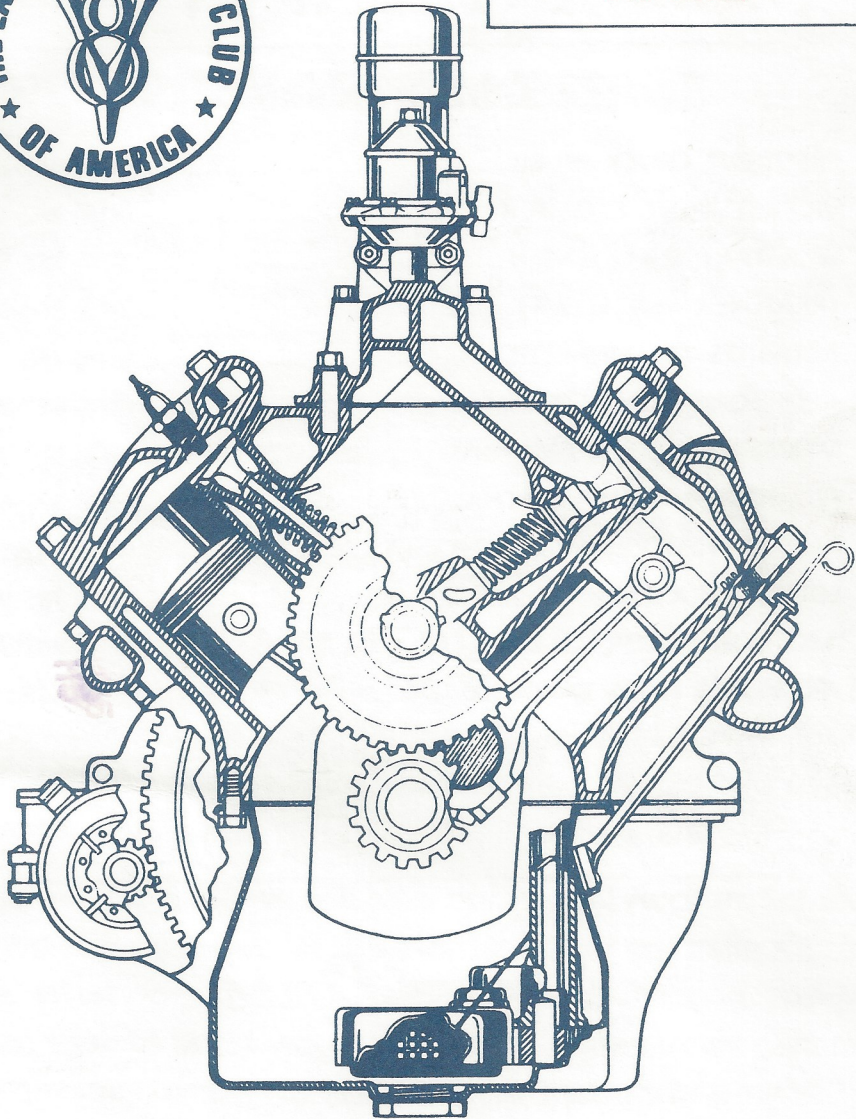


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April is already here. We will be getting our 1992 directories very soon, thanks to the efforts of Terry Smith, Paul Kirk, and Joe DiFatta. The article on Jerry Case was interesting. It is nice to know we have skilled people in our group.

I would like to give special thanks to those of you who submit articles for the Drivelines – Lesley Littner and Chuck Mair.

Tequila Willie's was a fun and successful event as usual - thanks again, Bob Rose.

April brings us a choice of Car Shows on April 12 - The CHVA Show in Woodley Park and The Ford Mustang Show at Knott's Berry Farm. We will also be going on our annual Wild Flower Tour this month. With the rain we were blessed with, it should be a beautiful experience.

This month, April, we will have our Annual Auction. Set aside a few goodies for our club, as this event is one of our main sources of income. What do you think? — To attend this meeting, you **MUST** bring an item to sell. I would appreciate some money generating ideas from you members to help keep our Treasury healthy.

Congratulations to Bob McCullagh on the acquisition of that beautiful '40 Ford Convertible. He is a lucky guy.

