing car parts, projectors and films. I give a special thanks to these truly terrific Early V-8 people for their great effort on our behalf.

The Queen Mary tour was a great event. What a sight all those beautiful cars!!!!

FEBRUARY 4th MEETING: 1935 and 1936! What great years those were! And to point out the great changes and improvements in our Fords for those years, Bob Wilson spoke and showed pictures via projector and screen of the 1935 model and Don Durkee covered the 1936 model, together with "in the flesh" parts and goodies. It takes a bit of effort on the part of those giving these monthly talks on our cars but the speaker learns more about his car in the process and the club benefits from his knowledge and specialties covered in the featured year model. Further, any club benefits from membership participation. We really appreciate those who have, and will be, donating their time, ability and knowledge for the good of the membership. We also had a "bonus" special in hearing from Steve Schell on Columbia rear-ends. This young 18 year old man has an exceptional working knowledge of the famous Columbia, not to mention the working parts to show and explain. Let us hope he will join us as a personable and knowledgable addition to our club.

CALENDER OF EVENTS:

MARCH 4th Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. Valley Federal S/L Northridge 7.
MARCH 11th Swap Meet Pomona Valley MAFC, Los Angeles County Fair Grounds.
April 1st Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. Valley Federal S/L Northridge 7.
May 6th Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. Valley Federal S/L Northridge 7.
May 20th Ridge Route Tour. 80 miles scenic and historical tour over the old Ridge Route. A good concrete road used from 1913 to 1933. Norm Booth of Southern Calif Chapter and Ed Hardin joint tour chairmen. Moore details later.

August 9,10,11,12 Dearborn!

October 28th All Ford Picnic - South Gate

V-8 TIMES asks HELP! In a recent issue of the V-8 Times, Mike Pruitt asked for contributions from members to be printed. As editor of this small paper I know the frustration in trying to make an interesting and worthwhile newsletter each month with no contributions coming in from members. Imagine the size of Mikes' problem with the large, illustrated and vastly more complex and interesting V-8 Times. Each member that can contribute a piece of information, even ask a question in "Letters to the Editor" will help. Can you? Let's show Mike how much we appreciate and read the V-8 Times. Write him today!

OUR FRIENDS STAR IN NEW MOVIE! Scheduled to open in March is a movie called "The Paper Moon". They say the star is Ryan O'Neill, but we prefer to think of the stars are our friends the Early Ford V-8's that appear in the movie. Shot in Kansas, all the early Fords and Packards came from Southern California owners and were rented by the studio. One "Star" that Ryan O'Neill drives, is a 1936 Sedan Convertible. Jim Mason, of Masons' Autobody, did all the preparation work on the cars used in the movie. Should be good. Watch for it!

As an aside to the preceeding information about Paper Moon, did you ever wonder just how much a studio pays to rent a car, especially a vintage one? In this case, the owner of the 1936 Sedan Convertable was offered \$2300. Instead he wanted a new all leather interior after shooting the movie. Two fenders got smashed in accidents during filming. Once when the Packard Police car (the only car that could catch a Ford in those days!) cut off the '36 which Mr. O'Neal was driving and hit a left front fender in the process, and a rear fender when, again during practice, Mr. O'Neal backed into a stationary car behind him when parking. The studio was insured so the two fenders were fixed with insurance money. The leather interior (done by Gene Ackerman of Sepulveda) cost \$900, and so the \$1,400 difference was paid to the owner in cash. Get-ready time, six weeks, travel and shooting time, about eight weeks. The little girl playing Ryan O'Neals' daughter in the movie is actually his daughter. A 1936 touring sedan was cut down and broken apart for duplicating the Sedan Convertable in close ups. The cut-away body was towed on a trailer with close up mikes and camera for the actors to use with actual background rushing by rather than the usual filmed background.

THANKS TO THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL GROUP-SOME HELPFUL HINTS:

SHINE 'er up! To get a real nice shine on your V-8, use a good carnuda wax. On black, use Custom 500. Wipe on as directed, then spray on Pledge furniture polish, then clean off with clean terry cloth. (I saw this work at Santa Rosa. Really great!)

FADED WOODGRAINING on window reveals and dashes can often be improved by using neutral or light brown paste shoe polish. This will restore the original color and leave the area with a smooth finish.

AND AGAIN the side quarter window gasket from a Volkswagan is a perfect fit for the windshield glass on the 1940 Convertable and Station Wagon. It only needs to be slightly trimmed on the out side edge. (That's what it says!)

40 FORDS AGAIN Don't throw away those two stainless welt strips around your grill just because they are rotted. Just remove the rotted fabric and stitch a new fabric around a still piece of wire which you insert in the old channel.

HOW TO PAINT WHEELS AND LEAVE NO TIRE MOUNTING MARKS. Sand and prime the wheel. Now, mount the tire and tube, but DO NOT inflate. Your masking will not have to be as critical as with the tire inflated. Mask, paint the wheel, let dry and inflate. Some perfectionists cut two pieces of cardboard, with a half-circle in each a bit smaller than the outside diameter of the wheel, tape them together, and paint the wheel with the un-inflated tire mounted. That system cuts down your masking time.

1936 STAINLESS STEEL FORDS (Thanks to the Wichita Regional Group News)

Some interesting info has been uncovered on this subject. While rummaging around in back issues of Rod and Custom looking at '36 Roadster Project articles by Spence Murray, then Editor of R & C, I ran across a letter to the Editor in the October '69 issue from a Mr. Held of Allegheny Ludlum Steel who sponsored the six '36 stainless steel tudors. This letter gave the disposition of the cars as follows: One is in a museum in Cleveland, one is owned by a dentist in Chicago, one was dismantled during World War II, Allegheny repurchased two (one was found in a barn in New Mexico in 1957), and one is missing. I must be a little clairvoyant because, as I was looking for the August '69 issue of R & C which I don't have and it does have an article by Lorin Sorensen with pictures, I got a phone call from a local car buff who will remain nameless here, telling me that a fellow he knows who runs a body shop just made an estimate the other day on repairing and repainting a '36 Ford having a mached front fender that was stainless steel!! Is this the missing car, masquarading in paint somewhere in Kansas?.....

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION:

A REMINDER - DEARBORN '73 RAFFLE TICKETS AT \$1.00 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE. GRAND PRIZE A SPECIAL EDITION 1973 PINTO WAGON PLUS MANY OTHER GREAT PRIZES. DRAWING AUGUST 11th 1973. ED WARNOCK 23223 Arminta St. Canoga Park 91304 phone 213-346-7882 or see Ed at the monthly meetings for your lucky tickets.

CARS FOR SALE:

'47 FORD 2 door Sedan ONE OWNER! Runs Good. All Original Call Gene Camplin at home, 363-0110 or at his office 363-5026

'39 Ford Ambulance. SPECIAL BODY. Red lights, Siren, Fresh engine, ready for paint, interior. '73 tags. \$750. or? Jim Rowe 345-1729

'48 Ford Fordor Sedan. Runs good. Exterior presentable but needs upholstery. \$200. ALSO '46 Ford 2 door Sedan. No engine or trans but straight body. Good parts car. \$75.00 Dick Berry 981-3873

PARTS FOR SALE:

'39 Ford closed car vent windows (wind wings) Genuine Ford. Pair \$45.00 Jack Miles 347-8617

QUEEN MARY TOUR: THE SUN SHONE ALL DAY! While still dark I was turning on the radio for the weather report. Clear and sunny! So preperations were made and four cars took off from Balboa Park promptly at 8:00 including our newest members the Thomases in their sparkling '36 three window coupe. Doug Peterson had preceeded us in order to stake out our claim on the parking area, and Gordie Chamberlin joined us shortly after arrival. The Southern California group came touring in with a group of 13 cars so we totaled 19 all together! After some tire kicking and a slight delay while President Doug straightened out a small matter of our discount tickets at the box office "the troups" made it on board and while I saw them go aboard, and I'm sure they were there somewhere, and their cars were still parked, never was I to find a San Fernando Valley face again that day! I did find Dave Graham and family from the Southern California Group and we saw the massive machinery of the engine room and the Museum part. We were getting hungry so we left the ship in search of food. I was late departing since I was having another tire kicking session but then left by myself. Unfortunately the "old Girl" I usually refer lovingly as "My '35" had other ideas and She blew a water pump! Fortunately I had the correct one with me (the left of course) and still without food I struggled with that contraption until I was in no mood to return, so made it back to Glendale around 3:30. Unfortunately I cannot report on the balance of the tour nor on the group as they dis-embarked. Hopefully they returned safely and without mishap. With the beautiful weather after so much rain, and with a gratifying turnout, The San Fernando Chapter should be proud of our hosting what appeared to be a very successful tour. There were several faithful Southern California members that came just to "say hello" and then went on their way since they had already been on the "Queen" tour. Thanks to those of you that stood guard over the cars and helped to make this a memorable day for "A Day V-8'ing" and "On the Queen Mary"!!
