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THE VALLEY V-8's March 1991 "Our 20th Year" PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another great turnout at the club this month. A lot

of happy Fords in the parking lot!

Thanks to Larry Caplan for having John Powell as our speaker (and is now a member) at our club. I know many of members learned new things about the cars between the years 1940 to 1955. It seems the 40 to 48's were the best. Now, I know why only one or two members own a 1949 Ford!!!!

Every time I read articles about Henry Ford it mentions that he was a perfectionist. He was striving for the ultimate car. He loved a challenge and was a doer. I guess we all could take a lesson from him. Wonder how he would tackle the car problems of today?? Fuel prices, shortages, smog, I.R.S., E.P.A., OSHA, Unions (of course, he knew about those). Oh, Well.

Your board is working and doing. They are constantly coming up with great programs and great tours. I have attended other car club meetings...we don't take a back seat to any other club. Our members are friendly...just you be friendly-extend your hand of friendship. I have listed in this issue, program and tour dates. Tell the wife and friends about our tours. In March we are going to Teguila Willie's in Manhattan Beach. A special drawing for all Ford participants. Remember your are paying insurance on them Ford beauties...so you might as well drive them.

The roster is done. Many Thanks to Paul Kirk for the typesetting. Each of you will receive 2 rosters. If I have overlooked anyone or if there is a mistake, call me. Also, name tags will be included to be placed in your badge.

You will need to cut them to fit your badge holder. .

Last but not least....A contract has been signed with the Western Federal Savings at 12175 Ventura Blvd., for future club meetings. We will not start there until the July meeting. They have a modern room with a copacity of 70 to 80 people, and the Good News-AMPLE PARKING. Unless someone has a better suggestion, we will start there in July. Hopefully this will work for all.

Program for March 3rd Meeting







LETS COMPARE...

Our speaker for the March meeting will be Sherwood Kahlenberg. Sherwood is currently a Builder/Contractor in the

San Fernando Valley.

His vast knowledge of Chrysler automobiles extend for many years. He has been involved in many cars shows throughout the area. He produced the 60th Anniversary car show in Detroit in 1985...arranging one of each year Chrysler Product Cars from 1925 to 1985.

Born in Detroit, but raised in North Hollywood and graduated from North Hollywood High School. Sherwood and his wife Rita are proud parents of 3 grown children, Aaron, Paula and Heidi.



JACKPOT

We will draw for 2-\$25.00 Winners at the March 3rd Meeting You must be present and wear your badge to win



Tequilla Willie's... OLE!!

"Our first big Tour is ready for you."

When: Sunday, March 10th

Time: Leave 9:30 A.M. from Woodley Park

(South off Victory Blvd.)

Price: Adults \$12.00 - Kids \$5.00

Tour to Tequilla Willies in Marina Del Rey.

Afterwards we will go on a Mystery tour.

Price includes Raffle for participants driving their Vintage Ford. Special drawing just for the ladies.

Please R.S.V.P. to: Chr

Chuck Shubb 882-2927

709-1512

Rob Rose Joe DiFatta

362-4842 782-9883 368-8600

We're betting on you...

Chuck Shubb says only 10 to 12 Vintage Fords will show up....President Joe D. says at least 18 Fords will be there-the loser pays for breakfast.



ITALIAN NIGHT-FRI MARCH 22

Get your favorite gal and as a club go out to dinner Friday, March 22nd, 7 p.m., meet at Alfredo's Restaurant, 11908 Balboa Blvd., north of Rinaldi. a-nice-a Italian place, moderate prices, good pasta, pizza and good people. Ample parking in front...

Then if wish, we'll proceed to Bob's "Big Boy"
Restaurant, on Sherman Way near Canoga. I should have your
R.S.V.P.S......So Call Joe D. 782-9883 or 368-8600

(after 6).

Secretary's Viewpoint

By Jerry Jensen

President Joe DiFatta again demonstrated a flair to be innovative. To start the February 3rd meeting he had everyone stand and introduce the person on their left, whether friend, spouse or new acquaintance. It takes more than a couple of minutes to introduce 50 people, particularly when some introductions became quite elaborate or entail jokes or stories.

To encourage members to be friendly with all people, President Joe appointed a secret hand shaker. The first person to shake the secret hand shakers hand would be awarded \$5. In this case the secret hand shaker was Kent Lowry and the friendly guy that became \$5 richer was Dudley Ochsner.

