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**PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:** It has been my intention to try and become more closely involved with other car clubs in the San Fernando Valley. This month we are going to visit the Forties Limited Car Club at their meeting. The time and dates are the same as ours. This joint meeting should prove to be very enjoyable and will give us the opportunity to meet new people with similar interests as our own. President Jack Andrews and I have talked about a joint tour in the near future. This most likely will be one topic of talk at this meeting. I would like this to be the biggest membership turnout we've ever had. So do your best to be there. Bring your early Ford as there should be a lot of tire kicking.

**JULY 1st MEETING:** Although no speaker was available for the talk on '40 Fords, a great deal was accomplished at this meeting. We should all thank Jim Rowe for volunteering to serve as Secretary for the remainder of the election year. We are still in need of an activities chairman. Do we hear a volunteer? The drawing for the 1946 Ford was held and the winner was, are you ready for this? Jim Rowe. See, Jim, what luck comes to he who volunteers? We are still looking for pictures of club members cars to be placed in the Club Album which could be used as an "Agent" for the local motion picture and T.V. studies to view when looking for cars to use in the now popular "era" pictures being made. Who knows? Your car could become a Star! So bring or send in that picture.

I remember it was in the war years in 1943,  
We were riding in our '32 coupe, just my mother, sister and me.  
The sun was out but it was a windy day,  
And we were on our way home, or at least headed that way.

Mom saw two cute sailors alongside the road,  
Who were hitching a ride to where nobody knowed.  
She came to a stop and the two guys jumped in,  
Right in the ruble seat with me and sis, Gin.

It was kinda crowded way back there in that seat,  
But those sailors sure thought it was neat.  
Those guys didn't know just what fate had in store  
When Mom revved up the motor and took off with a roar.

Gas was rationed those days and hard to come by,  
But Mom was real smart, in fact she was sly.  
That Ford roared up the road to the top of the hill,  
And I knew those two fellows were in for a thrill.

When we came to the top the wind started to blow,  
And you should have seen that V-8 start to go.  
To conserve on gas, that to us was quite dear,  
Mom turned off the key and threw 'er outta gear.

To make a long story short, we coasted two miles that day,  
I think the wind helped but this much I must say,

I never saw two poor souls in such sad disaray,  
As those poor guys running the opposite way.

The last that I saw those two sailors in blue,  
They were running away from our Coupe '32.

(Thanks to Raublin' Road-a from the Redwood Empire Radiator.)

FURTHER TALES FROM THE SUPERSCROUNGER! "Everything you wanted to know about Scrounging, but were afraid to try" Most important, you must understand that you won't ever get "something for nothing". No one is going to give you an Early V-8 or parts unless it's your Old Uncle Harry who is on his death bed and wills it to you. However, you can bargain and horse-trade your way into a good deal if you know how to play the game. Contrary to popular belief it is a good idea to take someone along with you when scrounging. Not only from a safety standpoint, but a good extra pair of eyes can more than pay for themselves in a good find you might have missed looking the other way. Also....Don't expect to find a Goodie just laying by the roadside. They are few and far between. Be prepared to play detective and have a "Poker Face", especially when someone reveals a find to you. If you burn the deal by getting excited you can be sure that by the time you get to the prospective seller he will have received a phone call that he has a "live one" on the way over. The best way to throw them off the track is to act like you could care less. Example: Someone tells you of an old '40 Ford Convertable up the road. You say: "Aw, that's too bad, I was really looking for something a little older than that, but I might take a look at it as long as I'm out this way". This will put them off guard especially if all you want to do is take a picture of it for your scrapbook. After you arrive you can "become interested". Remember, let them sell you the car. Don't walk around it saying Hmmm. That's not a Gennie hub cap and that's the wrong bumper, etc. This will tip your hand that you know something. Take the time to listen to the old story of how they only used it for short trips to the city, etc, etc. It will build their feeling of confidence in you, and get you a better deal in the end. Of course each situation is different, but you'll get the know how from experience. Here is a list of hints I have found to be helpful in my Scrounging: 1. A pick-up truck or station wagon are your best bet for transportation. The older the better. Don't tow a trailer as you will be advertising the fact that you're looking. Just make it seem that you are "passing through town". 2. Unless you travel close to towns, take along extra food, water and warm clothing (even in summer the nights can get pretty cold in outlying places.) 3. You must have a camera, extra film and flashbulbs. (in case you find any Little Old Ladies with dark barns.) Also paper, notebook, pencils and pens. 4. Check out the location of police and hospitals in far away places as it could save your life knowing which way to go should you need help. 5. Bring your own maps of the community of town you visit, don't trust your luck to local gas stations which may be closed! 6. Don't waste time and gas just wandering around. Go directly to gas stations and garages and ask for the nearest junk yard or customer with an old Ford. 7. Check for "Goodwill", #Salvations Army and other "Thrift" shops. These are always an excellent source for cheap book and literature. 8. Check the local phone books for listing of old Pep Boys and Western Auto Stores. Sometimes they will make you a "package Deal" to get rid of a lot of their old stock to get more shelf space. 9. Avoid all "Antique" stores. They are a rip-off unless you know what you are doing, or the owners doesn't know what he has. Watch your wallet! 10. Check out old radio and TV shops. Many have back rooms full of old car radios and tubes. Again you might get a package deal to clean him out. 11. Look up old Ford dealers or ask around if you don't

