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The Valley V8's

NOVEMBER 1992

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have had some great times this October. Plenty of things to do with the old Fords. I want to thank all of you who participated, especially our spouses, that made these events a success.

Don Dupree was the "DJ" with his playing of the "Oldies But Goodies" records at the All Ford Picnic at La Palma Park.

November will be our last meeting at Western Federal Savings. The November program will be on Body Restoration by two talented guys - Don Durkee and Tony Huges . . . "The Bondo Brothers."

December 6th will be our Christmas Party and Installation of Officers to be held at the Odyssey Restaurant. This is our club's premier event of the year. Please notify Al Spencer.

Look for Frank Sinatra Movie on T.V. November 8th. Ford members' cars are the movie.

Happy Thanksgiving . . .

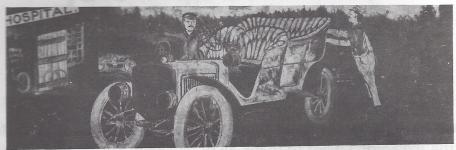
Pres. Chuck



JACKPOT \$20.00 Could Be Yours!

(You just have to be present and wear your name badge to win.)

NOVEMBER MEETING



Tire Kicking - 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Starts - 7:30 p.m.

The program for November is going to be given by DON DURKEE and TONY HUGES. They will talk about Body Restoration on the old Fords. They will be able to answer most all your questions on the subject and give us some demonstrations on how to do it.

PAY YOUR DUES

Dues will be due in January. Terry Smith will be sending statements to our members. If you want to save Terry Smith a bunch of work, send him \$20 for your 1993 dues and with any changes about your cars, address, and phone number(s).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

WPC SWAP MEET at Pierce College.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 p.m. at Western Federal Savings, North Hollywood

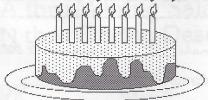
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

THE BALDY V-8'S ARE INVITING US TO A PICNIC at Upland Park - See flyer in this issue.

(FOR THOSE OF YOU WHOSE CAR WON'T GO THE DISTANCE TO UPLAND PARK, THE NASH CLUB HAS INVITED US TO A CHILI FEED AT WOODLEY PARK - SEE THE FLYER IN THIS ISSUE. THIS IS A GREAT EVENT. GET THERE EARLY FOR PARKING SPOT.)

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO, CRUISE BOB'S BIG BOY IN VAN NUYS EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT FOR CAR HOP SERVICE & MUSIC.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



6th - RUTH SPENCER

9th - ALLAN FRANKLIN

12th - MARY RUTH LUENING

12th - ANN MILES

14th - PAUL BRANDEL

16th - BEN DIFATTA

20th - BILL BOYER

21st - HOLLIS COTTON

24th - JERRY CASE

25th - ERNIE BAILY



The Valley U8 Ford Club [BARILY V-8 CIERISTINIAS PARTY

Sunday, December 6th, 1992



ODYSSEY RESTAURAL 15600 Odyssey Drive Granada Hills, California

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. — Door Prizes

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Buffet Breakfast served at 11:00 a.m.

Cost - \$20.00 per person (Payable in advance

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\$50.00 Prize to the club with most cars \$25.00 Second Prize 50/50, Raffle, Prizes, Drawings \$5.00 per person

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ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK



A thru M bring Salad N thru Z bring Desert

WOODLEY PARK
(On The Grass)

