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MEETING - 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Plans of the Valley V-8's and Ventura V-8's for hosting the 1985 Western National Meet are progressing well. Three award winning ideas (although no awards were given!) were selected for art designs. One will be on the buttons, another on the trophy awards, and a third will be on the T-shirts. Bob Rose says that he will have a first run T-shirt at our July meeting. Be sure to come and see it. The Ventura Venture steering committee, ably headed by Don Durkee and Ed Warnock, with unanimity has selected a 1953 2 door Mercury Sedan to be our raffle car. It was the opinion of all that it was indeed a car that would require relatively little restoration in order to be a first class raffle car. Good things are happening at the Ventura Venture steering committee meetings. All members are welcome at the meetings. With your help the meet will be a great success.

Paul Kirk

Sunday July 1 at the Valley V-8 Meeting Don Dupree will be our speaker. He will talk about coils, the Ford distributor, and other related mysterious electrical matters. Don promises to de-mystify us! Come. Tire kicking at 7:00 p.m.; the meeting at 7:30.

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President Paul Kirk shifted in high and welcomed members and guests to the June 3rd meeting. Don Durkee's guest who has joined our group, Don Monday, told his tale of finding his '34; and one day we shall see it tooling down the road.

Al Spencer reported on the June 23rd Saturday <u>Tour of</u> the <u>Gamble House in Pasadena</u>. \$5.00 per person. We meet at Union Federal Savings, Sherman Oaks, at 9 AM and leave promptly at 9:30 AM. Bring a picnic lunch as Al will find us a nice place to eat.

Al also has in mind for September-the Briggs Cunningham Museum; and a Concert at the Greystone Mansion on October 13th, Saturday. (I've seen the Greystone Mansion and you won't want to miss this.)

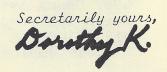
Don Durkee reported on the latest Western National Committee meeting plans; and Ernie Bailey showed different ideas for the logos which were discussed by the group.

*There was Parts Call; and unfortunately the person whose name tag was drawn was absent. The Raffle had its humorous moments and many were satisfied to have their ticket(s) drawn. Al Spencer provided the yum-yums; John Cameron volunteered refreshments for the July meeting.

Dan Kriehbal, from the Southwest Chapter, gave a very enlightening demonstration of "How To Apply The Etched Oval To Your Car Windows". He insists it is a 'piece of cake' to do; however, once it is done it cannot be removed!

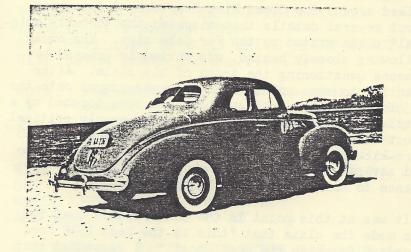
Ben DiFatta showed slides of the Solvang Tour, some of which really tickled the viewers so much that Ben kept repeating that particular slide! He also showed movies of navy planes and the many tasks that they perform.

YOU are missing out if you miss the meetings! ATTEND MORE IN '84!



CARS DRIVEN TO MEETING:

John Kemmerer	'40 Tudor
Al Spencer	40 Woody
Kent Lowry	'40 Pickup
Jerry Jensen	140 Tudor
Bob Rose	'36 3-W-Cpe
Harold Selson	'36 5 -W-Cpe
Bill Culp	'29 Rdstr
Bill Vilzy	'40 Std Cpe
Frank Williams	'40 Fordor



Gordon Chamberlin's '40 Standard Coupe

This 1940 Standard Ford Coupe drove away with all the trophies at the TAHOE MEET in 1968. Best Closed Car, People's Choice

and Most Original Ford.

Owner Gordon Chamberlin, drove this beautiful coupe from Santa Monica to the meet, a distance of 500 miles, and averaged 19.2 MPG. The car was originally purchased in Long Beach in 1964. It had 35000 miles, and all four Ford tires still on the ground. It is original Cloud Mist Grey, perfect both inside & out. At the time of the meet it had 37000 miles.

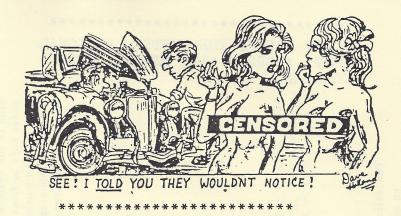
Editors note: See Larry Caplan's follow-up on this car.

"The Best 1940 Ford Standard Coupe on the West Coast"

As Bill Woods and I made our final pass through the rows of vendors at the April Portland Swap Meet, I told him about this really nice '40 Ford coupe I had seen earlier in the day. We decided to take a closer look at this car on our way back to the parking lot. As we walked around the Cloud Mist Grey car, I commented about several details that disputed the "totally original" claim stated on the For Sale sign. The owner, following closely behind, was obviously annoyed by someone questioning the truth of his claim. After pointing to some paint which was oversprayed onto the adjoining trim he confessed, "It has been touched up a little." I then apologized for being overly critical about this beautiful low mileage car, and we started tire-kicking with the owner, mentioning that we also had several 40 Fords back home and really enjoy a chance to examine a nice original car.

