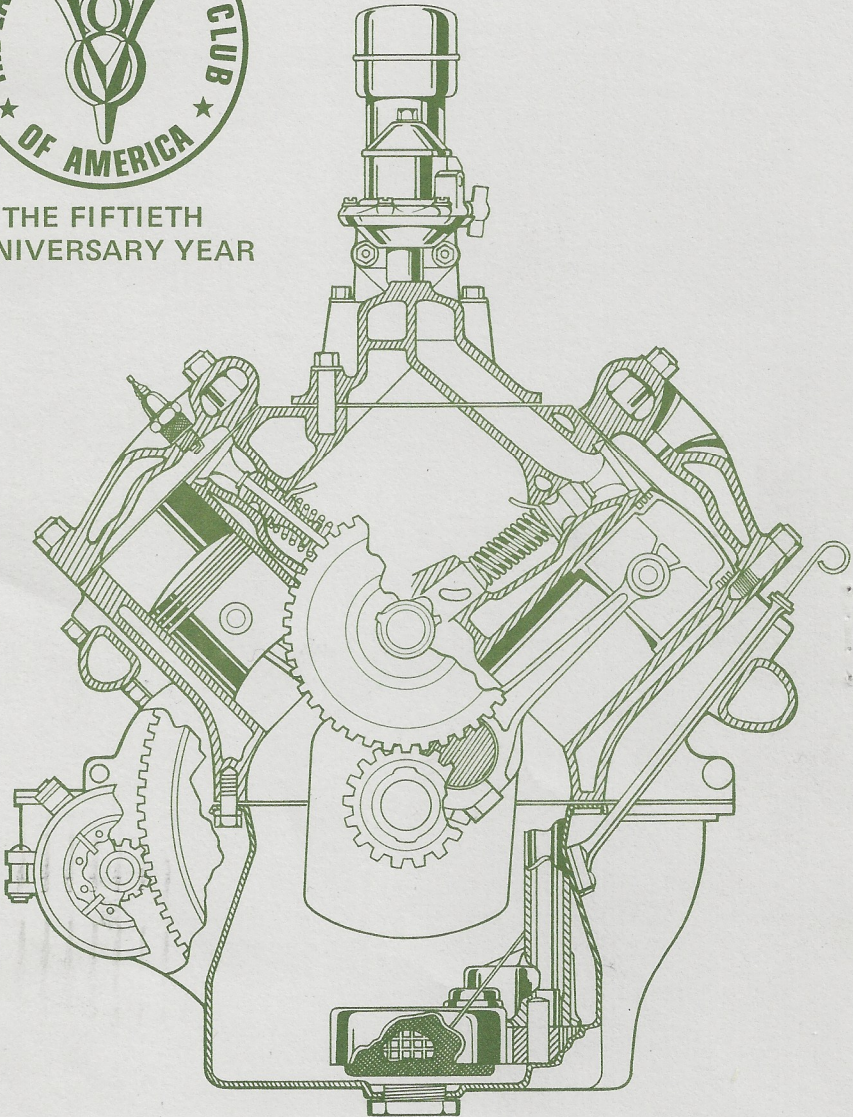


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again. For those who missed the February meeting, I can only say, it was one of the most informative and best attended presentations we've had. John Deats, a real pro, put on a spectacular technical demonstration and lecture, and all, including those who are not into Columbia Overdrives, learned a wealth of information. We hope to have John back later in the year for part II, a discussion on overdrive controls.

You can, however, atone for your absence by attending our March 7th meeting. Norb Fournier, owner of Van Nuys Auto Radio, a repair man since 1933, will discuss and demonstrate (we have several old Ford radios) the construction, design, performance and manufacture of the Ford radios. Don't forget, that's our regular meeting at 7:30 sharp.

Solvang '82 details are complete. See this issue of DRIVE LINES for all the particulars, and get your reservations in. The South Gate chapter has been invited also, so don't let them outdo us!!

