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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

What would you do if you came home from work and found that the police dept. had come into your yard and had taken your car to the junk yard? Don't laugh, and I'm sure you wouldn't. It could happen in California and it does happen in the State of Indiana. With ecology on everybody's mind it isn't hard to understand how the State Legislature could railroad thru a bill to completely ruin our hobby. The association of California car clubs (ACCC) was formed recently to protect the interest of all antique car enthusiasts in our state. They can do this if they are strong. They will be strong with the support of all California Auto Clubs. Come to the next meeting so your views can be heard!!!!!!

MARCH 4th MEETING 1937 and 1938 cars. The "crowd" was really underwhelming at our last meeting. For various and sundry reasons no officers showed up but our Director Gordie Chamberlin. As it turned out he was all we needed for the Show to Go On! As promised the 1937 and 1938 model years were covered with descriptive commentary and full literature and accessory coverage from "Gordon Chamberlins' Ford Archives". Our Thanks to Gordie for the time and effort he repeatedly puts out in bringing and making available to us the many rare, and not so rare, and near perfect "Objects 'd Art per Henry Ford, many of which we would not otherwise see, and giving out with that unlimited store of knowledge to help broaden our horizons regarding our most prized possession.....That Early V-8.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 1st	Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. Valley Federal S/L Northridge
April 29th	Annual Wildflower Tour by Antique Auto Club of America, in Lancaster. A one day tour this year. Should be spectacular with all the rain we've had this year. Bring your lunch. No formal tour from here will be planned so make your own arrangements for a really enjoyable day, weather permitting!
May 6th	Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. Valley Federal S/L Northridge
May 20th	Ridge Route Tour with Southern California Chapter. Details later
June 10th	Southeast Park V-8 Swapmeet.
August 9 - 12	Dearborn, Michigan
October 28th	All Ford Picnic.

THOSE POINTS COUNT UP! Points awarded for the Queen Mary Tour were Chick Latah, Harold Selson, Shel Harriman, Gordon Chamberlin, Ted Martin, Doug Peterson and Bob Wilson, each 5 points. John Harry, 2 points. Don Durkee was the only one to drive his sparkling "new" '36 Cabriolet to the meeting last month. (Inclement weather was a contributing factor for lack of cars), so Don gets extra points for his effort.

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING TO OBTAIN VITAL COVERAGE: Out of the minutes from the last National Board Meeting minutes referred to obtaining insurance to prevent financial devastation of the Club and it's members in the event of an unfortunate accident in which a law suit could result. Some may remember the tragic explosion of a Stanley Steamer at Knotts Berry Farm a while back. The owners were killed and others, as well as injuries. The club and relatives of the deceased owners are being sued. Such insurance would protect our club chapters from a similar incident collectively and individually.

"VINTAGE TIN I've SEEN" by Paul Meske

On my job as an insurance field claims representative I drive thousands of miles throughout three counties here in Southern California. One day while in the town of Santa Paula I stopped at one of those old gas stations for a bit of petrol and directions. As I sat there I looked around and spotted what looked like a '32 Ford coupe in one bay. I went over to talk to a gentleman about the car, which turned out to be his. He was making a hot rod out of it and it hurt somewhat to see how it was turning out. We got to talking about Fords' and after a while I asked if he had saved any of the old parts. No.....nothing. I asked then if he knew if there were any other old cars around. Yes, there was one he knew of and my heart jumped. He told me where I could locate it and after paying for the gas I began driving. Up past the small park and to the area where some construction company was clearing an orange grove for tract homes. Up on a hill..there it was! It was a '34 Ford two door sedan. I could see it from the road. There was a dirt path, barely passable, which took me toward the treasure. As I made my way closer I could see the faded numbers "88" on the door. It had been a dirt track race car! Whoever had built it had made a cage of pipe around it at the frame level to protect it from other cars. Quickly I got my camera and snapped a picture. Then, because I was wearing my suit, I carefully climbed about the car to see what was salvagable. There were many things such as the dash, steering, pedal assembly, firewall, doors and floor pan. I knew that the construction company wanted the car out of there, but here I stood with no hand tools and in my work suit. The only possible decision was made, to come back on the week-end with the necessary tools to scrounge these good items. So I did and guess what? Yep, when I got there a few days later on the week-end, the treasure had vanished! So today, someone, somewhere now has old "88"....with all "my" parts!

HOW PHOTOGENIC IS YOUR V-8? Auto-Historian, Rick Lenz is doing a series on Ford cars for Automotive Quarterly Magazine. He has written asking for help in locating certain models. Owners will be notified of a location in advance and given prints of the finished picture. Rick is a real pro and such a picture would be great to have of your car and a real privilege to be included in that prestigious magazine. The cars Rick is trying to locate are as follows: Pick-ups and panel deliverys (based on the passenger car chassis) for all years 1932 through 1940. 1946-47-48 panels, 1932 Tudor and Fordor, 1933 or 34 Tudor, Fordor and Cabriolet, 1935 or '36 Tudor Standard and Deluxe, Fordor Standard and Dlx, 1936 Club Cabriolet, 1937 Club Cabriolet and Roadster, 1937 or '38 Club Coupe, 1938 Convertible, or Phaeton or Convertable Sedan, 1939 Fordor Standard or Deluxe, 1941 "Special" any body, 1941 or '42 s.w. & Convertible, 1942 "blackout" painted model, 1946 Fordor and s.w., 1949 Fordor and convertible, 1950 Crestliner. Any color BUT black preferred. If any of our members have or know of any of these models you may drop Rick Lenz a card at 12860 La Cadena Drive Colton, Calif. 92324, or notify your editor, Bob Wilson 1252 No. Alameda Ave. Glendale 91201 or phone 849-4825.

