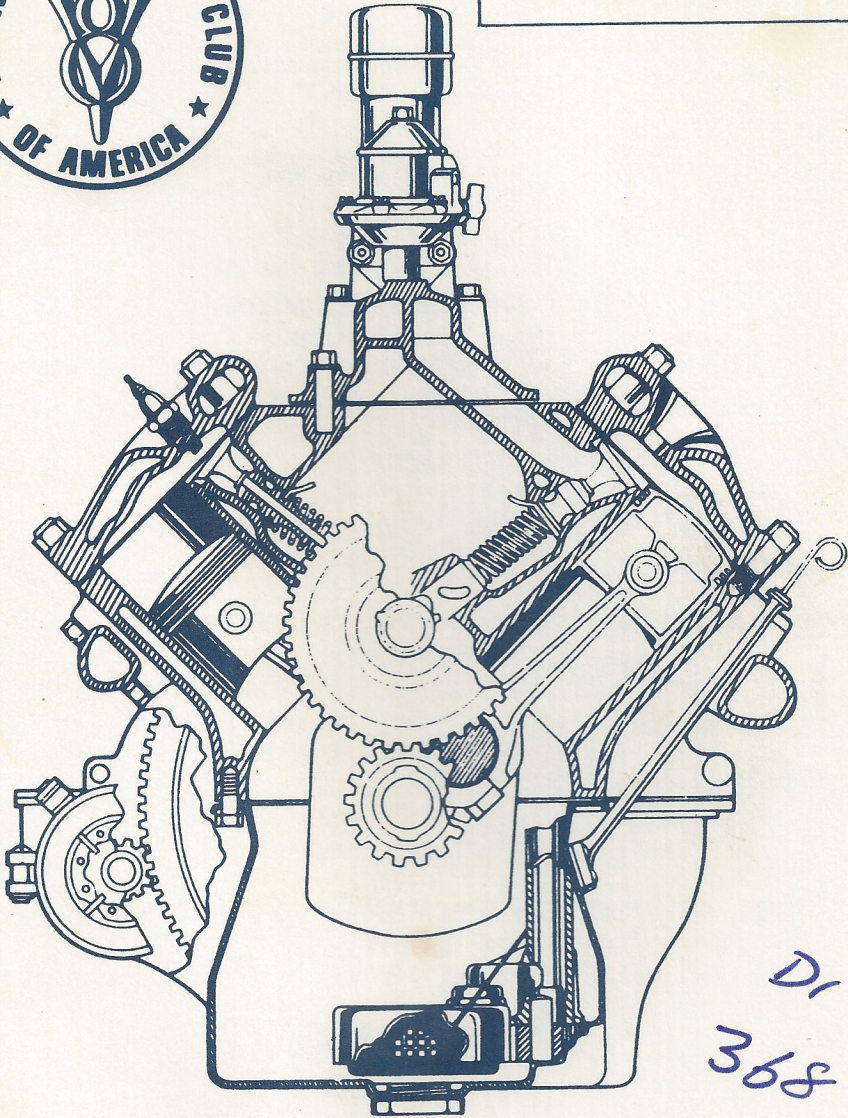


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THE VALLEY V-8's

January 1991
"Our 20th Year"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Henry Ford and Company built millions of Fords. His thought, of course, was that everyone could afford a Ford. Whether you were a businessman, plumber, farmer or a housewife, Henry's "Ford" was for the working class. While Fords were in production he set affordable prices. He was a leader. Even Chevy and Plymouth took lessons on car pricing & mass productions.

If you (Early V-8 Club members) think about it... we have been "selected" or "chosen" to maintain and preserve these Ford beauties. To drive your "pride and joy" on the weekend or just to back it out of the garage is a thrill. If only leaded gas was still 27.9¢ per gallon!!

I would like to plan a June or July driving meeting. We would start from a park (approximately 4 p.m.) and drive to 2 or 3 members homes, view their cars and garage set up. Perhaps at the first "thrill spot" we would have hors d'oeuvres or snacks. At the second garage have an actual dinner, perhaps pizza or a 6 foot long sandwich or even a potluck and with the third garage a dessert. What are your ideas? Would you volunteer your garage or back lawn for this type of program? Call me.

By now you have received your "Dues" Letters. If not call me at 782-9883. We want to have an up-to-date Roster and Membership card for all members at our March meeting.

"Here's to 1991"

Joe D.



