



The Valley V's

San Fernando Valley Chapter 40

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President's Message

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this president's message. We all have a club which we can certainly be proud of. We have shown great growth and participation in the past few months which led to many of our members attending the Western Regional Meet in San Diego. It was truly a pleasure to see so many of our Valley V8ers drive their cars to this great event of the year. It is with utmost pride that I announce our San Fernando Valley V8 club members who were awarded trophies for their cars in San Diego.

1. FLOSS CHAMBERLIN (Mrs. Gordie). 1940 Mercury- Closed.
2. RALPH HUBBARD. 1938 Ford- Closed.
3. TED MARTIN. 1937 Ford- Closed.
4. HAROLD SELSON. 1936 Ford- Closed.
5. CHIP WERSTEIN. 1937 Ford- Open.

I take my hat off to the winners who represented our chapter at San Diego.

It was a great meet and I feel our participation as a club helped make it so. Our quality of early V8s and variety was as good as any regional group there. And, after all, we did have the only woman winner there along with the best dressed man at the banquet in Mr. and Mrs. Cordie Chamberlin.

I think our October meeting will be an exciting one as we will have a lot to talk about. We will be seeking nominations for our 1975 chapter officers, so you had better be there to PROTECT YOURSELF. SEE YOU OCTOBER 6th at 7:30 p.m.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Valley V8s met at the usual place on September 1st to find our meeting room filled with people (NOT early Ford enthusiasts either). President Don Durkee conducted the promised short meeting from the back of Doug Peterson's '34 pickup truck in the parking lot and instructed every one concerning the evenings surprise tour. As dusk approached, an impressive group of early Ford and Mercury cars lined up and then drove off together. The tour wound through Beverly Hills and stopped then at a private club called the Speak-easy where everyone had an entertaining time. After some time there, the group toured back and then home. Don reports that it was a very good tour and everyone had a good time.

Jim,

There will be a directors meeting prior to the regular monthly meeting. Please be there at 6:15 p.m. Thank you.

THE 1974 WESTERN REGIONAL MEET

The much looked forward to meet is now a pleasant memory and for those members of our chapter who were unable to attend, here is a brief account of what went on.

We, my wife and I, pulled into Balboa Park in our 1939 Ford about 9:00 a.m. and were greeted with the sight of 7 or 8 early V8s lined up and ready to go. What happened then was the greatest disappearing act of V8s ever witnessed. It was impossible to get onto the Ventura Freeway as a group as the traffic and the lights didn't cooperate. It wasn't until we were on the Golden State Freeway at Griffith Park that we saw Bob Wilson's 1935 Ford and Doug Peterson's 1934 Ford truck in traffic. We drove with them to Cars of the Stars in Buena Park, where, as I was getting gasoline, I had a some small problems with leaking petrol. This was repaired and I joined in with a group of about 12 cars which left Buena Park at about 10:20 a.m. and toured south to San Diego. As we entered the city, our line of cars followed a neat yellow 1940 Ford convertible right to the Bahia. There were scores of early V8s all over the place. We all registered at the desk and afterwards went to pick up the packet which the San Diego group had prepared for each paid attending member.

On display at the front of the hotel complex were a beautifully restored 1932 Ford roadster (which was for sale too, and I heard the price was \$20,000.00) and a 1948 Ford Sportsman. These beautiful cars represented the cars which encompass the years our club accepts in the membership.

We found some friends from Sonoma, the Ottomans who are ex members of our chapter, who had driven their 1932 Ford coupe there and we all walked around the area to see all those cars. There were so many I couldn't count them all. There were seminars that afternoon and for the gals, a bus was available at 2:00 p.m. to take them to San Diego's Old Town for lunch and shopping. There was much activity in the area in the preparation of the cars for Saturdays concours. Saturday morning found the cars and trucks being given their final cleaning and then driven onto the grass display area where a photographer took a picture of each vehicle. There were some really fantastic V8s to be judged and there were even more which didn't enter the competition. San Diego had something new in that there were several restored commercial vehicles on display which really caught our eyes. There was a 1935 Ford panel delivery, a 1939 Ford dual rear wheeled stake bed, a 1942 Ford 1½ ton flat bed, a 1940 Ford sedan delivery, a 1935 Ford flat bed, and some very sharp pickups (including Doug Petersons). These early V8 trucks are coming up in the world as indicated in the interest shown them. There was also voting by popular vote for the Ladies Choice and for the Most Unusual V8. The Ladies Choice went to a 1935 Ford phaeton with a trunk belonging to J.L. Ballard of northern California. Mr. Ballard's father, who everyone called Grandpa, is the national clubs oldest member at 81. Grandpa drove his 1941

Ford convertible to the meet. It was said that this car was Chevy powered????? The most unusual V8 award was given to a beautiful light blue 1936 Jensen-Ford.

While all the judging was going on throughout the day, the women went to a luncheon and fashion show. The fashions shown were from the 1930s and 1940s and all who attended were treated to a very good show.

