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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Three months ago when I was elected President, I thought getting up in front of 10 or 15 people would be a snap. With nearly 40 people at the meetings it gets a little scary but I love every minute of it. There is so much enthusiasm at the meetings that I want to go right out and buy another V-8. The raffles have gone so well at the past meetings that for the March 3rd meeting we will raffle the FORD lamp which we showed at the January meeting. We invite everyone to come and bring their wife. For the March meeting I will talk about preparing the bodywork and what tools it takes. Bob Smither will talk about paint.

The last part of the meeting will be special because President Len Barbieri and V.P. Jay Harris of the San Diego Regional Group will be here to show films that Jay took at the GRAND NATIONAL MEET in Dearborn, Michigan '73. The films have been appreciated by other regional groups all over the U.S. so don't miss your chance to see what cars were at this great meet. Let's all come out and show San Diego how big our club is. It should be fun for all! See you on March 3, 1974.

FEBRUARY MEETING RE-CAP VALLEY V-8s
Our club saw an enthusiastic group of over 40 members and guests in attendance for the meeting. It is certainly heartwarming to see this many people brought together in the common interest of preserving the EARLY FORD V-8. Several of the guests joined our club that very night. We held our second raffle of the year and several great

items were given to the holders of the winning tickets. The raffle is certainly becoming a hi-lite of the meeting and is looked forward to by all. ED WARNOCK gave a presentation on the differences between '32 Ford fuel pumps and pedal pads and pointed these out as he had brought the actual parts with him. Guest DON DUPREE talked about the mechanical brake system of early Fords. Don is very knowledgeable about the brake systems and shared with us all the ability to make the brakes work correctly. As Don said, there is nothing wrong with mechanical brakes as long as they are put together correctly. Don volunteered to help any member who is working to put a mechanical brake system together on his early V-8. GORDIE CHAMBERLIN brought a number of accessory hood ornaments, appropriately carried in a V-8 vegetable juice box. These hood ornaments were described avidly by Gordie who drew surprise after surprise from that V-8 box. The most interesting ornaments proved to be the Canadian wild goose and the lightning bolt for your '47 Fords. Our break was hi-lited with delicious cakes (but oh so full of calories) which were provided by DEE PETERSON and BERNI SELSON. Ah my little chick a dee, how our taste buds tingled when tantalized by those delectable morsels. THANK YOU, LADIES. There were movies of the January 27th tour which were shown at the end of the meeting. If you weren't on the tour, the movies showed you what you missed!

NEW MEMBERS: Our ever growing group of EARLY FORD V-8 enthusiasts WELCOMES several more Ford fans (or is it fanatics??) to the ranks. DAN WALLING and

his wife MARIA are from Los Angeles. Dan is building a 1936 Ford pickup. HERB LESNICK and his wife THELMA joined at the February meeting also. Herb lives in Granada Hills and is presently looking for an early Ford car. Can anyone help Herb?? We welcome OTTO MEIER of Sherman Oaks. Otto is the owner of a beautiful 1936 Ford 2 door slantback sedan. It's an original car and perhaps you remember seeing Otto and his wife driving on our scenic tour with this car.

ACCESSORIES*** Our chapter now has a display case! This case is for those V-8 club accessories available through our group. We would like to thank JIM ROWE for building this case for our club as it was needed very badly. EXCELLENT WORKMANSHIP, Jim!

For those of you in attendance at the February meeting who had the first chance to view the accessories in the case, we invite you to SUPPORT your own Valley V-8s chapter and order those items you want from Jim. Other items should be on hand at the March meeting as there has been an order placed with the national club. We have a number of the binders on sale which house one year of your V-8 Times magazines. These make a good looking display for your book shelves and also make the V-8 Times easy to refer to. BRING a few extra dollars with you in March and place that order with Jim.

DUES--'74-- OLD MEMBERS--NOTICE!

There are a few of '73s members who have not sent in their \$6.00 dues for the new year of '74, which is starting out to be a great year for our chapter. This newsletter, which you are reading at this time, will be the last one which will be sent to those who are NOT paid members for '74. DON'T LET THIS OPPORTUNITY to share in the growing enthusiasm of YOUR chapter pass you by! We have a GREAT GROUP of people and would like to see all of you stay with us for the duration. WE NEED YOU! Come on down on that first Sunday night of each month and jin' up!

NEWS ITEM** There is a new television program called "THE HAPPY DAYS" which is

shown on Tuesday night at 8:00 pm. If you have seen it you also have seen some great looking early Ford V-8 iron all through some of the episodes. The setting of the show is in the 50s with the local malt shop, high school hops, street racing, and all those other things so nostalgic for this time. In my own opinion, as I grew up with this going on, it is a GREAT show. See you later, alligator and all that jazz!