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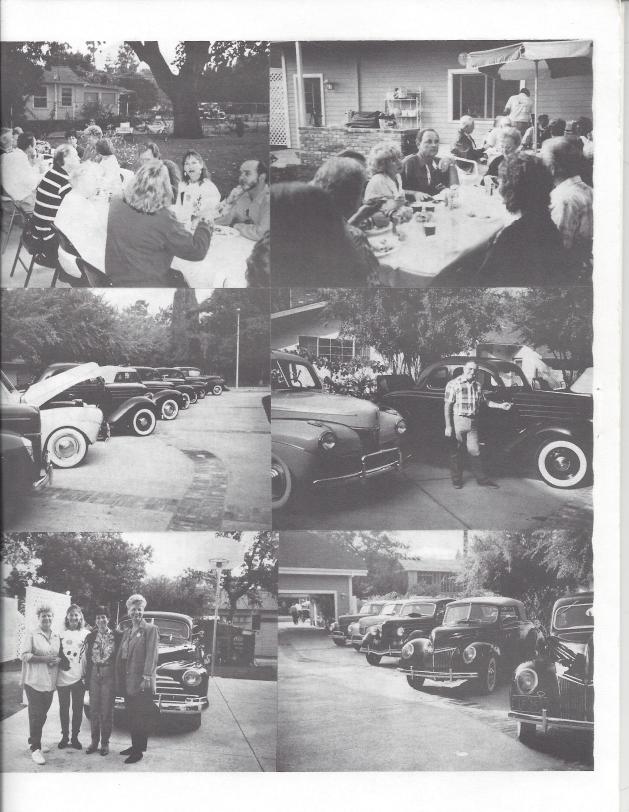
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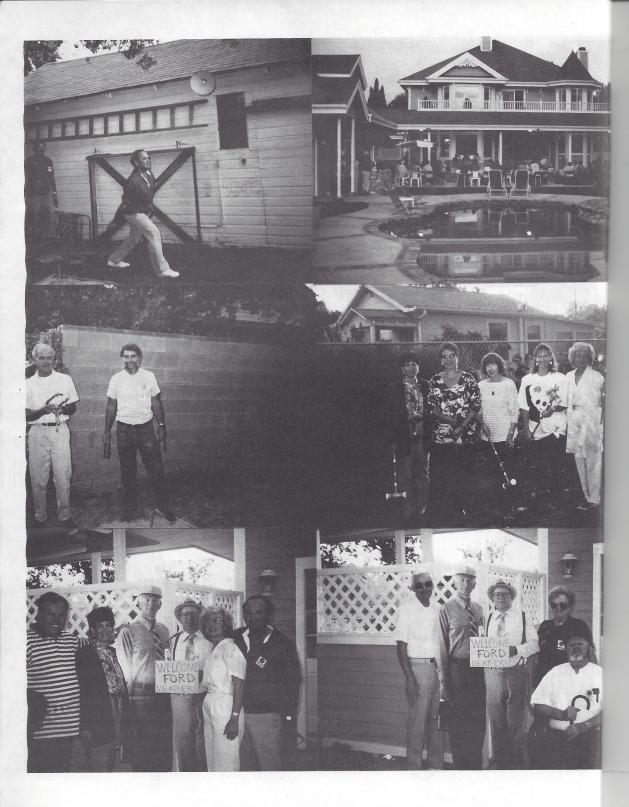
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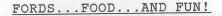
WOW!!!

- BEST DESCRIBES THE WONDERFUL VISIT TO JOE AND MARSHA DIFATTA'S HOME ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH.
- WOW! To 20+ of our clubs' finest vintage autos sparkling in the sunshine parked side by side in the spacious driveway.
- WOW! To a life-size cardboard cutout of Bartles and James warmly greeting all our members upon arrival.
- WOW! To Joe's immaculate seven car rear-garage with each of his beauties resting quite comfortably on their own swatch of carpet.
- WOW! To the DiFatta's home! An exquisite example of the American Dream come true. Elegance and comfort. Great artistry and superb craftsmanship flowing from every room, and all with that special Joe and Marsha style.
- WOW! To the down-home gracious hospitality of our hosts:
 Mr.& Mrs. "D" where your every whim was so generously
 catered to and all with wonderful enthusiasm.
 (Chateau DiFatta...a 5-star B&B)!
- WOW! To consuming (12) extra large pizzas along with Marsha's fabulous "everything but the kitchen sink" Italian salad and sweet rolls and beer/wine/soda/coffee.
- WOW! To <u>finally</u> getting up-close and personal with Ben and Isabel DiFatta's Indian red 1936 Ford Coupe. The "mystery car" of the past six years was proudly driven for the occasion.
- WOW! To playing a game of CROQUET in the lush green grass as the setting sun gave way to a pastel palette of dusk and the soothing sounds of a conversation about flatheads.
- WOW! To the tension-filled Bingo tournament with great prizes and cash to the lucky winners; and the Club's and the DiFatta's raffle drawings.
- WOW! To one of the best ways I can think of to spend a perfectautumn Sunday afternoon!