Prior to the dinner Saturday night there was a cocktail hour and you could inspect the many displays of V8 items which San Diego had set up. They all were very impressive.

At the awards banquet, which was held in a magnificent blue ballroom, we found that members of our own Valley V8s fared rather well in the competition with five trophies awarded to individuals mentioned previously. I might add that Ted Martin's award was for the most original class of early V8s.

Our own Gordie Chamberlin was presented a special award for the best dressed person for the occasion. Gordie was resplendent in a 1940s style ZOOT SUIT at the banquet. The suit was a pin striped gray with tremendous shoulders. The jacket length was down about the knees. The very baggy pants were also cut very narrow at the cuff. His green leather shoes were OUT OF SIGHT! His shirt was pink and his tie was green. The wide brimmed hat was pulled down just above the eyebrows and he ceremoniously twirled a long gold chain which was attached to his belt. Gordie and Floss also were celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary that evening and Gordie was ready for that ride down memory lane dressed as he was.

The GRAND PRIZE 1940 Ford car was given away that night also and the winner was a 10 year old girl from Temple City. Do you think her dad will let her drive that '40 when she reaches the ripe old age of 16??

Sunday morning came and a few people set up their wares on the lawn for an unscheduled swapmeet. Bob Drake was there, sporting a T-shirt that was very unusual as it lampooned Bill Norton of Valley Obsolete. As the morning wore on, more and more V8s, packed and ready to go slowly drove out of the complex to the waves of goodbye from old and new found friends.

We left about 2:00 p.m. with four other V8s from our chapter and arrived home about 6:30. No one in our small tour home experienced any difficulties at the end of a near perfect meet.

We will certainly look forward to the COLORADO DRIVE '75.

P.S. I heard that Gordie Chamberlin drove a beautifully restored 1938 Ford ROADSTER to the meet and Don Durkee spent some time looking for it---- but didn't find it???

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 6th-- Monthly meeting of the Valley V8s at Valley Federal Savings and Loan- Northridge.

RALPH HUBBARD, a member of our chapter and an officer in the Southern California R.G. will be there to give a talk on upholstery. We should also have some slides of the just completed San Diego event. Drive that early V8 to the meeting and bring a friend!

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!!

WOULD THE WINNERS OF TROPHIES AT SAN DIEGO PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE OCTOBER MEETING WITH THE CAR THAT WON SO ALL OF US CAN SEE THAT WINNING V8. THANK YOU.

Annual Valley V8 Christmas Party-- Date yet to be determined. It is not too far away-- think about it! More coming in the November newsletter.

ELECTION of club officers for 1975. LOOK ABOUT YOU AND AT YOURSELF! We all have qualities that qualify us to be officers of OUR growing chapter. We will NEED people to become involved in OUR chapter to continue to make it one of the BEST!

CARS & PARTS* WANTED & FOR SALE

- WANTED-- Any body, motor, or interior parts for a 1937 Lincoln Zephyr. Have some V8 parts to sell or trade. Call Richard Lioy at (213) 842-4118.
- WANTED-- One set (4) of inside window mouldings for 1935-36 Ford convertible sedan. Also, the metal floor board (over the trans) of 1936 Ford. Call Shel Harriman at (213) 398-3151
- FOR SALE-- Complete 1940 rear end. 4:11 gears and complete torque tube. \$40.00. 1934 Seat frame for closed car. \$25.00. Two 1934 sedan rear fenders. \$15.00 each. Box of misc. parts for 1936. \$10.00 Call Don Lael at (805) 526-8257.
- FOR SALE-- 1936 Ford 5 window coupe. Has fresh 283 Chevy engine. Hydraulic brakes, radio, new chrome, mint body, spare parts, runs excellent, needs new interior. \$1,700.00. Call Joe Susfolk at (805) 527-4428
- FOR SALE-- 1948 Ford Coupe. good condition, flathead V8. \$400.00. Call Allan Decker at (805) 495-0798.
- FOR SALE-- 1940 Ford bumper- straight. \$10.00. 1936 Ford sedan trunk lid. \$10.00. 1939 Ford deluxe dash with trim. \$20.00 1937 Ford horn button and rod. NOS. \$15.00. 1932 California license plates- matched pair in very good condition. \$18.00. Luggage rack, not Ford- similar to 1936 type. \$30.00. 1939-40 Ford differential- excellent condition- ready to install- ratio is 4:11 \$35.00. 1939 Ford fordor body stainless trim. good condition- \$3.00 each. 1939 Ford deluxe hood nose piece- good condition. \$18.00. 1934 Ford Houdaille front shocks, need rebuilding- \$5.00 each. 1937 Ford radio with head in good condition \$50.00. 1939 Ford truck front spring, near new- \$15.00. 1938-40 Ford rear spring- used, \$10.00. 1940 Ford clutch & brake pedal assembly, new bushings, \$15.00. Call Paul Meske at (805) 492-3027. Also have 1937 Ford side panel stainless trim \$10.00.

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