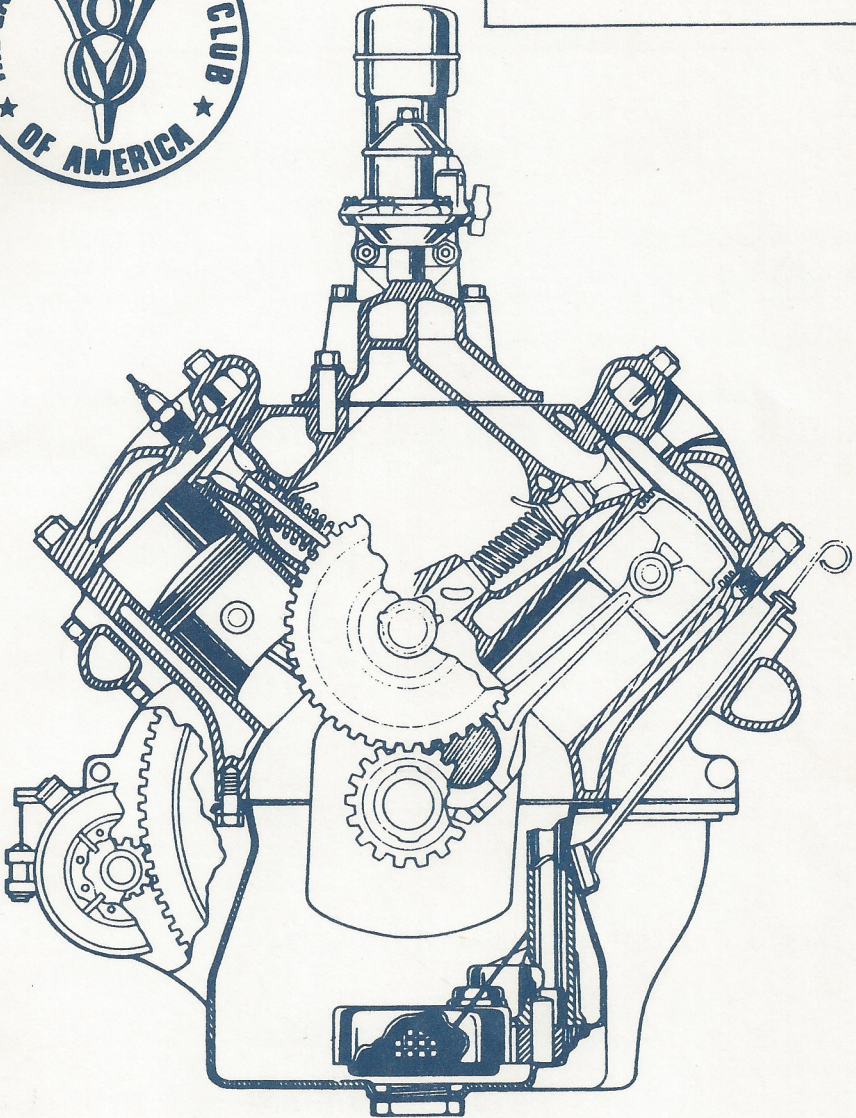




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With threatening weather and an official forecast of rain; we had a large and enthusiastic crowd at the March meeting. Nine members drove their Early Ford V-8's despite the weather conditions.

Dudley Ochsner has made a commitment for the Valley V-8's to visit the Pasadena Historical Society on June 23rd. This will be a luncheon and tour at the Fenyes Mansion, which is at 470 West Walnut St., Pasadena. Cost is \$12.50 per person, luncheons are served in a turn of the century manner by the Docent Council in the dining room and foyer of the Fenyes Mansion. In order for Dudley to lock up the reservation he must have advance payment of \$6.25 for each person attending by the first week of April and the remainder must be paid by June 11th. We must also have a minimum of 30 people. Bring your payment to the April meeting or send it to Dudley Ochsner 901 Balboa Drive, Arcadia 91006. Do it now! Don't miss out on this outstanding tour.

It's time to start looking for your surplus or unwanted parts and memorabilia to donate to the auction at the May meeting. We need your donation to have a successful auction like last year, as this is our only fund raiser of the year. Our club can not operate on members dues alone.