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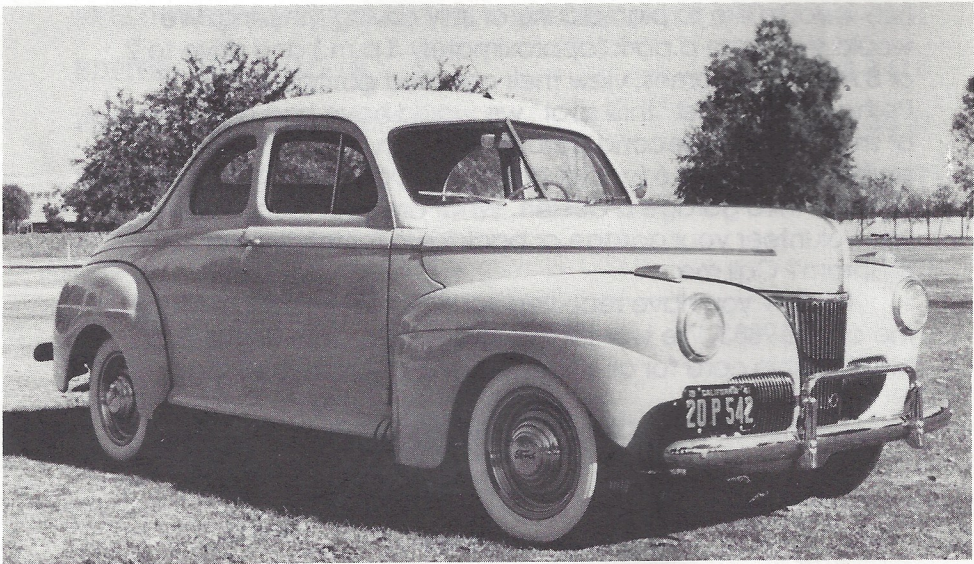
**Don't wait for an accident to find out
you've got the wrong coverage.**

Our January 6th meeting has to do with "The Guide Lines & Fine Lines" of Classic Car Insurance.

Our speaker will be Ken Banks, owner of KB insurance service (General Broker for Quisenberry Insurance) in North Hollywood. He is the owner of a couple of classic cars (unfortunately no Fords, but still a nice guy).

He is a past president of North Hollywood Rotary and resides in North Hollywood with his lovely wife, Shirley.

You may want to bring a guest or a prospective member. See you then.



Let's talk about the "41". After the stylish 40—apparently someone at the Ford Company thought that a "bubbletype" body was needed. No more running boards, wider seating area, the column shift was in its 2nd year and bigger cars were needed for the 40's.

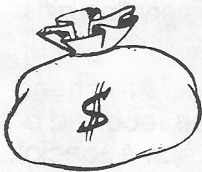
Holiday Party - Dec. 8th

TOUR

The Valley V-8's join the CHVA and the W.P.C. clubs on a tour to the Richard Carpenter car collection in Pico Rivera. Richard Carpenter is the male half of the famous "Carpenters" recording and stage duo. Meet at Woodley Park at 11:00 A.M. on January 13th.

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 6 Swap meet at Pomona Fairplex—Go Early
- Jan. 6 Regular meeting, Security Pacific Bank, Magnolia & Laurel Canyon, 7:30 P.M. Tire kicking at 7:00 P.M.
- Jan. 13 Tour to the Richard Carpenter car collection. Meet at Woodley Park, 11:00 A.M. Contact: Chuck Shubb
- Feb. 3 Regular meeting at Security Pacific
- Feb. 9 Tour to San Sylmar



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SECRETARY'S VIEWPOINT

Jerry Jensen

It was a warm night for December; but not warm enough to melt the artificial snow on the path from the parking area to the Calimigos Ranch bouquet room. The Valley V-8's gathered at the Calimigos Ranch for the annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 8th.

Before dinner, members gathered in front of the large stone fireplace and enjoyed the warmth of both the fire and the good fellowship of the folks gathered there. A good glass of wine or your favorite brew didn't hurt either.

A very fine dinner of prime rib or chicken was enjoyed by all. One of our members had dinner the previous night at a well know celebrity restaurant at a much greater cost, and said it didn't compare. After dinner, Santa arrived from the North Pole, well would you believe Thousand Oaks? Santa was assisted by two elves in distributing gifts. You don't believe that either? How about Judy Shubb and Carole Jensen as the elves? It was obvious that some people didn't keep the cost of their gifts to the guidelines as there was some very fine gifts seen.

