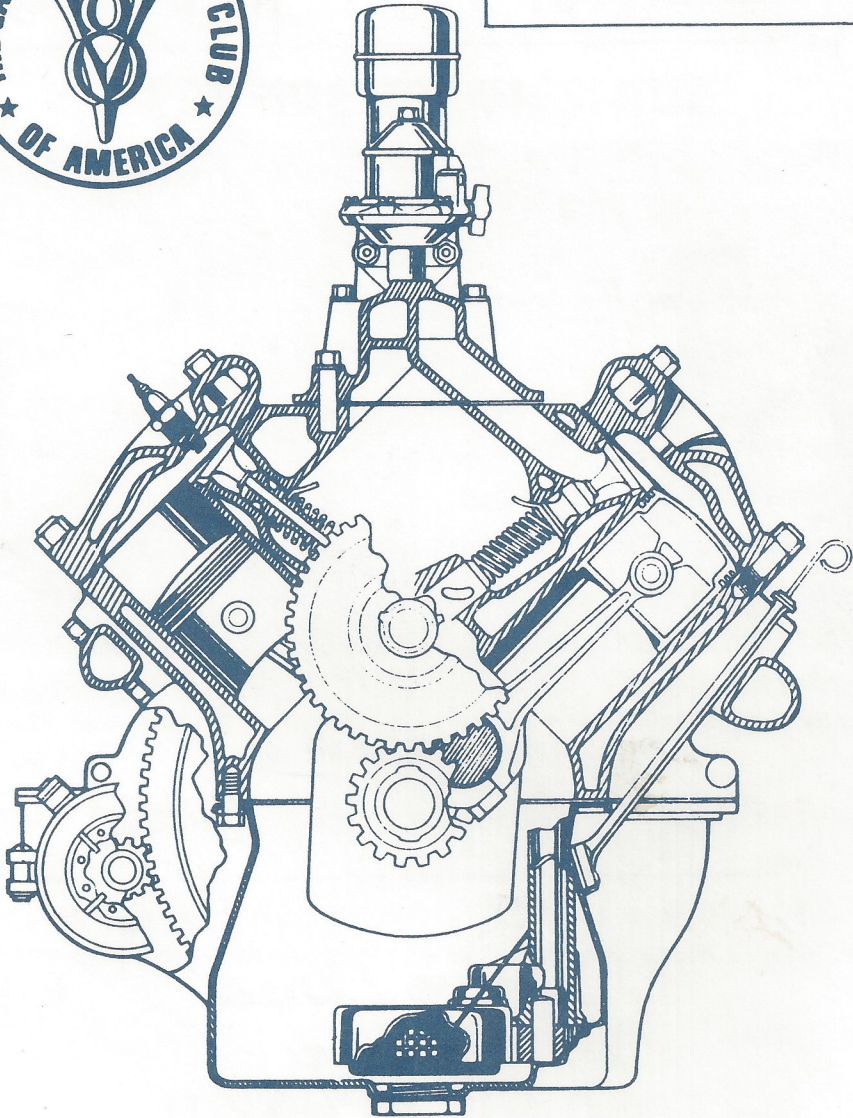




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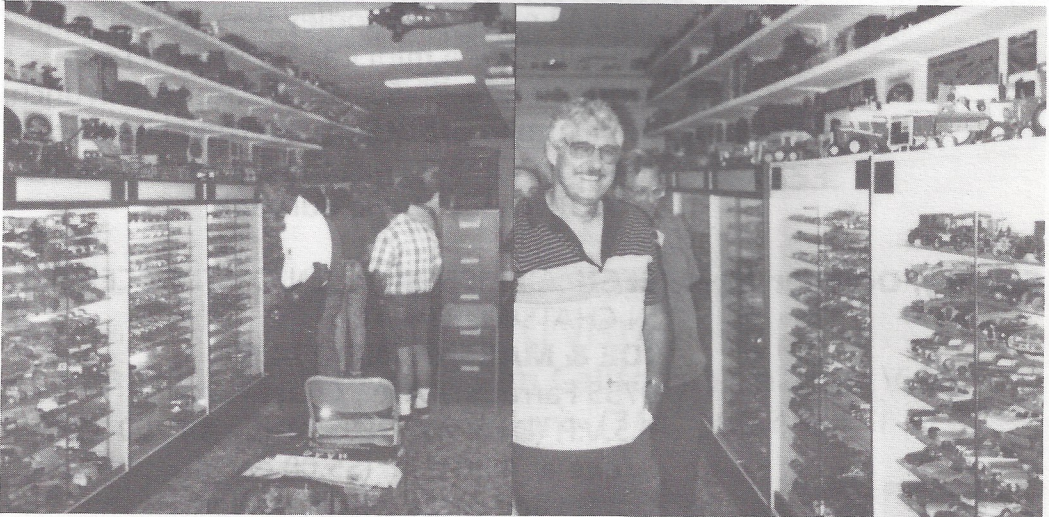
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We had a great time at Gordy Chamberlin's house. I am amazed at the variety and quantity of items he has collected. It is a truly impressive collection.