Just a reminder! Western Federal Savings, our meeting room host, would appreciate our members' business.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 5th MEETING

Western Federal Savings — 7:00 p.m.

Our program for April is going to feature the annual Parts Auction. As you know, this has always been one of our painless (and fun) ways of raising the necessary dollars to pay for club expenses. This year, our president, Chuck Shubb, is going to double as the doorman/bouncer to see that everyone pays the admission price of a good part for the auction. There are rumors that some people have shown up for our auctions empty-handed in the past - but this is probably an old wives' tale.

Our auctioneer for this event will be the man in front holding up the parts and soliciting bids. (I hate to mention specific names, as some of you might remember last year.) As usual, we will only publish the names of people who bought no parts to protect the privacy of our cherished big spenders and save them from having to answer to their significant others. See you there on April 5th!

Larry Caplan

The refreshments at the April meeting will be supplied by Tomy Thompson and Virginia Wolf.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

Sunday, April 5th — GENERAL MEETING 7:30 p.m.

ANNUAL PARTS AUCTION - Bring a part or some memorabilia.

Western Federal Savings - 12175 Ventura Blvd., 2nd Floor

(1/2 block West of Laurel Canyon Blvd. - Lots of good parking.)

FELLOWSHIP - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 12th — CAR SHOW at Woodley Park

Sponsored by C.H.V.A. - Contact President Chuck for details.

Sunday, April 26 — WILD FLOWER PICNIC

Meet at Woodley Park at 9:30 a.m.

Depart Woodley Park at 10:00 a.m.

Bring your picnic supplies.

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GET WELL DEPARTMENT

Beverly Dupree, at a Model T gathering in Arizona,
broke her wrist. Apparently, she slipped on
some OIL in the parking lot!

We hope you recover quickly Beverly!

SECRETARY'S VIEWPOINT

By Jerry Jensen

March 1st, the membership was treated to a different kind of meeting – a different location and a different time. A large turnout arrived at 6:00 p.m., at the Round Table Pizza Parlor in Burbank under threatening skies, to eat pizza and socialize before the meeting. A number of members drove their vintage iron to the meeting, gambling that it wouldn't rain - they lost; it was pouring by the time the meeting was over. It was good to see Al Spencer at the gathering and recovering from his recent surgery.

Prez Chuck Shubb opened the meeting with the usual introduction of guests and new members. Bob Rose gave a pitch on the March 22nd tour to Tequila Willie's in Manhattan Beach. April 12th - two events - the CHVA Car Show at Woodley Park and the Fabulous Fords Show at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park. The Prez also mentioned the Ford sponsored Drive America, a companion fund raising program for the March of Dimes, Walk America. The exact date and particulars will be forthcoming.

After several meetings without a winner in the name tag drawing, Prez Chuck was determined to have a winner this evening. Several cards were drawn before a name that was present came up, but finally a winner - Joe DiFatta.

The program for the evening - the 1946 movie "Devil On Wheels" was provided by Alex DeUlloa. While not an Academy Award Nominee, there were some good scenes of that era's hot rods. There is a very good possibility that some of us recognized ourselves or someone we knew of the characters in the movie. I had a good time. I hope everyone else did. Let's do this number again sometime.

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'63 LINCOLN CONVERTIBLE SEDAN	GEORGE & SHIRLEY RICHARDS
'38 FORD PICKUP	TOMY THOMPSON
'51 F-2 FORD PICKUP	JIM WINNETT
'65 T-BIRD	FRED GRUCHALLA
'52 FORD F-1 PICKUP	LEE WRIGHT
'40 FORD COUPE	DENNIS KEENE
'48 FORD COUPE.....	JOE DIFATTA

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A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO I was feeling pretty good about the way my life was going, and I celebrated with a new car. A big Imperial, with a built-in desk, a work lamp and telephone - it even had a front seat that swiveled around so you could talk to the people in the back comfortably. The car was to be delivered New Year's Eve day.

I was out of town that day, and my wife picked me up at the airport when I flew in; she was in the new car. We were going off to Cape Cod to celebrate New Year's Eve - the plan was to drive directly there, right from the airport. (My wife had already packed my bags, and they were in the car).