Incoming President Joe DiFatta was not able to attend and expressed his apologies to all. 1990 officers received a plaque in recognition of their service for the year. A special thanks to Al and Ruth Spencer for organizing the party and to Don Durkee alias Mr. Claus.

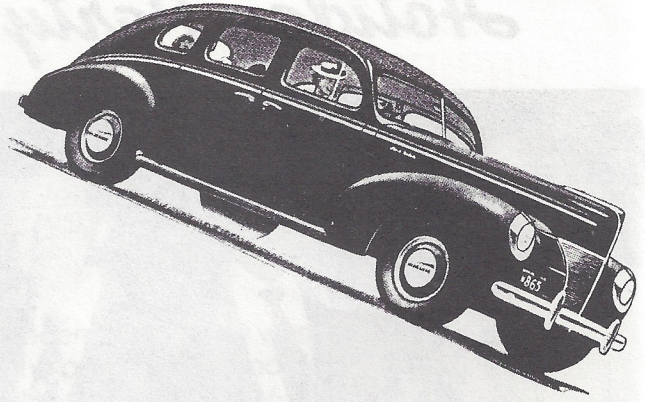
Security Pacific has taken over Mercury Savings. If the sign hasn't been changed as of this writing, it probably will be by the January meeting. See you at the Security Pacific Bank in January.

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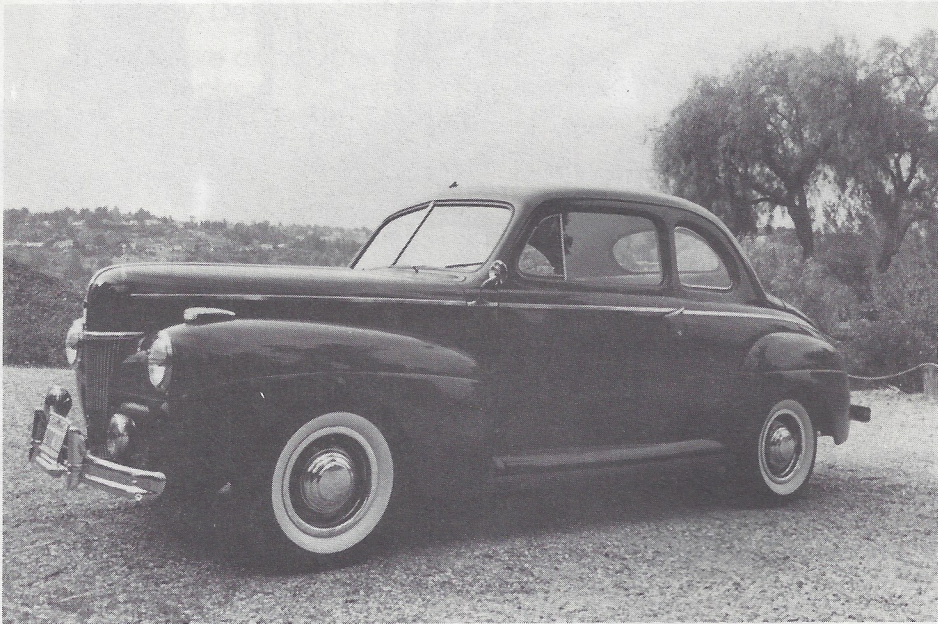


A great time was had by all in attendance.

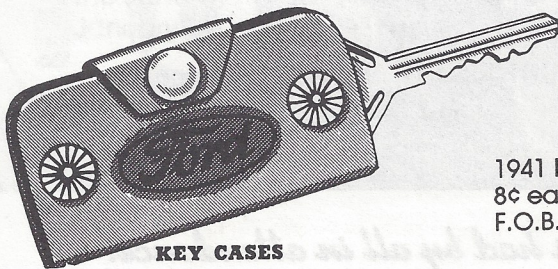
"Bye 1940 Ford"



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1941 Ford Coupe - Owned by member Jack Kelejian



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KEY CASES

LAUGHING ALL THE WAY

A 1951 Crown Victoria helped bring humor to a couple's first Christmas.

BY LINDA STAFFORD

In 1961, when I was 19 and living in Colorado, I bought a powder-blue 1951 Ford Crown Victoria. My boyfriend, Don, had just returned from the Marines and didn't have a car, so I did the driving on our dates.