To encourage members to drive their Early Ford V-8's to meetings, President Joe initiated another new program. Members driving their vintage iron were placed in a drawing for a prize. The winner was Gordie Chamberlin for driving his 40 Ford coupe. The prize was a nice pen.

Refreshments for the meeting were furnished by Ann and Jack Miles. Thanks folks! Don Dupree volunteered to supply and the goodies for the March meeting. In reality Don was

probably volunteering his lady, Bev for the duty.

Ron Mintz was the winner of the name tag drawing. Well he would have if he had been there. To bad Ron, it was 35 bucks!

The speaker for the evening was John Powell. John spent most of his career working in the service departments of Ford or Lincoln Mercury dealers. He started his career in this field in 1948 as an apprentice mechanic at a Ford dealer in New York state, and retired this past year as the service manager at a Lincoln Mercury agency in Ventura.

John had many interesting stories and observations to talk about in his career. John stated that there were few major problems with Fords built through the 40 to 48 model years. When the all new 49 Ford was introduced, all that changed. The new 49 was endowed with many problems and mechanics didn't like them. By the time the 50's were introduced most of the production and engineering defects had been corrected and the 1950 was a better car.

One of the observations John made was that many customers problems related to the lack of proper lubrication on their cars. So keep those old beauties greased and oiled! John concluded his talk by answering questions from the members.

It is time to start looking around for that part, memorabilia item or tool to donate to the club for the annual spring auction. Bill Norton of Valley Ford Parts has agreed to be the auctioneer at the May meeting.

FOR SALE

1957 Ford Ranchero, excellent low mile original. Chuck Shubb 818/882-2927

WANTED

Heat guage for 1938 Deluxe Cal Beauregard 818/355-2739

SECRET HANDSHAKER....

Thanks to our secret greeter, Kent Lowry at the Feb. meeting for shaking hands with everone. He chose the seventh person, and the lucky guy was dudley Oschner. We'll do it again in March. The Secret Greeter could be anyone!!

DRIVE YOUR FORD

Gordie Chamberlin was the winner for driving his Ford to the February Meeting. He won a Ford (Parker) Pen.

SNACKS

Thanks to Ann and Jack Miles for the Goodies at the February Meeting.

Beverly & Don Dupree will be bringing the snacks for

March.

Contact Virginia Wolf (please) about April & May. Just Volunteer....it is so easy.

Vintage Cars Driven to the February Meeting

	-	
Bob Rose	41	Ford Convertible
William Toensing	41	Ford Super Dlx Tudor
Jim Winnett	51	Ford F-2 Pickup
Don Dupree	46	Ford Pickup
Jack Kelejian	41	Ford Club Coupe
Joe DiFatta	48	Ford Club Coupe
Chuck Mair	41	Ford Coupe
George Richards	40	Ford
John Wolf	40	Ford Dlx Coupe
Virginia Wolf	40	Ford Dlx Tudor
Harold Selson	36	Ford Coupe
Jerry Jensen	39	Ford Dlx Tudor
Cal Beauregard	38	Ford Staff Car
Bill Woods	40	Mercury Club Coupe
Doug Peterson	34	Ford Pickup
Gordie Chamberlin	40	Ford Dlx Coupe
Dick Deleney	53	Ford Convertible



Can you quess who...



Who's the happy Bride (3rd from the left)??

Answer on the next page

Happy Honeymooning



Did you GUESS Virginia Wolf...

John and Virginia Wolf were married June 19, 1954. As shown in the picture John and Virginia are on their way to the Wedding Reception in the rear seat of a 1940 Ford 4 door belonging to John's brother. John and Virginia drove up the coast for their "then" 1940 Ford Coupe.

John was employed by Wray Brothers Ford for 30 years, retiring as Service Manager. Virginia, for a while, worked

for Finish Line Engineering in Van Nuys.

They still reside in Sherman Oaks and have 2 grown

daughters and 1 grandson.

They currently own three 1940 Fords and a 36 Roadster. The Ford Club is a better club because of these two great people. The Valley V8's are proud of John and Virginia Wolf.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monthly Meeting Programs....
- Sun., Mar. 3rd Sherwood Kahlenberg
 Let's compare... Plymouth, Ford or Chevy
- Sun., Apr. 7th John Deats
 Differential setup & Columbia overdrive
- Sun., May 5th Bill Norton
 Auto Parts Auction (start accumulating your
 auto parts and memorabilia for this meeting)
- Sun., June 2nd Meet at Woodley Park at 4 p.m. proceed to
 Don Dupree's home and garage and then drive
 over to Jack & Helen Kelejian's home & garage
 Pizza or sandwiches will be availablealso
 may play Bingo!!