So off we went, my wife at the wheel, driving along at a pretty good clip. That's the way she drives. She's always aware of the speed limits, but goes along good.

Well, pretty soon I said to my wife, "Better slow down, I see a Blue Gumball Machine"; that's what we call our highway-patrol cars.

Well, he pulled us over to the side of the road anyway, and asked to see my wife's license. The way the breaks went, she'd just lost it the other day at the skating rink. So she said she didn't have it. Then he asked for the car registration. In Massachusetts you have 48 hours to get a new car registration, and again, the breaks were, we didn't have ours yet on this brand-new car.

I realized it was all getting to look a little funny, so I got out of the car to talk to the officer. The police are part of my world, and I know many of them personally. Sure enough, I did know him, and he recognized me. I spoke to him a moment or two and told him that everything was really all right. So he backed off. But just as he turned away, he said something under his breath. I couldn't catch it, but it had an edge to it. "Next time," he said in a voice only I could hear, "bring your own wife."

I never laughed so hard in my life. You know why he thought my wife wouldn't show her license or registration? Because he thought she wasn't really my wife at all.

And you know who laughed at the story even harder than I did?
My wife.

WHO ARE THEY??

DON'T TURN THE PAGE — GIVE A GUESS!

(Clue: he can be topless sometimes!!)



IT'S GEORGE & SHIRLEY RICHARDS!



George is truly a native Californian, born in North Hollywood in December, 1932. He graduated from North Hollywood High. He has fond memories of the town in the 40's as he was working in his father's butcher shop on the corner of Lankershim Blvd., and Tujunga. "Believe it or not," Lankershim was flanked by huge, lovely pepper trees. No freeways in sight, but the Redcar could take you all the way to the beach if you were temporarily without wheels.

He didn't stay at the butcher shop long. It just wasn't for him. He started as a carpenter and has been a construction superintendent for the last 30 years.

His first car was a '31 Model A. Would you believe he painted it yellow! In his high school years he had a '37 Club Coupe Convertible and a '40 Ford Coupe that he romanced Shirley in. She is a California native too. Born in Los Angeles and graduated from Burbank High. January of this year they celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

They now have a son, Charlie, who teaches high school in the inner city and a daughter, Cherylle and her husband Ernie, who do display work. But, it's their two granddaughters, Jennifer 6 years, and Amanda 2 years that keep them young.

His first restoration was a family project, a 1957 Ford Skyliner that is now a member of the family itself. He's also done a '57 T-Bird and a '63 Lincoln Continental Convertible. But, the biggest project of all is still in the works. That is a 1939 Convertible. It's been a 4-year project that will be completed soon. Now that WILL be cause for a celebration! Get out the champagne - George is currently vice president of our Ford Club.

APRIL TRIVIA QUIZ

by Ralph Hubbard

1. WHAT YEAR WERE PHILLIPS HEAD SCREWS FIRST USED ON EARLY FORD V-8 INTERIOR GARNISH MOLDINGS?
A. 1942 B. 1946 C. 1949 D. 1953
2. WHEN DID THE FORD V-8 FLOOR MOUNTED STARTER BUTTON (Protruding through the floor into the interior) LOOK VERY SIMILAR TO A FLOOR-MOUNTED DIMMER SWITCH?
A. 1932 B. 1933/34 C. 1935/36 D. 1937/38
3. IN WHAT YEAR DID FORD USE ONE (concealed) WIPER MOTOR TO POWER TWO WIPER BLADES?
A. 1939 B. 1940 C. 1941 D. 1942
4. WHEN WAS THE FAMOUS FORD SCRIPT LAST EASILY VISIBLE AS AN IDENTIFICATION ON FORD PASSENGER CARS? (Excluding modern day Fords).
A. 1940 B. 1941 C. 1946 D. 1948

Answers on next page . . . NO PEEKING!

