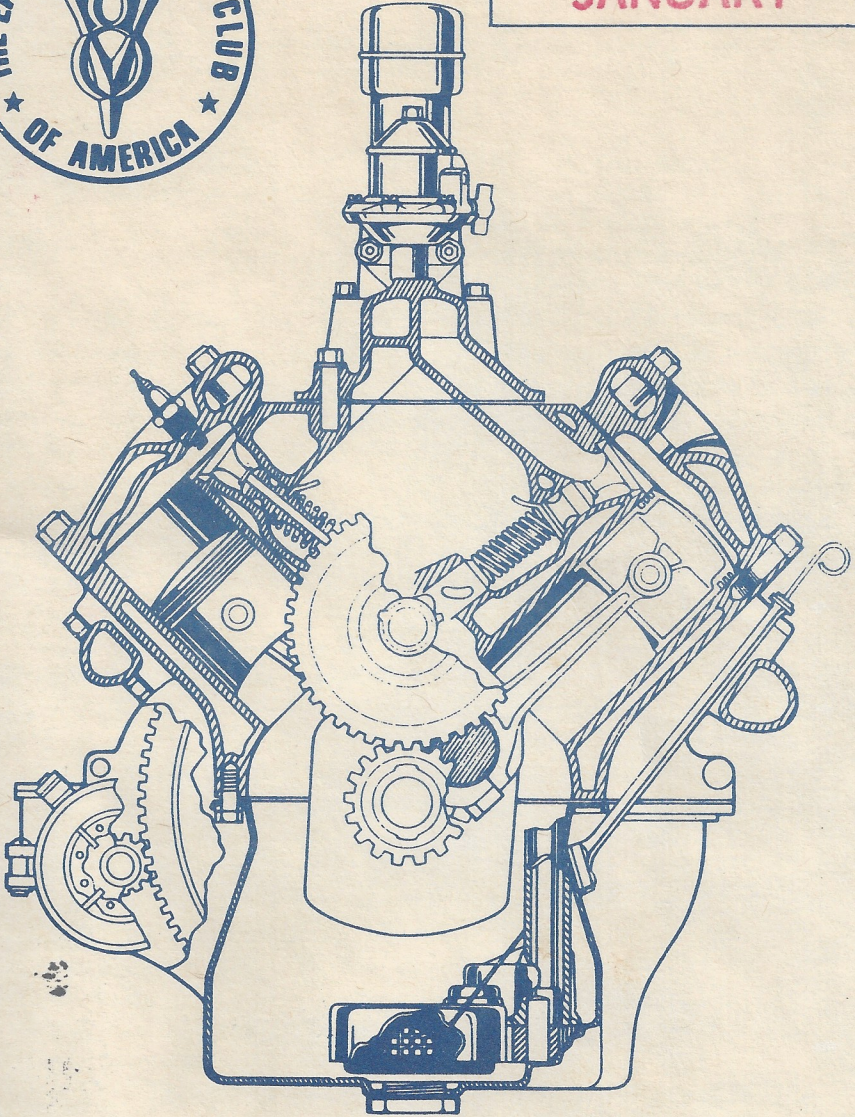


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VALLEY V-8's
NEWS AND NOTES
January 1986

As I start typing these notes, I look forward with great pleasure to 1986. Let me tell you why. It has been said that one gets back many times what is given. That has certainly been true of my experience with the Valley V-8's. About three years ago, Harold Selson went out of his way to look up the stranger who lived up the street from him. And I had a new friend. With Harold's encouragement I started going to meetings regularly. Once I became involved, new friendships expanded geometrically. It is still growing- at meetings, swap meets, concourses, tours and banquets. The opportunities for fun with friends who have a common bond, cars of The Early Ford V-8 Club of America, knows no bounds.

LOW DUES. The dues to belong to the Valley V-8's make membership a unique bargain in todays expensive world. Dues for 1986 are the same low \$12 as last year, so please send your payment to P.O. Box 96, Reseda, CA 91335 or give payment to Terry Smith at the January meeting. If you don't pay we will feel obligated to hunt you down which is a time consuming nuisance for both of us.

To make your membership worthwhile, I see my mission as 1986 President to help provide high quality opportunities for enjoying early Ford V-8's so that people with our common bond will want to participate. The heritage of the club combined with the officers you elected

for 1986 will make my task easy.

