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THE VALLEY V-8's

February 1991 "Our 20th Year"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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mem'ber (mem'ber), n. [OF. membre, fr. L. membrum.] 1.

Archaic. A bodily part or organ, esp., a limb. 2. One of the persons composing a society, community, or party. 3. Short for: a Eng. Member of Parliament (i. e. of the House of Commons). b U.S. Member of Congress (i. e. of the House of Representatives). 4. A part of a whole; an independent constituent of a body, structure, or any organized thing, or a unit in a series, as one of the sides of an algebraic equation or one of the propositions of a syllogism; as, a species is a member of a certain genus. 5. Bot. A unit of structure in a plant body. — Syn. See Part.

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mem'her-ship, n. 1. State or status of being a member. collective body of members, as of a society.

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As you can see, "Webster" defines membership as a body of members. Every organization, including the Valley V-8's members, get together once a month (unless there is an extra event) to share and present their knowledge, and, of course, to show-off their "beauty". For a few, this will be their last issue of this bulletin and will miss some great opportunities. Our membership was at approximately 90 members. As of this date, I received 70 renewal checks. Check with your fellow members and friends and let's keep them listed in the Roster Book. February 15th is the deadline date.

At the January meeting we discussed Antique Auto Insurance. I'm sure that everyone in the club has insurance coverage. How we drive our cars and how we care for them is very important... More Club Events!!

My humble "Thanks" to the great turnout of the 50 members and guests that attended the January meeting.

Joe DiFatta President 1991







Program for February 3rd Meeting

Those of you attending our February meeting are in for a special treat. Our speaker will be John Powell, a long time member of the Valley V-8s and the Ventura V-8s. John will be taking us back in time to relate his experiences working in the service department of several Ford dealerships during the last forty-four years. John began this odyssey in Niagara Falls, New York in 1948 and has spent the last twenty-nine years in California. He is currently employed by a dealership in the Ventura area. Many of us have been entertained by John's accounts of these experiences as he has shared these stories informally on tours and outings. Now we all have a chance to learn what it was like for Ford service organizations to cope with the totally unfamiliar design of the 1949 Ford and much more. This is one program you will not want to miss.

Larry Caplan.. Meeting Chairman





Vintage Cars Driven to the January Meeting

41 Ford Club Coupe Jack Kelejian **Ernie Baily** 48 Plymouth Sedan John & Virginia Wolf 40 Ford Coupe 41 Ford Coupe Chuck Mair 39 Ford Deluxe Tudor Jerry Jensen Jerry Littner 37 Ford Coupe Richard Delaney 53 Ford Convertible Tom Welch 40 Ford Coupe 36 Ford Cabriolet Robert Dixon 48 Ford Coupe Joe DiFatta

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 3 Regular meeting, Security Pacific Bank, Magnolia & Laurel Canyon, 7:30 P.M. Tire kicking at 7:00 P.M.
- Feb. 3 All Ford Show sponsored by Mustang Owners Club at Woodley Park
- Feb. 9 Tour to San Sylmar, meet Woodley Park (South of Victory Blvd.) at 12:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Swap Meet at Veteran's Stadium, Long Beach
- March 3 Regular meeting at Security Pacific
- March 3 Pomona Swap Meet

Secretary's Viewpoint

by Jerry Jensen

On January 6th prior to the regular meeting President Joe DiFatta brought the Board together to discuss a number of items.

- 1. It is time for our annual dues to be paid, the deadline is Feb. 15th for members to be included in the membership roster, coming out in March.
- 2. Chuck Mair needs material for the Drive-lines. He would especially like articles on the '41 Ford for the fiftieth anniversary of this model.
- 3. Virginia Wolf needs those members that haven't sent their birthday birthday information to her, to please do so. (Especially the spouse.)
- 4. Security Pacific has informed us that they will not renew our contract for use of their facility. That means by May we will have to find another facility to have our meetings. If you know of a centrally located institution that has a community room we can use, please notify Joe DiFatta.
- 5. Discussion of ways to recruit new members produced several ideas, such as placing a card on windshields of cars we see, or placing flyers at Bill Norton's Valley Ford Parts, also at Auto Books store in Burbank. Any ideas from the membership will be appreciated.

With 50 members and guests in attendance, President Joe DiFatta opened his first meeting by having everyone stand up and introduce themselves and state their occupation and what collector cars they owned.

Chuck Shubb discussed the upcoming tour to San Sylmar. Final details were not yet set. Information will be in the February Drivelines. San Sylmar has a dress code for visitors, no levis or grubby clothes.

Miles Schofield commented on the new state bill AB 2912, which requires a \$5 per year fee payable to DMV to keep a vehicle in nonoperational status. He recommended we write letters to our assemblyman or state senator if we oppose this legislation. For more information call Miles.

Secretary's Report... con't

Allan Franklin missed out on \$30 by not being there for the

name tag drawing.

