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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

As of a month ago we are the owners of a 46 Ford 2 door Sedan Deluxe, or rather a parts car with a good body. It was voted at the last meeting to raffle it. (would help our treasury) Tickets will sell for \$1.00. The drawing will be held at our July 1st meeting. It is absolutely necessary that all ticket stubs be in by the end of June. The chances of winning are good, as there will be only 125 tickets.

MAY 6th MEETING: At last count our club has grown by five new members since the first of the year making a total of 24 paid members. There were eleven members and guests at the May meeting. The first of the "Participation" trophies was awarded. I am pleased to report that I, Bob Wilson, was that happy winner. Actually President Doug Peterson and I tied with 17 points. Being the admirable & unselfish President that makes him president deferred to your Editor rather than accept a duplicate himself, but congratulations to Doug for his winning the 17 points all the more! Our club is now the owner of a 1946 tudor. The car will be used as a fund raiser with details forthcoming at a later date. Be sure to watch as this is a great parts car or basic beginning for restoration. You may be receiving tickets for the car for which the club would appreciate a "donation". Ed Warnock introduced Tom Hutton who bought Larry Stockers' Merc Convertable.

RIDGE ROUTE TOUR-A HAPPY MEMORY! To those of you who were with us on that grand and glorious tour in the sunshine and blue sky, what more can I say to add to a perfect day? But to those who had the misfortune not to make it this was a tour to remember and try to recall for you. There were something over 50 cars on the tour. While the V-8's from the two Clubs (plus San Diego) dominated the scene, there was everything else from a gorgeous '40 Cadillac Sedan Convertable to a 1941 Harley Davidson motorcycle with side car! The work that Ed Hardin and Norm Booth had put into making this outstanding tour go so smoothly showed at every turn. Two AAA Service cars that did everything from point the correct turns at difficult spots to drive those who chose to go to the nearest "comfort station" during one of the several scenic stops along the way. A blow horn gave directions, pointed out interesting sights and guided us over one rather treacherous slide area that actually added to the excitement of the day. Then there was the inevitable colorful two pump gas station-general store combination which we descended upon in force making the merry door bell and happy cash register ring out in glee! The glass top gas pump was still there when I last saw it, but I wouldn't guarantee where it is now! There was one minor breakdown with a fuel pump, but that was repaired and got a welcome hand when rejoining the group. The weather- - - -perfect. The cars- - - - outstanding. The people- - - -none better. To those that went, wasn't it great? To those who didn't. . . .better luck next time. You really missed something.

Thanks to Paul Meske we have a story he sent in (again) for our enjoyment and enlightenment. Thanks to Paul. Isn't there ONE more story teller out there?

" A FORD IN A FIELD"

Several months ago a friend told me that he knew of a '37 Ford in Agoura which had been sitting for several years. If the owner, an older man, could be found he might sell it for a low buck. Well, I went looking for it but could not find it. A second inquiry as to its exact location proved fruitful and another few hours of searching revealed the cars' location. There it sat, quite hidden from sight in a large lot. A closer inspection showed that it was nearly complete - - even with a radio! I spent one afternoon some weeks later with the old man as he no longer lived in the same area and visited his daughter only periodically. My thoughts of a steal soon disappeared as someone (maybe Norton?) had filled his head with ideas of how valuable his old car was. "If I could trailer it to the big swap meet at Reno I could get nebbie \$350 or \$400. for it" he said. I talked with him for hours about a "realistic value" but he wouldn't budge. He said another fellow would be by and he would get his price. So I left and waited a week and called him on the telephone. The "friend" had not shown up and the car (with parts) was mine for that "realistic price". He was to gather up all those new parts for it. I drove there on a Saturday and by golly he DID have NEW PARTS! There was NOS headliner, new points and extra new upholstery pieces. And he said there was another motor for it somewhere as well as extra wheels and tires!

He wrote the bill of sale and as I knew he was the FIRST owner, I asked with a catch in my throat, if he had the original pink. Well, no, because back in '43 he went into the military and to war and at that time he thought he might not come back so he signed the title over to his mother. Soooooooo, I now have the 1943 pink slip on the car. He bought the car on December 25, 1936 in Los Angeles and drove it home. When WW II came along, with gasoline rationing, he made the motor into a V - 4. Yes, that's how the engine still is today! He removed four pistons and rods and, he says, it ran great, plus he got 27 miles per gallon. (A thought for the oncoming gas problem of today maybe?)(ndd.) I am presently taking the car completely apart and have the parts stored safely away for sale and/or trade. Oh yes, the fellow said he had a Columbia R for it but could not locate it right now. I'm eagerly awaiting its being found as it is mine also! -----Paul Meske

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION:

PARTS FOR SALE

'39 Dlx Steering Wheel \$15.00
'37 Dlx Steering Wheel
'39 Bumper \$10.00 Guards \$7.00
'37 Bumper \$10.
'39 Dlx Hood \$15.00
'37 Hood \$15.00
'37 Locking Hood Latch (no key) \$15.00

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PARTS WANTED

Will trade "Tacky" 1932 Ford right welled fender for left welled fender in equally poor condition or?

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TIP! If you have front end shimmy on your Early V-8 and everything is in good to fair condition, check the toe-in and tighten front "spring" bolts TIGHT! Sorry for the short newsletter gang, but I've got to get back to thoughts of A blue sky over the Ridge Route, a humming V-8 Ford engine, good friends, food, picnic under huge trees, excitement over narrow crossings, quaint old stores etc.