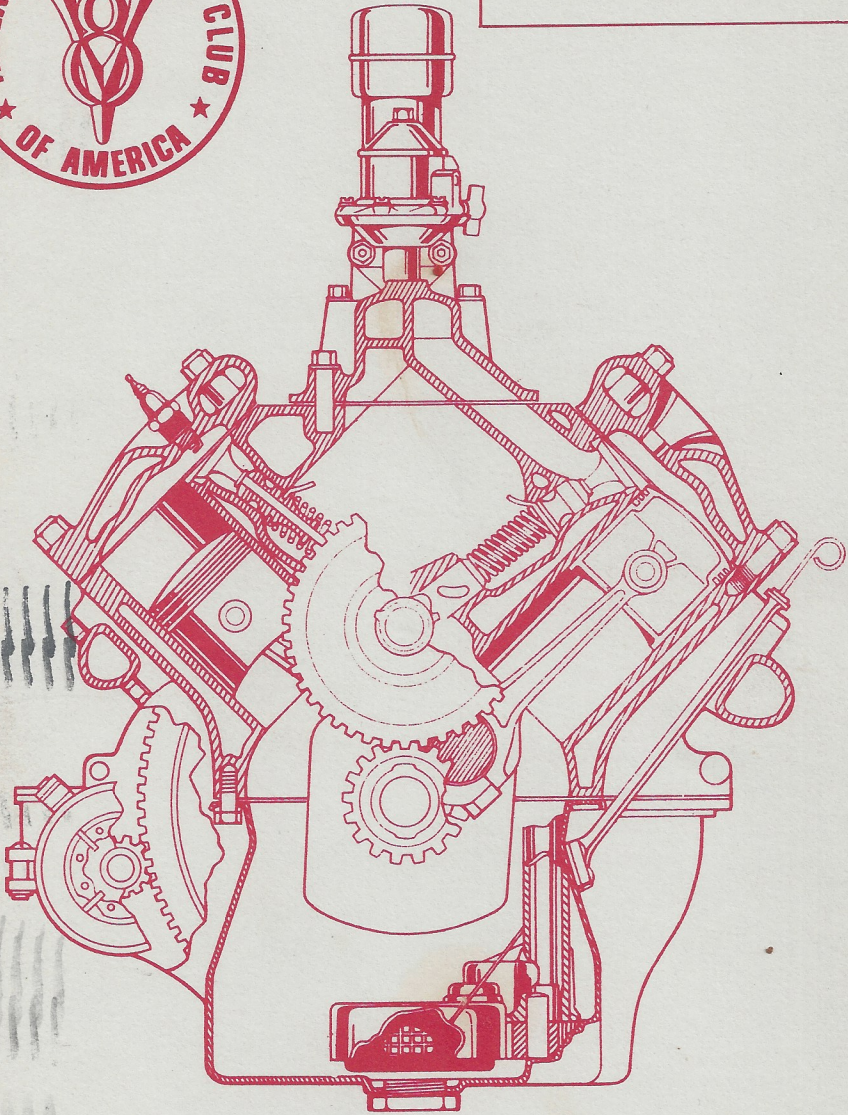


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

***The YOM (Year of Manufacture) license plate bill was signed into law on September 7.

***Please renew your membership for the 1985 year immediately by giving Terry Smith \$12.00 (or check made out to Valley V-8's). The Board of Directors found it necessary to raise the dues two dollars from what we paid in previous years in order to cover our dues responsibility to the Association of California Car Clubs (see announcement details on page 1). Save the club money by giving your dues to Terry Smith at the October 7 meeting or mail it in so the club does not have to put out postage on a billing envelope to you.

***The turn out at the Planning Commission Hearing was excellent. Thank you all for coming out and making it a huge success. We do have to keep our motors tuned up on this topic since the Commission's plan is to bring it back in revised form at a later date. Our hobby (and our club) got good coverage on the radio, TV (channel 2), L.A. Times, Daily News, and Ann McCarthy Caplan's article in Old Cars Weekly (see pages 3 and 6 for copy of two of the articles).

***Make plans now for the fabulous Christmas party (see centerfold pages for details). Get a check (payable to Valley V-8's) to Paul Kirk in the amount of \$24.50 per person for this very special event.

***See the Coming Events pages (7 and 8) for details on activities. Don't miss the meeting on October 6--it will be a Durkee/Blackwell special!

Paul Kirk

Friday, August 31, 1984

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Planners Put the Brakes on Car Collector Permit Law

By STEPHANIE CHAVEZ,
Times Staff Writer

After listening to complaints from angry antique car hobbyists who drove their Model Ts and vintage Rolls-Royces to a public hearing, the Los Angeles city Planning Commission rejected a proposed ordinance Thursday that would have placed restrictions and \$340 fees on owners of "historic vehicle" collections.