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. B - 1946

2. C - 1935/36

3. A - 1939

4. D - 1948

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13TH — WALTER YOUNKMAN

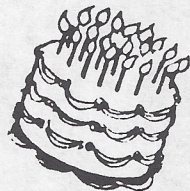
14TH — MICHAEL TOSHIMA

19TH — JOHN POWELL

19TH — KAREN WETTERLIND

23RD — BRUCE BLACKWELL

27TH — GERRY BLACKWELL

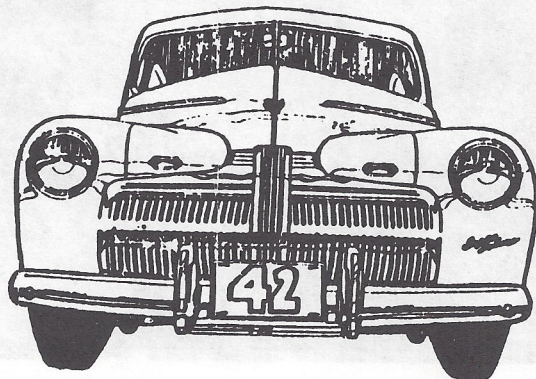


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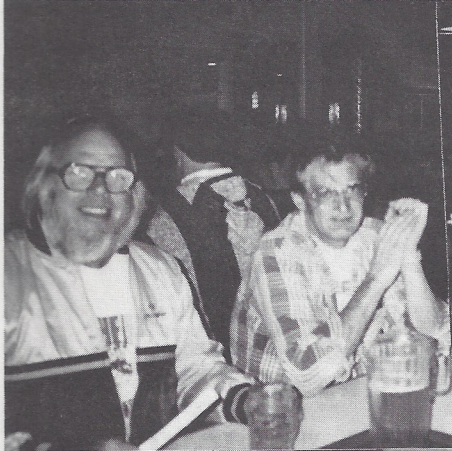
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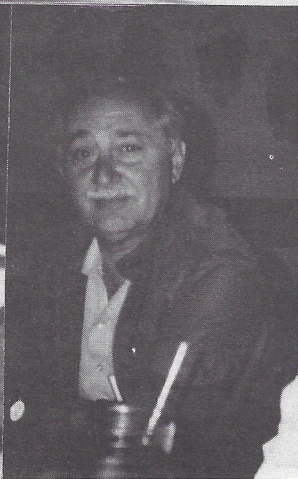
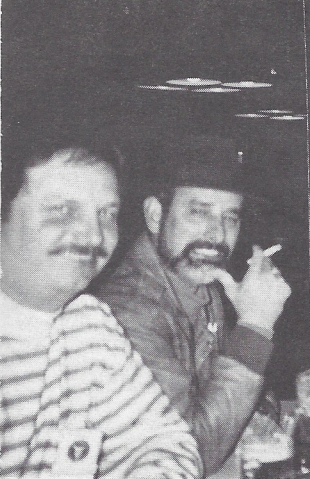
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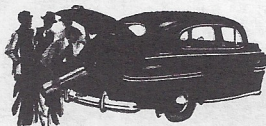
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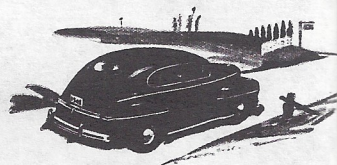
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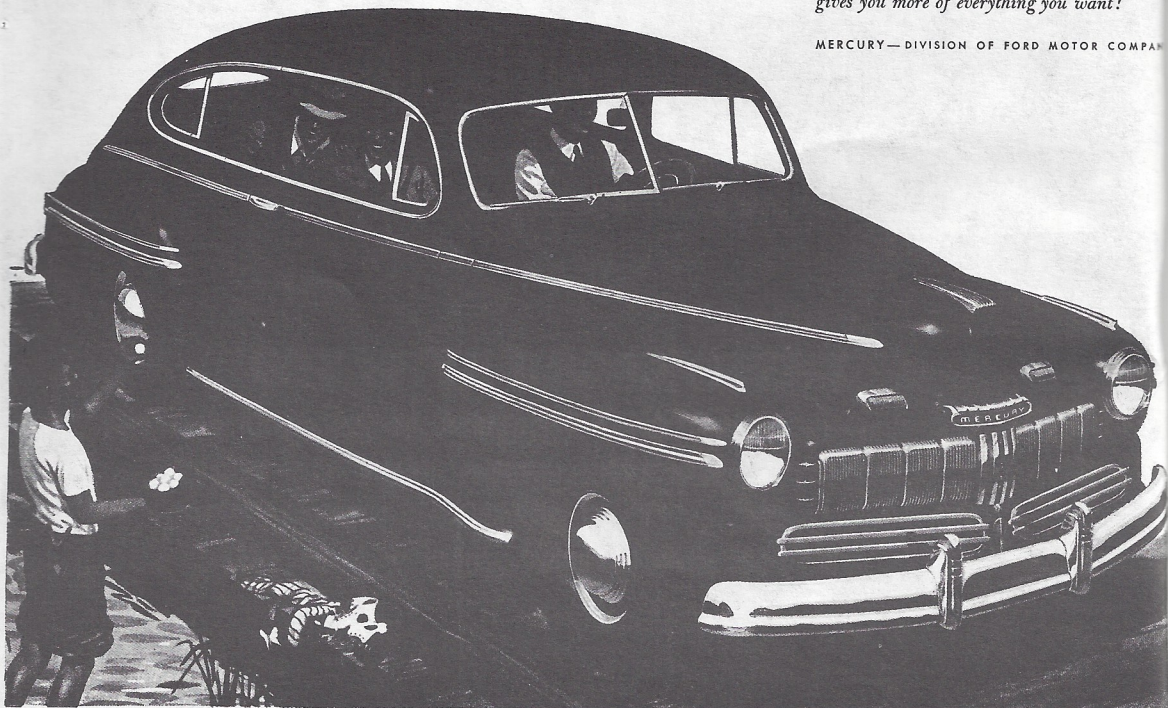
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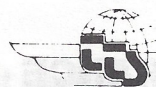
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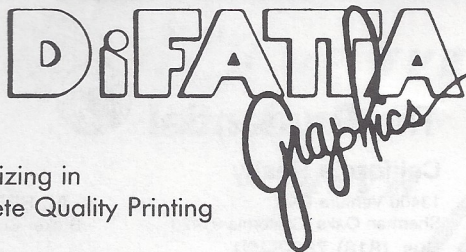
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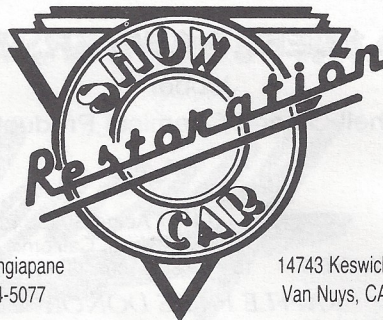
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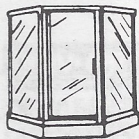