With fond memories, Lesley Littney







ANNUAL PEPPER MILL BRUNCH

By: Lesley Littner

I love it when a long convoy of OLD IRON heads out onto the maze of the L.A. freeways. It's great when all of the 'regular commuters' stare and gawk at our shiny vintage autos.

Sunday, October 11th was a picture-perfect day for our Annual Tour to the Pepper Mill restaurant for brunch. A good-size group from Orange County, Baldy View, Ventura and the Valley met at Woodley Park, representing four chapters of the V-8's. Nobody got lost, ran out of gas or had mechanical problems. It was destined to be a really nice day!

The parking lot at the Pepper Mill was a sight to behold. Our cars filled up most of it - delegating the far-away spaces to the newer ordinary cars. Lady Judges - Judy Shubb, Shirley Richards, Carol Jensen, Gerry Blackwell, Virginia Wolf and Christine Varney selected three cars for awards. Third place, the "visionary" award, went to "PAPA'S V-8", a '41 Mercury owned by Lee Foster. Shel Harriman's black 1932 Ford Victoria took 2nd place and, the 1st place award went to Dennis Keene and his blue 1932 Ford Roadster. All the winners received beautiful plaques commemorating the occasion.

After several cups of coffee, everyone was ready for the fun raffle of door-prizes. There were nice gifts for the lady winners as well as an esoteric assortment of engine degreasers, hand cleaner, rubber lube and starting fluid for the guys. The winners had a difficult time choosing from this lavish selection. Breakfast was delicious as always, and the crowd had no trouble keeping the noise-level up there.

After brunch and a lot of picture taking, we all went our separate ways. Some of us even went on to the Road Kings Car Show at the Equestrian Center in Burbank. Our cars were as nice or nicer than the ones in the show. Too bad we missed the judging! A wonderful day was had by all. We can hardly wait 'till next year to do it again.



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CAR SHOW, PICNIC & GYMKHANA

GAMES

TROPHIES

DOOR PRIZES

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NO ALCOHOL PLEASE

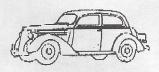
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INFO: BOB HARRIS 714/593-4015

Tomy Thompson moves north . . .

Greetings from the Mother Lode Sierra Foothills.

It was with mixed emotions that I left friends, neighbors and familiar environments of Southern California for a rural new life style. I feel I need to say that the few years that I associated with members of the Valley V8s were as happy and fulfilling as any other like years of my life, if not the most happy. I know that many of the friends that I made driving those few years will endure for the rest of my life. I really like the way one author expressed my feelings:

"Friend! How sacred the word. Born in the heart of God and given to man as a treasure from the eternities – no word in languages so heavily weighted with meaning.

With one friend I would count my self rich. To possess more than one I would be rich beyond comparison. A friend is a precious gem for the crown of life here and a cherished star in the memory forever."

I certainly wouldn't attempt to add to that except to say it does express my feelings towards my friends in the Valley V8s.

So, I leave you this time with a blessing from the Emerald Safe:

"May the road rise to meet you and may the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain drops fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, May the Good Lord hold you in the hollow of his hand."

Fondly, Tomy Thompson

What's The Utes?

