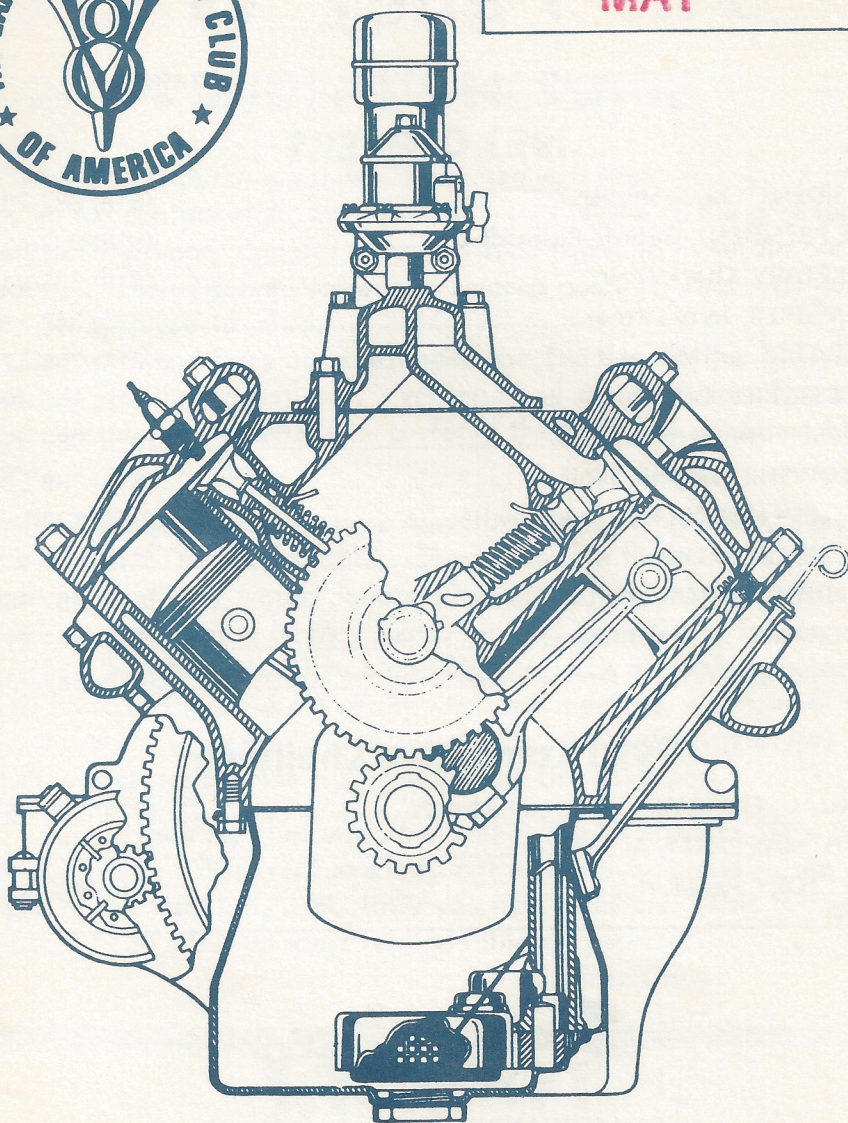




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2nd is our Annual Auction. We will have no regular meeting, so we can get right into the fun. This is one of the premier events of the year, and our only real fund raiser to maintain our Treasury. Let us donate some auto related goodies, that will go from your garage shelf to mine.

Last weekend forty of us attended the Tequila Willies Brunch Tour. It was a nice turn out, everyone had a good time. The cars looked good, the weather was perfect, the food was unbelievable. Thanks again Bob Rose.

The Calabasas Homeowners Association is having a fifty's style Rock and Roll Dance and BBQ. They asked me if we could put on a car show, and they would donate \$200.00 to our Treasury. This would be the evening of May 22nd. It will be optional for any of our group to attend the Dance and BBQ at each person's own expense. I will have a sign up sheet at the May 2nd meeting. Remember to attend the car show part of the evening is FREE. To participate in the BBQ and Dance, see the flyer in this Driveline.