UPCOMING TOURS

Your support is needed for these tours

- Sun., Mar.10th Tequila Willies at Manhatten Beach and Mystery Tour
- Sun., Apr. 14th PICNIC See the Wild Flowers
 Lake Hughes areas Pat Berry, Coordinator
- Sat. &Sun.,

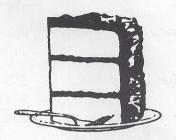
 Apr. 20& 21st Solvang Tour with Don Durkee

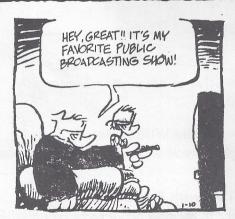
 Leave Sat. a.m. and drive to Solvang with

 Poker Run spend night at Sheraton, BBQ in
 Solvang then home.
- Sun., Apr.21st Spring Car Show at Woodley Park
 Contact Chuck Shubb for information
 Registration \$10.00 arrive at park before 10 a.m.
- Sun., May 19th Pasadena City Tour-Dudley Oschner will have details.
- Sat., June 1st Motion Picture Home Parade at the Calabasas Home for motion picture retirees Contact Cal Beauregard

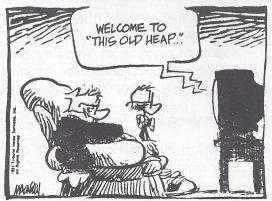
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3rd	Gordie Chamberli
9th	Tony DiMeo
13th	Whitney Rydbeck
15th	Bill Nolan
16th	Don Ashworth
16th	Tom Riela
18th	Ruth Mottern
18th	Ed Warnock
19th	Bob Campbell
21st	Dennis Keene
25th	Kent Lowry
30th	Polly Mair
30th	Jim McCracken
30th	Ruth Thompson









Meet Your Fellow V-8er - R²

By John Kemmerer

This morning I had breakfast with a fascinating man. Among other things, I found out that Jack Benny is not the only celebrity from Waukegan, Illinois

While over the years we have exchanged pleasantries and engaged in short conversations about Fords, or Lin's homemade brownies, I never really talked to R². — I did though have a hint into the breadth of his background when several years ago Lin and I were visiting the Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C.. While there, we happened across an exhibit that included a book called *Lonely Eagles*. I exclaimed, "Hey, I know the guy that wrote that book!" (even though I didn't recognize the picture on the back - thought it was one of the mod squad) No one believed me, but that was okay.

Growing up in Waukegon, R² had his first Ford, a bright red '41 convertible, that he drove until he left for Lake Forrest College in 1958. While at college he met a coed from Windsor, Ontario who was attending Northwestern University – you know how the rest of the story goes.

After graduating from Lake Forrest, R² entered the Navy where his tour of duty brought him to San Diego as a young lieutenant. It was here that he developed his interest in aviation history and a love for California (Fords came later). His tour of duty with the Navy completed, R² followed his father's footsteps and enrolled at Howard University's Dental School in Washington, D.C.. By now you probably figured out that R² is none other than our charming past president **Robert Rose**.

Following graduation from Howard, Bob and Harriet headed West, hanging his shingle first in San Diego, and then in the San Fernando Valley. — Once Bob started doing his root canals, crowns, etc., and the loot started rolling in, he rekindled his interest in building model airplanes and aviation history (yeh, yeh, I know this is supposed to be a car story). Bob became a model kit reviewer for Sentry books and a book reviewer and associate editor for the *Journal of the American Aviation Historical Society*.

In 1974 Bob won the Society's "Contributors Award" for a series of articles he did on the Tuskegee Airmen – through his inquiries for the article, Bob discovered that there was very little, if anything written about this amazing group of black pilots from World War II. As a starting point for his research, Bob contacted his aunt who had been Dean of Women at West Virginia State College. Bob remembered her stories about the Tuskegee airmen that she had met there. With her help he was able to contact and get to know many of the pilots who had trained at Tuskegee and went on to comprise the 99th Fighter Squadron of the 332 Fighter Group in the Mediterranean. Bob's articles for the Aviation Historical Society led to his book *Lonely Eagles* which is currently in its fifth printing and has been used as a text by the History Department at the Air Force Academy. — Bob also designed the ensignia for the Tuskegee Airmens' National Organization.