To get a better feel of our club's heritage, I went through Ed Warnock's library of Drive Lines. What I discovered to my delight was almost all the leadership of the club over the years is still very active today. To give recognition to some of this leadership Kent Lowry had the 1986 Drive Lines covers printed with all prior presidents listed inside the back cover. Also to give support to Fords 'n Flowers '86 Western National Meet in Victoria, B. C. its logo is on the back cover.

CONSISTENT MEETINGS. Being at a consistent meeting place on a consistent day each month should help our meeting attendance. Those of you who have not attended a meeting recently, please drop in and reintroduce yourselves. Kent Lowry has arranged with Valley Federal Savings and Loan for us to meet at 7pm at their branch on the Southwest corner of Nordhoff St. and Reseda Blvd. The day will be the first Sunday of each month. Please put the 1986 dates in your calendar now; January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, October 5 and November 2. The two dates which are still tentative are our annual Pizza night on Monday, September 8th and our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6th.

MEETING PROGRAMS. Your new Vice President, John Kemmerer, in addition to his other responsibilities, has arranged an interesting agenda of programs for our 1986 meetings. The January meeting will kick off 1986 with Don Dupree showing old movies having vintage cars as part of their cast. John is also planning

programs such as how to maximize your efforts at swap meets, concourse judging tips, upholstering your car, restoration research sources, dismantling and assembling the V-8 engine, and restoring the Columbia rearend. Please let John or me know any other topics you would like covered in our meeting programs.

DRIVE V-8 REWARD. We encourage you to drive a V-8 to meetings so we can all enjoy the experience of our common bond. The V-8 need not be your own car but preferably not stolen. As an incentive significant prizes will be awarded at our Christmas Party based on the following participation points:

Month	Points
January	20
February	30
March	40
April	50
May	70
June	90
July	110
August	150
September	200
October	150
November	90

This point schedule is designed to give the highest reward for months when the weather is warmest culminating with our Pizza night. Plan now to drive a V-8 to every meeting.

To get a better appreciation of the cars driven to our meetings we will have instruction on comparing models. This program will begin with our May meeting, when the nights will be longer with daylight savings time, in the parking lot starting at 7 o'clock. I propose the following model comparison schedule:

Month	Year	Instructor
May	1932-1933-1934	Ed Warnock
June	1935-1936-1937	Dave Sanborn
July	1938-1939-1940	Jack Miles
August	1949-1950-1951	Frank Williams

If you have a better idea, please let me know.

JANUARY TOUR. Doug Peterson is planning a year of enjoyable tours. The 1986 National Board Installation weekend to San Diego in January will be first. We will be meeting on Saturday morning February 1st in the parking lot at the Northwest corner of Balboa Blvd. and Burbank Blvd. As a side comment, this is the parking lot where the Valley V-8's were formed by Doug and others in 1971. Please plan to have eaten breakfast prior to gathering by 8:30 am so we can get organized and on our way by 9. We will stop for a break about half way to San Diego. Reservations should be made with the hotel in San Diego by January 2 to lock in the low room rate. The details on this get away weekend is included in this newsletter.

TOUR IDEAS WANTED. At our January meeting Doug will be asking for your input on what you would like in the way of tours for the balance of 1986. To give you some ideas, he has in mind two more overnight tours. If Don Durkee is willing, one will be in April similar to Don's Solvang tour but possibly to a different destination. Another suggestion is to tour to the Lompoc area, view the flowers in bloom and visit the La Purisma mission. Please be prepared to give us your ideas.

Doug also plans about six day tours, most of which would be scenic drives

including a lunch or brunch. In past years Bob Rose has organized brunch tours which have been perennial favorites. Bob, will you do it again? Al Spencer also came up with some great tours as Activities Chairman. Al, may we count on you for one more? Some ideas for consideration are:

- J. Paul Getty Museum
- Huntington Library Art Collections
and Botanical Gardens
- Palomar Observatory
- Desert wild flowers
- Will Rogers State Historic Park
- Heritage Square
- Orange Empire Railway Museum
- Briggs Cunningham Automotive Museum
- Oso Flaco
- Queen Mary and Spruce Goose
- Ports O' Call Village and Buccaneer
Queen
- Santa Monica Mountains
- Old Ridge Route
- Bothwell Auto Collection
- All Ford Picnic- La Palma Park

OFFICER ROLES. Some additional comments are in order about the quality role the rest of your officers will be playing. Even though 1986 is her first year in an official capacity as Secretary, Julie Blackwell performed admirably as Bob Rose's acting secretary for several meetings in 1985. She is enthusiastically planning to keep up the good work.

