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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently read an article in Motor Trend magazine called "Collector Car Market Cooling Off?". This article stated that the collector car market had been lackluster since last fall and no improvement had been seen. This comment certainly paralells my own observation of the hobby. The last paragraph of this Motor Trend article bears repeating in full.

"Ultimately, the collector car market will emerge from this period of stagnation healthier and more vibrant than ever before. For the irascible oldtimers who hoped the current correction would bring car collecting back to it's status as a "gentleman's" hobby, there is no good news. However, many enthusiasts can delight in knowing that the collector car market has now been recognized as a legitimate, respectable investment field on a par with fine art and Chinese ceramics. This status is not undeserved. At last the rest of the world has finally become aware of what ardent collectors have known all along".

That's a very opimistic statement, I would say that a lot more of the world is more cognizant of what car collectors have

known. Enough said.

Terry Smith is now compiling information for the 1990 membership roster. Hopefully this will be in your hands in the near future.

By the time you read this John Wolf will have gone into a hospital for surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with John for a

speedy recovery.

On May 19th, thirteen cars left from Balboa Park for the Queen Mary and Spruce Goose. The skies were cloudy, but good fortune shown on us and as we approached Long

Beach so did the sun. Good fortune did not follow Dudley Ochsner as he went directly from Arcadia to Long Beach, or I should say almost Long Beach. Dudley's fuel line pluged up on his '38 and he never did get there.

The turn out for this tour was not very good, but those who went had a good time. Highlight of the Queen Mary were two live musical revues, with good old time music and lots of singing and dancing. The collection of 1939 cars assembled for the "Tour To 1939" was varied and interesting. The vehicles are for sale, and many have already been sold, but must remain on display until the end of the year. A very good restaurant was found on the Queen Mary for lunch, and for a tourist trap quite reasonable. While some of our members may have seen it all by the time they left, I didn't. I'm going to have to go back again.

There is no scheduled tour for July. Some of you '40 owners and enthusiasts may want to set up an informal tour together to the "40 is 50" Forties Limited car show at

LaPalma Park on July 14 and 15.

The video tape "Bronx Cheers" has finally arrived as promised by Matt Gross, the producer. This will be shown at the July meeting. The tape will be available to all members for viewing or copying. See you at the July meeting.



THREE VALLEY V-8 FORDS AT FOX STUDIO AFTER SHOOTING - FEAR NO EVIL

The Secretary's Quill

Salubrious is the way Chuck Shubb described the morning of the Sixth Annual Car Show, at the Motion Picture Country Home and Hospital in Calabasas on June 2nd. Representing the Valley V-8's were Chuck ('40 Coupe), Russ Sylvis ('37 Coupe), Cal Beauregard ('38 Army Staffcar), Jerry Jensen ('39 Tudor), and Lin Kemmerer ('40 Tudor).

Cal and Nancy Beauregard put a lot of time and hard work into this show each year and judging from the comments and reactions of the guests, their efforts once again paid off. — Fantastic job Cal!

Jerry Jensen and I were shooting the bull, while waiting for lunch at the Motion Picture Home, when an elderly gentleman guest corrected me (in front of the Prez nevertheless) for using the term atmosphere to describe the surroundings. He told us that at Columbia they would say ambience. Not knowing how to respond, I told him that being a country boy from Pennsylvania I didn't know too much about Columbia, other than it being a small town in South Carolina where I jumped one time when I was with the 101st Airborne Division. Told him I thought the Columbians smoke some funny stuff and I wouldn't put too much faith in what they said. The Carolinians do have a lot of nice old Fords though, and I admire them for that. Anyway, he walked away muttering something about Pennsylvania Dutchman, headlights and Jane Russel. He wasn't smiling but the rest of the guests were.

The guests weren't the only ones with smiles on their faces. Russ, Jerry and Chuck took their turn at the awards platform to receive trophies for first, second and third place, respectively. Oh yeah, I almost forgot the cookie monster was also there. Got the hard luck award. Apparently, he got caught in the traffic tie up on the 134 and the old '37 could not take the heat. Not only that, but he had the top down and got a dose of sun stroke from sitting in the car too long. Anyhow, he grabbed a bus and made it in time for lunch. Borrowed ten bucks from me for lunch and then snuck in. I'm probably out ten dollars, but it's good to know he's still talking to me.

If you weren't there you missed a great event. Put it on your calendar for the first Sunday in June next year. You won't regret it.

A lot of members were disappointed at not seeing the birthday list in the June *Drive Lines*, but they pulled themselves together and made it out to the meeting on June 3rd. It was hot outside but cool in Mercury Savings, with a big jug of fruit punch and homemade cookies.

Caleb Edwards with his pristine '50 pick-up, joined the Club. Dennis Keene announced that Bernie Besich from the Southern California Regional Group had his van stolen with over a million dollars (nothing wrong with a little hyperbole) worth of parts in the back. Seems that the dirty thieves knew what they were after cuz Bernie got the van back but the parts were all gone. Anyway, if you see trim rings, water pumps, and any other old Ford parts for sale at ridiculously low prices and someone other than Jack Miles is selling them, give Bernie a call. He's in the National roster.

Bernie wasn't the only one that was out some cash. Ken Sapper lost \$20 bucks (and that's the real amount) by not being at the meeting when his name was drawn.

Cal Beauregard announced that there will be an artillery shoot at Ft. McArthur on July 8th. Not sure what that has to do with early Fords but the Club did visit there a couple of years ago and we were told that the shells fired from the parapets weighed as much as a Volkswagen and could reach Catalina. The remainder of the meeting was spent watching a Sorenson Film highlighting the '41 Ford.

Lights! Camera! Action!... We finally have the tape of the *Bronx Cheers*. It will be shown at our meeting on July 1st. **Donna** and **Lloyd Paschal** volunteered to bring the refreshments for the July 1st meeting.

Note for Ben DiFatta: Packards were produced after 1956. In 1958 Packard produced a car called the Hawk. — They were produced in Indiana and looked more like a Studebaker than a conventional Packard. — See me for pictures at the meeting. You can donate the five bucks to the Club treasury.

The power of the pen finally caught up with me. I've been censured; apparently, I lost my focus and been abusing my literary licence. Aw-shucks, I didn't mean any harm. Anyway, rather than create any disharmony, I have agreed to a one month suspension, probation for the remainder of the year and disqualification from running for office next year.

Along those lines, I hope it's clear that the views expressed in the Secretary's Quill are solely the views of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Club, its officers, or the National Organization. If the anecdotes sound like someone you know, it's probably intentional.

See you at the meeting on the 1st. If I don't see you there, have a happy Fourth of July and don't lose sight of our independence and how fortunate we are to have the freedom to be ourselves as we meet and enjoy each other's company.

JL

Just received a call from
Virginia Wolf. John is scheduled

for have surgery at St. Joe's

in Burbank on June 25th.

By the time you read this John

should be back home recovering.

Why not drophim a note?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1 Regular meeting, Mercury Savings, Magnolia & Laurel Canyon, 7:30 P.M. Tire kicking at 7:00

July 8 Swap meet at Veterans Stadium, Long Beach

July 14-15Forties Limited, 40 is 50 at La Palma Park

Aug 2-6 Jay Harris tour to Reno

Aug 5 Regular meeting at Mercury Savings

Aug 6-10 Western National Meet at Reno

Aug 12 Swap meet at Pomona Fairplex

Sept 23 Dave Sanborn annual brunch tour to the Peppermill Restaurant in Pasadena

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Calib Edwards, 1950 Ford Pickup

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