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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Chuck Shubb says

Due to unfortunate circumstances the May Meeting was cancelled. We will arrange a future date to have Bert Boechmann, owner of Galpin Ford, to speak to us.

The June meeting is back at Western Federal, same time as normal – 7 p.m. Tire Kicking and 7:30 the meeting. We have an interesting speaker who will be telling us all about early Ford Heaters. See Larry Caplan's column for more details.

May 31st is the W.P.C. Swap Meet at Pierce College upper parking lot. V8'ers can sell for \$10.00 space or cars at \$5.00 a space. Call Jack Pinsker for more information. Days (818) 760–3682 or Eves. (818) 769–5190.

Saturday, June 6th we are invited to the Motion Picture Home Parade Car Show & BBQ. This is a fun event. Lets get the cobwebs off those Early V8's and participate. Let's all support this event. Participation is the secret to getting the most out of your club.

I need input from our members. What kind of activities are you interested in having? Your leadership would like to provide you the type of club you want; Tours, Visit Car Collections, Museums, Car Shows...What do you want? We will discuss this subject at the meeting.



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MAY 3RD WEEKEND A REAL BORE!!

Two Car Shows, Bob's Drive Inn and a Swap Meet at Pierce College (now rescheduled to May 31st) were cancelled. The 55-56-57 Chevy Club with their money maker car show was also cancelled because of the riots in L.A. They actually contribute a large portion of their flunds to a handicap program in the West Valley.

Personally, whose ever right or wrong is hard to establish. We have our opinions. Lots of problems that have been "brewing" that really hit the fireworks stage. Whatever was cooped up in the closet is out in the open now.

Can we get back to normal? Can our kids walk the sidewalks to school and feel safe? Are our businesses safe? Let's hope, we can stay together as a unit and strive for the best.

Just recently I went to see and hear the new Chief of Police Willie Williams speak at a breakfast at the Universal Hilton. He spoke of unity, a better understanding of our people. He, personally, is studying every aspect of our area, our police department. We have a great police force. Besides being a big man, he looks like he can wave a big stick, however, I believe he will bring law and order and confidence back to our city. Thank you for reading,