Like Julie, Jack Kelejian was fulfilling his responsibilities of providing fellowship and refreshments with a smile and a kind word even before he was elected.

Chuck Mair as continuing editor plans to mail the Drive Lines nine days

before the meeting date. To give him sufficient time to get the newsletter printed and mailed he would like to have articles by the 15th of each month but no later than 15 days before the meeting date.

No words adequately cover the capable job Larry Caplan has done in the past and again will be doing in 1986 as Treasurer.

As Director and Historian, taking over from Ben DiFatta, Russ Sylvis will provide leadership in coordinating raising money for the club with raffle prizes and maintaining the club scrapbook.

Now that we are back on a consistent schedule of the first Sunday of each month, Ernie Bailey will be able to regularly attend meetings to make accessories available to us.

The same goes for Terry Smith who will now be more available to help keep our present membership and to help our membership rolls grow.

As continuing Information Officer, Bob McCullagh is a resource to provide technical answers to questions you may have about Early Ford V-8's.

With the wealth of leadership talent within our club's membership combined with the quality of the 1986 officers, I look forward with pleasure to taking over from Kent Lowry the reins of serving you in 1986.

Dave Sanborn

SECRETARY SEZ...

Have you ever seen a Kiwi in a Santa suit? Neither had I until the Valley V8's annual christams party at the Sportmans Lodge. Kevin Smith played New Zealands version of Santa! It was so bad we deported him and his bloody mate back to New Zealand. Got rid of them finally! GOOD LUCK Kevin and Judy, we'll miss you!

Would you believe the same band showed up, minus one player, so it would'nt be so loud!

Many V8'ers enjoyed drinks, dinner, dancing and of course the gift exchange!

As we thank our 1985 officers and bid them farewell...

Kent Lowry	President
Dave Sanborn	Vice-President
Bob Rose	Secretary
Larry Caplan	Treasurer
Al Spencer	Activities Director
Ben DiFatta	Historian
Ernie Bailey	Accessories
Terry Smith	Membership
Harold Selson	Fellowship Refreshments
Chuck Mair	Editor
Bob McCullagh	Information Officer
Jack Miles	Program Director

And we welcome our new officers...

Dave Sanborn	President
John Kemmerer	Vice President
Julie Blackwell	Secretary
Larry Caplan	Treasurer
Doug Peterson	Activities Chairman
Ben DiFatta	Historian
Ernie Baily	Accessories
Terry Smith	Membership
CHRISTINE SANBORN	REFRESHMENTS
Chuck Mair	Editor

Julie

Under our new President Dave Sanborn 1986 promises to be a fully eventful year.

One exciting event up and coming is the 'Get Away Weekend' in San Diego. January 31-February 2, 1986. Don't be left out of all this eventful V8 fun. 1986 NATIONAL BOARD INSTALLATION!

Please contact Len Barbieri

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1986 NATIONAL BOARD INSTALLATION

Here's a great way to get 1986 off to a good start. Come join the San Diego Regional Group as they host the 1986 Early Ford Club of America's 1986 National Installation Banquet during a "V8 GETAWAY WEEKEND" in San Diego, January 31 - February 2, 1986. There'll be plenty of fun in San Diego for you and your V8!

- * FREE TOURS OF THE SAN DIEGO AEROSPACE MUSEUM
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- * DRIVE YOUR V8 TO AN OUTSTANDING PRIVATE COLLECTION OF CLASSIC CARS
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- * SHOPPING TOURS TO HORTON PLAZA, CALIFORNIA'S NEWEST & MOST UNIQUE SHOPPING COMPLEX
- * SHOW OFF YOUR V8 IN AN INFORMAL CAR SHOW ON THE GRASS AT THE BAHIA
(V8'ers driving their V8 receive a unique memento)
- * MOONLIGHT CRUISE ON MISSION BAY TO THE INSTALLATION BANQUET
- * 1986 INSTALLATION BANQUET, EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA
- * "SUNRISE" V8 TOUR TO THE CABRILLO NATIONAL MONUMENT
- * SUNDAY MORNING INFORMAL BRUNCH (Optional)
- * CHANCE TO WIN A ONE-OF-A-KIND NEON "V8" FORD EMBLEM
- * PLUS MANY OTHER RAFFLE PRIZES AND ACTIVITIES

Headquarters for the "V8 GETAWAY WEEKEND" will be the Bahia Hotel on San Diego's magnificent Mission Bay. Rooms are: \$64, single; \$68 double. Reservations must be made directly with the Hotel, 998 W. Mission Bay Dr., San Diego CA 92109. (619) 488-0551. Be sure to mention the Ford V8 club for these rates. If you will be driving your V8, request a room with parking at your doorstep. That way you can keep an eye on your V8. Deadline for reservations is January 2, 1986.

