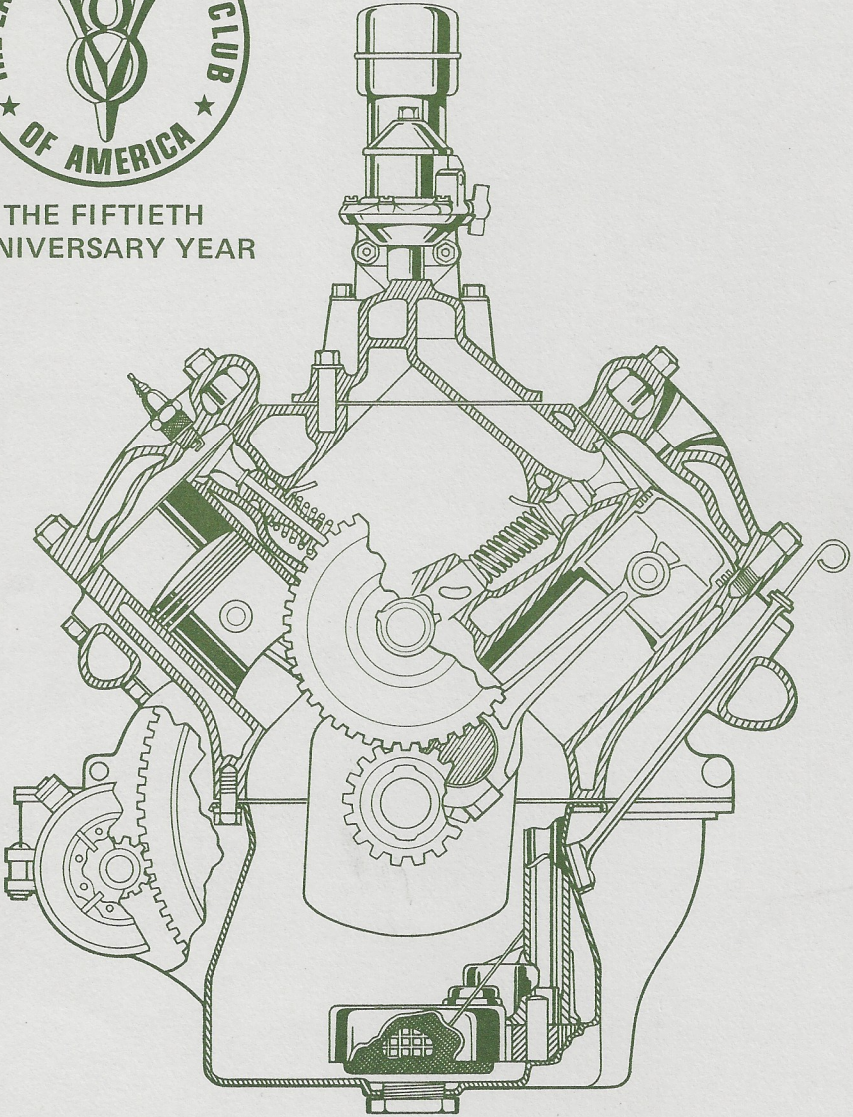


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How time flies. One third of our calendar year is gone with the April meeting. We've had some interesting meetings and outings with more to come. Those who attended the March meeting are aware that Norb Fournier, our technical specialist on early Ford radios was unexpectedly called out of town, and unable to attend, but the good news was that Jack Miles filled in at the last minute and gave a most informative discussion on the pitfalls of signing contracts for body work on our vintage vehicles. Thanks Jack, I think we all will benefit.

Also our thanks to Irv Warren who put on a great garage tour. About 55 attended the breakfast and tour. He was a most gracious host and we couldn't believe the original Ford goodies he's acquired. Well done Irv.

As far as the future is concerned, our April 4th meeting will be devoted to the Early Ford Radio, (re-scheduled from March). In May we'll have old motor-mouth Bill Norton who'll be our auctioneer at the annual "Buy at your own risk" parts auction. Remember, bring any parts you would like to contribute to the auction. The proceeds go to our group and it's a major fund raiser for the year. You'll be surprised at the variety and quality of material available. Many new parts and merchandise are donated as well. The date again, May 2nd.