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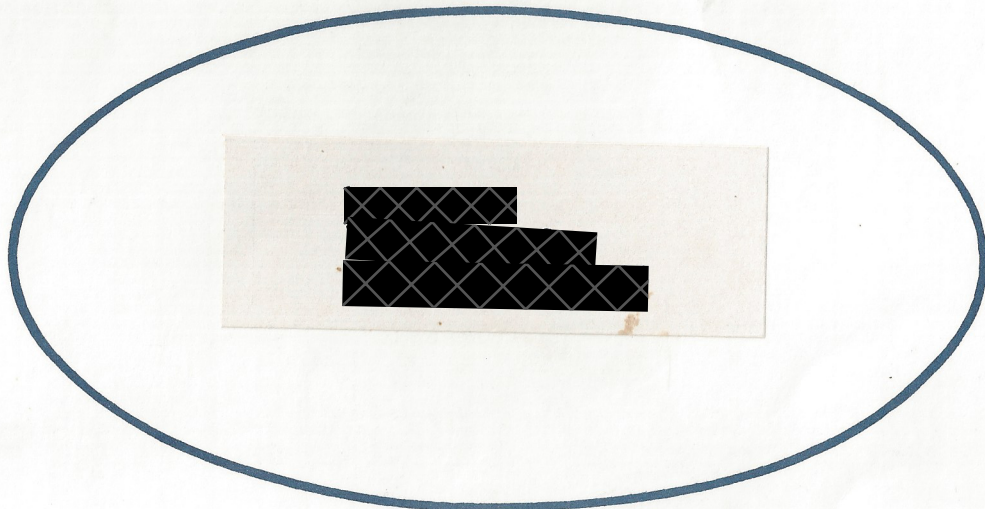
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