As you'll notice in this current issue, we're leaning toward human interest articles and photos. We'll try to feature a member and his car each month, so when you're called upon, don't be bashful, we all have interesting stories leading up to and acquiring and restoring our cars - let's share our joys and frustrations with each other. See you on March the 7th at 7:30.....

CAR IN DITCH  
DRIVER IN TREE  
MOON WAS FULL  
AND SO WAS HE..  
BURMA-SHAVE

HARDLY A DRIVER  
IS NOW ALIVE  
WHO PASSED  
ON HILLS AT 75  
BURMA-SHAVE

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*Bob Rose*

SECRETARY SEZ . . .

The following early Fords were driven to the February 7th meeting:

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Bob Rose      | '36 3-w coupe  |
| Harold Selson | '36 5-w coupe  |
| Bill Woods    | '40 Merc coupe |
| Ernie Bailey  | '47 pickup     |
| Don Dupree    | '46 pickup     |
| Steve Waller  | '35 Fordor     |
| Bill Boyer    | '52 Victoria   |
| Bill Culp     | '36 3-w coupè  |

The second meeting of the new year was a huge success. Bob Rose's enthusiasm is definitely spilling over, into, onto, and all around our chapter's activities, and the best part is, we don't have to wipe it up. Let's hope it rubs off on everybody. Why, I even found myself volunteering to set up a future tour through San Sylmar - and that's not like me. It's amazing how you can get caught up in this thing.

Larry Caplan, alternate editor, voiced a plea for short material for our news letter. Don Durkee promptly volunteered to supply a page of short jokes, but we decided not to go with a color page - off-color that is.

Other meeting items of interest were the breakfast pictures (real LuLu's) are being submitted to the V-8 Club national magazine. Frank Williams will bring the chow next month. Your dues are overdo-do to do-do. Future meeting programs will include Ford radio restoration (March) and ole Bill Norton, auctioneer (April). The Solvang Tour for you Danish pastry lovers is 17 April (it may include a Sunday Don Durkee weenie roast if the club will spring for the buns, or whatever.

Jerry Jensen won the name tag drawing for 5 bucks - I'm gonna wait for the big ones.

John Deats gave a splendid presentation on Columbia rear ends. Several hernias were induced by the ton of axle housings and boxes of innards that we helped

John shuttle up the stairs from his van. It was a long haul from Long Beach and we really appreciated the show-and-tell - definitely a class act and well deserving of the thank-you plaque that Bob Rose presented him with (nice idea Prez). Every aspect of overdrive rear ends was covered. Sample housing from all the different years from '33 thru '48 including some NOS and also samples of fabrications. All of the various improvements made and the differences between Ford and Lincoln were on display. John has about 300 rear ends in his possession. Rebuilding your Columbia will take about \$500. John also gave a chalkboard session on what steps should be taken when beginning restoration i.e., which parts can be metal stripped, vapor degreased, sandblasted, or beadblasted.

By the way, did you know a Lincoln Zephyr V-12 won the 1941 Mobile economy run - yep, John says it ran a Columbia overdrive rear end behind a Borg Warner overdrive transmission (both were available in '41) - would that really work or would that V-12 crank shaft bend under the load? Did Lincoln have a better idea?

SHEL HARRIMAN

PLEASE HELP YOUR EDITOR

You can help keep exciting newsletters at your mailbox each month in the following ways:

1. Let us know about any V8 which is nearing completion and we will go out and photograph it and help put a short story together.
2. Contribute short articles of interest to our members. If you wish just send us a handwritten version. As an example, topics about an Early V8 you are familiar with, a technical subject of which you may have information to share or any related idea which occurs to you !!

THE EDITORS

## MARY 36

Poor, innocent "Mary 36" was sold into bondage by an uncaring monster, ME. This green '36 Ford rumble-seat Cabriolet was exchanged for mere money to furnish the down payment for my residence.