I hope to see many of you May 2nd at the CHVA Car Show in Woodley Park. This is a fun show, not a concourse, and to see all of you at the Auction, especially you new members. This is a great opportunity to pick up some real goodies for your car.

Prez Chuck

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May 2, 1993

Coastal Valley's C.H.V.A. - presents it's Fourth Annual "Spring Car Show" at Woodley Park - on the grass. "Judging by People's Choice". Picnic tables and food vendors in the park - or bring your own picnic and friends & plan on having some fun!

May 22, 1993

"Bop 'Til Ya Drop" at the Calabasas Country Club. The menu includes appetizers, salad BBQ burgers, "Chubby Checker" chicken, far-out fries, chili, cole slaw, funky fresh fruit and decadent desserts. Sip chocolate, vanilla, cherry and lemon cokes, malts, black cows and floats at an authentic soda jerk bar. Call Chuck Shubb for details.

June 6, 1993

Our Stated Meeting will be held at Don and Beverly Dupree's house! Prez. Chuck and the all the "Good 'ol Boys" are working on the details now. Looks like you should set the date aside. Bring the wife or girlfriend to this one!

June 26, 1993

Merle Norman Museum Tour! "A great exhibit of Autos, Antiques and Music Machines". Space is limited and admission is Free. Dress code enforced. Sorry, no kids under 12. Ventura V-8's invited. 10:00 A.M. Tour. More details soon.

Aug. 5-8, 1993

"Hot August Nights" Swap Meet and Car Corral in Reno, Nevada. Amazing cars everywhere!

A OUTING IN WRIGHTWOOD

Sat., June 12th

Reservations would be nice. Leave 9:30 a.m. sharp from Denny's Restaurant, 5 Freeway & Roxford in Sylmar. Caravan 1 hour, 20 minutes in your classic car to Joe and Marsha's cabin. Events planned .. Horseshoe Contest - Shop in town - Games - Tour Chuck Zalute's "Rock Barn" full of antiques, cars, memorabilia, and lunch. Bring the wife for a fun day ... but please RSVP - Day (818) 782-9883 or evenings (818) 700-1939



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5/9 PENNY SURTEES

5/11 BRIDGET WINNETT

5/11 VIRGINIA WOLF

5/12 BEN OSTERGREN

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SECRETARY'S VIEWPOINT

Meeting called to order by President Chuck Shubb. Joe Di Fatta was asked, who was the secret hand shaker? Joe said, not only did he get a hand shake, but also a kiss. So, his sister-in-law, Isabel Di Fatta, got \$20.00. I guess now all the girls will be kissing Joe. What a guy!

Guests and new member Joe Shubert were introduced.

Secretary's report read.

Treasury report balance \$2,951.00 plus \$80.00 collected this evening by Jerry Littner.

Bob Rose gave all the necessary information on the April 18th Tequila Willie's tour. Bob and Harriett just returned from Rome.

April 22nd - Granada Hills High School Show.

April 25th - Knott's Berry Farm Car Show.

Our May meeting - Annual Parts Auction - Bring parts - bring money

May 2nd - Woodley Park Car Show

May 13, 14, 15 - Southern Calif. Chapter Tour

June 5th - Motion Picture Car Show

June 20th - Mile Stone Car Show

June 12th - Wrightwood Tour

Report on latest DMV regulations. You need your ACTUAL Social Security Card to renew your license.

Name Tag Drawing - Gene Wilson - not present, Steve Poulos - not present, Jim Winnett - Lucky winner

After coffee break which included great homemade cookies by Pattie Smith. Next month refreshments will be furnished by the Littners and Ben DiFattas. Lloyd and Donna Paschal did the Parts Raffle which included two homemade loaves of bread by Lesley Littner.

Our guest speaker was Chris Connors, who told us everything we wanted to know about transmission.

Twenty old cars driven. Forty-six people in attendance. Another great meeting.

