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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** In closing the year '73, we have much to be grateful for in our past president. I want to thank Doug Peterson for all he has done for the club and for the fantastic organization which he has worked so hard to achieve. I am looking forward to the coming year with the staff we now have. I know with our new activity chairman, Jack Miles, we can look forward with anticipation to this year. If you have any suggestions for tours or desire to tour a certain area, speak with Jack and let him know what your interests are. Also, if you have any news, interesting stories, or comments, please let your editor, Paul Meske, know of them. Having been an editor of another newsletter, I know how important it is to have material to keep our paper interesting. Ed Warnock has truly been an inspiration with the great talks and worldly knowledge he has shared with us in our past meetings. We hope he continues along these lines. Our secretary/treasurer, Jim Rowe, has been and is a dedicated and enthusiastic officer. I appreciate the honor of working with this staff of fine men and feel greatly honored in being your new president. I hope and plan to keep our club an up and coming club with active participation with good times to be had by all.

**DECEMBER MEETING:** We welcomed our new officers for 1974 and planned our Christmas dinner. After discussing our regular business, Doug Peterson unveiled six small plastic model Fords. He and his son, Doug Jr., have compiled a fine collection which includes '32s, '34s and a '40. It was suggested that one could paint a model to see how the real thing would turn out before you painted it. GOOD IDEA! We had an active discussing on chrome plating. We should find a good plating shop and attempt to get a club discount there. The Ray Nelson Tour was described in colorful detail by ED WARNOCK and DON DURKEE. ED also brought and aptly described his '32 Commercial dash which he has restored for his rare '32 ROADSTER PICKUP. That dash is EXCELLENT! Our break was highlighted with a delicious carrot cake baked by MARLENE NORDBERG. If you missed having some cake--TOO BAD because it was soooo good! Our chapter will continue to meet at VALLEY FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN throughout 1974-- IT'S FREE AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**RECAP\* CHRISTMAS DINNER-** Saddle Peak Lodge, Malibu Canyon. What can we say? It was a near perfect evening with great food and drink, served in a great atmosphere amongst old and new found friends. We all want to thank ED WARNOCK for the effort he put into this event. Also, thanks to all the others who helped bring this together. Our group numbered over thirty people and we all had a tremendous evening. Santa provided each of us a stocking stuffed full of goodies. There was, as Don Durkee said, something for every member of the family. Among the gifts there was a very perplexing puzzle which very few of us managed to take apart-- even with instructions at each table by Don. Trophies were awarded to ED WARNOCK and PAUL MESKE for being the most active members in our club for 1973. I believe we all had a pleasurable evening indeed.

NEW MEMBERS\*\*\*\* Our club WELCOMES Bob Smither of Thousand Oaks who owns a nice '40 Ford Standard Coupe and Bob Howell of Ventura who owns a very clean '36 Ford Tudor Sedan. We will see these fellows at our monthly meetings in the new year.

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DUES FOR '74-- OLD MEMBERS!! Send your \$6.00 in right away to take advantage of participation in our great group of AVID FORD V8 ENTHUSIASTS. Don't be late and on the first Sunday night of each month come on down to the meeting so we'll all can get to know each other.

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PARTS WANTED & PARTS FOR SALE-- Doug Peterson has supplied us with cards for advertising your extra parts or for expressing your needs for those parts you can't find. These blue cards are enclosed for your use. They are FREE to you except for the cost of a stamp. SEND THEM IN ANYTIME!

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JANUARY SCENIC TOUR--Planned for January 27th with a rain date of February 4. DON DURKEE has set up this tour and as explained in the last newsletter, it will be a great tour. ALL IS PREPARED. Don't be concerned about breakdown or the availability of petrol because Don has arranged for the tow truck to accompany the tour and gas will be able to purchased at Tom Coward Ford for those who need it. SOOOO-- Get out that early V8, dust it off, tune it up and get ready for this forst tour of the new year. Bring your camera, film, wife, girl friend, children, dog or whatever and have a good time.