October promises to be a busy month for the V8 Club. Be sure to see the calendar.

I am looking for some volunteers to fill the Board for 1993. Please contact me or George Richards if you would like to have a greater roll in your V8 Club.



JUST A REMINDER!

There is no meeting in October.

Hopefully, I will see all of you at our October events – 'til then . . .
drive them FORDS carefully!!



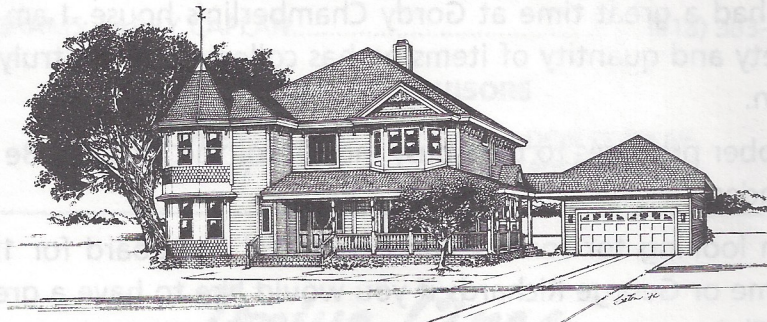
TRIPLE HITTER FOR OCTOBER

No general meeting at Western Federal Savings.

Sunday, October 4 – ALL FORD PICNIC AT LA PALMA PARK
Leave Woodley Park at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 11 – ANNUAL PEPPER MILL BRUNCH
We will meet at Woodley Park at 8:30 a.m.
We will have a mini Car Show with Lady Judges, and a 50/50 raffle. After the brunch, if you are in the mood, the road kings are having a Car Show at the Equestrian Center - 480 Riverside Drive, Burbank.

Sunday, October 18 – REGULAR MEETING & ENJOY THE SCENERY IN CHATSWORTH AT:
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Games and pizza will be served.



Directions: West on Ventura Freeway; exit on Topanga Canyon; head north to Lassen; turn left (west) on Lassen; first stop sign is Farralone; turn left (south); back into driveway; someone will be there from Early Fords to guide you. . . **OR . . .**
If you travel on the 118 Freeway - exit on Topanga Canyon; turn left or south to Lassen; turn right (west) to Farralone.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

The following dates are additional happenings in October:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

17TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

at LaCrescenta Park

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

TOUR TO VISTA

Call Lloyd Felt of Southern California Chapter V-8's.

For more information - (714) 986-4689.

NOVEMBER 6, 7 and 8

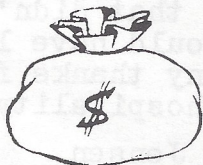
JULIAN TOUR

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SECRETARY'S VIEWPOINT

On September 6th, 60 plus members and guests gathered at the Numero Uno Pizza Parlor in Eagle Rock for an Italian dinner prior to visiting Gordie Chamberlin's memorabilia collection. During dinner Dennis Keene got a good scare as someone came in the restaurant and reported a car had backed into his '40 Ford coupe. As it turned out the '40 Ford won out over the modern iron as there was no damage to Dennis' car, and the other car left it's tail light on the ground.

As the sun was disappearing behind the hills, Larry Caplan lead the caravan of cars South on Eagle Rock Blvd. toward Gordie's house. Larry had given out written instructions to everyone prior to leaving the parking lot in case the caravan got separated. It is rumored that several folks were having so much fun, laughing and kicking tires at the restaurant that they never did make the tour to Gordie's. When we arrived at Gordie's hilltop home some of his neighbors were amazed to see this long caravan of cars in their quiet neighborhood.

Gordie and Diann Chamberlin welcomed everyone to their home and invited us to partake of a big and beautiful spread of desserts, coffee and cold drinks. Many folks elected to go out on the balcony and look at the terrific view of Glendale and watch the sunset. Gordie and Diann's house has two levels below the regular living area where Gordie has most of his collectables. The largest display area is reserved for Gordie's incredible toy collection. There is an extensive literature collection as well as many, many types of Ford memorabilia. This brief description simply does not begin to cover the extent of it.