The annual Don Durkee Solvang Tour will be April 21 and 22. Lodging will be at the Sheraton. A limited number of rooms have been reserved for the V-8 Club, so get your reservation in early. Call 805/688-8000 and mention the Early Ford V-8 Club and Don Durkee, cost is \$81. Additional information will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Chuck Shubb has the ball rolling for the "Queen Mary Voyage to 1939" tour on May 19th. The group rate admission will be about \$15, plus parking. We will have a reserved parking area set aside for us. This will also be a super tour, with the collection of 1939 cars and special entertainment aboard the Queen Mary centering on 1939. Check off May 19th on your calendar for this tour.

Cal Beauregard's Chrysler Studio Program has again invited The Valley V-8's to participate in the 6th Annual Motion Picture Country Home and Hospital Car Show, on June 2nd. There is no charge for the meet, but \$10 charge for lunch or you may bring a picnic lunch. This is a worthwhile event, both for the residents and the participants. It's a good way to get together with not only our own members, but our friends in some of the other clubs.

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Ed Warnock will be the speaker at the April Meeting. The subject will be engines. For our newer members who may not know Ed, he is a past National President as well as Valley V-8's President in 1975. Plan on attending the meeting and learn how to identify the different V-8's. See you at the April meeting.

Jerry

From the Secretary's Quill

Boy did I blow it! Last month, after all Virginia Wolf's hard work taking notes at the February meeting, I got the article to **Chuck Mair** too late. The presses were already rolling. So let this be a reminder to all of us to get everything for the *Drive Lines* to Chuck before the 20th of the month. Chuck has served as our editor for many years and is doing a fantastic job. Let's all do our part to make his job a little easier. (Sorry about those nasty names I called you Chuck).

At our February meeting we had several guests. **Richard Layne** was a guest of **Gene Wilson** and **Terry Smith** brought **Don Horn** as a guest. New members **Marge & Ed Buckner** were also there. Guests at our March meeting were **Nancy Nachman**, who is restoring a '40 Ford and **Lloyd & Donna Paschal** who are looking for a Ford - '40 or otherwise. Our fleet footed membership chairman, **Terry Smith** had an application in **Lloyd's** hand before the break. **Bill King** was introduced as a guest, but quickly pointed out that he has been a member for four years. I don't know if **Bill** was more bothered by not being recognized as a member, or by being mistaken as a guest of **Jack Miles**. Anyhow **Bill**, it was good to see you. Come on back.

Ralph Hubbard and **Ed Warnock** were also at the meeting, for the second time in a row. It was also great to see **Bob Rose**, who stopped by to pay his dues. **Don Durkee** was back after several months absence. **Don** is working on the **Solvang** tour planned for April 22. He's having trouble finding an open hotel, but should have it resolved by now. - More from **Don** at the next meeting.

Chuck Shubb says the **Queen Mary** tour he is planning may be a little expensive, but well worth it. There was a good show of hands from members who anticipate attending.

Cal Beauregard is once again working on a car show for the Motion Picture Home, to be held on June 2 in Calabasas. Cal said there is no charge but for \$10 you can have a great Bar-B-Q lunch. Cal would like to have a good showing from our members. – Call Cal for details.

Dudley Oschner's Pasadena Historical Society Old House tour is scheduled for June 16 or 23. Dudley needs a guarantee of thirty for lunch.

Tommy Thompson won 20 bucks in the name tag drawing in February. Tommy was so excited he volunteered to bring refreshments to the next meeting. – He did - they were good. By the way, refreshments (homemade brownies) for the February meeting were provided by **Larry and Ann Caplan**. – Thanks Ann & Larry!

Ted Murch wasn't so lucky in the name tag drawing last meeting. His name was drawn, he was there, his name tag wasn't. Said he never got one. Prez **Jensen** gave him a name tag but wouldn't part with the fiver. Said it was a day's wages in his and Henry's times.

Pat Berry made a quick trip to the Valley last week. Rumor has it that he's driving around Bishop in a Volkswagen Rabbit. Pat would like to hear from you. Drop him a fax when you get some time.

Terry Smith needs your name and address when you pay your dues, particularly if you were not a member last year. Also, if you're paying with a company check, be sure your name is included somewhere. Who paid with a check from the ACLU?

Jay Fortman has a set of Fenton headers that he'll trade for a set of aluminum heads. He also needs a chopped flywheel. Jack Miles has a '36 Ford 1/2 ton pick-up cab for sale and **Tommy Thompson** has a friend looking for a '35 or '36 1/2 ton pick-up. – His friend wants more than the cab.