We soon were married, and I looked forward to spending our first Christmas together and starting our own family traditions. I thought it would be romantic to drive to a Christmas tree farm in the nearby mountains and chop down our own tree.

When we got home, we discovered that the ropes on the tree had slipped loose.



We walked through knee-deep snow for an hour before we found the perfect tree. It was beautiful! We cut it down and tied it onto the trunk of our Ford.

When we got home, we discovered that the ropes had slipped loose. We had dragged the tree behind the car for 30 miles, and there wasn't a needle left on it. We laughed until we were too weak to stand and then collapsed into the snow.

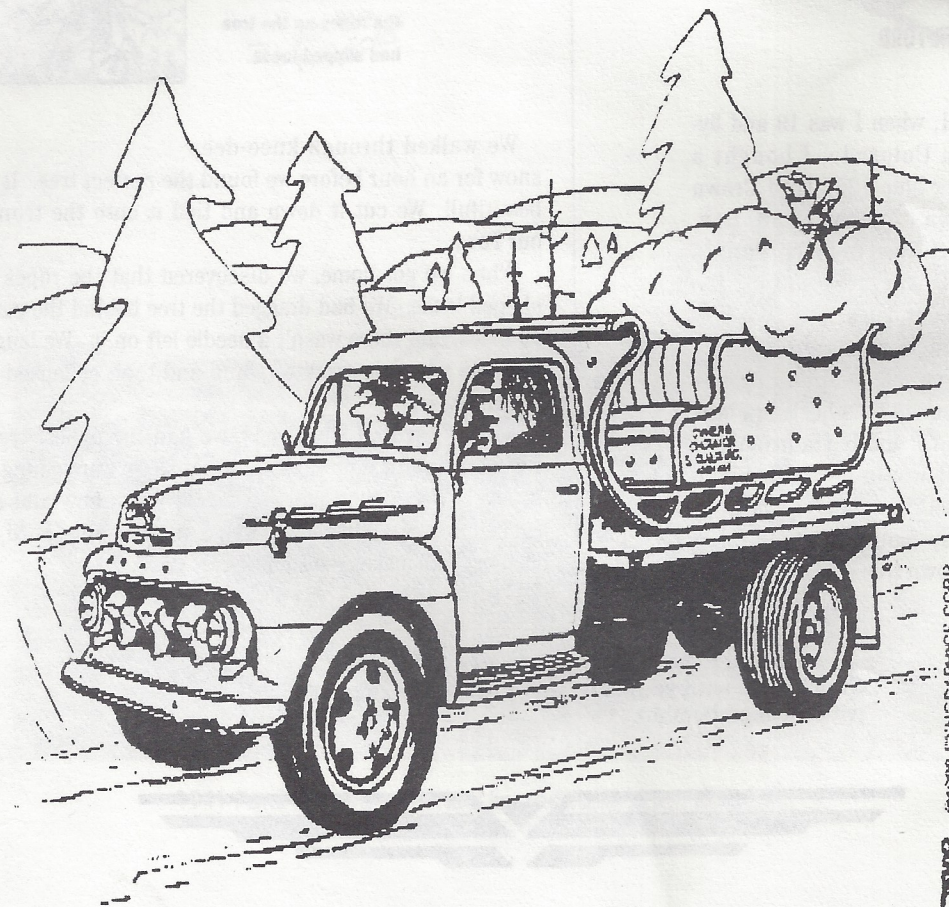
So, for our first Christmas, we had the ugliest tree in the world, but it didn't matter because we were young and in love. We've been married for 24 years now and have four children. Whenever I see a powder-blue Ford, the memory still makes me smile. ■

Do you have a favorite story to tell?? Contact Chuck Mair with your story and photo. Lets share it with the membership.



**If you need a membership badge
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Even Santa Claus depended on a Ford to
make his rounds.

(picture courtesy of North Pole)



Gets the Spirit at 16

Gary Clark of St. Joseph, Mo. sits behind the wheel of his 16th birthday present, a "new" 1974 Chevrolet Vega "Spirit of America" hatchback, given to him this past summer by his father, Gerald Clark. Dad writes, "The car was bought in 1974 when Gary was born, and it was stored in our basement with a wall built around it. Gary couldn't believe it when he discovered what was going on." The Vega, which has four miles on the odometer, will be entered in shows and exhibits in the Midwest.