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(818) 996-3744 |
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| 1961 - T Bird 41,000 miles near mint
\$5,200 | - Ralph Hubbard
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FILL UP THE TANK ... LET'S GO FOR A RIDE

by Lesley Littner

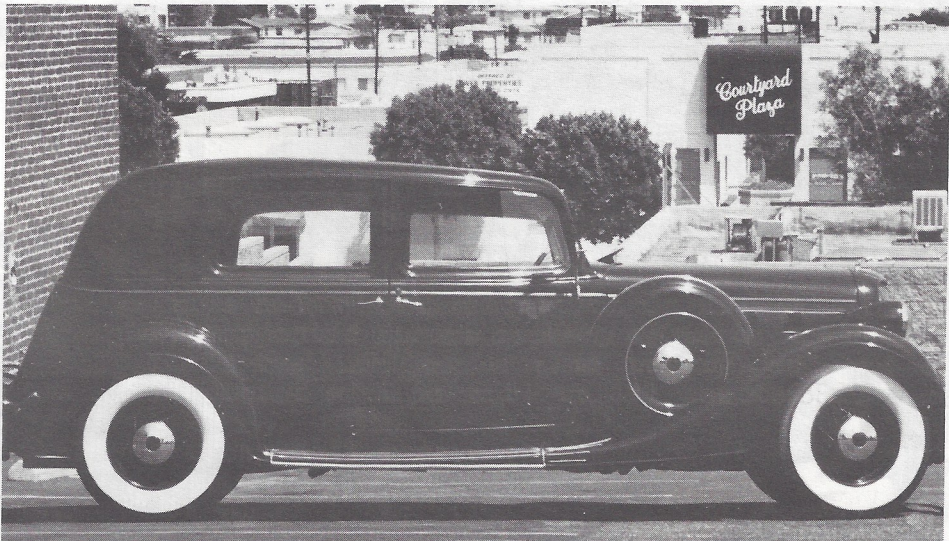
Well ... put another successful spring tour in the books!

