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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our May outing, the Old Ridge Route tour, was not only a huge success with at least twenty-nine cars attending but also provided a great opportunity to anyone needing to break-in a new steering gear and/or shock absorbers. The details and participants are given in this issue.

For June 14, we have finalized our plans to visit the Bothwell Ranch-Antique Car Collection in nearby Encino. The exact times and meeting places will be found in this paper and on flyers given at the June Meeting. If you need any other information please contact Don Dupree or myself. We owe Don our thanks for making the arrangements to see this outstanding display of automobiles.

Don't forget to see Don Durkee at our June Meeting if you haven't already ordered a club jacket. This is a great chance for all of us to let other people know about our club by wearing these jackets at tours and other events.

The month of May has been a banner month for new member sign-ups for our club. See the page in this issue with additions to our 1981 Roster. (Bob Rose said he was going to move back to his last house if we didn't get his new address onto our mailing list!!) Welcome aboard to our new members. We are sure you will be glad that you decided to share your V8 Ford interests with us.

Thanks to Al Spencer and John Busk for volunteering to help with upcoming newsletters. Both John and Al have previous experience in this area so we can look forward to continued good reading.

Friday, May 22 was the night of our V8 Board Meeting at the home of Bill Culp. Subjects discussed included a car display fund raiser, Christmas Party entertainment, details for the Bothwell Tour, and our continued affiliation with the ACCC.

For our June Meeting we will feature Rick Van Blair's beautiful 1939 Ford Deluxe Coupe in our pre-meeting high-lighting. Our Speaker will be Bill Woods who will talk to us about brake systems on the Early V8 Fords. Bill is well known by V8 Club Members for his vast knowledge of these cars. This is one presentation you can not afford to miss. Another reason you can't afford to miss the June Meeting is that our nametag drawing will be worth \$ 25 !!!

See You There.....

Larry

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 7 Valley V8 Meeting at Valley Federal Savings. Nordhoff at Reseda Blvds.
7:00 Highlights of the 1939 Ford
7:30 Regular Meeting Begins
- June 7 Swap Meet at the Pomona Fairgrounds by the Rust Peddlers
- June 14 Valley V8 Tour of Bothwell's Auto Collection. Encino California
Meet at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant
Ventura and Reseda Blvds at 10:00 AM
- June 21 Swap Meet at the Pomona Fairgrounds by the Los Angeles Roadster Club
- June 28 Forties Limited, Forty-first Anniversary of the Forty Ford.
Info: PO Box 6401, Anaheim Ca. 92803
Milesquare Park, Huntington Beach Ca.

SECRETARY SEZ . . .

Fords driven to the May 3rd meeting were as follows:

Ernie Bailly	'47 Pickup
Bill Culp	'29 Roadster
Bob Rose	'36 3-window coupe
Don Durkee	'40 Convertible
Dick Chutuk	'33 Tudor
Bill Boyer	'34 Phaeton
Don Dupree	'46 Pickup
Rick Van Blair	'46 Club Coupe
Harold Selson	'36 5-window coupe
John Powell	'41 Special coupe

Since no '38 Fords have availed themselves as yet for our parking lot "show and tell" we'll move on to 1939 for the June 7th meeting. Don Durkee took more orders for the handsome jackets he's been displaying (\$30). Don also, had to share a couple of butt jokes with the membership - what a salesman - or is it "potato man". Do you wear yours in the front or back, Don?

We had our usual raffle, but Don Dupree wants to know who took the rolls of tickets? He'll get awfully tired of making them out by hand every week. The Lindy Bothwell tour has been moved to June 14th. Don't miss it - there's 60 or 70 cars to be seen at the ranch.

Paul Kirk's name tag was drawn and he missed \$20 by not being there - the June meeting will be up to \$25 - pretty soon you'll have to come to the meetings.

The featured guest was Gordie Chamberlain, a V-8 Club supporter for at least 15 years that I know of. He carried the news letter chores for the South Gate Chapter for several

years much of it at his own expense. He then served as President of the Southern California Regional group and was one of the original members of our Valley Chapter. He went on to become a two term president of our National Club. He also, co-published the Ford Life magazine series with Loren Sorenson. So much for background - it's just nice to see Gordie being active again in V-8 Club functions. Gordie had two carousels of slides on Ford collectibles and toys. He also had on hand several boxes full of fine examples of these Ford toys he's collected over the years. - Thanx Gordie; I hope we see more of you in the future.