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COMMENT-- GAS SHORTAGE-RATIONING. We are all aware of current events and newspaper headlines regarding the energy crisis. A recent development is the request for the voluntary purchase of just 10 gallons of gas per week. Also, there has been some talk of banning cars from the streets and highways one day a week. Un doubtedly this one day would be Sunday. Should this happen we would have to consider another meeting night and tours and other activities on Saturday. Be prepared for the probability of mandatory rationing of gas as it is difficult to see how voluntary rationing will work- especially here in mobile Southern California.

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NEWS FLASH--- From the San Diego Ford Fan. The Federal Government has excluded antique automobiles from the emission control standards the Environmental Protection Agency has proclaimed for automobiles. Quote, "Since there are few antique automobiles on our highways, emissions from this group can be considered negligible, and it is not felt to be in the public's interest to try to impose retrofit or inspection/maintenance requirements on these cars." This is an exerpt from a letter to the Honorable Bob Wilson, House of Representatives, Washington, DC from Mr. Robert L. Samson, Assistant Administrator for Air and Water Programs.

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The Tale of the Undesirable FORD Accessory\*\*\*\* by DON DURKEE

A couple of weeks ago, two friends were over locking at my '40 convertible. One commented that his neighbor had one just like this. As I listened to his story about the car, I became interested but didn't let it show. My friend mentioned that he wanted the car but could not afford to buy it. He did tell me where the car was located so after he left I went right over and purchased a very original '39 Ford Deluxe coupe from the owner. He was a school teacher who had only driven the car to and from school. I took the coupe home and parked it in my driveway. This was on a Tuesday night. The coupe was left right there until Saturday when I planned to drive it. On Saturday I went to use the car and as I had not thoroughly looked the car over when I had bought it, I opened the trunk to check the spare tire.

There was no cardboard between the trunk and seat so you could see up under there. At this time I saw a huge gray animal under the seat. It was moving so I knew it was alive! Not knowing what it was and not willing to reach under the seat in fear of getting bitten, I grabbed a broom handle and poked him out into the trunk compartment so I could see what kind of animal it was. To my surprise, it was a huge old tom cat who was extremely unhappy about his forced four day stay under the seat of my newly acquired '39. That cat, however, was as afraid of me as I was of him and he retreated under the seat of the coupe again. So, I got into the car and drove quickly back to the previous owner who was very surprised to find his neighbor's missing cat under my seat! With the aid of the school teacher and his leather gloves, and overall jacket, we managed to pull ol' Tom out and put him down in the street. He ran home immediately, meowing loudly for his owner to get him some dinner. I, then, was left with the job of cleaning out the cat's residue of the four day stay in my car. Needless to say it required a good airing out!

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#### COMING EVENTS--

January 6th- First meeting of the new year. Valley Federal Savings & Loan, Northridge. BE THERE OR BE SQUARE.

January 19 & 20 (dates to be confirmed) SWAPMEET\*\* Palos Verdes- Douglas Aircraft Plant parking lot.

January 27th. SCENIC BACKCOUNTRY TOUR- Combined with the Southern Calif. Regional Group. Don has planned a great tour so let's turn out en force with our V8's for this one.

February 16 & 17 SWAPMEET\*\* Antique Car Parts Exchange. To be held at the PARKWAY PLAZA, EL CAJON.

Western Regional Meet- San Diego, California - SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21. WOW\*\* Plan to bask in the SUN; plan for some fun; and more in '74.

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NEW ITEM: For those of us who remain on a constant diet (or try too). Here is a weight watchers meat loaf recipe.

$\frac{1}{2}$  lb. lean ground veal,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. lean ground beef,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup green peppers- minced fine,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup finely chopped or pureed green beans, 3 tablespoons juice scraped from cut onion,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon oregano,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon paprika,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon MSG, salt, pepper, water to moisten. Knead meat, add finely minced green peppers, green beans, onion and other seasonings. Moisten lightly with water. Shape into loaf and bake about one hour at 375 degrees. Very good!

We thank Mary Durkee for this excellent recipe.

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PARTS FOR SALE\*\* '37 Ford coupe body with doors - \$50.00 Very straight with the frame- \$75.00  
2--running boards- need recovering \$20.00  
Pedal assembly \$10.00  
Front fenders \$7.00 each  
Seat \$15.00  
Front drums \$20.00

Contact Paul Meske at 805 492-3027 for these parts.