COMMENT** THE GASOLINE CRUNCH is upon us. (If you haven't noticed) The hard fact of the unavailability of gasoline on the weekends is apparent. Many stations are simply closed, even during the week, or only open for business without gas for sale. This situation certainly alters the routine of weekend pleasure driving for thousands, if not more, of motorists. I personally have not been able to attend any swapmeets in the past few weeks because they were too far away from me and as they were held on Sunday, well---- you can guess the rest. With the weekend gas shortage on, we may see where swapmeets, tours, and other events are planned for and held on Saturdays. If this tight gasoline condition worsens, let's be sure to discuss this at future meetings. WE ARE ALL AFFECTED.

JANUARY SCENIC TOUR REVISITED**

The weather was sunny and clear and as we pulled into the parking lot what a sight beheld us for there were scores of old Fords all around. There were, when the tour began, 30 early cars on the road. On those back roads which wound through the countryside and past lakeside homes, those V-8s purred right along and turned many a head of the driver and passenger of the modern cars we met. There were two Model As which joined us on the tour and they held their own, even down the back of the old Conejo Grade where the speed limit was 15 M.P.H. Lunch stop was at the

Depot restaurant in Camarillo where they provided a tasty lunch and salads from the salad bar. After lunch and some tire kicking, we were on the road again for a gas pit stop at Tom Coward Ford in Oxnard. The tour continued to the pier at Ventura and then ended far above the city at the cross where the view was spectacular and we could see for miles. It was a perfect day and a great tour. I think that all who attended had an equally great time. I'm sure that all of us will look forward to other tours such as this one.

NEW RECIPES** Sent to your already overweight editor by MARLENE NORDBERG and MARY DURKEE. All I can say is "keep those cards and letters (containing recipes) comin in." CARROT CAKE.
Mix 2 cups sugar & 1 1/4 cup oil
Add 5 grated carrots & 4 eggs (1 at a time)

Add sifted dry ingredients: 2 cups flour, 2 t. baking soda, 2 t. baking powder, 2 t. cinnamon, 1 dash salt. Then add 1/2 cup chopped nuts or more. Place in a greased & floured pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes or longer. (ed. the test to see if a cake is done is take a toothpick and poke it- if the toothpick comes out clean then its done)

Frosting: 1 8 ounce package cream cheese, 1/2 cup butter, 1 box confectioners sugar, 2 t. vanilla. Blend all ingredients well. (If you've tasted Marlene's carrot cake you know its great)

QUICK VEGETABLE SOUP** Sounds delicious, Mary!
1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup cabbage shredded, 1 cup celery with leaves, 1/2 cup diced carrots, 6 peppercorns, 2 cups tomato juice, 4 cups water, 1 envelope instant chicken broth mix, paprika, 1 teaspoon salt. Combine and let simmer for 3/4 to 1 hour on low flame. This will serve 4 people. THANKS Y'ALL.

COMING EVENTS**

MARCH 3rd. Monthly meeting of the VALLEY V-8s** Valley Fed. Savings&Loan 7:00 pm
BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

MARCH 3rd. Swapmeet- in Stockton, Calif. at WEBERSTOWN CENTER.

MARCH 1,2,3. 12th Annual ROD & CUSTOM, MOTORCYCLE & RACECAR SHOW at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Sponsored by

Forties Limited, Inc.

MARCH 10th. VALLEY V-8s Tour- to the Harold Lloyd mansion/museum in Beverly Hills. (more details coming)

MARCH 10th Swapmeet- Walter P. Chrysler Car Club is sponsoring the meet. Sherman Oaks at Bullocks Fashion Square.

APRIL (DATES TO BE CONFIRMED) ANTIQUE CAR SHOW at Tom Coward Ford in Oxnard. Planned also will be the Valley V-8s pancake breakfast for the show.

JUNE 10th. Swapmeet- the annual event sponsored by the Southern Calif. Regional Group, Early Ford V-8s. Southgate Park.

THE LAST WEEK IN JUNE, '74. A Nostalgia Fair at Devonshire Downs. Prizes, trophies for each car entered. More about this event coming.

SEPT. 20,21,22. WESTERN REGIONAL MEET EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB. SAN DIEGO, CALIF. GRAND PRIZE*** an original 1940 Ford 2 door deluxe sedan. PLAN TO GO in your early V-8. This meet has the potential of being the BIGGEST ever!

MAY 26th. FORTIES LIMITED 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Car Show at North Hollywood Park 7:30-11:30 a.m.

CARS & PARTS WANTED or FOR SALE***
FOR SALE- 1934 Ford Victoria- unrestored 90% complete parts \$1,500.00
Doug Peterson (213 349-0554)
FOR SALE- 1947 Ford Station Wagon
Lots of extras \$550.00 Hy Pingree (213 784-1636)

FOR SALE- 1940 Mercury Coupe. Unrestored. Metal work completed. Bumpers rechromed. Runs good. \$1,000.00
Wayne Bigelow (213 361-5727)

FOR SALE- 1934 Ford front axle with '39-'48 spindles, brakes & drums. \$20.
Larry Stocker (805 525-5165)
FOR SALE- 2 '40 Mercury outside door handles \$4.00 each. Bob Smither (805 495-1455)

WANTED- 4 or 5 16inch beauty rings for '36 and '37 Ford. Ted Martin (213 341-8950)