see one. I once found an old "Ford Parts" sign in a Pontiac agency (formerly a Ford Dealer.) 12. Ask everyone you talk to of any old Fords they know of., and follow all leads! I was told once where I might find an old '53 Studebaker, and after a ten minute drive was rewarded by finding instead a '55 Thunderbird!! 13. If it comes to a choice, try for open cars first (roadster, convertibles, phaetons, etc. then station wagons or wood side sportsmans, coupes tudors and last fordor sedans. If you spot something you might not like yourself, write it down anyway, as it may be worth a finders' fee to tell someone else. (Ed. note: Or trading material!) 14. Last, remember before you part with your hard-earned bucks, it's cheaper to pay for a running car even if it costs a little more than to grab a bargain basket case which will cost you sometimes more to get in shape than the initial investment on the running car. Think about it,

Hope this has helped you.....SUPERSCROUNGER! (Thanks to Superserounger)

CALENDER OF EVENTS:

August 5th Regular monthly meeting (which will not be so regular! See special flyer sheet for joint meeting details in Van Nuys.

August 8-12 DEARBORN!

October 28 ALL FORD PICNIC - South Gate Park

CLASSIFIED ADS:

CARS FOR SALE:

'46 Ford Tudor. "Rustie" interior. Pre-cracked glass, motor removed for better gas mileage, special truck tires and rims for better ground clearance (23"), 27th owner original owner. Must sacrifice below bluebook to make room for new models. Comes with pink (for another '46 tudor) '57 tabs (no smog device needed). Make Offer. Superserounger phone 345-1729

PARTS FOR SALE:

Corrugated metal camper shell from a 1933 Ford pickup Truck bed. Free if you pick it up and Fee if I deliver it. Shel Harriman 398-3151

PARTS WANTED:

NOS grill ornament bar for a 1939 Standard. Also, Door and Body stainless trim for 1939 two door sedan. Paul Meske 1-805-492-3027

'33 or '34 X member only, uncut. Front and rear X members not important. Any frame. Walt Seeley 822 Ramona Ave. Apring Valley 92077. phone 1-714-462-0387

REMEMBER THE "GOOD OLD DAYS": 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. 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. The 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. An allergy was an itch and all you did was scratch it. (Thanks to the Redwood Empire Radiator.)

THIS MONTH  
COMBINED MEETING  
WITH  
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SUNDAY NITE - AUG. 5<sup>TH</sup>

7<sup>00</sup> pm. — AMERICAN LEGION HALL  
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