LET'S EARN SOME MONEY FOR OUR CHAPTER! The Custom Car and Motorcycle Show April 19 through 22nd at the Sports Arena has offered us tickets to give out. For each ticket that comes through the gate our chapter will receive 10¢! It sounds like an easy and great way to earn some extra funds for our low treasury. The tickets should be available at the next meeting so come prepared to take a few with you and hand them out. They are free to us and it should be a great show for those who like the Custom Car field.

HOW ABOUT A SPECIAL PINTO? HOW ABOUT DEARBORN? Time is fast running out for those of you who plan on going to Dearborn in August. You should contact Ed Warnock immediately for reservations and travel plans. Also, whether or not you plan to attend the big Dearborn meet, you could still be the lucky Winner of that very special Pinto that is being raffled off. At \$1. per tick you can hardly go wrong in helping the National Club and maybe win a car. Ed will have those tickets available at the next meeting or phone him for some.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION:

CARS FOR SALE:

'46 Convertable. Metal, Paint and Chrome finished. Driveable. Needs top and minor mechanical restoration. Jack Miles 347-8617

PARTS FOR SALE:

'38 Four Ford hubcaps.

'39 Ford Dlx. Banjo Steering wheel, good condition. '39 Ford Dlx Front fenders and hood. '39 Ford Dlx. Bumper.

'37 Ford Choke and Throttle rods with knobs, '37 Radio, radio head, speakers, lead-in wire, '37 Banjo steering wheel, steering column, ignition with original HURD key. '37 NOS wire loom, NOS mohair upholstery panels for the interior, bumper guards, bumpers, tail light, trunk, doors, door mechanisms, dash, instrument clusters, mechanical brake parts, radiator, seat, wheels, pedal assembly, body sheetmetal, window frames, V-8 motor (all or parts). All for 1937. Many other parts. Reasonable prices. Call or write Paul Meske 805-492-3027 575 W. Fargo St. Thousand Oaks 91360.

'36 Ford Sedan Trunk lid.

'28 Dodge radiator grill shell.

For All of the forgoing (including the Dodge parts) call or write Paul Meske.

PARTS WANTED:

10 inch Clutch and flywheel. John Narry phone 848-6032.

For 1939 - Standard Stainless Steel Body trim and grill trim, outside mirror for door, Standard grill ornament #91A 8157-A (new or good used) Paul Meske 805-492-3027.

TIPS AN THIS 'N THAT:

A PAINT TIP: For those of you who might like to try one of those new acrylic lacquer paint jobs on your car the secret to it's sheen is the way it has been applied. The lacquer is sprayed on at a very high dry pressure to make the metallic particles stand up. When the particles stand up, they reflect light and that gives the paint its luster. Then clear acrylic lacquer about one and one half gallons will give the paint its deep, mirror like finish. Beautiful, just beautiful. (Thanks to the San Diego Ford Fan)

TRY THIS ON FOR SIZE: Like to mystify your friends? Try taking your age, multiply by two. Add five. Multiply by 50. Subtract 365. Add the loose change in your pocket under \$1. Add 115. The first two figures in your answer will be your age. The last two are the change in your pocket!

One fourth of American men propose marriage in an auto. (who said the rumble seat was dead?) Actress Norma Shearer was once a model for Kelly Springfield tires. Oldsmobile introduced automobiles to chromed plating in 1925.

Statistics prove that locomotives aren't afraid of automobiles. Gulf Oil was the first U.S. petroleum firm to distribute free road maps. Police in Beirut, Lebanon, let the air out of the tires of vehicles parked overtime. There are seven miles of wire in today's average auto electrical system.

When Marmon started making cars in 1902, the firm was in the flour-milling business. In 1907 humps were purposely built into streets of Glencoe, Ill. to discourage speeding cars. Edsel Ford drove the Lincoln pace car at Indianapolis in 1932. Pierce-Arrow put headlights on fenders in 1913.

There are three finishes for automobiles, enamel, lacquer, and liquor. Henry M. Leland, former president of Cadillac, formed the original Lincoln Motor Company in 1917 while building Liberty aircraft engines. If a windshield wiper quits, tobacco rubbed vigorously on the windshield glass makes it easier to see by preventing droplets from forming. (Thanks to the Ford Fan - San Diego)

WANT TO REALLY PLAY APRIL 1st THE RIGHT WAY? DON'T BOOL AROUND! BE AT THE MEETING. OUR CHAPTER WILL BENEFIT BY YOUR PRESENCE AND CONTINUED SUPPORT!