The living area of Gordie and Diann's home is also decorated with many neat collectables. We are talking lady type collectables too. The ladies that didn't go on this tour really missed out, they would have loved it. To Gordie and Diann Chamberlin, many thanks for inviting us to your home and for your hospitality.

Jerry Jensen

RETURN OF A LOST P-38

Expedition recovers iced Lightning, buried in Greenland glacier 50 years

Fifty years ago last month, during World War II, six Lockheed P-38 Lightning fighters and two Boeing B-17 bombers on the way from Maine to embattled Britain via Iceland, crash-landed on the Greenland icecap as a result of false weather reports from a Nazi radio and because they were running short on fuel.

All 25 U.S. Army Air Force crewmen survived the single largest crash landing of the war and were picked up by rescuers, but the aircraft remained — buried under what became 264 feet of ice since July 1942.

Buried, that is, until the persistent members of the Greenland Expedition Society from Atlanta finally recovered one of the P-38s following drilling of a shaft into the glacier with a hot-water coil nicknamed "supergopher."

Recovery teams had been trying to retrieve the preserved-in-ice "lost squadron" for the past 11 years, as reported by *Lockheed Life* and the *Star* in 1983 and 1985.

Recovery cost is in the neighborhood of \$2 million, the Society says. Financial

support has been given by various companies and individuals.

Although the first P-38 found was dismantled for the lift to the surface, the aircraft appeared to be in good condition except for wrinkled skin on the wing.

"We'll have it flying by 1995," expedition co-leader Richard Taylor predicted. "We're going to have a flier."

Meanwhile, most of the P-38 (all except the center fuselage) was airlifted by the Society's DC-3 transport for display at the Experimental Aircraft Association annual "fly-in" air show in Oshkosh, Wisc., where 800,000 people viewed the 90 percent-complete iced Lightning July 31-Aug. 6.

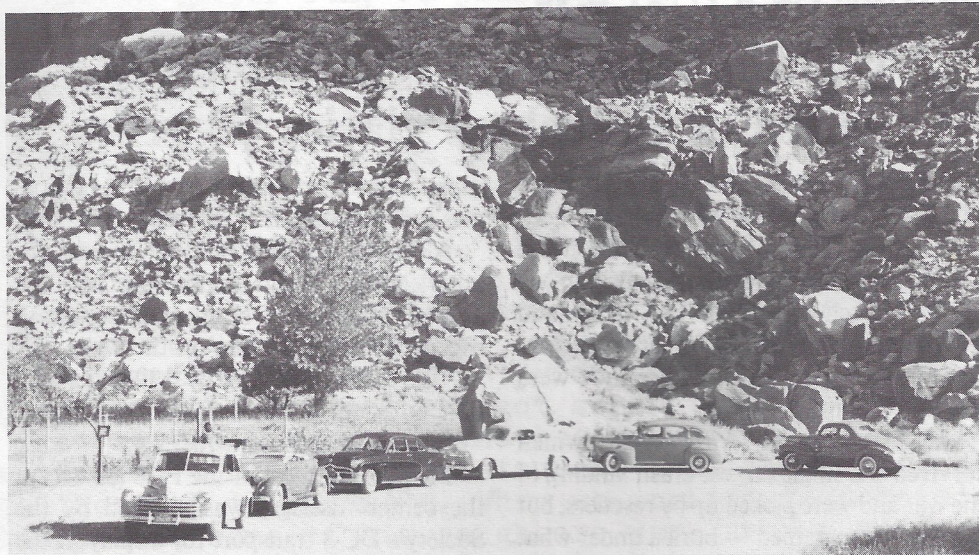
"There was a tremendous response from the crowds seeing history in the making," said Dick Knapinsky of the EAA. "They were absolutely fascinated by this P-38."

Following the Oshkosh event, the P-38 was transported to Atlanta.

The goal of the Society is to eventually bring to the surface the remaining missing aircraft and to restore and get all eight flying again.

