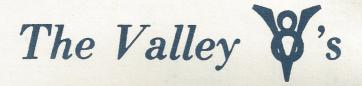


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The Valley V8's

October 1993

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a good turn-out of V-8ers for Scott Restorations and the Peppermill brunch. I want to thank you guys for getting out and supporting the club. With these events behind us we are entering the sunset of 1993. We still have a few more excellent events to look forward to. At the Oct. meeting we are going to feature an authentic Ford race car.

Be sure to check out the calendar for upcoming events for some of the local car shows and swap meets. The annual Ford picnic and our

Christmas party are two events that should not be missed.

I received a call for a special event to display some of our beautiful cars at the Carroll St. neighborhood faire. This is a neighborhood of Victorian houses in Los Angeles. Oct. 9th and 10th the houses will be open to the public, a street faire, and may exhibits and activities. For displaying our cars, we will be given a limited number of free passes. Anyone just interested in seeing the houses will be charged \$15 per person. There will be LAPD security for our vehicles. Anyone interested contact me, (818) 882-2927.

See you at the meeting at the regular time and place.

The Prez



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

October Program

For our October program, Tom Welch, a long time, but seldom seen member will have his 1946 Kurtis V-8 midget race car for everyone to see. Tom will give a short talk on the Kurtis and it's V8 60 engine. Recently retired from Glendale building supply, Tom, who is a master craftsman, now has time to restore his 1940 coupe.

Secretary's viewpoint

Was the Pasadena Interclub Sunday Brunch a success? Past President, Dudley Ochsner, pulled it off, in great fashion. Over one hundred in attendance. The Valley V-8's motored together, to the Peppermill restaurant after meeting at Woodley Park at 8:45 am.

Co-hosted by Sharon Foster (she planned the excellent Laughlin Route 66 trip this spring.) As brunch was being served, some ladies were out judging the cars. Trophy's were awarded — raffle prizes

were handed out.

After the meal, we gathered in the parking lot for more looking and saying goodbye to old friends from other clubs. Some left for a custom hot rod art show.

Even Judy Shubb had a better time this year — arriving in Chuck's new Model A and not being the last one served in the restaurant.

Are we having a good time yet?

You bet!

Chuck Mair



BUT OFFICER...WE'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN ! By: Jerry Littner

We were all headed for the Hawthorne Air Show to display our antique cars on Saturday, August 28th - all three of us. Chuck Mair was driving his 1941 Ford Coupe, Dudley Ochsner in his 1938 Convertible Sedan and me in my '40 Tudor Sedan. Quite a big turn-out wouldn't you say? Anyway, it was a beautiful morning and a perfect afternoon - but it could have been big trouble.

I was elected to lead the traveling caravan from Woodley Park to the show at the Hawthorne airport. We got real close to the airport when I realized that the entrance that Prez. Chuck told us about was blocked off. decided (for the group), that we would make a U-turn, even though there was a sign saying no left turn. There was absolutely no traffic, so we went for it (all three of us). We were about halfway down the block when I noticed in my rear-view mirror, a police car side by side with Dudley's car and the two of them were talking about something. We all pulled over to the curb and I jumped out of my car to go talk the nice policeman out of giving all three of us big-bad tickets! Much to my surprise, Dudley had already squared it for us. Officer Richard Gabel of the Hawthorne Police Department, a great guy, called in to headquarters to find out where the correct show entrance was located. After he got the low-down, he pulled his car in front of us and said follow me! He not only got us to the right driveway, but personally escorted us inside the airport right to the display area. Now that's what I call V.I.P. treatment! Officer Gabel admired all the old cars at the airport and wished us a good time as he drove away.

Chuck Mair found a book which was originally printed in 1976 and had subsequent printings as recent as 1992. It was written by our illustrious past-president, Dr. Robert A. Rose, D.D.S. It's titled, LONELY EAGLES - The Story of America's Black Air Force in World War II. It is an anthology of "the role of black Americans in the days of the segregated U.S. Army Air Forces". It looks to be quite an interesting book and subject.

We all had fun looking at the vintage planes - both on the ground and performing in varied air shows. There were P-51 fighters, an Avenger (the plane that Prez. George Bush was in when it was shot down), biplanes, vintage bombers and lots of radio-controlled model airplanes as well a "Rocket Car". It was an enjoyable day for all three of us. We were sure glad we decided to go!

UPCOMING TOURS

EVENT: All Ford Picnic

DATE: Sunday, October 3, 1993
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: La Palma Park, Anaheim

\$10 per car. No pre-registration. Spectators FREE. For more information about the event please contact: Fred Herrlein at

(714) 538-3957 or Fred Scheibel at (310) 943-8016.