Ralph Hubbard reports that **Dick Hecker** from the Southern Cal Regional Group is looking for a '39 or '40 four-door sedan. Seems that Dick's eyesight is failing and he needs a bigger car so his son can give him a lift.

The program for the March meeting was a Sorenson video starting with a quick study in economics. - From the farm to the car. There were also segments on the Ford Tri-Motor, Pikes Peak hill climb - 19:25.7 in a '33 Ford, the Zephyr, Rouge Plant in '39, Bill McGraw's "Tournament of Thrills" using '56 Fords and wrapping up with Lee Iacocca telling us why he will always be a Ford man.

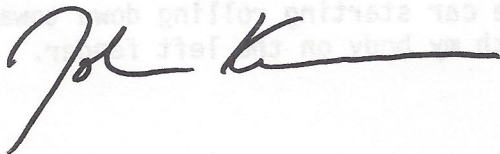
Our program for April will be the past master of V-8 flatheads from Baker, Oregon - **Ed Warnock**, who will be giving us his rebuilding tips.

Don't forget Auction Night in May. Get your old Ford parts together and remember, Norton doesn't like "junk."

In June, the planned program is a videotape of the film *Bronx Cheers*. This is a forty-five minute Raymond DeFelitta film that was produced by film students, with the help of several of our members and their cars. Members that have seen the film said it's Fantastic!

Some upcoming speakers and their topics for future meetings are: **Larry Caplan** on "How to convert your family room into a garage." **Don Durkee** "Building a '36 Ford with Bondo" and **Jerry Jensen** "Upholstery - What I learned in Tijuana." Try not to miss these, or any of our meetings.

See you on April Fool's Day. - Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John K.", written in a cursive style.

APPLES AND MERCURYS

Do they mix? NOPE!

I knew it was going to be a bad day when I picked up an old Ford torque tube and accidentally laid it on a fresh yard cigar. The reason for picking up the old Ford drive shaft was to use it for a Mickey Mouse tow bar. Tying a chain on each end of the drive shaft keeps the towed car from running into the towing vehicle. Everytime I picked up that drive shaft, I seemed to have my hands in the wrong place and, boy, those fresh yard cigars smell.

I had a '53 Mercury stored at my friend's house and this particular day was selected to tow it to my place, about two blocks away.

Upon arrival at my house (having no catastrophes along the way), I said to my friend, "it appears that we two Iowa boys have had some experience in this type of towing". Although this car didn't run and had no brakes, we managed to push it into my back yard stopping it just before it ran down in the garden. The emergency brake didn't work either, so I placed the automatic transmission in park.

This was the place the '53 Mercury would stay while having its good parts removed for my other Mercury. While removing the engine, I unhooked everything except the transmission lever from the steering column. I could not reach the transmission lever from under the car. So I got up on top of the left fender with my head and arms down by the engine so my feet no longer touched the concrete. I released the transmission lever from the steering column, and the car starting rolling down towards the garden with my body on the left fender.

There is a six foot drop off from my rear patio to the garden which just happens to have an apple tree growing in the middle of it.

As the Mercury headed down the six foot drop, I jumped off and ran like a Jack rabbit to the rear of the car hoping to stop it before it hit Mother's apple tree. I made it but it was all I could do to hold the car.

I was home by myself with no one to help me. I was holding on to the Mercury and running out of breath. I had a pair of side cutters in my rear pocket which I had placed in a diagonal direction behind the left rear tire holding the car in a stopped position for a half second. As luck would have it, the key was in the trunk slot allowing me to open it. I was able to reach an old battery inside the trunk and placed it behind the rear tire saving the Mercury and Mother's apple tree. Boy, I am sure glad I had those side cutters in my pocket!