MY TRIP TO COEUR D'ALENE WESTERN NATIONAL CONVENTION

by Chuck Mair



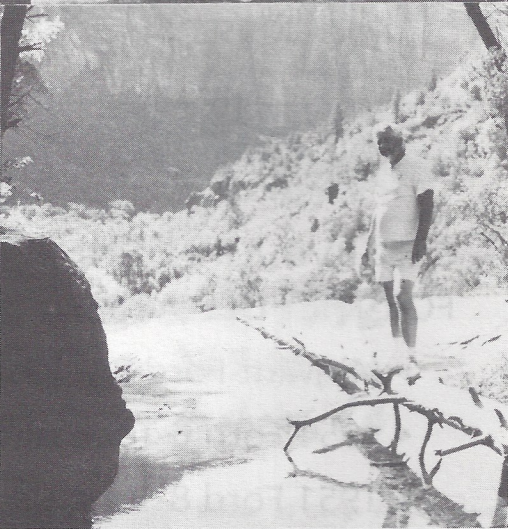
I had always wanted to take a trip in my early Ford V-8. Coeur D'Alene seemed an ideal location. A daughter living in Boise, Idaho, was the hook needed to convince my wife that the trip would be worthwhile. She agreed . . . so, with proper room reservations needed, I made the necessary arrangements for the Jay Harris Tour.

The closer to September 16th, the hotter it got. All temperatures to Idaho were in excess of 100°. So, with my wife's poor health, I decided to take a modern car.

We started out with six early Fords and three moderns. At least we got to drive behind the old Fords through Zion, Bryce, and Reef National Parks.

In Salt Lake City we visited a national members' 100 Ford Collection. Most 40s, 50s and 60s, but all in dust proof garages and all in beautiful condition. They are not driven and we were the first group to see them. Very few people know that he owns them. The local club had a nice dinner for us.

We also toured a Flour Mill and Saw where the golden spike was driven. We mostly had picnics for lunch except for one day out of McCall, Idaho, after, yes, you won't believe this, scrapping ice off our cars! Another day spent in Nampa, Idaho, the women spent equal time in the Karcher Mall while their husbands raced off to a wrecking yard. They all got something. Blacky got a set of '40 Top Irons for \$40.



I heard that Coeur D'Alene was the largest turn out ever for the Ford V-8 Club. At least 330 people checked in. During the car show they had a Ford Tri-Motor fly over four times - that was exciting! They also had an Antique Boat Show for us. One of the boats was salvaged after spending eighteen years in 170 feet of water. The story is so interesting that a movie will be made called "Buddies."

The hotel was exceptional - the Jay & Sylvia Harris Tour was fantastic (their 20th tour). Everyone we met was very nice and all the cars were beautiful to look at. What more could a person ask?

Members from the Valley V8s that attended Coeur D'Alene include: Lloyd & Donna Pascal, Chuck & Polly Mair, Jerry & Carole Jensen, Pat Berry, Ed Warnock, Blacky & Gerry Blackwell, and Don & Mary Durkee. (A side note about Don: he had his gall bladder removed!!)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st – ART SURTEES	23rd – ELAINE CONWAY
3rd – DAVE SANBORN	23rd – BOB ROSE
9th – FRITZ CASANAS	24th – JAN HARDIN
10th – ISABEL DiFATTA	24th – LESLIE LITTNER
12th – CHERYL STOUT	24th – MIKE STOJAKOVICH (Stack)
15th – RICHARD MOTTERN	29th – CAL BEAUREGARD
22nd – JOE SETKA	

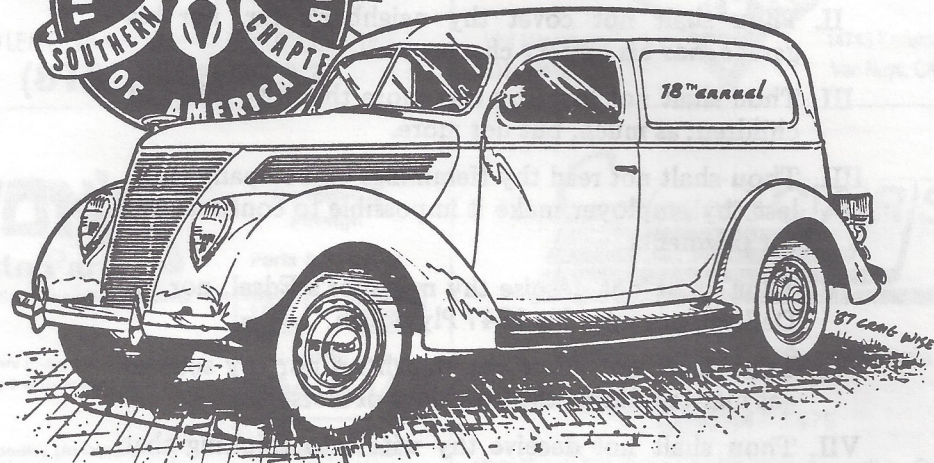
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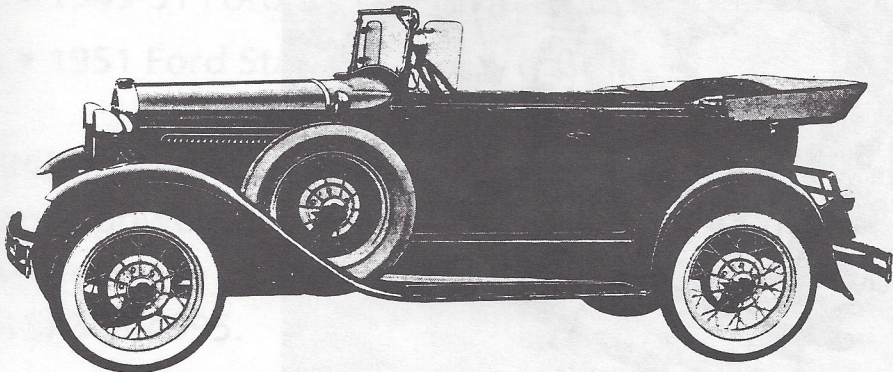