It was at this point in the conversation that the man made the claim that "this is the best 1940 Ford Standard Coupe on the West Coast." I responded that I also have a nice original 40 Standard Opera Coupe which isn't equal to this car but nobody has a 1940 Standard Coupe as nice as the one Gordon Chamberlin sold several years back. You can imagine our surprise when the man answered, "This is that car!!" After that revelation, we all had a good laugh and headed for home.

Elsewhere in this issue is a picture and description of the ex-Gordon Chamberlin car taken from the Nov-Dec 1968 V-8 Times.

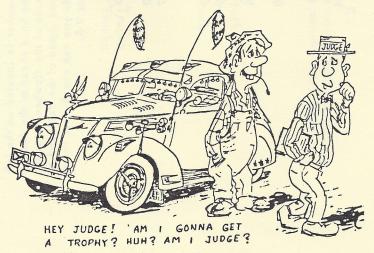


YOUR EDITOR IS NOT AROUND THIS MONTH THIS ISSUE'S RATHER THIN SO I'M FILLING UP SOME DRIVE LINES SPACE WITH BURMA SHAVE AGAIN.....

NOTE: For those who don't remember, we had some nut a couple of years ago who regularly ran BURMA SHAVE type limericks in DRIVE LINES.

WITH STYLE AND GRACE THAT FEW CARS GOT OUR V-8s REALLY FLY WHILE CHEVYS SIT & RUST & ROT AND WATCH THE FORDS GO BY....

OUR EYES MAY WATER, OUR TEETH MAY GRIT BUT WE'LL LIVE TO SEE THE DAY THAT ALL THE CHEVYS GO TO HELL CAUSE THE FORDS SENT 'EM THAT WAY.....



Serial and motor numbers are the same on 4 cylinder cars. The number is located on the left side of the cylinder block above water inlet and on left frame under the hood ahead of the dash or under hole in front floor board near the foot rest on top of the left side of the flywheel housing. On V-8's the number is located on the left frame member under the hood ahead of the dash and on the top bellhousing part of the transmission case. On 32 and 33 Fords you can check your serial number on the frame and determine if your car was originally a 4 cyl. or V-8.

32 4 Cyl.	AB-5,000,000 -	AB-5,185,848
32 V-8	18-1	18-203,126
33 4 Cyl.	4B-5,185,849 -	4B-5,189,490
33 V-8	18-203,127 -	18-457,477
34 4 Cyl	B-5,189,491 - up	
34 V-8	18-457,478 -	18-1,234,356
35 V-8	18-1,234,357 -	18-2,207,110
36 V-8	18-2,207,111 -	18-3,331,856
37 V-8 60	54-6,602	54-358,334
37 V-8 85	18-3,331,857 -	18-4,186,446
38 V-8 60	54-358,335	54-
38 V-8 85	18-4,186,447 -	18-4,661,000
39 V-8 60	54-	54-506,500
39 V-8 85	18-4,661,001 -	18-5,210,700
40 V-8 60	54-506,501 up	
40 V-8 85	18-5,210,701 -	18-5,896,294

The following Mercury serial numbers have been compiled for identification.

(compiled by Gordon Chamberlin of So. Calif. R. G.)

There seems to be some confusion regarding the horsepowers of the various Ford and Mercury cars and trucks. The list below was compiled from information in the various sales brochures, owner's manuals and Service Bulletins of the years listed.

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THANKS TO:

- *Al and Ruth Spencer for providing refreshments at our June meeting.
- *Guest speaker Dan Krehbiel for an informative talk on how to put Ford bugs on glass.
- *Ben DiFatta for a comic slide show and for movies.
- *Union Federal Savings for providing a place for our monthly meetings.

EXTRA...EXTRA...EXTRA...

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!

LONG STANDING, CARD CARRYING, DUES

PAYING MEMBER SHEL HARRIMAN HAS

MOVED TO CAMARILLO, NOT THE INSTIT
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PONDENCE USE THE OLD ADDRESS. HIS

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COMING EVENTS:

- July 1 Valley V-8 Mtg. Speaker, DON DUPREE "Mysterious Electrical Matters." Time: 7:30PM
- July 7-8 Rick Cole Antique Car Auction,
 Marriott Hotel, Newport Beach,
 Ca.
- August Brunch Tour, to be announced.
- Sept. PIZZA NITE, To be announced
- Sept. BRIGGS-CUNNINGHAM MUSEUM TOUR including hospitality at a beach side home in Laguna. To be announced.
- Oct. GREYSTONE MANSION TOUR in Beverly
 Hills, including a 40's-50's concert ala Ellington, Miller, Goodman, Basie, Kenton etc, etc. preceded by a tour of Beverly Hills.



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