Don L Durkee

VINTAGE CARS DRIVEN TO THE MARCH MEETING

John & Virginia Wolf	40 Ford Deluxe Tudor
Bill Toensing	41 Ford Super Deluxe
Dennis Keene	47 Ford Police Car
Don Dupree	47 Ford Pickup
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Bill Woods	40 Mercury Club Coupe
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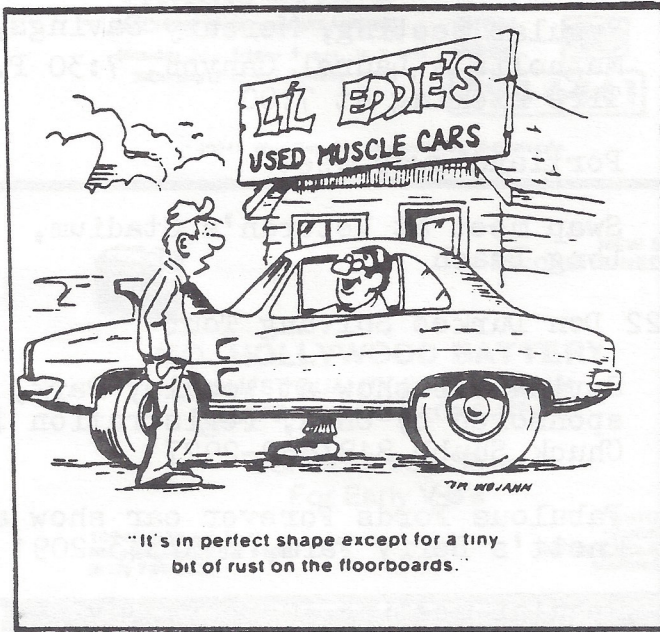
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Tire kicking at 7:00
- Apr 6-8 Portland swap meet
- Apr 8 Swap meet at Veteran's Stadium,
Long Beach
- Apr 21-22 Don Durkee Solvang Tour
- Apr 22 Spring car show at Woodley Park,
sponsored by CHVA, registration \$10
Chuck Shubb 818/882-2927
- Apr 29 Fabulous Fords Forever car show at
Knott's Berry Farm, 818/343-2091
- May 6 Regular meeting, Mercury Savings
annual parts auction
- May 19 Tour to the Queen Mary Voyage to
1939
- June 23 Tour to Pasadena Historical Society,
Luncheon and tour at the Fenyes
Mansion, \$12.50 per person, Dudley
Ochsner 818/446-1206
- Aug 2-6 Jay Harris tour to Reno, 714/553-1733
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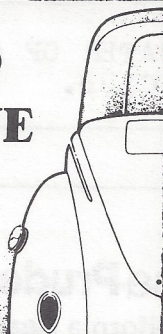
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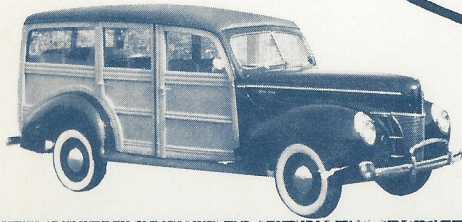
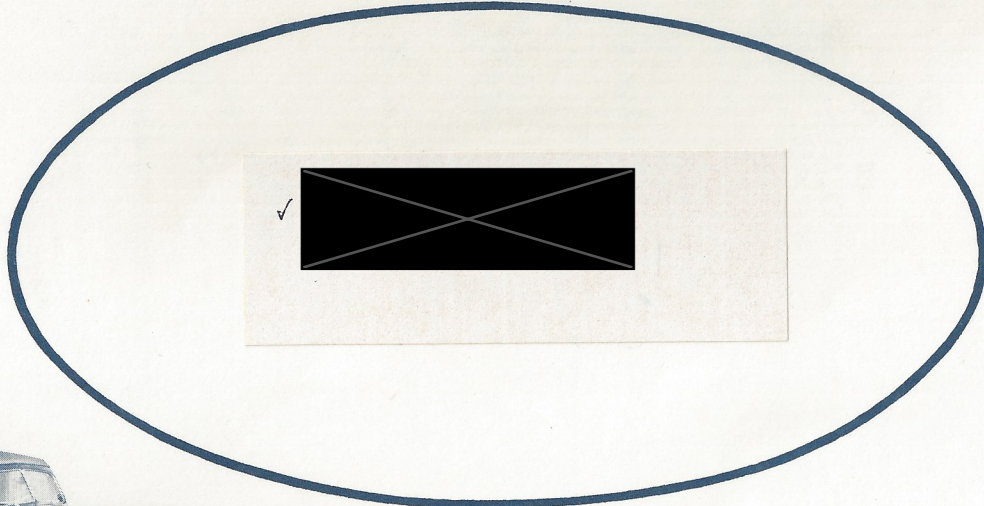
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