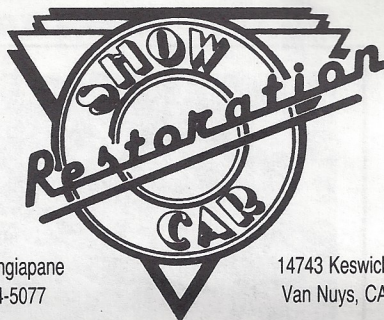
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Insurance statistics

By Marty Caskey

My automobile insurance company sent me some interesting statistics the other day, and I thought I'd share them with you. These figures originated from the National Safety Council and a national automobile insurer.

While these findings directly apply to everyday driving, if you take your antique on the road, they apply to you, too! These figures scrutinize the frequency of typical loss claims experienced by an automobile driver.

- A bodily injury claim occurs once every 47 years.
- A medical claim occurs once every 67 years.
- A property damage claim occurs every 19 years.
- A comprehensive claim occurs every 14 years.
- A collision claim occurs every 14 years.
- An emergency road service claim occurs every 13 years.

People with driving convictions are more likely to have accidents. For example, drivers with two convictions are 256 percent more likely to have an at-fault accident than drivers with no convictions. And drivers with three convictions are 321 percent more likely to have an at-fault accident than drivers with no convictions.

Nearly 80 percent of all male drivers and 90 percent of all female drivers are accident free for the last three years.

Interesting figures, aren't they? I bring them up because, as a hobbyist, I like to drive my antique cars regularly. This means that while I'm on the same roads as everyone else, I'm affected by these probabilities.

I've seen accidents occur that involve antique cars. In fact, my car was narrowly missed but a 1911 touring car behind me was hit by a runaway and driverless modern car that rolled down the owner's driveway and into our lane of traffic. The damage to the touring car was not extensive, but the owner couldn't just go down to the parts store and replace the damaged pieces.

There is also a difference in performance capabilities between older and newer cars. I live in fear that the owner of a newer car with an anti-lock braking system will cut in front of me and stop suddenly. While my cars are perfectly safe by any standards, very few cars, whether old or new, could avoid an accident in this type of situation. And being in the right or not doesn't help you find the necessary body parts.

No one has to remind you to be on your guard when you drive. However, I caution drivers of antique vehicles to be especially careful.

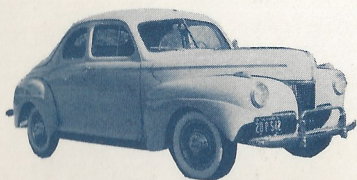
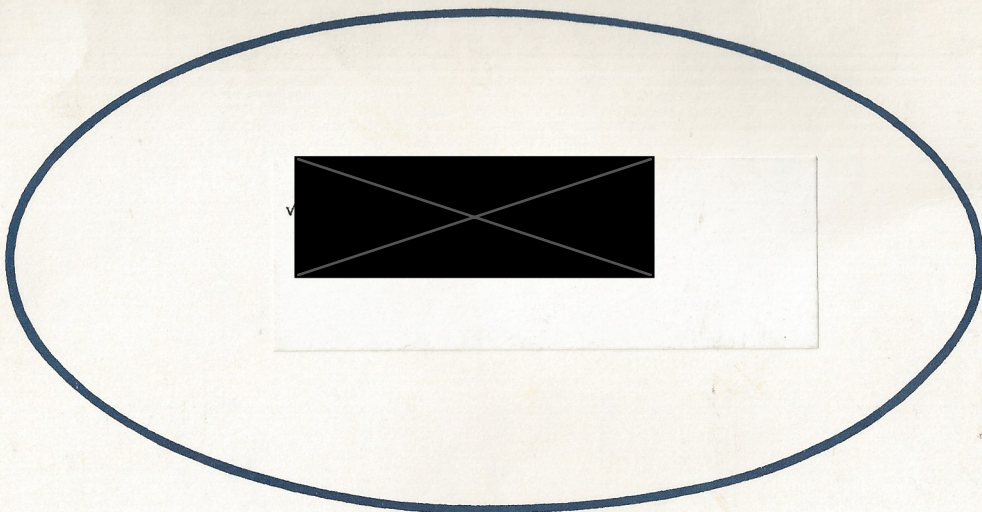
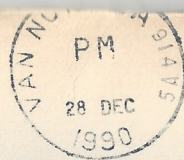
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