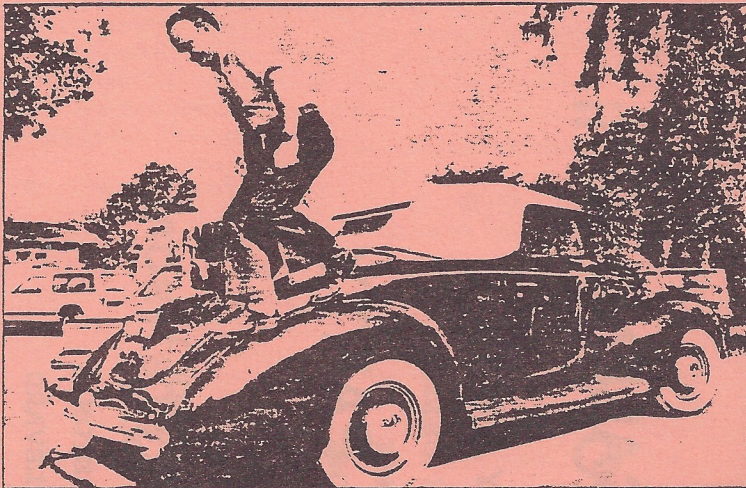
The measure was drafted in response to residents in the East San Fernando Valley who complained that collectors were turning their yards into virtual junkyards.

The ordinance would have forced collectors to keep their cars only in the rear portions of their property, prohibited the use of power tools and required an initial \$340 "collector's fee" as well as an annual \$100 renewal fee.

It would also have limited the number of cars collectors could keep on a piece of property.

About 300 enthusiasts from car clubs throughout Southern California, many wearing their club shirts, argued at a commission hearing in

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JOE VITTI / Los Angeles Times

Ed Wernock demonstrates foot pads that allow access to rumble seat of his 1939 Ford.

He joined other collectors who rallied against proposed Planning Commission ordinance.

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Van Nuy's that the proposal to regulate owners of "historic vehicles" would unfairly hurt legitimate hobbyists.

"We don't like people who are stopping down cars in front lawns, messing up neighborhoods, either," said Win Burkhardt, of the Association of California Car Clubs.

"But to assess everyone \$340 and then force us to store the cars in the rear portion of our property when we are conforming to neighborhood standards is discriminating."

The measure was drafted after the City Council asked the Planning Commission's staff to investigate complaints from a group of Sylmar residents who said a weak Municipal Code has frustrated enforcement against storage of old vehicles that look more like junk than an antique car collection.

Car collectors have cited state and city laws to defend themselves.

The state puts no limit on the number of "special interest vehicles" (defined as cars preserved in their original state and used by hobbyists) that can be kept on a piece of property as long as they do not constitute a health hazard and are screened from public view.

The Municipal Code also allows any number of automobiles to be collected in a residential zone as long as the use is "accessory," meaning that the cars are not part of a business.

So although Edward Cholakian's Sylmar neighbors contend that his backyard collection of at least 30 1940 Cadillacs and other aging cars



JOE VITTI / Los Angeles Times

Collector Edward Cholakian addressing Planning Commission.

represents a junkyard, city building inspectors have had no way to regulate the number of vehicles stored on his property because he meets existing state and local standards.

"There are cases when we have found in excess of 100 cars, junkers,

being stored under the pretense of classic cars, especially in rural areas in the Valley, East and Central L.A.," said Joseph Govea, a

building and safety inspector. "We could use a building and safety code that can handle situations like this."

The proposed ordinance would have attempted to plug the loophole in the Municipal Code by creating a "historic vehicle collection" and defining a collector as the owner of one or more antique cars.

Besides the fees, the ordinance would have set tough restrictions on the collectors, such as a requirement that only one car could be kept on each 250 square feet of backyard property.

The collector's fee was intended to separate serious collectors of historic vehicles from those who merely intended to use their yards as storage areas, city planners said.

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Car Collecting Permit Proposal Opposed in Los Angeles

By Ann McCarthy Caplan

Antique auto collectors in the Los Angeles, Calif. area faced a challenge Aug. 30 when a city ordinance was proposed to severely limit the pursuit of their hobby.

The city planning commission proposal, which would set limitations on car collecting in Los Angeles, was greeted by an estimated 300 antique car owners who opposed the idea.

The ordinance would impose permit fees of \$340 plus an annual renewal of \$100, require annual inspections of the car owners' backyards, notify neigh-

bors of the presence of car collecting and prohibit the use of power tools in the restoration of antique cars.

The ordinance was drafted in response to complaints lodged against one car collector who was said to have at least 30 1940 Cadillacs and other aging cars in his back yard.

"We don't like people who are slopping down cars in front lawns messing up neighborhoods either," Win Burkhardt, with the Association of California Car Clubs, said. "But to assess everyone \$340 and then force us to store th ars in the rear por-

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tion of our property when we are conforming to neighborhood standards is discriminating."

This original plan was replaced by two less stringent proposals before the public hearing began on Aug. 30.

The commissioners rejected the original plan and sent the two alternative plans back to be worked on.