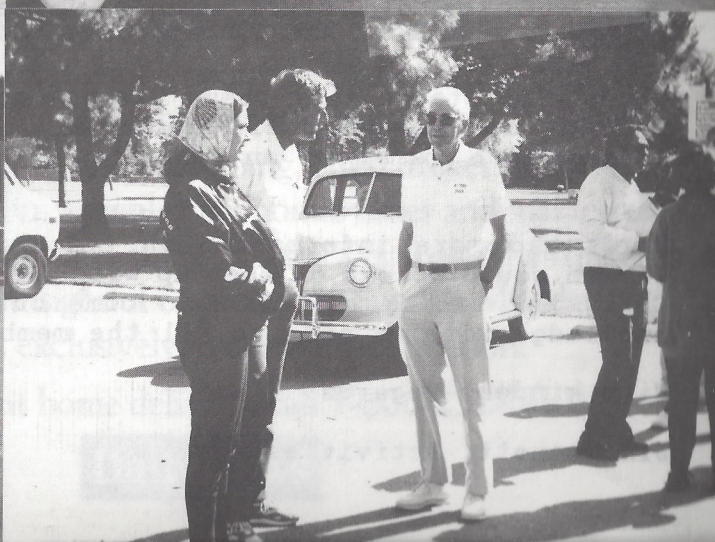
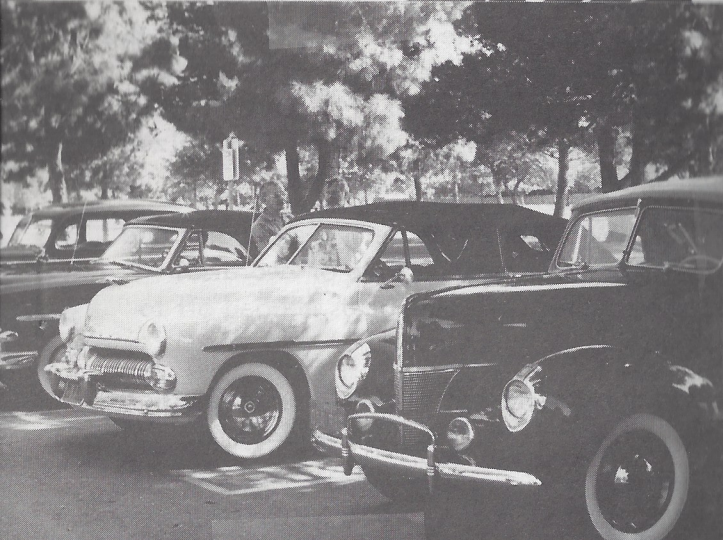
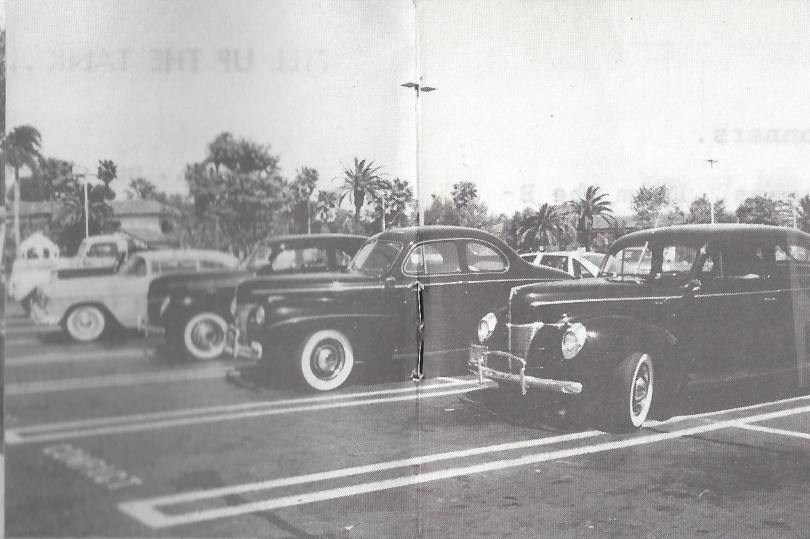
On Sunday, April 18th - 14 of the finest-looking examples of Henry Ford's dream - converged at Woodley Park for our annual brunch-tour to Tequila Willies in Manhattan Beach. You couldn't have asked for nicer weather. All of our gleaming autos snuggled together in the parking lot of the restaurant and received great admiration from the local security police and shoppers alike.

We chowed down on a wonderful selection of food and drank lots of champagne to the sounds of happy conversation and laughter made by the 40 Valley V-8ers and Ventura V-8ers that made it. It's terrific when our groups get together and the guys even remember the gals they came with! I was full as full can be ... when they announced that we would take an hour or so to mill around the great shops that surrounded the restaurant. Funny how I can re-energize with just the mere mention of shopping.

Later we headed to the old Melodrama Theater, a short distance from Tequila Villies and found another antique shop or two also. Lots of the folks went into the theater and some of us headed off to the nearby beaches to soak up that great sunshine!

I'm so glad we uncovered our cars last month and began another super touring season. I'm sure the cars and Henry would agree.





TRANSMISSIONS
FROM 1932 TO 1952

The man with the knowledge is Chris Connors.

Chris brought in several transmission cases. From the B-case, which was used from '32 to '34 - on four cylinder engines, to the '52 case with the two notches. A large notch was for the starter and the smaller notch to accommodate the overhead valve six cylinder engines. The late cases replaced the early cases, which could be used back to the 40's.

We learned that FORD used the "grease cup" until 1934 on the B-case. The inside dimensions on all cases are the same from '32 to '39. Some cases came with grease fittings for the clutch release shaft and some did not.

We learned that if you are checking for cracks on a transmission case, they typically will be at the "ears" of the transmission case and/or at the inner ring at the front bearing retainer hole - but cracks here mean that the vehicle was run hard.

Chris was NOT promoting the use of KOREAN made bearings for your transmissions.