Now retired from private practice Bob works for the State supervising other dentists. He and Harriet still live in Sylmar. Their two children, Robert, Jr., a graduate of Dartmouth, is director of a boys' home and Verna, a graduate of USC, works for McNeil Pharmaceuticals. In addition to being active in the Valley V-8's, Bob is also involved in the Fabulous Fifties Ford national car club, holding offices of Vice President and board member. Having just recently sold his three window '36 coupe and his '57 "Sam Hanks" Mercury Indianapolis pace car, Bob says he now wants to enjoy his '41 convertible (not the same one he owned in '51) and his '46 Lincoln V-12 convertible. He does miss his Mercury and the occasional rides he would take with Sam Hanks, through the Palisades.

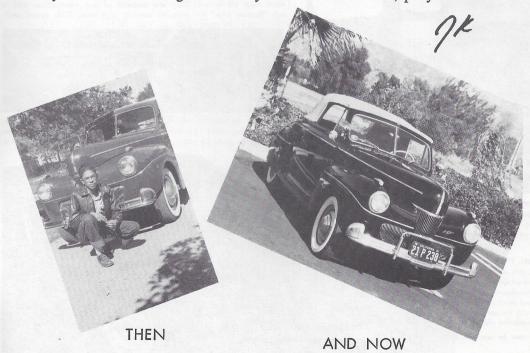
When asked what he remembers most about his year as president in '82 he says "getting the women involved in the activities and making them feel like they are part of the club." — This started with a breakfast for the ladies at Lulu's on Mothers' Day in '82 and has evolved from there. He also remembers the Holiday party at the Saddle Peak Lodge, when Christie Brinkley could not make it and Don Dupree's daughter was a last minute stand in. "She did a great job and was a big hit with the members."

Bob Rose makes Will Rogers look like a misanthrope. He likes everyone! When asked what he enjoyed most about the V-8 club, without hesitation, he said all the many fine people he has met through the years. Being the skeptic I am, I said yeh, like who? He said, "Start with Harold Selson, he's the one that introduced me to the club and is always very helpful, also Don Dupree, another great guy when it comes to needing a hand, or seeking information. And then there's Bill Norton, one of the nicest guys on earth, who many people don't understand. The truth is Bill is in the old car business to help guys like us, kinda like a hobby for him, and whatever financial benefit he gains is really incidental — I could go on and on about all the great people I've met through the club" he said.

Walk up and say hello to Bob the next time you have the opportunity.

— And don't forget about Bob's tour to Tequila Willies on March 16th.

See you at the meeting on Sunday. In the meantime, pray for rain.



Bob Rose and his '41 Convertible in '51

For the Ladies ...



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IMPROVEMENTS



TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- 1. The production of Fords in 1941 was:
 A) 715,312
 B) 691,896
 C) 634,333
- 2. Henry Ford was born
 A) 1876
 B) 1868
 C) 1863
- 3. Henry Ford was nominated for
 A) Vice Pres. of U.S. B) U.S. Senator C) Gov. of
 Michigan
- 4. In 1946, 1st 100 cars produced were six cylinders

True or False

- 5. Chuck Mair's 1941 Business Coupe sold new for:
 A) \$700.00
 B) \$765.00
 C) \$777.00
- 6. The first Ford Crestliner was in A) 1950 B) 1952 C) 1955
- 7. The ID# on a 48 Ford is
 A) Right side of Frame B) Door Jamb C) Left side of
 Frame

Answers on page 16

LOOK ALIKES





Which one is Jerry Jensen and which one is Ralph Nader!!

Meet Harold Selson...



Harold a member since 1971, is the owner of 1936 Coupe and I believe the 36 has a "special motor." Harold, throughout the years, has owned his share of Fords. Very knowledgable in restoring 35-36 Fords.

He and his wife LaVerne resides in Sherman Oaks and just recently, both are recovering from medical illness.

Thanks Harold for your years to the club.

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- 2.
- 3. В
- 4. False all V8's
- 5. \$700.00
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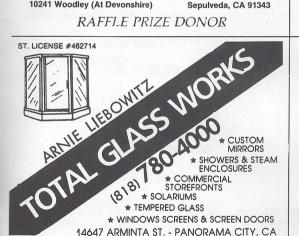
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