Don't forget our big Solvang venture in April. Get your reservations. The South Gate Chapter and The Ford-Mercury Club are joining us. Details in this issue.

In July we're going to Merle Norman's "San Sylmar, Tower of Beauty". Shel Harriman is arranging this one. We have space for 50 and believe me it won't be hard to get that number. For those who don't know, J. B. Nethercutt, chairman of the board has acquired one of the most fascinating and expensive collection of classic cars, antique furnishings and objects of fine art in the world. More details as the time draws near.

Future plans also include the "Fly By Nite, but Tour By Day" trip to the Chino Air Museum. Picnic facilities or restaurant facilities are available with a special area set aside for us. For those foolish enough, antique plane rides are available. More later.

See you on April 4th.

7:30 PM

Bob Rose

SECRETARY SEZ . . .

The following early Fords (I should say Mercs) were driven to the March 7th meeting:

Bill Woods	'40 Merc coupe
Don Durkee	'40 Merc convertible
Bill Culp	'39 Merc Fordor

The threat of rain kept the old car turn out to a minimum. That was actually Dan Kreible's Merc that Durkee was driving. They swapped cars for a week. Dan drives Durkee's car in the snow and Durkee drives Dan's in the rain. Durkee says there's 14 rooms left to fill at Solvang - so make a reservation before they let the South Gate chapter have the rest.

Random meeting do-ins were as follows: We've signed seven new members including Peter Sidlow (remember the meeting at Sidlow's garage (museum). Frank Williams brought the goodies, John Powell will do it next meeting.

Irv Warren's garage tour attracted some 50 people and 22 cars. Irv didn't want to publicize his address so we all drove blindfolded from DuPar's restaurant following our leader, Bob Rose. Norb Fournier's radio talk was moved to April and Bill Norton, himself will host the May Auction. And, speaking of con men, would you believe it, Bob Rose (little Prez) has not only talked Norton into being auctioneer again, but also got him to throw in some parts, and last but not least even got Ole Bill to pay his dues (he's mellowing, I think). By the way, did you see the feature car on the cover of the March issue of Car Collector magazine? It's got Jerry Jenson's beautiful '39 convertible sedan right there, big as life. We got \$200 from Von's for our car display there last summer. So we'll do it again, and Larry Caplan might host another pool party for the participants.

I've got us locked into a tour of San Sylmar on 24 July for those who don't drive up to the Western National. They said they'd send me 50 tickets - We'll give them

out for free. Monte Cheney wasn't present and missed out on \$5 for the name tag drawing.

Ed Warnock (Big Prez) gave the National Club report. The 20 year Grand National meet will be held in Dearborn July 18, 1983. I remember the 1973 shindig: It was well worth the trip. Ed says there will be a new effort to include the '49-'53 Ford products in our club in the near future. Ed and I have debated this issue in the past (me pro, he con), but I sense that there will be less reluctance to letting them in this time since increasing our membership beyond the stable (stagnant) 6,000 would have financial benefits. And if they can woo the Ford-Mercury Club back into the fold (they're trying) that would be great. Remember, there wouldn't be a Ford-Mercury Club if we had gotten off the dime and let the '41-'48's in. Instead Bob McCoppin, et all, formed the other club in retaliation (and while they were at it included up to 1953 just for good measure). The argument then was that members would drive these late model '41-'48's on all the tours and we'd never get to see the old cars (besides they didn't have full running boards and those 6 clinders might be a threat to the Club). Similar arguments kept the '49-'53's out a year or so ago when it cameto a vote. I feel that a '32 doesn't look like a '42 doesn't look like a '52 - it's the flathead motor that we all know and love and that is the common denominator for our Early V-8 Club.