Immediately after parting with "Mary 36" the pangs of remorse struck me. My wife, after whom the car is named, consoled me with "Don't feel as though you've lost a rumble-seat, just remember you've gained a bedroom".

Shaking off that logic I started to look through want ads for an unrestored '36 Cabriolet and only four years later, in April 1978 I found her! She was unrestored, her body had all the curves in the right places, no rust, and only \$6000 ! My lust for this Cabriolet was aroused, and with the encouragement of a friend, after several trips to Los Angeles, she was mine, all mine... without the knowledge of my wife! I was able to withhold this surprise for my wife until Mother's Day! But it was presented with the license plate, "MARY 36" just as the previous one had been dressed.

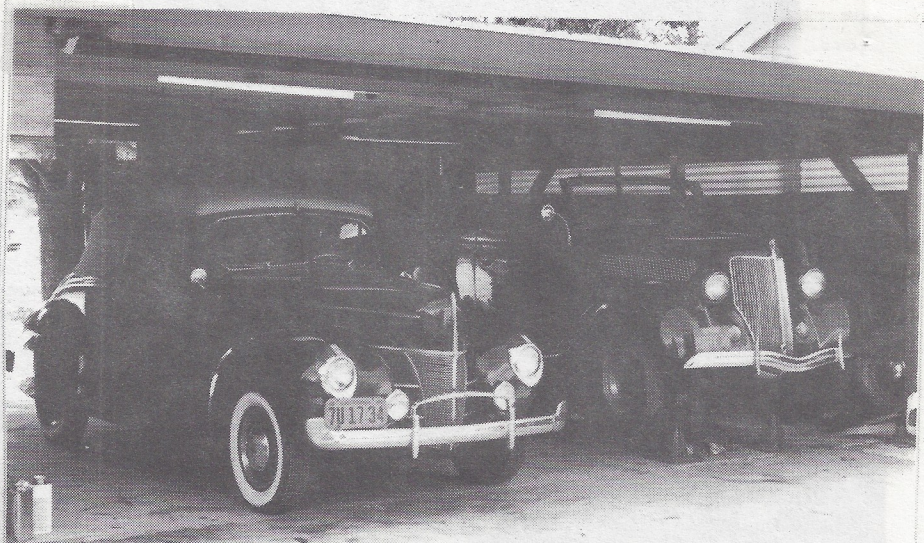
A major job to facelift my '40 Ford Convertible preceded the restoration of "Mary 36". The Clairmont Western National inspired the '40 Ford's project. Time flew by, but finally in the summer of '81 it was Mary's day. I blushinglly stripped her to bare metal, and adorned her with a new coat of light fast maroon paint. LeBaron Bonney gave me the good news that the new leather interior had been shipped.

At the time the attached photos were taken, the rebuilt stock transmission was being installed, after that the brakes, gas tank, complete wiring, wood grain dash, and interior will be done. When all this is complete, "Mary 36" will be on her way to Calabasas to start the Grand Daddy Overnight Scenic Tour to Solvang, April 17, 1982...

