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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

At our last meeting we discussed the A.C.C.C. to some length. All members present voted for us to join this association, to help preserve our hobby. It was also decided that each member should be assessed \$1.00 for his part of the membership. Governor Reagan is charging you \$1.00 per year on each of your registered vehicles to pay for the removing and destroying of old cars. Please send your dollar at your earliest convenience. Welcome, four new members. Ted Martin, John Harrington, Dick Palmer, and Hy Pengree.

APRIL 1st MEETING: The meeting took a diverse turn in its' format of discussing various year-model cars and, instead, a discussion was held of some very important legislation pending in Sacramento and what we should and can do about it. A communication from the ACCC regarding legislation against the auto hobbyist was read. Already there are laws in some states which would be very dangerous to let get a foot-hold here in California. In Indiana, for example, any car can now be confiscated if it is missing any part of the drive train, is on private property but visible from public property! What's more, the removal and disposal of the vehicle is at the owners expense! How many of those reading this newsletter would be effected by that law were it passed tomorrow here in California? As a protection against this sort of thing a Lobbyist is being maintained and the clubs assessed \$1. per member with a \$25. minimum and \$200. maximum. It was moved by Don Durkee and seconded by John Narry to so order and a unanimous vote carried the motion.. This is a big step in protecting the antique clubs and their interests

MORE POINTS ADD UP! Besides attending the meeting, points were awarded Doug Peterson and Harold Selson for driving their Early V-8's to the meeting.

CALENDER OF EVENTS:

MAY 6th regular monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Valley Federal S/L Northridge
MAY 20th Ridge Route Tour - see details in this bulletin.
JUNE 3rd Regular monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Valley Federal S/L Northridge
JUNE 10th Southgate Park V-8 Swapmeet
AUGUST 9-12 Dearborn, Michigan
OCTOBER 28th All Ford Picnic, Southgate Park

RIDGE ROUTE LOOMS AHEAD! That long awaited tour along the old ridge Route is nearly here. It should be really spectacular with all the greenery from the winter rains. Everything possible is being done to make this an outstanding tour. It will include our own chapter, the Southern California Chapter and the San Fernando Valley Model T Club. We will meet at Dennys' Coffee Shop at the Lyons Street off ramp of the Golden State Freeway at 8 a.m. for breakfast and tire kicking. We will leave that point promptly at 9 a.m. Stragglers, or those who prefer, may meet us at Castaic (not Castaic Junction) at the rest stop which should be about 9:30. We take to the old highway from there. Be sure to bring your lunch for a picnic. There are to be two tow trucks and plenty of helpful friends along, so you should have plenty of help should the need arise. Hopefully, tho', you will be in for a carefree and really great tour. Make a special effort to join your club for this one!

We want to thank Paul Meske for the story he sent in for enjoyment of the rest of our club. Paul has offered to send in more, and we would really appreciate receiving any V-8 Stories he has that would help us enjoy those Beautiful Early V-8's. But how about the stories behind the rest of the cars, finished or not, that lurk in the background and could really be of interest to the general membership? You don't have to be a Wadesworth to put down your account of what happened in your own words. Your editor will do his best to clear it up (or clean it up) if you so desire and to the best of his humble ability. The main thing is to get to know our members and their cars. Would you believe.....not one ad this month?!! They really work, so I'm told, so if you have goods and/or services to interest the Ford V-8'er, let's hear it from you out there. Meanwhile, we will try to assist those in our neighboring chapter with their ads, and "borrow" material from neighboring and other Chapters. The sad thing is, this is YOUR CHAPTER. It should be YOUR STORY in this rag. We are interested in others stories, but we want to learn more about you who make up our own chapter. Without your help.....it can't be done.

DID YOU KNOW? 1936 Closed car radios can be installed in 1937 cars by using the radio conversion kit # 78-18819.

Two brush generators in 1938 radio equipped cars. Ford dealers weekly bulletin No. 16 April 22, 1938, page 5.

For new units that have factory installed or dealer installed radios, that have three brush generator installed, will supply a two brush generator and voltage regulator gratis....Courtesy of the VAPOR-LOCK TALK, Central Delaware Valley Regional Group via Mid-Willamette Regional Group.

REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS? Most everybody carried their own Bibles and hymnbooks to church. Everybody who made coffee put an egg in it. A boy who played a violin was called a "sissy" and a girl who went fishing or bowling was called a "hussy". "Peek-a-boo" waists were considered daring. Kids took the bones from a prime rib of beef and made castanets. A landlord would throw in the first month's rent to get tenants to sign a lease. A man was not fashionably dressed unless he wore a Derby. Bus drivers waited until their passengers were off before they closed the door. Girls didn't "dast" go out at night without a chaperone. Sin was looked upon as something awful. Wives, in the wintertime would hang the white clothes out of doors for two or three days to let them freeze and bleach. Las Vegas used to respect a six-shooter instead of a seven shooter. Folks used rock candy, lemon juice and whiskey to knock out a cold. The Sabbath was a day of peace and quiet. You paid only a dollar for a dollar watch. Sundaes were called "college ices" and folks could buy one for a nickel. Furniture stores "feathered your nest" for \$99.00. The only red menace was sunburn. Folks used to hang lighted lanterns in the cellar during the winter to take off some of the chill so the potatoes wouldn't freeze. We thought sweaters with heavy knit collars were old fashioned. The only "hangovers" anyone saw on Christmas morning were the stockings over the fireplace. An allergy was just an itch and all you did was scratch it. A dowry was one of the more attractive angles about a girl without curves. Before brassieres were invented a fellow who manufactured "holdback" straps was known as a harness maker. Texas was the largest state in the union. Men smoked handmade cigars. We didn't have to have the world to have a good time at Christmas. Folks used to say, "The hand that rocks the cradles rules the world. The only time you heard about rockets was the 4th of July. A sack of candy, rather than trading stamps, was the dividend for paying the grocery bill. The modern coupe or roadster always had a rumble seat. The only breakfast cereal we knew was oatmeal. On hot days folks cooled off in the ice cream parlor. Kids thought a million dollars was all the money in the world. You could get a good pair of shoes for what you now pay for a haircut. P.S. The government is issuing a new stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of the Internal Revenue Service. You moisten it with a few drops of your blood. (P.S.(Editors' note)) You could also buy a brand new Ford V-8 for around \$500.00!!(Thanks to San Diego's FordFest)

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALES:

33 Ford Pickup. Good restoration. '37 engine w/36 heads, mechanical brakes 16" wheels. \$1800.

'37 Ford 4 dr Sedan. Low milage car with new mohair, paint, hydraulic brakes, tires, '37 engine (has cracked block) \$1800. or with fresh 59A-B \$2300. Elmer swift 4223 Faria Rd. Ventura 93001 805- 643-0673

NOS '46 Merch hood side trim \$1000 pair. 49-51 Ford Merch rear bumper guards for Station Wagon, only \$15.00 50 Merc. convertible parts. All fiber-glass 14' runabout. 40 jp Johnson., trailer, all '73 registration. Excellent condition, \$550. or trade for pre '49 Ford or Merc. in good condition. Lee Koerner 5909 Bellflower Blvd. Lakewood. (213)925-9406 - evenings.

'48 Ford Parts. Hood side trim, convert doors 2/windwings and 1 window drame. Front fenders, quarter window frames with script glass. Bumper guards, rear bumper w/good chrome, convert top bows. Many other convert parts. Jerry James 609 N. Laurel Ave. Upland 91786 (714) 982-6212. (All low buck)

WANTED:

Going to Dearborn. Need extra '38 Ford parts such as fuel pump, water pumps, coil, distributor. Prefer NOS. Ralph Hubbard 263 Glen Summer Rd. Pasadena 213-792-6237.

SERVICE: Early Ford V-8 radio not working? We give tender loving care to repairing early radios, because we really care. Please see Rich Fischbach or call 213-248-7579 (member EFV-8 Club)

PREVENTING FRONT WHEEL SHIMMY FROM BLOW OUT PATCH - When a blow-out patch is used in a front wheel tire of an auto, it is thrown out of balance by the weight of the patch, which may cause it to shimmy. This is overcome by using a patch of the same weight on the opposit side of the wheel. This suggestion was taken from Popular Mechanics, December 1932, Courtesy of The Wichita Ford Fan via the Mid-Willamette Regional Group.

REMEMBER - DRIVING AND DRINKING DO NOT MIX. THE FORD YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN