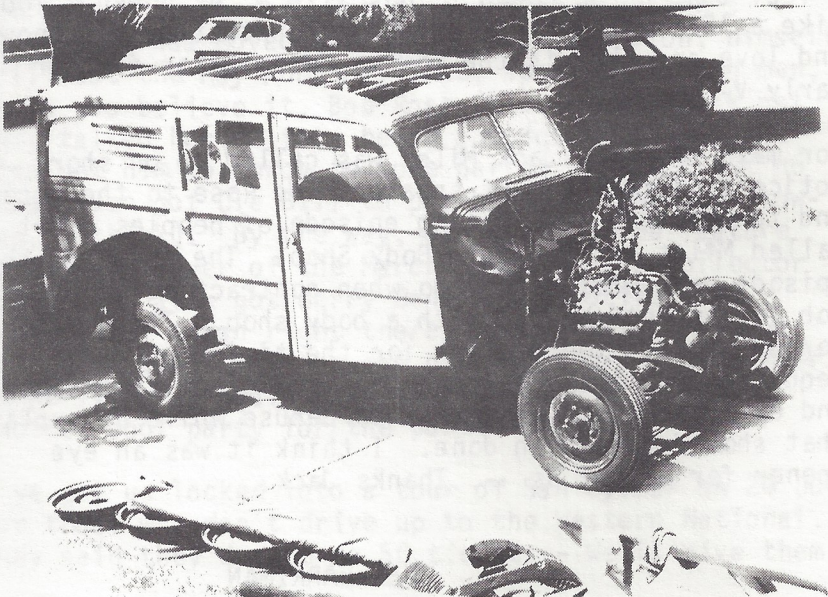
For main program, Jack Miles was called up on short notice as a replacement speaker. He Rose to the occasion and turned in a fascinating episode of peoples court called Miles vs. Don Kern Body Shop. The theme of the episode was, what not to do when contracting a restoration job for an antique car with a body shop. There were horror stories tooghoulish for the timid but were required for plot development. Jack circulated contract and estimate examples for us to peruse while he explained what should have been done. I think it was an eye opener for all of us - Thanks Jack.

SHEL HARRIMAN

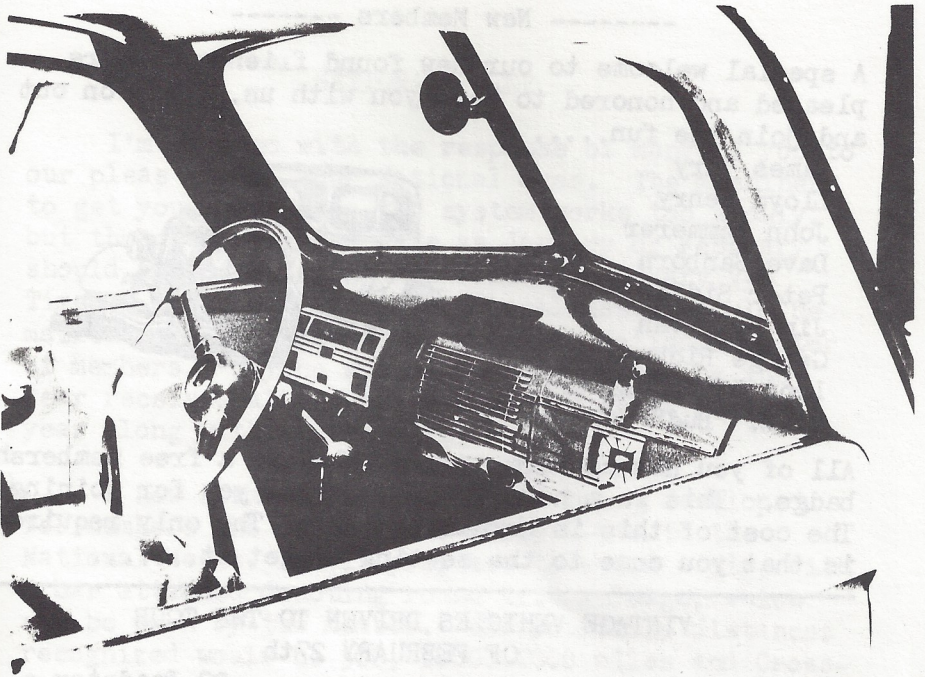
UPCOMING CAR OF THE MONTH

Our monthly feature of presenting a soon-to-be completed early V-8 Ford found your editor and president/photographer traveling to the Studio City home of Al and Ruth Spencer. Their beautiful 1940 Woody Wagon has been on the restoration trail since 1973. Al actually purchased two such cars and combined the best parts with this one and sold the other car. The majority of the rebuilding occurred between 1973-1975. The refinished and reconstructed wood parts reflect the fact that Al is an accomplished craftsman. The leather upholstery has been brought back to better-than-new condition by fellow V-8 member, Jerry Jensen. During the nine-year period, many N.O.S. goodies have been located for the project. Although Al is hesitant to predict a completion date for this gem, he is planning to make some major progress during this Easter vacation. One can readily picture the Spencer family arriving in this Mandarin maroon Woody for one of our upcoming tours.

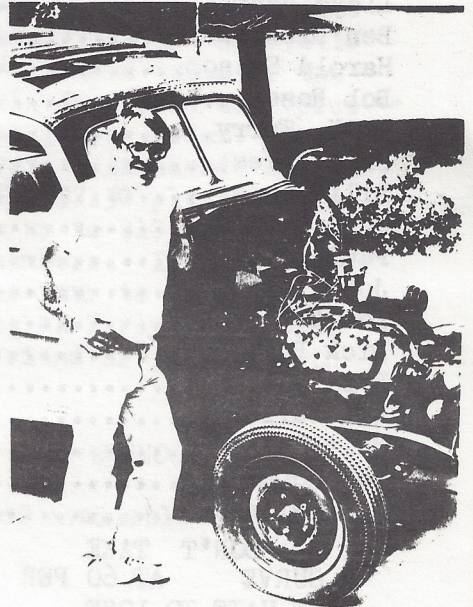
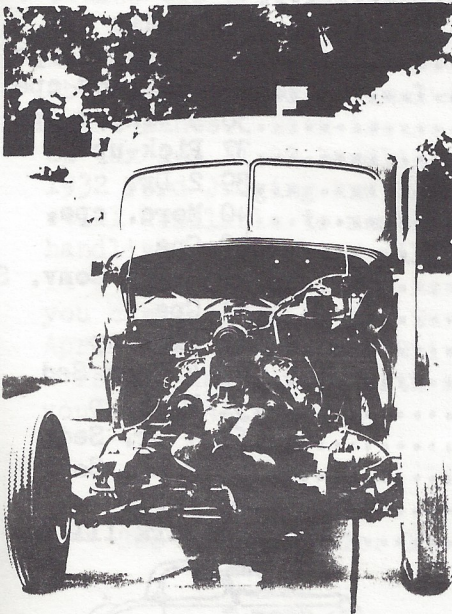
LARRY CAPLAN



The Spencer's 40 Woody



This Dash Looks the Way Henry Wished They All Did

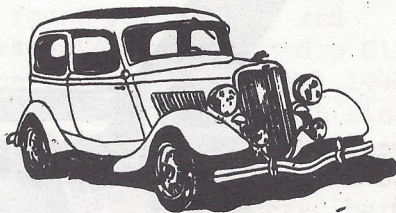


Now if I could only remember where I set those fenders !

----- New Members -----

A special welcome to our new found friends. We're pleased and honored to have you with us. Come on out and join the fun.....

- James Tury
- Lloyd Henry
- John Kemmerer
- Dave Sanborn
- Peter Sidlow
- Jim Sullivan
- George Richards
- Leon "Buck" Elwell
- E. R. "Bud" Johnson



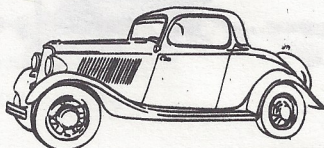
Chuck Mair

All of you new members are entitled to a free membership badge. This is a new way of thanking you for joining us. The cost of this is normally \$1.75. The only requirement is that you come to the meeting to get it.....

