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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: I want to thank all of the membership for your help during this past year in making my time in office a pleasant and fulfilling experience. It has been a great pleasure for me to serve and to see our club continue to grow. I have the upmost confidence in all of our new officers for the coming year. Each one of these men have a true interest in you, our club and are V-8 people all the way. I am sure they will appreciate your help as much as I have. Our membership now stands at thirty one members. Thirty one people with one common interest. But more important to me is that I have thirty one more friends than I did a mere two and a half years ago. If only for that reason alone, it has all been worthwhile. P.S. If you have not sent in your reservations to Ed Warnock for the Christmas dinner, it is not too late. Ed tells me that he can wait until after our meeting Sunday nite. Try to attend. You'll probably take your wife out to dinner next week anyway, so why not with friends.

1974 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The results of the general membership balloting were revealed at the November meeting. CONGRADULATIONS to the newly elected OFFICERS. They are as follows:

PRESIDENT...DON DURKEE
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EDITOR/HISTORIAN...PAUL MESKE
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EACH MEMBER of our chapter should determine in his own mind that in order for 1974 to be an enjoyable year for the club, we all must work in some capacity to INSURE SUCCESS. OUR CLUB IS YOU, with individual effort and with combined effort. LET'S ALL GET INVOLVED and make our chapter ONE OF THE BEST!

EDITOR'S COMMENT: YOUR editor has just returned to the sunny climate of southern California after spending about one month in cold, dreary, snowy western Pennsylvannia and also in northern Michigan from whence I traveled west from several years ago. For those of you who have never lived in an area which has a real winter I say you are missing something. However, we are fortunate to live in an environment which is an asset in owning and driving an EARLY FORD V8. I was away attending a school when the ALL FORD PICNIC took place, THE November meeting was held, a TOUR occurred--- and the LA RAMS lost to the Vikings 10 to 9. How could my company do this to a FORD enthusiast??? Anyway, I've been away from the FORD scene and hope to see all of you at our next meeting. I did meet a fellow V8 club member in Pa. who is building a 38 Ford convertible. It is indeed a small world.

ALL FORD PICNIC: October 28th Relying on my memory of past all ford picnics this years event was reportedly another fine display of FORD products. From our chapter, there were JOHN HARRINGTON, who drove his 34 Ford Tudor; CHIP WERSTEIN at the wheel of his 37 FORD Phaeton and DOUG PETERSON who keeps on truckin in his 34 Ford Pick-up. These fellows met at Balboa Park in the early a.m. on that morning and toured together to Southgate Park.

JIM ROWE, protecting the rear of the three car entourage, cruised along in his SIXTY ONE FORD. At Southgate there were scores of EARLY V8's in abundance. Beautiful cars--- lines and lines of them gleaming and glistening presented a great scene. Other members who were there were BOB WILSON, HAROLD SELSON, DICK BERRY, SHEL HARRIMAN, GORDON CHAMBERLAIN and JACK MILES. DID they all drive early iron??

NEW MEMBERS: Our chapter welcomes several new members to its ranks. Those who "joined up for the duration" at the November meeting are-- PHIL NORDBERG and his wife MARLENE, BOB MURPHY and his wife BARBARA, RICK MURPHY (Bob and Barbara are his folks), BILL LASH, WAYNE BIGELOW and DICK BERRY.

OLD MEMBERS!!!! This is a good indication of the enthusiastic interest in OUR chapter. Let's not hesitate-- SEND your 1974 dues in right now. Send cash, check, or money order in the amount of \$6.00 (\$5.00 chapter dues and \$1.00 dues in the ACCC). BE SURE that you include your current address. GET INVOLVED..... SUPPORT YOUR CLUB....

CHRISTMAS** COMING SOON** Now is the time for you club members to discreetly suggest to those close to you (who you know have a terrible time selecting that right gift) that you just NEED some of those EARLY FORD V8 Club accessories. SHOW the back page of the V8 Times and make those selections. If they don't take the hint-- buy yourself something. Orders taken at the December meeting- see Doug Peterson- bring your cash.

