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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I want to thank everybody who came to our January meeting. It was a total success, with about 30 members present. With a good attending membership it sure makes the president's job an easy and enjoyable one. I think that in this coming year our club will become a more exciting and larger club. If more people will drive their V-8s to meetings it would add to the enjoyment of attending them. With the new daylight savings time, you have more time to get those V-8s ready to drive. And the more V-8s you see, the more you want to drive your own car. So, get out that V-8 and we'll see you at our February meeting. I'll be driving mine. By the time you have received this newsletter, we hope to have had our first Valley V-8 tour of '74. I hope everyone will have enjoyed the tour as much as I have had in planning it.

JANUARY MEETING of the VALLEY V-8s

RECAP: Terrible stormy weather did not dampen the spirits of 27 V-8 Ford enthusiasts and guests who attended the first meeting of 1974. It was extremely heartening to see this kind of turnout. What do you think we could do if the weather was nice? There were even a couple of early V-8 cars there! Aside from our regular business which was taken care of in a short time, there were several hi-lites during the evening. GORDON CHAMBERLIN brought a couple of extremely rare V-8 Ford accessories, which Don Durkee illustrated for us. There was a cigarette lighter and a ladies compact. The lighter was very

interesting in that you unscrewed a striker from the lighter and struck it just like it was a match. Our first raffle was a success! The WINNERS and their prizes are as follows: MIKE SMITHER - gas can, TED MARTIN - wash mit, PHIL THOMAS - WD40, GORDIE CHAMBERLIN - T-shirt, and car wax, DOUG PETERSON - hand cleaner, DON McCULLOUGH - T-shirt, JOHN McADAMS - drain pan. Member JACK MILES gave a good talk on the overheating problems the V-8 Ford had and has still at this time. As a result of his presentation I think I will finally solve my cars heating problem. ED WARNOCK brought several wire looms for his '32 Fords and illustrated them for us. Wiring always seems to be my downfall and it was great to learn about some of the differences in the looms. TED MARTIN will be looking into the details involved to enter our cars in the CONEJO VALLEY DAYS PARADE which is held in Thousand Oaks each year. We'll hear more about this in the future.

NEW MEMBERS:

Our club welcomes MIKE McCLONE of Mission Hills who is the owner of a 1933 Ford 5 window coupe, a 1935 Ford 5 window coupe, and a 1931 Ford Victoria. The chapter also welcomes JERRY JENSEN of Northridge who owns a 1939 Ford 4 door convertible sedan. These cars certainly complement the already fine array of Ford products we have, collectively, in

our chapter. We CAN BE and WILL BE one of the BEST Ford V-8 CHAPTERS in the country.

DUES- 1974:

For you V-8 enthusiasts who were paid up members for 1973, but haven't paid your dues for this new year, don't PROCRASTINATE, don't wait until it's too late-- send in your \$6.00, or better yet, bring your dues to the next meeting (1st Sunday of the month at Valley Federal Savings & Loan at 7:00 p.m.). We WELCOME you. What better way is there to spend one evening a month than with your fellow Ford V-8 club members. If your wife or girl friend (or both) simply insist that you spend this particular evening with her (or them), bring her (or them) to the meeting as ladies are welcome. We have coffee, sodas, cookies, or cake for refreshments. We offer an entertaining evening of lively discussion about anything and everything-- but mostly about Ford V-8s.

COMMENT: SPEED LIMIT 55 mph and the GASOLINE SHORTAGE.

The latest news flash from energy chief Simon is that there would be a rationing of 50 gallons of gasoline each month per licensed driver over the age of 18. Is there really a shortage of gasoline? The major oil companies are reportedly having difficulty finding storage for their products. They reportedly are even using the tanks in closed retail gas station to store gasoline. Do you have trouble determining what the "truth" is in this matter of national concern as I do? As for the 55 mph speed limit, don't you think its great for our V-8s? The Ford V-8 operates quite well at this maximum speed limit. We will be able to move right along with the flow of traffic without difficulty on our tours- as long as the V-8 doesn't break!

ACTIVITIES-

Do any of you members have any ideas concerning the replenishing of our meager club treasury? We need ideas

and suggestions! THINK! Think about it (we know you've got 'em) and talk about them at the February meeting. GET INVOLVED! You are an important factor in making our club not only a good one but a GREAT one.

V-8 CLUB ACCESSORIES and others: Did YOU know that YOU can support your own chapter by ordering any of the V-8 club accessories from our secretary/treasurer JIM ROWE? There are many very nice items available as illustrated in the V-8 TIMES. We have many of these fine items on display for your immediate inspection. SO, bring a few dollars and place an order with Jim for that accessory you have always wanted. Another item** One of our chapter members, Bob Smither of Thousand Oaks, has made available to all V-8 club members a bit of nostalgia. This item is an old time leather key case; the type that was used back in the 30s and 40s. It is leather, blue in color, has the Ford script name, and holds 3 or 4 keys. Our chapter has one on display for your viewing.