Banquet reservations must be made through the San Diego Regional Group. The banquet will be \$ 13.50 per person/ \$25 per couple. If you would like more detailed information including a hotel reservation form, please call or write V8 GETAWAY WEEKEND, % Len Barbieri, 6419 Cascade, San Diego CA 92122. (619) 453-0683.

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REVERSE GEAR

During the past month I have had several pleasant evenings perusing Ed Warnock's collection of old Drive Lines. By the way, it was not called Drive Lines until 1979, when Bob Drake was president. Prior to that it was called The Valley V8.

Following are some tidbits from the past:

October '71-Club chartered, Jim Rowe president, Don Durkee, Harold Selson, Gordon Chamberlain, Jack Miles, and Shel Harriman, charter members

December '74-Sixty members, dues \$10 national, \$6 local -Ed Warnock and Jack Miles elected president & vice president respectively for '75

1975-Auction tradition started - Autobiographies by Ed Warnock, Jack Miles, Harold Selson and Don Durkee. Warnock selling '40 Ford trans for \$25

Also in '75, Don Durkee wrote an article on his escapade, running bootleg Whiskey(you can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy). Don has bribed me not to reproduce that article(you're going to have to ask him for the details). So instead, on the following pages, we are reproducing an article that Ed Warnock wrote for the April '76 newsletter. The article gives us newer members some insight as to how the club was organized.

More to come in later issues - in the meantime, we have many interesting programs already scheduled for the coming year and are looking forward to seeing each of you at the club's activities.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN.....1971

Late spring of 1971, Jim Rowe and Paul Meske, members of the Southern California Regional Group, placed an ad in the Valley News and Green Sheet about a picnic and registration for a valley chapter of the Early Ford V8 Club, to be held at Balboa Park.

They set up a card table and a make-shift sign and stood around and waited for those early V8's to roll in. They waited quite awhile, but eventually, they came. Paul got 18 names on the guest list. Thirteen enthusiasts paid their dues to become the original charter members and they held their first business meeting June 20.

The club had grown to 17 members. An election of officers was held and The Valley V8 was chosen as the name of the newsletter by the July 18 meeting. Officers were Pres. Jim Rowe, VP Dick Berry, Dir. Paul Meske, Editor Doug Peterson, Hist. Francis Fuerstenberg, Activities Ed Harden, Secretary Bill Hodgson, Treas. Dick Berry.

By October the club was chartered as Regional Group #40, Bob Wilson was the new secretary and Shel Harriman was the activities chairman. The first tour was to Busch Gardens on Oct. 3. The first meeting at Valley Federal Savings was held in October.

The signers of the Petition for Charter were Gordon Chamberlin, Paul Meske, Jim Rowe, Harold Selson and Bob Wilson.

Don Durkee, one of the original 13, recruited Larry Stocker, who signed up in November along with Jack Miles. Six Blue Chip Stamp books were donated to purchase a coffee pot. All members joining before December 31 were considered charter members.

In lieu of a Christmas party, a tour with breakfast was held December 19. Five V8's and twelve

people met at the San Fernando Mission, drove to Tips for breakfast and three V8's continued to the wilds of Boquet Canyon.

The year ended with 23 members and \$75.87 in the bank.

Ed Warnock

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA

HELLO!! WELL, OUR FIRST MEETING WAS MET WITH GREAT SUPPORT, AND ENTHUSIASM FROM MANY V-8ers AROUND THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND THOUSAND OAKS AREAS. SEVERAL V-8'S ATTENDED, AS WELL AS THE VALLEY STREET RODES, AND PLENTY OF SIGHT-SEERS AND TIRE-KICKERS.

FIRST OF ALL LET ME SAY THAT IT "PAYS TO ADVERTISE"..... WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 13 NEW CHARTER MEMBERS MANY FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIF. REGIONAL GROUP, AND SEVERAL NEW V-8 LOVERS.

WE HAVE SEVERAL TOUR PLANS IN THE FIRE INCLUDING MAGIC MOUNTAIN, TRAVEL TOWN, A BEACH PARTY, THE OLD TOWN OF CALABASAS, AND THE SAN FRANCISQUITO DAM AREA TO NAME A FEW.