VINTAGE VEHICLES DRIVEN TO THE TOUR
OF FEBRUARY 27th

Bill Culp.....	29	Roadster
Shel Harriman.....	32	Victoria
Dick Chutuk.....	33	2 Dr.
Ed Konecko.....	35	Conv. Sedan
Andy Tarlow.....	36	Sedan Deliv.
Lloyd Henry.....	36	Woodie
Ben DiFatta.....	36	5 window cpe.
Harold Selson.....	36	5 window cpe.
Bob Rose.....	36	3 window cpe.
B. V. Terry.....	37	Pick-up
Jack Miles.....	39	2 Dr.
Bill Woods.....	40	Merc. cpe.
John Wolf.....	40	Cpe.
Paul Kirk.....	40	Buick Conv. Sed.
John Powell.....	41	Cpe.
Don Dupree.....	46	Pick-up
Dick Burley.....	49	4 Door Sed.
Earl Wilson.....	51	Pick-up
Ken Burley.....	53	4 Dr. Sed.
Milt Ralston.....	53	2 Dr. Sed.
Bob McCullagh.....	63	T-Bird
Gene Wilson.....	69	Mark III

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NATIONAL SCENE

I'm pleased with the response of many of you to our pleas to pay your National dues. The machinery to get your name into the system works too slowly, but those who paid as late as January or February should now be enjoying the January-February V-8 Times. The bonus size March-April issue should be mailed within a week along with the National Roster of members. Anyone who joins anytime during the year receives all issues of the V-8 Times for that year along with the roster.

A new form of recognition is being developed for members who drive their Early V-8's to the National Meets. It is proposed to award a pin, with a bar attached denoting round trip mileage, which can be worn by the member. The roundtrip distances recognized would be 500, 1000, 2000 miles and Cross-Country (3,000 miles).

The 1982 Roster of Members, which you'll be receiving with your March-April V-8 Times, also includes the club by-laws, Official Judging Manual, and an index to technical information and articles in back issues of the V-8 Times. A list of available back issues is included in this issue of the Drive Lines. Back issues sell for \$3.00 each plus ** 6% tax and \$1.00 handling charge per order. The 1932 Ford Judging and Restoration Standards book is still available to members for \$7.50 plus tax and handling. The price will go up to \$10 in June when it's made available to non-members. I hope many of you can join us on the Durkee Tour to Solvang on April 17th and 18th. Driving an Early V-8 is not a requirement; ride with a friend or join in with your modern iron.

ED WARNOCK

** See last page for list of available back issues

CARE OF CONVERTIBLE TOPS

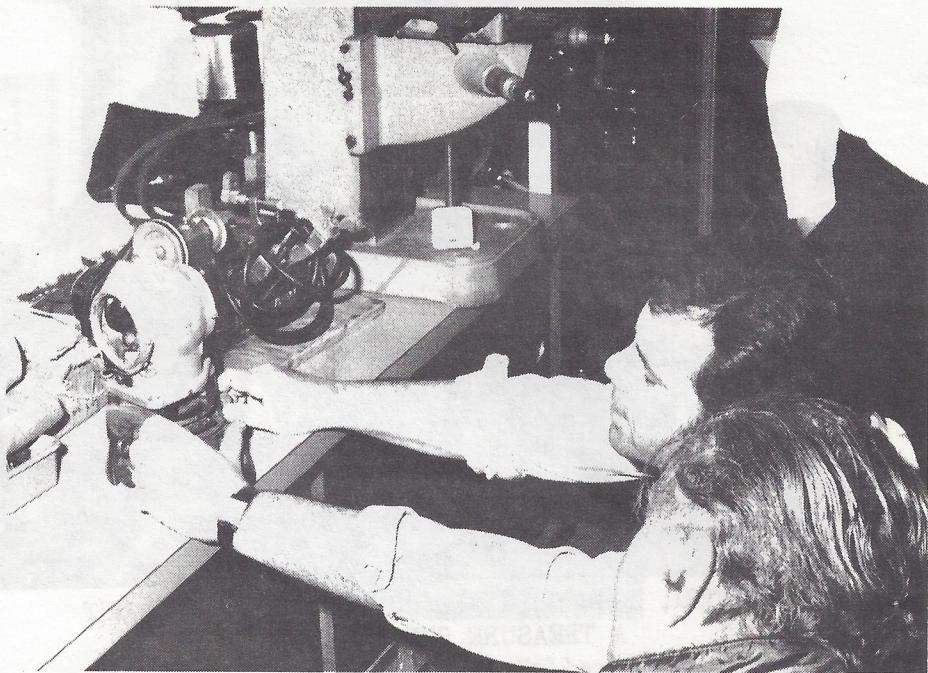
The following information on the care and cleaning of sport topping or Hartz cloth, as convertible top material is often called, is supplied by LeBaron Bonney Company. The fabric comes with a Zipel (Scotchguard) coating on both sides. We suggest that once the top is in place on a car, the top should be swept or vacuumed and an additional coat of Scotchguard should be sprayed on. This will guard against staining. Periodic vacuuming or sweeping will keep dust from accumulating. If cleaning becomes necessary, this must be done with great care. A very mild soap (not detergent) should be used with warm water. Rinse well with clean water. Once the top is clean and dry, reapply Scotchguard. Never use cleaning fluid or spot remover as the chemicals in these will damage the rubber interlining of the topping. A top, boot, or other items made from Hartz Cloth should never be put in a washing machine or dryer, nor should it be dry cleaned.