ONE THAT GOT AWAY:

A few years ago while I was still working in the San Fernando Valley I chanced upon a 1934 Ford convertible in Van Nuys. The owner, who had purchased the car new in '34, was adamant as to what he intended to do with the car. He said that he was giving it to his son who would someday rebuild it. (How many times have we heard this line?) Even though I went back a couple of more times the story remained the same. I might add that the son was about 15 and a bit dingy. I told a couple of others about the car and even took Jim Rowe to look at it. Finally I just gave up on it. In the meantime I moved to Ventura County and secured another job which kept me out of the valley. Just last week while at a meeting, Jack Miles was

expounding the sad tale about how someone had "stolen" a '34 Ford convertible for a measley \$500.00. Lo and behold, after asking Jack more about the car, it turned out to be the same car which was never going to be for sale. Dirty words! And the search goes on.

SWAPMEET: Douglas Aircraft Parking Lot in Long Beach. January 20th. The general rule concerning swapmeets is that one MUST get up quite early in the morning to get to wherever the meet is, in order to purchase all those goodies for your V-8 restoration project before anyone else does. The swapmeet in Long Beach was no exception. We were up at 6:00 a.m. and on the road by 6:30 for the long drive there. The weather in the morning, as we left, was a heavy mist (or a slight rain??). The radio newscaster said that there would be a 30% chance of rain during the day, increasing to 70% chance in the evening. We hoped that the meet was on, as it was a long drive there to find out. However, as we drove towards Long Beach the weather looked like it would clear. Once there, in the dim early morning light, one could see the sellers setting out their wares. There were other early birds wandering about looking for "their" parts. The anticipation of finding those parts you need builds as you walked from place to place. Then- there it was- that certain thing you wanted! At this swapmeet, there are some very good displays of Ford parts. There were the Model A men, the Model T men, and best of, there were the early V-8 people. We made one rather quick tour of the meet and then, after depositing our parts we had bought in the trunk of the car, we went around again. This time we raised our ground level gaze up from all those Ford parts to look at the faces of the scores of people walking about. There was ED WARNOCK who had found something for his '32s. And there was JOHN McADAMS- who was just looking?? Later on we saw JACK MILES. We also ran into some members from the San Diego Regional Group. They had the Western Regional Meet GRAND PRIZE on display there-- an original '40 Ford Deluxe 2 door sedan. Oh my, what a beauty! She was dressed in black with four

Denman wide whitewall tires to roll on. Of course, we bought a ticket. The drawing will be held in San Diego at the September Western Regional Meet. PLAN TO BE THERE! Then, the skies opened and the rains fell. Everyone began closing up shop and the buyers and sellers scattered for their cars. The swap meet was over and all headed for home.

RECIPE: Another yummy item given me by Mary Durkee. **CHEESECAKE.** 2/3 cup Ricotta cheese, 3/4 cup crushed pineapple, 1/2 cup water, 1/2 cup Fresca or Lemon-lime soft drink, 1 envelope Knox gelatin, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, artificial sweetener to equal 2 teaspoons of sugar (or more). Sprinkle gelatin over Fresca to soften. Stir. Heat over low flame to dissolve gelatin. When dissolved, add pineapple and stir. Place pan in freezer for about 40 minutes or until mixture is thickened. While mixture is in freezer, put 1/2 cup water in blender container and add ricotta cheese, sweetener, vanilla. Blend until smooth. When pineapple mixture is thick, pour into blender container with other mixture and blend until smooth. Pour into pie pan or small casserole dish and refrigerate until set.

PARTS- wanted and for sale**
CAR- 1941 Mercury business coupe. Mechanically excellent. New paint, upholstery, & woodgraining. Best offer over \$1,700.00. If you want this car, call Wayne Bigelow-361-5727
For sale-3 1936 spyder hubcaps. Mint and original. Redone by John Young stainless steel restorations. \$60. each. 1 1936 Ford bumper, needs chrome \$20. Call Chip Werstein at (805) 527-8504.

Parts for sale- 1942-56 Acme auto paint catalog \$15. 1940-50 Chilton auto repair manual \$15. 1936 Ford spare tire cover and locking hubcap in good condition- \$45. COMPLETE speed set up for 49-53 V-8. Fenton 2 pot manifold, Stromberg 97s, 2 side generator mounts, fuel block, dual point dist with new Mallory points & condenser, Navarro heads (fair) ALL- \$50. Call Larry Stocker (805) 525-5165