Joe Di Fatta

A FIELD OF DREAMS...WILDFLOWER TOUR '92

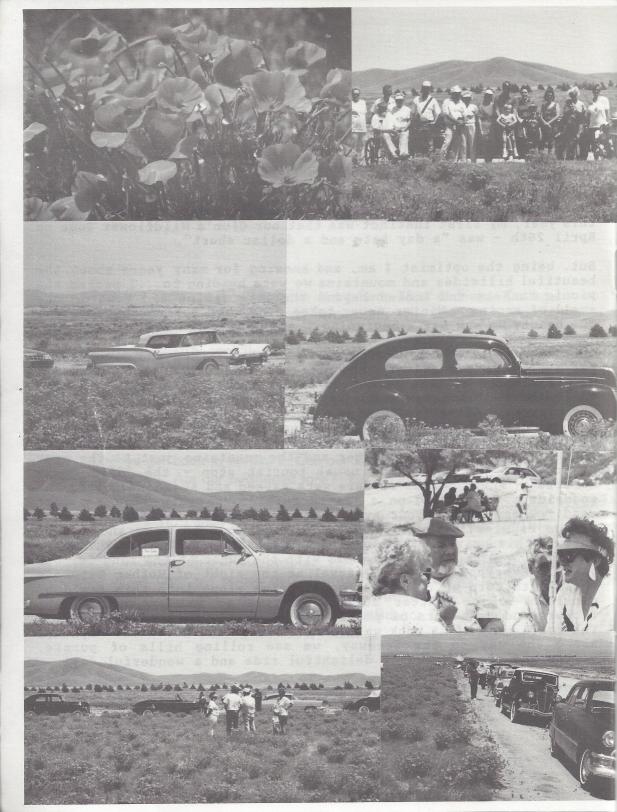
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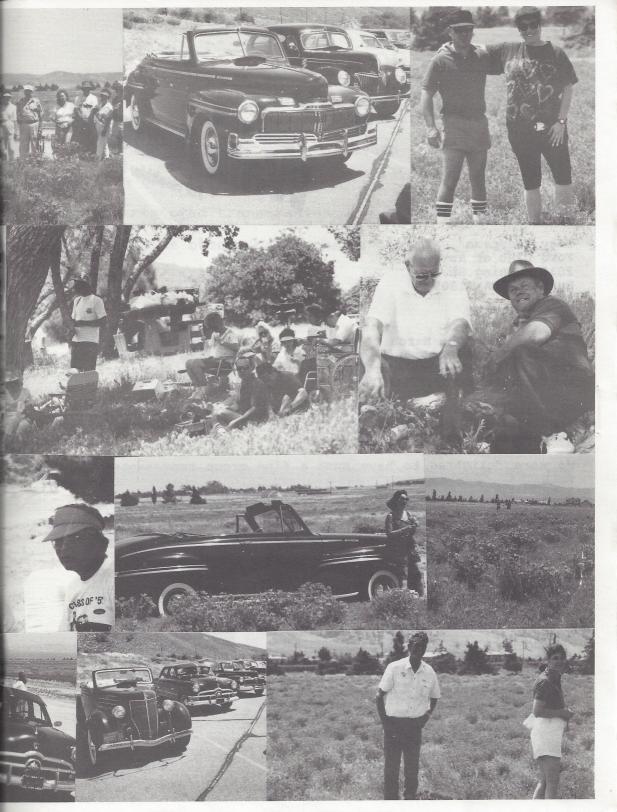
...Because of the early and heavy rains in February and March of this year, my first instinct was that our Club's Wildflower Tour on April 26th - was "a day late and a dollar short".

But, being the optimist I am, and knowing for many years about the beautiful hillsides and mountains we were heading to...I packed the picnic baskets and looked beyond the late timing and towards the smell of spring. Winter never takes away what spring starts anew. The beauty we saw was a beginning...and dreams can still come true.

Our gang met at Woodley Park, where we were joined and directed by Pat Berry, to our primary and ultimate destinations of the tour. We all stopped at Lake Hughes to enjoy our packed picnic lunches while the cool breezes danced off the water to soothe and refresh our caravan. After our tummies were full and our radiators cooled, (the mountain drive was not the easiest for some of the old iron), we headed up-slope again towards the summit that separates the eastern-most side of Lancaster and the mountains just to the east We passed the usual tourist stop - the "Wild Poppy Reserve" - where dozens of cars were parked and abandoned along the roadside. Continuing on a little further, we turned onto a dirt road. There, before our eyes was an incredible field of rust and orange Poppies! We all stopped and got out to view and stroll through this private patch of spring splendor. Our wonderful host, Pat, had made prior arrangements with the owner of the land for our visit. Everyone seemed to marvel at the sight of Mother Nature's ability to turn an otherwise brown-beige slope into this field of glorious color. After sufficient time to wander through the flowers and take lots of photos, we all headed off toward home. The route many of us took was to continue on the northwest highway. Along the way to the freeway, we saw rolling hills of purple, yellow and red. It was a delightful ride and a wonderful day!

Thank you to all who made it so enjoyable. We can hardly wait 'till next year to do it again.





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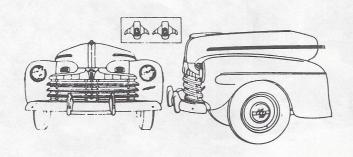
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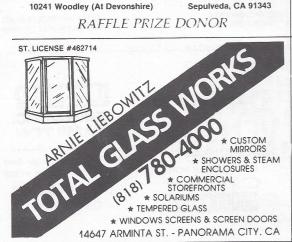
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