DON DURKEE

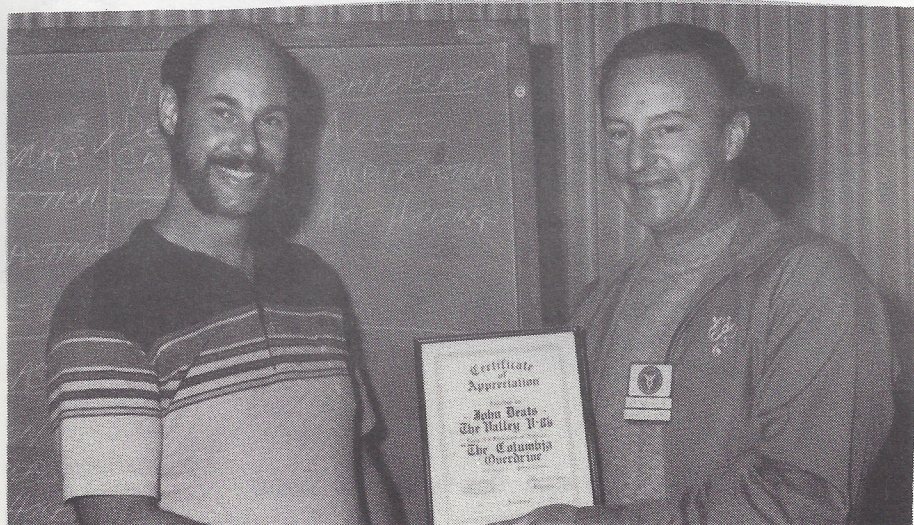
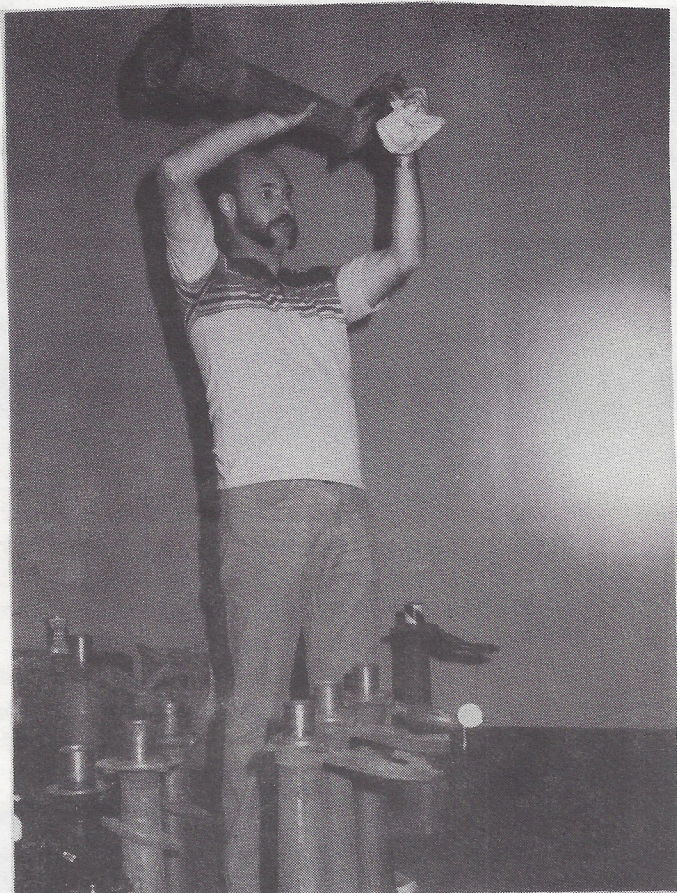


Don with his arm around Mary 36



Mary 36 and Don's 40 at Home

JOHN DEATS AND THE COLUMBIA OVERDRIVE  
OUR FEBRUARY SPEAKER





--- UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS ---

MARCH 7TH:    7:30PM

"THE EARLY FORD RADIO"

by

NORB FORNIER

The owner of Van Nuys Radio will share with us his experiences during some 33 years in servicing and repairing auto radios including warranty work on Philco, Zenith & Spartan.