COMING EVENTS: DECEMBER 2, 1973 Monthly meeting Valley Savings and Loan, Northridge 7:00 p.m. BE THERE***
DECEMBER 7, 1973 CHRISTMAS DINNER Saddle Peak Lodge, Calabasas Plan to enjoy
JANUARY 27, 1974 SCENIC TOUR (FIRST TOUR OF THE NEW YEAR)

Scenic Tour: Rain date of February 3, 1974. Our new president, Don Durkee, is presently laying the groundwork for what will be a great tour. He is planner for the Southern California Group and this will be a combined tour. The starting point is the old town area of Calabasas. The time to meet is 9:00 a.m. and then we'll have breakfast at Howard Johnsons on the hill above the town. The drive will be on the back roads which wind their way to Westlake via Malibu Lake. There will be a planned stop at the Westlake Riding Stables for coffee and do-nuts and to enjoy the scenery. Then on to Lake Sherwood and ultimately over the Conejo grade to Camarillo. We'll be going to the DEPOT, an old time restaurant in Camarillo, for lunch. The cost to you is \$3.00 for each adult and about $\frac{1}{2}$ that for children. A PHOTOGRAPHER from an Oxnard newspaper will be there as the early V8 cars drive in. After lunch the tour heads for the Las Posas Country Club and on the way through Saticoy to Foothill Drive and along the side of the mountain above the city of Ventura. A drive to the cross at the top of the hill for a panoramic view of Ventura. Next- to the pier on the ocean. The last stop will be for gasoline which Don will have ready for each V8. This is being done in anticipation of the closing of gas stations on Sundays. Also- Don has arranged to have his company's wrecker accompany the tour for the entire journey in the event of difficulties. Don is enthusiastic about this tour and it certainly does promise to be a good one. The turnout should be good from the other group and each member of our chapter should plan ahead to participate in this event. Plan to bring family, early V8 and camera.

REFLECTIONS on the YEAR 1973... I believe our chapter experienced a good

year in 1973. This past year was a period of growth where we saw welcomed guests at nearly every meeting. Many of these guests are now members. The efforts of the chapter officers deserve high praise for the work they did during the year to make our club a great one to belong to. We are sorry to see that other obligations have limited the amount of time a few of our members can devote to the chapter. Our monthly meetings in Northridge have been enjoyable, entertaining, and (hopefully) educational in respect to our Ford V8s. There have been talks given by volunteers on particular model years which were extremely beneficial. We also had several color slide presentations by various members. These presentations were of different events that the members had attended and were great. There have been tours, swapmeets, picnics and the GRAND NATIONAL MEET at Dearborn. We can look back on 1973 as a good year. Let us look ahead to 1974 and with YOUR help make this new year a GREAT YEAR.

WESTERN REGIONAL MEET*** SUN, FUN and MORE, SAN DIEGO '74. There will be several months of anticipation before the three day meet, but, to whet your whistle, here's fantastic news! This is an excerpt from the San Diego Group's FORD FAN. "The 1974 Western Regional Meet Grand Prize!!! A 1940 Deluxe 2 door Ford sedan. Yes, it's true. The San Diego Regional Group, hosts of the 1974 Western Regional Meet in San Diego, California, have acquired a beautiful original 1940 Ford Deluxe 2 door sedan to be given away as the grand prize next September. Tickets are \$1.00. The car has original black paint, original upholstery, etc. and runs beautifully." Well fellow members, I don't know about y'all, but I plan on purchasing a hand full and will be there to anxiously await the results of the drawing.

FORD PARTS FOR SALE: PARTS WANTED: Send your cards and letters for the parts you need to find or for those you are tossing out to your editor. That's me-- Paul Meske 575 Fargo Street Thousand Oaks, Calif. 91360

PARTS WANTED** 1936 Ford engine with insert main bearings (LB)
Call Shel Harriman at 213 398-3151