Shel Harriman

BOTHWELL AUTO COLLECTION TOUR

Sunday, June 14, 1981

Meet at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant Parking Lot

Tour Leaves at 10:00 AM

Ventura and Reseda Blvds.

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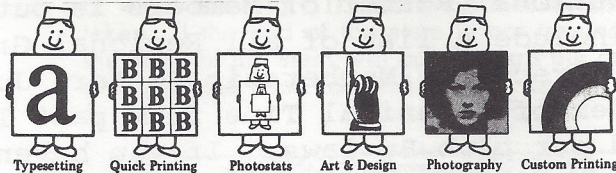
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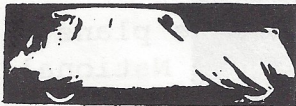
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THE NATIONAL SCENE

The design of the prestigious "Dearborn Award" trophy has been chosen. The creator of the design is our own member, Irv Warren. Irv will receive a 1982 National membership for his efforts. A picture of the trophy will appear in a coming issue of the V8 Times. Congratulations, Irv.

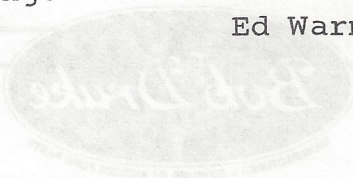
The National Roster of Members is out. Contents include a list of all Regional Groups, Executive Directory, Membership Roster, Judging Rules, Index of Technical Tips from past Times issues and our club By-laws. If you haven't renewed your National Membership or are not yet a National member, you are missing a super magazine with lots of information on Ford V8's. You are required to have a National Membership in order to belong to the Valley V8's.

Send your name, address, list of Ford V8s owned, phone number and \$17.00 to: Early Ford V8 Club of America, P. O. Box 2122, San Leandro, California 94577.

Now is an excellent time to make plans and to register for our 1981 Western National Meet in San Mateo, to be held September 1 - 5. See your V8 Times for Activities and registration information.

Happy V8ing.

Ed Warnock



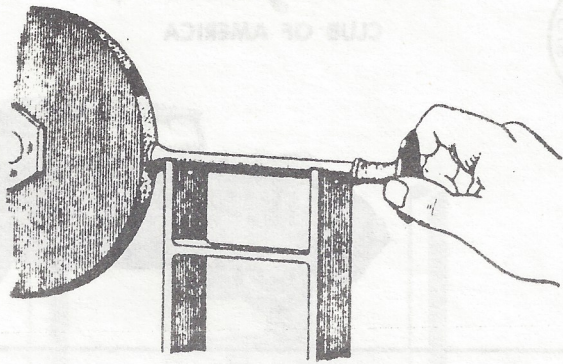


Fig. 10. Showing how to grind the end of the valve stem square. This is a very important operation and should be done with care. Each time the stem is ground it should be cooled in a vessel of water (see Fig. 11) before the measurement is taken. If the end of the stem is not ground true the edge of the stem will cut through the oil film on top of the push rod and cause a knock.

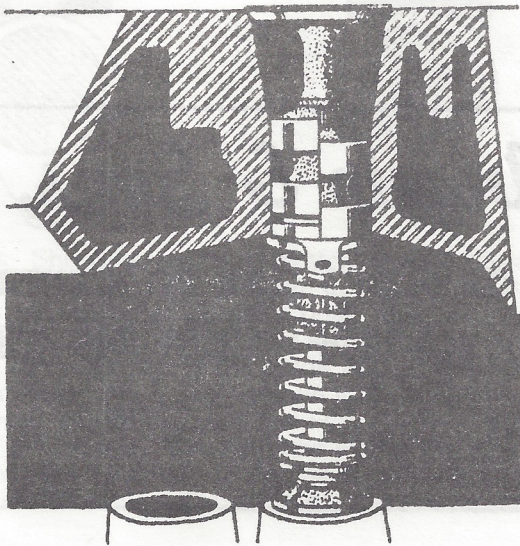

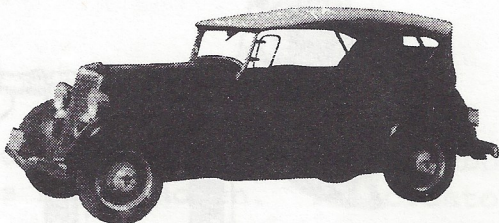


Fig. 12. Showing how the valve guide may be installed and the keeper inserted with one-half of the guide higher than the other. This is a common cause of valve noise. The engine will start and run as though nothing is wrong; however, within a short time the high half of the guide will work up and strike the boss of the valve head each time the valve closes. This produces an annoying knock which can only be removed by taking the valley cover off again and installing the guide correctly.