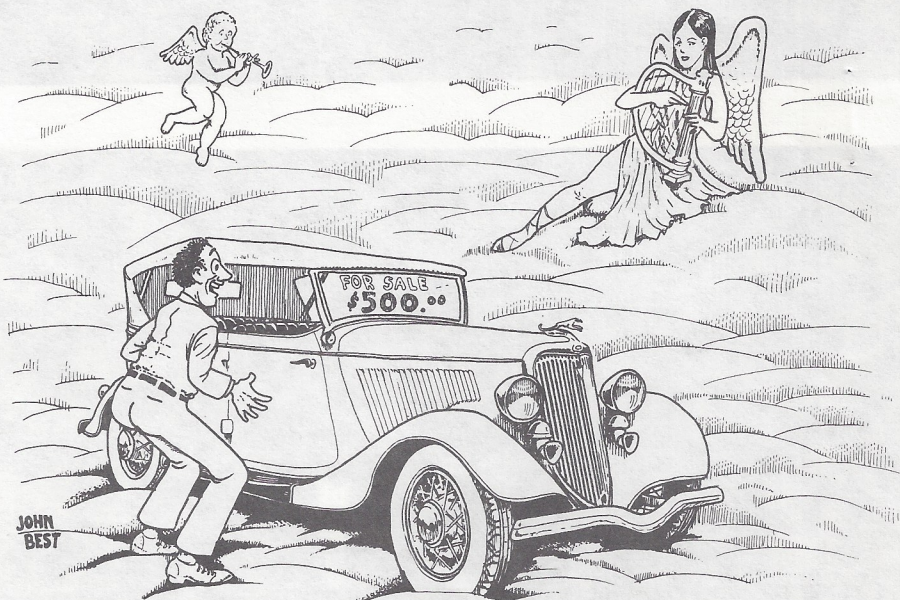
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APRIL 17th - 18th

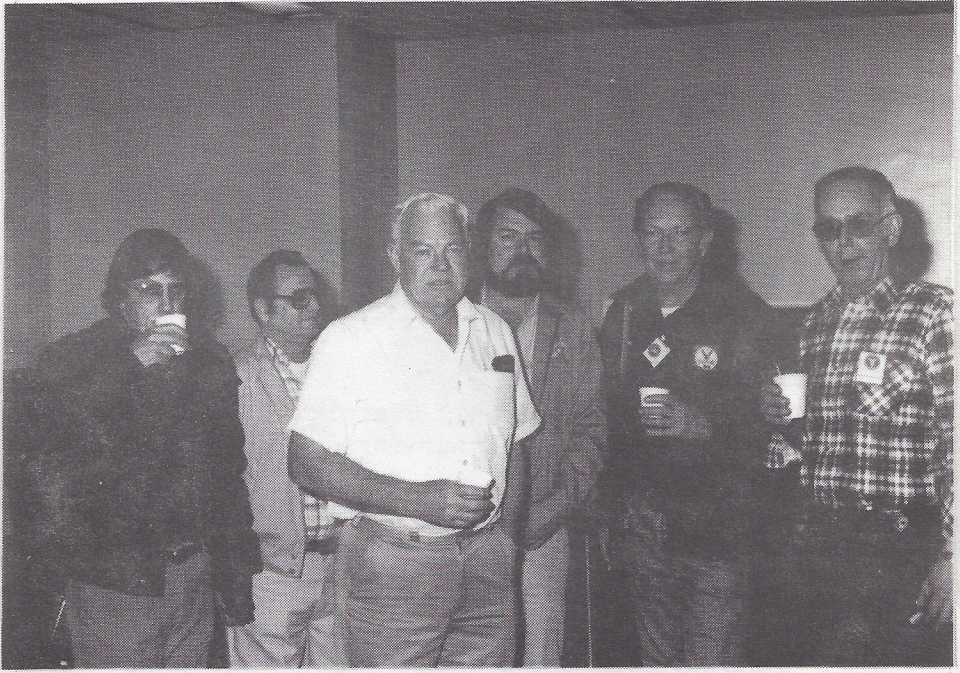
"The Don Durkee Grand Scenic Overnight Tour to Solvang"  
see this issue for details

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I CAN ONLY BE ONE PLACE WITH THAT PRICE

SCENE AT THE FEBRUARY VALLEY V8 MEETING





NATIONAL SCENE

Happy Birthday to the 1932 Fords! March 9, 1932 is the date when the Ford Motor Company produced its first V8 engine. The new Ford V8 automobiles were displayed in dealerships around the country on March 31, 1932.