EVENT: Throttlers Picnic

DATE: Sunday, October 3, 1993

PLACE: Johnny Carson Park, Burbank

EVENT: Road Kings Car Show

DATE: Sunday, October 10, 1993
PLACE: Equestrian Center, Burbank

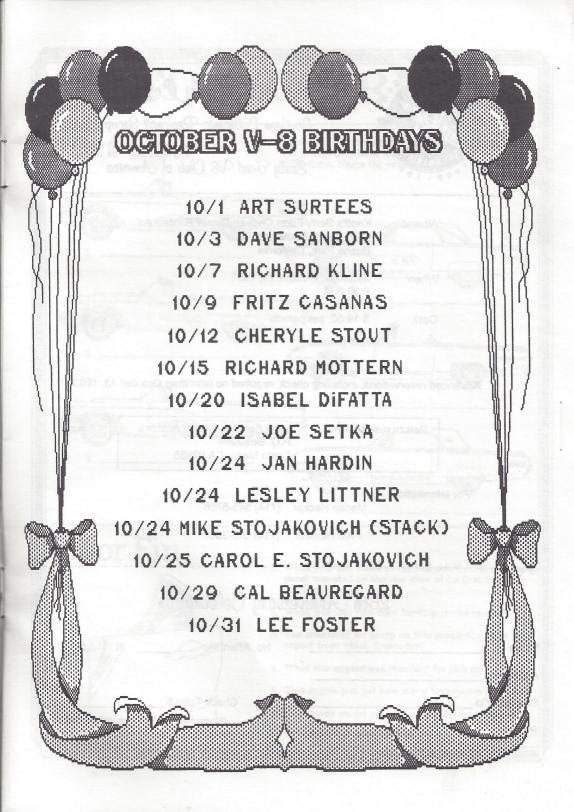
EVENT: Baldyview V-8 Car Show and Picnic

DATE: Sunday, November 7, 1993 **TIME:** 8:00 a.m. TO 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Upland Memorial Park, on Foothill Boulevard.

1 mile East of Euclid Avenue.

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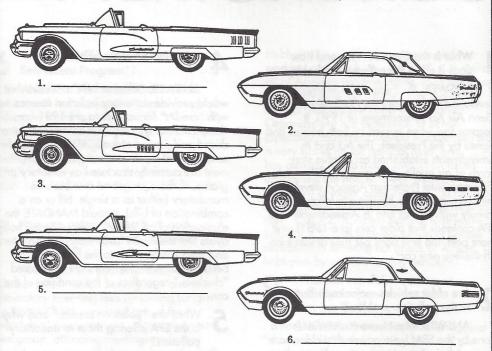
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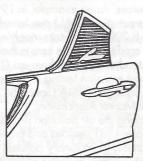
OCTOBER TRIVIA:

T-Bird Teaser

These six Ford Thunderbirds may all look alike, but in fact they have many subtle design differences. Name the years.



Door Fin



- 1. What year and make of car had this fin-like chrome panel mounted on the rear door of its first four-door hardtop?
- 2. What was this four-door hardtop model named?
- 3. The simulated air scoop on this production door was copied from which dream car?
- 4. What size engine was standard for this car?
- 5. This engine put out how many horsepower?
- 6. How many model years featured the door fin?

"CLUNKER BILLS," RESTRICTIVE ZONING LAWS, AND DISCRIMINATORY LICENSING FEES.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Clean Air Act, and how does it effect the collector car hobby?

ANSWER: The Federal Government developed and created the Comprehensive Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. It became law when passed by both houses and signed by the President. The Act and its Amendments established acceptable standards of air quality; however, the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) develops minimum guidelines for states to follow to comply with the Act and its Amendments. The EPA contends that older cars (pre-1981) emit more polluting emissions per mile driven than off-the-line new cars.

2 Are older vehicles major contributors to the pollution problem?

ANSWER: No. Numerous studies (some done by the EPA) have proven that older cars are no "dirtier" than newer ones. The problem is not the age of the car, but whether it is well-maintained and in proper tune. In addition, EPA assumptions are based on the misconception that pre-1981 vehicles are being driven the same amount as newer vehicles, which they are not. (According to some studies, older cars are driven fewer than 900 miles per year on average.)

Why are some states proposing bills that could take older cars off the road?

ANSWER: Each state is responsible for developing State Implementation Plans (SIPS) to comply with the amended Clean Air Act and the EPA Guidelines. States must meet the criteria or lose federal funding.

A What are "clunker bills"?

ANSWER: "Clunker bills" are laws that would provide stationary pollution sources with "credits" for scrapping pre-1981 cars. These bills are typically (but not always) introduced and passed at the STATE level by state senators and representatives. In addition, most are currently structured as voluntary programs. If these programs ever become mandatory (either as a single bill or as a combination of bills), it could MANDATE the elimination of all "older" vehicles. Many hobbyists feel these bills favor stationary polluters and are grossly unfair to the hobbyists because ALL pre-1981 cars are considered "clunkers," regardless of the condition of the car.

What are "pollution credits," and why is the EPA offering them to stationary polluters?

ANSWER: Companies that cannot meet their mandatory EPA pollution standards can "purchase" unused credits from other industries or sources. As an example, in 1990, Unocal Corporation (Calif.) purchased and destroyed 8,300 "older" cars, applying their "pollution credits" from the cars to their smoke stacks, instead of cleaning them up! (This was done without emission testing for these vehicles!) According to SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association), " ... approaching the air pollution problem by removing pre-1981 vehicles and providing emission credits to stationary polluters does not properly address the issue of reducing pollution."