Ken Banks was the guest speaker for the evening. His topic was collector car insurance. Ken had a lot of interesting information on the requirements for this type of vehicle to be driven less than 2,500 miles annually, no drivers under 25 and no male drivers under 30, vehicle must be garaged and vehicle must be stock. If you are making a long trip to a national meet it is necessary to get approval from the insurance company. The insured must adhere to these standards or premiums will go up. Ken fielded questions from the membership at the conclusion of his talk. I'm sure everyone came away from this meeting with a better knowledge of collector car insurance.

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Wanted

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Plans are in the works for some Saturday and/or Sunday Events...We need you, your spouse and your Ford!



JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 19	_	Jack Miles
January 23	_	Dorothy Lippert
January 25	_	John Wolf
January 28	_	Jerry Littner
February 4	-	Marsha DiFatta
February 6	_	Cecily Adams
February 11	_	Don Durkee
February 25	_	Joe DiFatta
February 27	_	Lin Kemmerer
February 27	_	Patricia Culp

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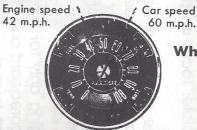
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WOULD YOU BELIEVE....

NOT ONE CLUB MEMBER OWNS A '49 FORD!!

However, 7 members own '50 Fords.. they are:
Bob Campbell, Don Durkee, Ed Hardin, Paul Janisse, Jerry Jensen, Kent Lowry and Bud Williams.
-BRING 'EM TO THE FEBRUARY 3RD MEETING-

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As CHAIRMAN of Ford Motor Company, Donald E. Petersen never grabbed the limelight and retired early at 63. But his success sticks out: from 1986 through 1988 Ford did the unthinkable and out-earned the larger General Motors Corporation. Petersen accomplished this by adhering to a common-sense management principle: focus on products, and profits will follow.

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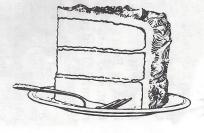
Peterson explained: "Managing only for profits is like playing tennis with your eye on the scoreboard and not on the ball." —Paul Ingrassia in The Wall Street Journal.

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"Duffy's Dozen"

Duffy Schamberger, of Duffy's Collector Car Connection, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has chosen his "Duffy's Dozen" of the most requested cars in today's market.

- 1, 1953-64 Chevrolet convertibles.
- 2. 1953-59 Ford convertibles, retractables and Crown Victorias.
- 3. Street rods. He is getting a lot of calls for 1932-52 rods with late model drivetrains. Two-door sedans are best, coupes are good and four-doors and roadsters are OK.
- 4. Early Ford V-8s from 1932-52 are strong. Almost any high quality car of any model will sell quickly if it is correct and priced right. Convertibles are first choice, coupes and Tudors next, then wagons and sedans. All are good.
- 5. Packards from 1930-53 are very marketable.
- 6. Thunderbird convertibles, especially the four-seater 58-66 models with lots of options. The strongest is the 62-63 Sports Roadster.
- 7. Buick convertibles from 1940-60 are good. They're very rare to find but sell quickly.
- 8. Corvettes have weakened from their lofty perch a year ago, but a quality 55-67 that is correct and priced right is an easy sale.
- 9. Cadillac convertibles form 1940-58 are still good values and should appreciate. The 59s and up are plentiful and have plateaued at the moment.
- 10. Lincoln Continental convertibles from 1961-67 have always been a favorite of Schamberger's and sell very quickly.
- 11. Camaro Indy 500 Pace Car convertibles from 1967-69 are easy to move.
- 12. Pickup trucks are very strong. We have many requests for half-ton 1935-72 Chevrolets, Fords and some Dodges if unmodified.

According to Schamberger, "You will notice musclecars absent from this list. There are so many available that none stick out as being scarce or pre-sold before arrival.

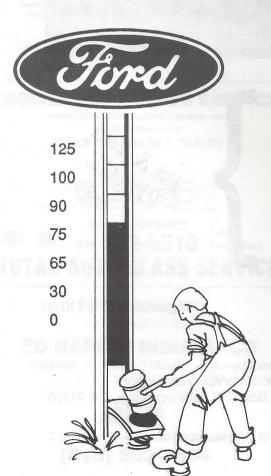
"You must buy what you like and enjoy what you buy."

MEETING PLACE....

Fellow members.. since Mercury Savings sold to Security Bank, our last meeting at the bank will be on Sun., May 5th.

A few members are checking on locations to Meet. Possible places include: Coast Federal in Chatsworth, Mid Valley YMCA, Fidelity Savings on Ventura & Fulton & Galpin Ford.

Since we can't please everyone, about the place and day to meet, let's hear from you, if you have a possible location such as a bank, pre-school facilities or an auto agency or club house or even a church contact: Joe DiFatta, we'll decide by vote.



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