Let's hear it for our car enthusiasts from "Down Under" Australia. Below is a story pertaining to the Australian "Ute" or Utility Truck. It is the front and sides of a passenger car, but has a pickup bed - similar to the Ranchero or El Camino. Of course, the "Ute" is a right hand drive and is built in Australia. Below are photos taken of a '55 Ute in Sherman Oaks.

Chris wants to sell the Ute for \$8,500.00 It's a 1955 Ford. Phone (818) 990-5097.

Enjoy the article.



What's the utes?

By Tom Brownell

One of the most distinctive of all vehicles, car or truck, is the Australian ute. The ute is a blend of car and truck, but in different form from the U.S. car/truck hybrids: the Ranchero and El Camino. The ute's car portion stems from a coupe, rather than the front section of a station wagon as was the case with the Ranchero and El Camino. It's also popularly held that since utes were in production long before the first Ranchero appeared in 1957, that Ford drew on their Australian ute in designing the Ranchero.

Few utes have been imported into the U.S., but they are quite popular in their native land as indicated by the production roster that follows.

Ford ute production

Ford coupe utes 1934-1958 Ford roadster utes 1928-1938 Falcon utes 1961 to present Mercury utes 1937-1948 (very

r a r e)
Ford ³/₄-ton utes 1937-1948

Ford 3/4-ton roadster utes

1939-1942

English Anglia coupe utes 1935-1952 English Prefect coupe utes

1939-1948

English MK2 Zephyr utes 1958-1960

(all English Ford utes were made by Ford of Australia)

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1947 Ford Woody - Wash. Blue Color; Exclt cond. Body off restoration. Wonder Radio/Heater. Mahogany and maple wood. Photo taken during restoration. Current photo not available at printing. \$22,000 - Robert Graham (310) 474-4138.

1953 Ford Pickup - 75% complete. All original, less than 1000 miles on Flathead V8 Engine. \$6,000 o.b.o. Call Mike (714) 728-0418.



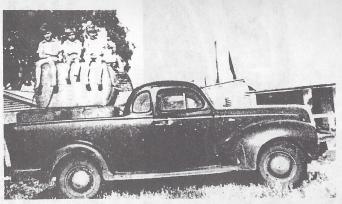
1947 Pontiac Sedan. Torpedo Back. Power steering, electric seats, Straight 8, 3-on-the-tree, Very clean. \$6,000 o.b.o. Call Alan (619) 376-4995.



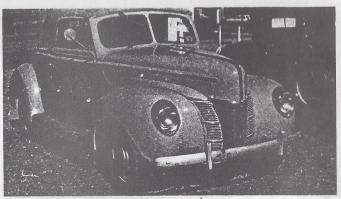
Lots of Parts For Sale

COMPLETE 1935 FORD ENGINE - a few hours since complete overall: Transmission, rear end, complete brakes, radiator, shocks, factory heater, five tires and wheels, spare cover, complete instruments, front end (not complete), steering with wheel and wire harness, extra instruments, parts for radio; Also a 1937-38 COMPLETE ENGINE (needs to be overhauled) – Everything is a reasonable price. It's worth a call to JAY FORTMAN (619) 377-4686.

1941 SUPER DELUXE COUPE - new engine - new upholstery. Fair paint - \$6,500. o.b.o. Call Jay Fortman (619) 377-4686.



A 1940 Ford V-8 standard ute purchased May 1941 for Just £310 by Norman Ford, South Muckleford, Vic. The publisher, Eddie Ford, is sitting on the left with his brother and sister for a picture, Just prior to their dad taking the 3 bales of wool to the rail station. Popular with farmers, V-8 utes got plenty of this sort of work. (EF)



A '40 Ford convertible. Even at this late stage Ford in Australia was still offering a roadster version with side curtains instead of roll up glass. (TP)

Right 1940 DeLuxe Fordor sedan. Wheels and driving lamps are not standard.





1941 Ford. This one a Tudor and a flat-head six was probably an Embassy car out of Canberra. It has been restored by Dennis Jones. Again many 41 sedans like this were brought in by Ford for conversion to utes for wartime use. (EF)



Two 1940 Ford Tudors (slopers). Car on left has late wheels, and bumper guards are 1959 (which were used on all Aust 40's) 40, on right are missing.