One of the many questions that was asked was how to keep the '39's from jumping out of second gear. Chris' response was that he had replaced all the inner workings of a transmission with new innards and - it still jumped out of second. Then he took those new innards and put them in a new transmission case - still jumped out of second. He took those new innards out and replaced them with old pitted innards. He was expecting whining and all, but the old stuff didn't whine or jump out of second.

Chris also stated that Chevy was not going to be outdone by FORD, so they had their transmissions jump out of high gear, which remained an inherent problem through the 60's.

Chris had more information on transmissions than this layman could absorb or keep up with. My thanks go out to Chris for taking the time to come out and sharing his knowledge with us and, to all the members who attended.

With kindest regards, I am

Jim Winnett, Activities

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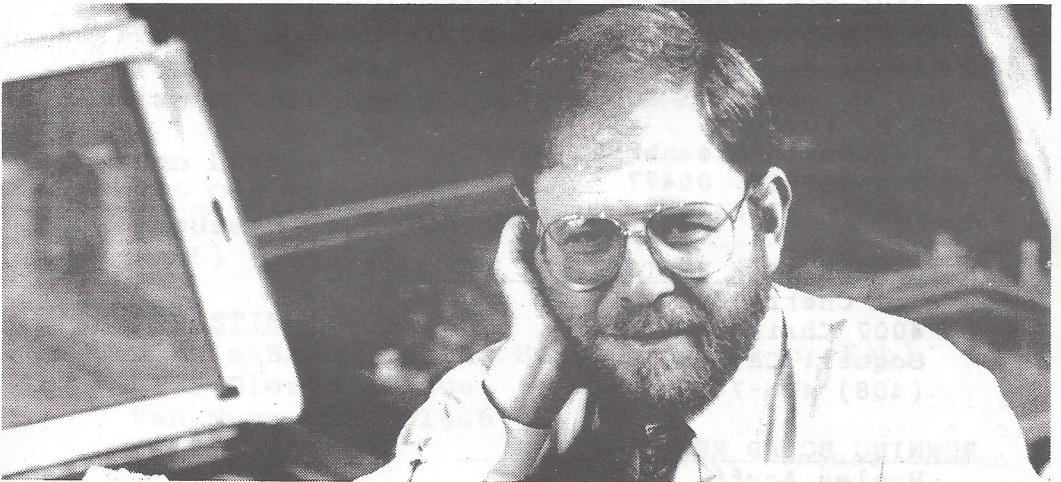
Yes or No

___ ___ Is this Jerry Littner??

___ ___ It is a twin brother??

___ ___ Jerry Has a second job??

See Jerry on May 2nd and ask him.



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...THE AUTO THIEVES...

by: Arthur Train (in 1915)

Time was when the brains of the criminal elite were studiously devoted to the cracking of safes; then came the era of the porch climber and second-story men; and finally, strong-arm work having become unprofitable owing to the increased efficiency of the police, politer forms of crime became popular, and the crook laid aside the dark lantern and the sling shot in favor of the forger's pen and the glittering stock certificate of the fake promoter. Yet it is not so far a cry from the days of the holdup to the present, for with all the world awheel the daring bravado of the old days seems to have come again into its own, even on little old Broadway, and the horse thief to have reincarnated in the motor thief.

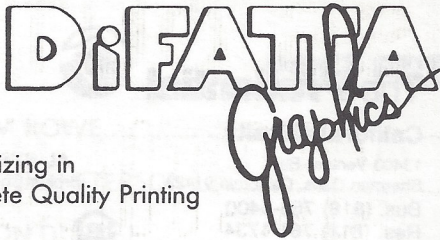
It did not take thieves long to discover that a motor is the easiest thing in the world to steal. It is worth stealing, to begin with; its identity can be almost destroyed in a few hours, and it merrily whirls itself and the thief away to safety and concealment at fifty miles an hour. Then began, for a while, the heyday of a crime for which law enforcement officials were unprepared.