JERRY JENSEN

____ AWARDS PRESENTED ____

Early this month, The Valley V-8s presented awards for continuing support of our organization to Cal Auto Stores, and Canoga Auto Parts. These two organizations over the past several years have contributed several hundred dollars worth of automotive merchandise to our monthly club raffle. We are deeply appreciative of their contributions and support. Receiving the certificates of appreciation for Cal Auto Stores was the President, Dennis Fitzgerald, and for Canoga Auto Parts was the General Manager, Daryl Fielder. Presenting the awards was our President, Bob Rose.

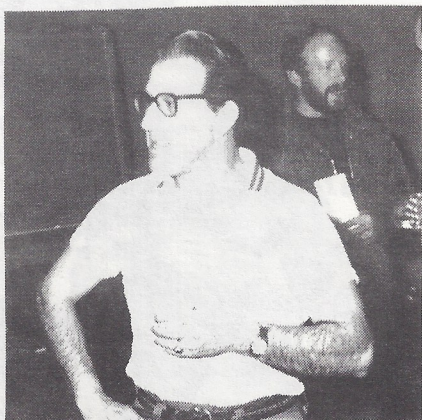
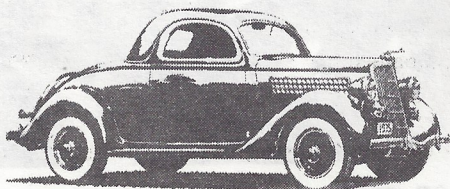
A FEW SCENES FROM THE IRV WARREN
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PROFESSOR IRV WARREN AT WORK



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ALBIE CORTES



ED KONECKO, JOHN BUSK AND JOHN POWELL CHECK OUT
A TREASURE CHEST.....



10:52 & THE FORD SERVICE CREW TAKE A BREAK

***** IN MEMORIUM *****



On February 27th, at The Valley V-8 breakfast and garage tour, I was privileged and pleased to meet and talk with Leon "Buck" Elwell. He was a dear friend of Nino Rosso and Irv Warren, and was so overjoyed to be with a group dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the early V-8 Ford. You see, Buck had been a Ford mechanic since 1932 and worked his way up to zone service manager. He became a member of The Valley V-8s on March 7th, and had volunteered to do a tech talk in the not too distant future. On March 22nd, Buck died. Our heart felt sympathy goes to Buck's widow Marilyn, and though it is of little solice in her hour of grief, Buck was among friends.....

Bob Rose,
President, Valley V-8's

- April 4 Valley V8 Meeting at Valley Federal Savings
 Nordhoff at Reseda Blvds.
 Tire Kicking 7:00PM
 Meeting Starts 7:30 PM
- April 3-4 Portland Swap Meet, Info PO Box 23722
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- April 18 Pasadena City College Swap Meet by VCCA
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- April 17 Valley V8 Tour to Solvang (See Page 9)

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