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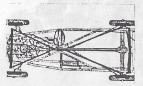
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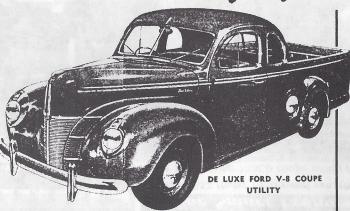
"Micro-finish" of all working parts opecially developed metals, alloys, highest quality steels, and fine regimeering design explain the conomy and longer life of Ford V-8 Utilities. For example, the rear axle is of 3-floating type (exclusive to Ford V-8 in its price class) with straddle mounted pinion and a differential with 1 pinion gears instead of the usual 2.



Low crist operation begins with the Ford V-8 engine, which has a moderate total piston displacement. Fuel is manifolded into eight relatively small cylinders, and the V-type design results in over-lapping power impulses. Smooth, high power output with marked petrol economy results. Features include: Cylinder block with high steel content, cast steel crankshaft, factoryect valve assemblies, water jackets extending down crankease walls, etc.



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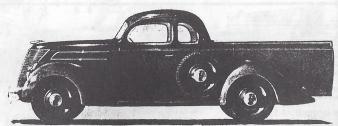
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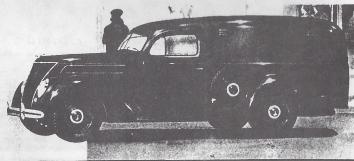
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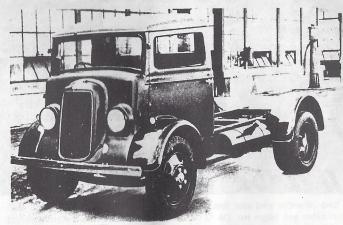
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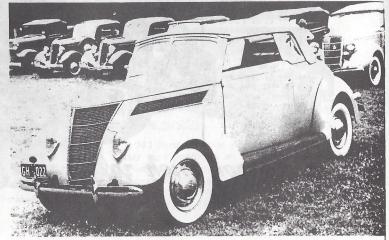
FORD V-8 PANEL VAN For Smart Economical Service

Above 1937 Model 78PD panel van. (NAD)

Left 1937 Model 78SCD coupe utility (straight side). (NAD)

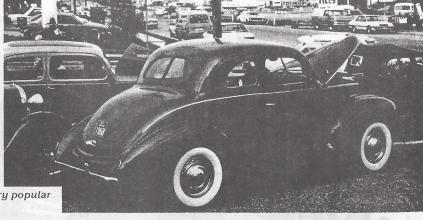


Fordson forward control English BBE closed cab model 51FC. 1935-36 118" wheelbase truck used 21 stud cast iron heads on the 65 BHP sidevalve V8. (LTB)

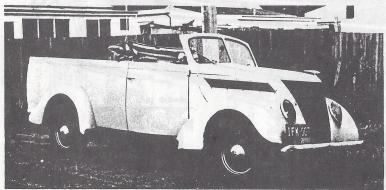


1937 Club Roadster.

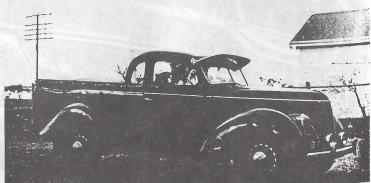




Above & Right 1938 Ford Club Coupe. These were very popular in Australia but in USA sold in low numbers (TP)



1937 Ford Deluxe Roadster ute. (EF)



1938 Ford Standard utility. (EF)

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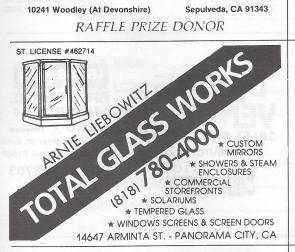
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