"I would say, without question, we won the day," Dr. Paul L. Kirk, president of the local chapter of the Early Ford V-8 Club, said. "It's basically back to almost square one."

Kirk, an anthropologist and car collector, attended the August Long Beach, Calif. swap meet with his wife, both of whom wore large placards reading, "L.A. City Plans to Throttle Car Collectors!" They distributed more than 500 flyers which spelled out the new curbs sought by the commissioners, as well as information on the hearing.

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Kirk told the commission the annual backyard inspections would constitute a "spy policy," and notifying neighbors of the proximity of a car collector amounts to "an encouragement to fuss."

The proposed minimum permit fees of \$340 and a \$100 annual renewal for ownership of one of more cars more than 25 years old also appeared unpopular with the commission.

"We don't have to get permits and pay fees any more than one would for stamp collecting," Kirk said.

The commission did not vote formally on the issue, however, which means that there is still a possibility a new plan will be drawn up at some future date.

The California Vehicle Code allows outdoor storage of historic automobiles if the storage areas are hidden from public view and do not constitute a health hazard.

COMING EVENTS

- Sept 30 Tour to Briggs Cunningham Automotive Museum in Costa Mesa. Largest So-Cal Auto Collection (mini Harrah's). Antique, classic, and racing cars. Picnic lunch at a famous celebrity's house in Laguna Beach. Bring dish to share. Tour leaves at 9:00 A.M. from Union Federal Savings (our meeting Place).
- Oct 7 Valley V-8 Meeting. Tire kicking at 7:00 P.M., meeting at 7:30. Colorado adventures at the Western National with slides and talk by Don Durkee and Bruce Blackwell. It will be good!
- Oct 13 Greystone Mansion Tour. Tickets for the "Big Band" concert by the Esquires (ala Ellington, Miller, Goodman, Basie, Kenton, etc.) must be obtained from Al Spencer 761-1734 in advance. Limited numbers of tickets available on first pay in advance basis--\$6.00 includes tour of mansion and concert. Specifics of tour: Gather at Union Federal Savings at 11:00 A.M. and leave at 11:30. Bring dish to share at lunch at 2:00. Tour is at 3:00 and concert is at 4:00. After concert relaxation at Alan and Frieda Berlin's home (near Greystone Mansion).
- Oct 25 *ACCC Meeting 8:00 P.M. - DUP Building, 111 North Hope St., L.A.*
- Oct 28 Pomona Swap Meet
- Nov 3-4 Oso Flaco Tour. Sponsored by Ventura V-8's. Info John Powell(805)647-3494.
- Nov 4 Valley V-8 Meeting.
- Nov 7-10 San Diego Round-Up. Tours, Fords, fun, moonlight cruise, awards, Mexican fiesta, and more. For info Early Ford V-8 Club, Box 715, La Mesa, Ca. 92041.

COMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Dec 1 SATURDAY NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Sportsman Lodge (in lieu of December meeting). See centerfold of this issue for announcement. Get your reservation check of \$24.50 per person in right away (make check payable to Valley V-8's) and send to Paul Kirk at home or c/o Valley V-8's, P.O. Box 96, Reseda, CA. 91335.

Dec (date to be announced) Annual Christmas tree chop.

Jan 6 Valley V-8 Meeting.

Jan 26 Installation of new National Board of Directors of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America at Disneyland Hotel. Dinner and fun too.

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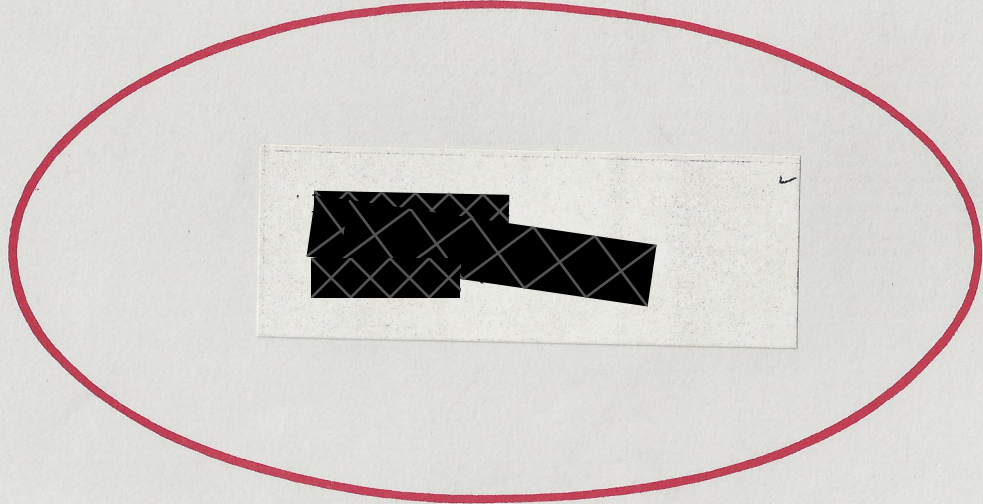
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