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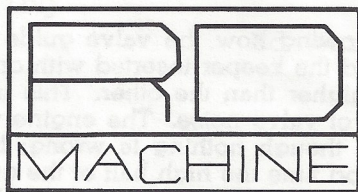
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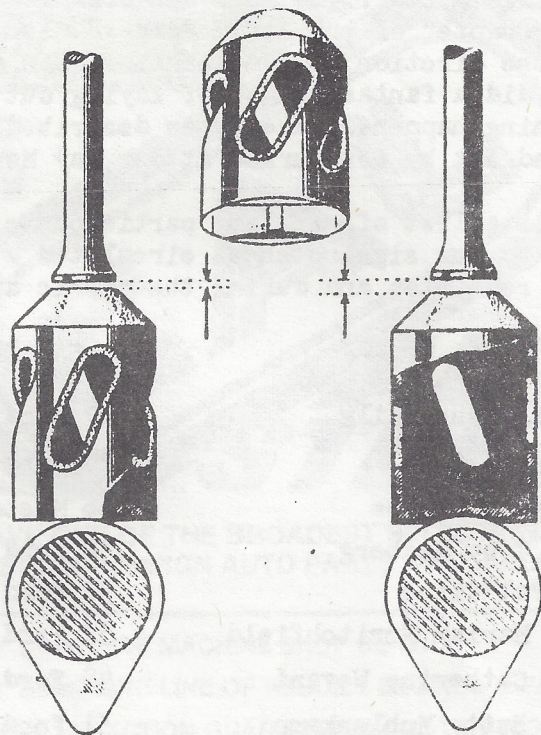


Fig. 9. Showing points at which wear occurs where the push rod rests on the cam. Valve noises will result if all worn push rods are not replaced. The top center view shows a push rod which did not rotate in its guide and as a result the cam has worn a deep groove in the base. The right view shows the push rod with the cam resting in the groove. The left view shows the push rod with the cam resting against the high or unworn section. Note the difference in the tappet

OLD RIDGE ROUTE TOUR

Sunday, May 17 was a perfect day for our Early V8 Fords to relive a little bit of history and navigate the "Old Ridge Route". The tour was organized by the South Gate Chapter of the Early Ford V8 Club of America under the direction of Dan Krehbiel. Dan and his assistants did a fantastic job of laying out the course and everything happened exactly as described in the flyer handed out by Don Durkee at our May Meeting.

Below is a list of cars and participants who we identified by our sign-up sheet circulated at the Tumble-Inn rest stop and during the picnic at Sandbergs.

NAME	CAR DRIVEN
1. Ernie & Diane Baily	47 Ford Pickup
2. Bill & Pat Culp	29 Ford Roadster
3. Don & Mary Durkee	66 Mustang Conv.
4. John & Troy Wedberg	32 Ford Victoria
5. Lee & Pat Titus	32 Ford Roadster
6. Dick & Marian Scritchfield	32 Ford Phaeton
7. L.H. & Catherine Weyant	48 Fordor Sedan
8. John & Betty Muhlenkamp	51 Ford Crestliner
9. Charles & Larry Muhlenkamp	69 Ford XL Conv.
10. Harold & Laverne Selson	36 Ford 5W Coupe
11. Mike & Karen Hill	36 Ford Roadster
12. Bob Kennedy & Family	41 Ford Conv.
13. Dan & Jan Krehbiel	40 Mercury Conv.
14. Jay & Sylvia Harris	39 Ford Conv.
15. Ron & Mary Miller	33 Ford Tudor
16. Norm Booth	46 Mercury Tudor
17. Ron Ray	59 Porsche (Ford)
18. Al Liroy	47 Ford Tudor
19. Paul Cella	xx Honda
20. Joe Cella	56 T-Bird
21. Gary Smart	59 Corvette

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