Rarest '59 Dodge Factory Accessory was the Beach Party Package (order #231849G) consisting of a colorful beach blanket, volleyball net, wicker picnic basket, beer cooler and three swimsuit-clad lasses in the trunk. (From July 1958 Motor Age via Duey Anderson)

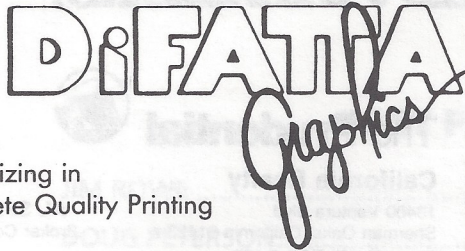
Ten Commandments For The Car Collector

- I. Thou shalt not store thy cars out-of-doors, except for thy wife's modern iron.
- II. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's car, nor his garage, nor his battery charger.
- III. Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children; as much, but not more.
- III. Thou shalt not read thy Hemmings on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.
- V. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Edsel, nor his DeSoto, nor even his 1947 Plymouth.
- VI. Thou shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the holy days of Hershey.
- VII. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when, indeed, thou art going out to look at another car.
- VIII. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest restoration, at least not all at the same time.
- IX. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to the house and then use it to store cars; thou shalt not store cars in the attic.
- X. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for Christmas.

-Donald R. Peterson

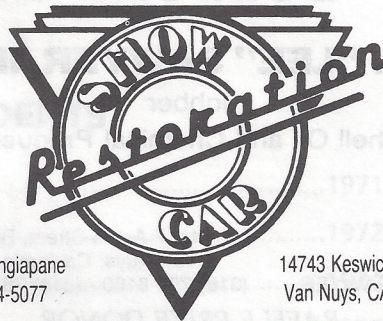


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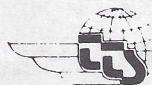
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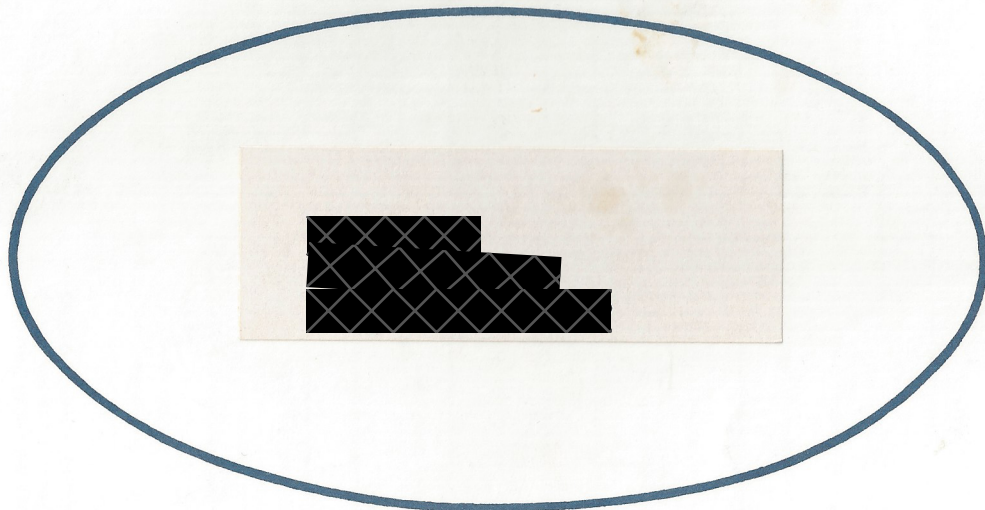
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