This year we are celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ford V8. The various National Meets this summer are carrying this theme and making special recognition of the 1932 Fords. The V8 Times, our fine national magazine, is honoring the '32 Fords with a special March-April issue containing extra pages filled with pictures stories and articles. The 1982 Membership Roster will be mailed along with the March-April V8 Times.

The 1932 Judging and Restoration Standards book is available from the National Office for \$7.50 plus \$1 postage and don't forget the tax. Other year books will follow soon.

The Western National Meet is in Olympia Washington this year on July 19 through 23rd. A Grand National Meet will be held next year in Dearborn Michigan on July 19-22. Now is a good time to make plans to attend these meets.

I've already made reservations for the tour to Solvang. Have you?

ED WARNOCK

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.....IMPORTANT NOTICE.....  
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IF YOUR COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER HAS AN ENVELOPE ATTACHED, OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT YOUR 1982 DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID. PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE AND MAIL IN YOUR DUES SO THAT YOUR NEWSLETTERS WILL CONTINUE AND YOUR 1982 ROSTER WILL INCLUDE YOUR NAME.

IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES AND RECEIVED AN ENVELOPE PLEASE CONTACT PAUL KIRK OR BOB ROSE IMMEDIATELY SO THAT OUR RECORDS CAN BE CORRECTED....

THANKS

## A BARGAIN ?

The following ad once appeared in the Los Angeles Times for a 1932 Ford Roadster.



The seller described the car as mostly complete without an engine. The date of this ad???.....  
February 7, 1982 !!!!

When I spotted this ad I decided to call and set my mind at rest by knowing that there was a misprint. To my surprise it was no misprint. The gentleman explained that the car had been in the family for a long time and they decided to sell it. The first caller rushed over and happily paid the \$500 asking price.

Speaking to the seller a week later I learned that he had literally hundreds of calls that first day and left his phone off the hook for nearly a week until the fury subsided.

I suppose you might be wondering who bought this car?? So am I !

LARRY CAPLAN

## TECHNICAL TIP FOR MARCH

In last months newsletter the "easier and quicker" way to remove an engine from a 1941-1948 Ford was described (from the Ford Service Bulletin I think). That description stated that all front sheet metal should be removed prior to engine removal. If your car has not been apart for forty years this may not be an easy first step.

For those of you who have 1939 Deluxe, 1940 Deluxe, 1940 Standard, 1940-1941 Pickups and 1939-1940 Mercury passenger models, I have good news.

All you need to do is remove the radiator and un-bolt the usual engine related fasteners and the engine can be extracted using a modern-day cherry picker. This can be done without removal of the hood or any other sheet metal because of the wide "alligator mouth" opening on these models.

LARRY CAPLAN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 7 Valley V8 Meeting at Valley Federal Savings  
Nordhoff at Reseda Blvds.  
Tire Kicking 7:00 PM  
Meeting Starts 7:30 PM
- March 14 Swap Meet Long Beach Vets Stadium  
Info: 714 997-3929
- March 21 Swap Meet Early Times, Mattell Toys Parking  
Lot Hawthorne. Info: PO Box 7194 Long Beach  
CA. 90807
- March 28 Swap Meet Pomona County Fairgrounds  
Info: 714 547-5257
- April 3-4 Swap Meet Portland Oregon (The Big One)  
Info: PO Box 23722, Portland Oregon 97223
- April 4 Valley V8 Meeting
- April 17-18 Valley V8 Tour to Solvang (See Flyer)

FOR SALE

29A Roadster, steel body with Chevrolet running gear.  
Good Driver \$12,500 Bob O'Bryant 213-701-5144 days  
or 213-887-7313 eves

35 Ford outside door handles, original in good cond.  
41 Ford NOS dash with instruments and good wood grain  
41 Ford NOS Oil Bath Air Cleaner  
41 Ford Super Deluxe Steering Wheel  
Bob Rose 362-4842

WANTED

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