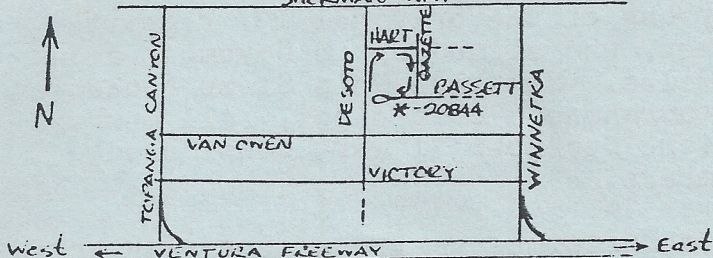
***TO GET THE BALL ROLLING, WE WILL HAVE OUR FIRST BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT, JUNE 20th, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE HOME OF MEMBER JIM ROWE. 20844 BASSETT STREET, CANOGA PARK (SEE MAP BELOW). THIS IS THE SAME DAY AS THE L.A. ROADSTERS SWAP MEET, BUT IT'S LATE ENOUGH TO GIVE EVERYONE TIME TO GET HOME, UNLOAD YOUR GOODIES, AND HAVE DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALL TRY TO BRING A NEW MEMBER WITH YOU.

AT OUR FIRST MEETING, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SET UP A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETING DATES AND TIMES WHICH WILL AGREE WITH A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS. ALSO WE WILL WANT TO BE THINKING ABOUT NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS. WE WILL ALSO CONSIDER FUTURE GOALS FOR THE CLUB AND A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WHICH WE NEED DESPERATELY!!

OUR FIRST PAID-UP CHARTER MEMBER WAS MR. DONALD SCHAUPP OF VAN NUYS, WHO DROVE HIS '37 PICK-UP TO THE MEETING.

A ROSTER OF MEMBERS WILL BE MADE UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND MAILED TO EVERYONE WHO HAS JOINED OUR CLUB. THESE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW PAID-UP MEMBERS.

MAP TO FIRST MEETING
SHERMAN WAY



REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR CLUB. IT WILL ONLY FUNCTION AS LONG AS WE HAVE THE SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM OF ALL MEMBERS. WE NEED PARTICIPATION, AND EFFORTS TO BRING IN NEW MEMBERS. LET'S MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST AND BEST CHAPTER OF THE EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB!!! SEE YOU THERE!

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A Tour to Canada

I know it's hard to believe, but it's only five months until Fords 'N Flowers '86 in Victoria, British Columbia - the 1986 Western National Meet.

As in previous years I am organizing a tour to the meet. The route, locations of overnight stays, and other details have been set. All members wishing to tour to Canada in June are invited to join me. The itinerary is as follows:

First Day: Thursday, June 26, 1986

Leave Pomona area (rendevoux spot to be announced later) at 8 am, travel north on 395 and spend the first night in Bridgeport.

Available motels: Walker River Lodge
Box 695
Bridgeport, Ca. 93517
Phone 619-932-7021

Best Western Ruby Inn
Box 475
Bridgeport, Ca. 93517
Phone 619-932-7241

Second Day: Friday

Travel from Bridgeport to Klamath Falls, Oregon, via Carson City, Reno, and Susanville.

Motel: Motel 6
5136 So. 6th St.
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
Phone 503-884-6273

Third Day: Saturday

Travel to Crater Lake National Park, Roseburg, Eugene, and on to Salem, Oregon for the night.

Motel: Motel 6
2250 Mission St. SE
Salem, Oregon 97302
Phone 503-588-0220

Fourth Day: Sunday

Travel up the Oregon coast through Tillamook, Aberdeen, Washington, and on to the small town of Forks for the night.

Motel: Forks Motel (AAA rated)
Box 510
Forks, Wa. 98331
Phone 206-374-6243

Fifth Day: Monday

Travel approximately one hour to Port Angeles and catch the Washington State Ferry to Victoria, British Columbia. We should arrive at the meet site before noon.

Official registration and car inspections take place all day Monday....The "Ice Breaker" social gathering starts at 5:00 PM.

I have taken the liberty of providing this tour information well in advance so that those members who wish to come along can request vacation time from work, obtain motel reservations, and make other plans necessary for this over 1500 mile trip.

Our average mileage will be about 375 miles each day, with fewer miles scheduled for heavy sightseeing days. We will stop for lunch in towns which will offer picnic facilities as well as restaurants or fast food establishments. The pace will be liesurely.

Please consider coming along with us to Canada. You'll have a great time and see many beautiful sights along the way. If you've never been on a long tour of old Fords before, you're in for a real treat.

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