Things reached a point where a man's motor would disappear while he was in the drugstore, drinking an innocent glass of soda water, or during any other brief interval in which the motor might be left unguarded. Sometimes half a dozen would be taken in one day, and there was one case on record where the president of an automobile company had driven up to the door of his showroom on Broadway, only to have his motor stolen behind his back as he stood on the threshold talking to one of his employees. It almost seemed as if the cars ran away of their own accord. One chauffeur complained that his car had suddenly begun to move as he engaged in lighting the tail lamp, and had shot down the street into the dusk, never to be seen again. It was almost impossible to trace the thieves.

A typical case would be something like this: Dr. Rufus Jones - who, we will suppose, rather fancies himself as a mechanic, is a general motor fan and drives his own car - receives a hurry call to visit an unknown patient at an apartment house uptown. He goes there, finds the party lives on the top floor, and climbs seven flights of stairs, leaving his motor at the curb. When he arrives at the flat he discovers that the patient knows nothing of the call; in fact, never heard of the doctor. In a word, it is a fake call. Indignantly he descends to the street, having been gone, say six minutes, to find that his new little town car has vanished.

The doctor notifies the nearest police station, calls up headquarters, and watches anxiously every motor that whirs by. But he never sees his car again. Why? Because it is now in Fall River, its engine and serial number altered, and the body painted a bright baby-blue. Depending on circumstances, the transformation has occurred either in a New York garage, a barn in the suburbs, Hartford, or even Fall River itself. The chances are 95 percent in favor of the owner's not recovering it. How can he? Once outside the immediate vicinity of the good doctor's office, who is to recognize the fact that the motor is a stolen motor or the youth who is driving a thief?

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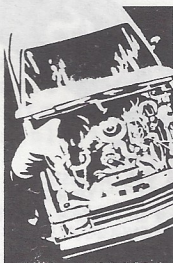
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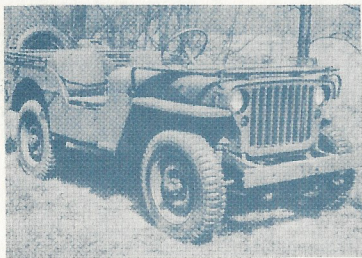
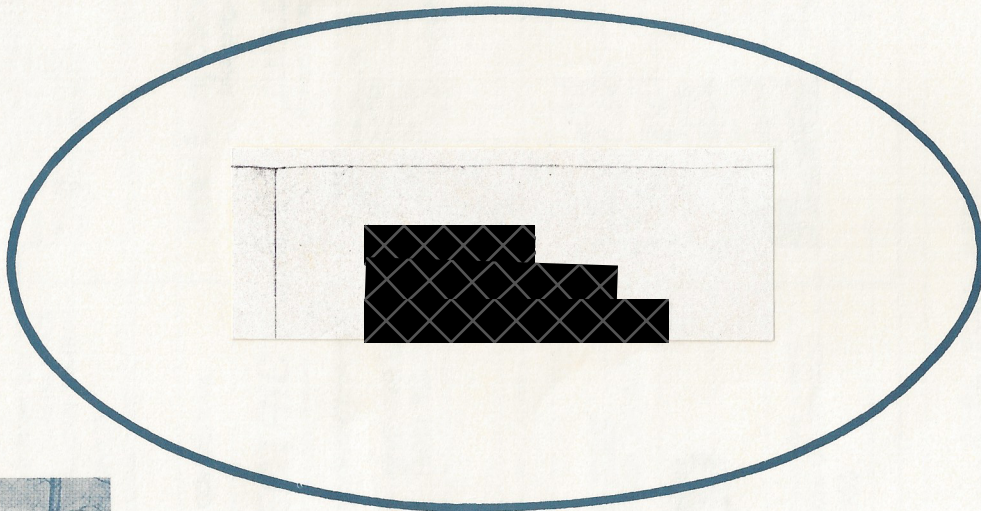
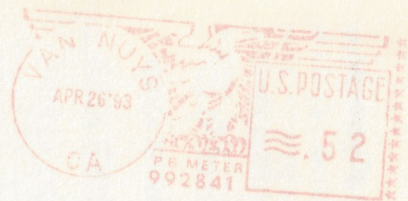
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