6 What is an "Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program"?

ANSWER: An "Accelerated Vehicle Retirement" is a euphemism (a clever way of hiding the truth) for "clunker bills." Air quality is a hot topic among politicians, and many will do anything to get votes -- including introducing and voting for laws that will take YOUR favorite collector car off the road. DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE POLITE WORDS!

How are unfair zoning laws and excessive licensing fees impacting the hobby?

ANSWER: You can strike back against "clunker bills," unfair zoning laws and discriminatory licensing fees by joining (or giving FINANCIAL support to) one of the "watchdog" organizations, organizing your own group, attending meetings and other special events currently being planned ... OR, by calling, writing, or visiting your STATE legislators and letting them hear YOUR voice.

What "watchdog" groups have been organized to lobby for and protect the interest of the collector car hobbyists and enthusiasts?

ANSWER: "Watchdog" groups include COVA, WOAH, ARMO, AAC, C.A.R.Z., and OTHER state and local organizations chartered for the specific purpose of protecting the rights of car collectors. COVA (The Council of Vehicle Associations) is a not-for-profit group: "... devoted to protecting the interests of individuals, companies, and organizations involved in the collectible vehicle industry." WOAH (World Organization of Automotive

Hobbyists) is a self-help program and networking system whose goal it is " ... to unite all of America into one strong voice reflecting our family-oriented hobby's best interest."

ARMO (Automotive Restoration Market Organization) is a committee of SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) that is very active on the political front, and " ... has already had a major impact on issues concerning the hobby." AAC (Antique Auto Coalition) its major objective is "... to monitor and influence federal legislation and regulation." C.A.R.Z. (Citizens Against Repressive Zoning) is " ... an informal group of people dedicated to ferreting out abuse of vehicle hobbyists by zealous zoning personnel."

What can car club members or individuals do to protect their own interest?

ANSWER: You can strike back against "clunker bills," unfair zoning laws and discriminatory licensing fees by joining one of these "watchdog" organizations, organizing your own group, attending seminars and other special events currently being planned ... or, by calling, writing, or visiting your state legislators and letting them hear YOUR voice

Where can additional information be obtained about membership in the "watchdog" groups, proposed legislation, special events, and actions being taken to protect the hobby?

ANSWER: <u>Cars & Parts</u> Magazine runs a regular column, titled "Voice of the Hobby," that addresses these issues or send a self - addressed stamped envelope with your specific request and we will send you the information we have regarding your question.

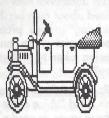


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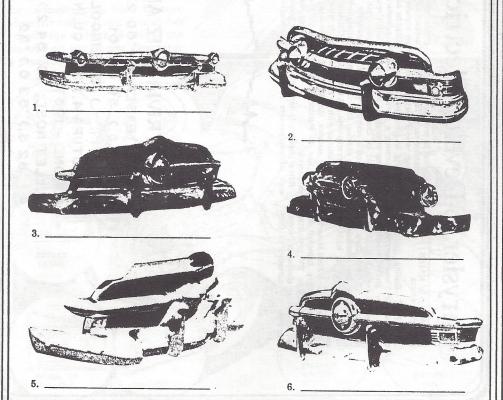




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CAN YOU GIVE THE CORRECT MODEL YEAR
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IT'S ANOTHER TRIVIA QUIZ... DESIGNED TO TEST YOUR SMARTS



Chrysler to Develop Electric Vehicle on Its Own

By DONALD W. NAUSS TIMES STAFF WRITER

DETROIT—Ending speculation that the Big Three auto makers would enter an unprecedented agreement to jointly build an electric vehicle, Chrysler Corp. said Friday that it has concluded it would be cheaper to build one alone.

General Motors, Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. launched discussions on joint EV production and technology sharing in December, after GM curtailed its fasttrack effort to produce a two-seat, zero-emission car by 1995.

Chrysler said Friday that it is continuing to participate in talks about forming a consortium for developing critical EV technology that could be shared by the Big Three. And it said it is still interested in sharing information on design, development and testing of electric vehicles with its competitors. For instance, the Big Three would like to standardize some components.

Rather than jointly develop a car with its competitors from the

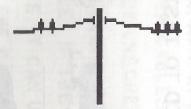
ground up, however, Chrysler has decided to pursue development of an electric-powered minivan that could be based on the firm's existing products, company spokesman Chris Preuss said. That would reduce costs and give Chrysler the flexibility to adapt to emerging battery technologies.

GM and Ford are pursuing entirely novel vehicles that will require new, costly production lines, but they are also committed to existing battery technology that could become obsolete with a battery breakthrough. The possibility of joint EV production had been considered a long shot by many industry experts, noting cultural conflicts between the car makers and potential antitrust concerns. The world's biggest car makers must bring EVs to market by 1998, when California will require that 2% of vehicles sold be emission-free.

Ford and GM officials declined to comment on Chrysler's statement.

Chrysler Chairman Robert Eaton and Vice President Francois Castaing confirmed the decision.

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TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS:

T-BIRD TEASER: 1.) '60 2.) '63 3.) '58

4.) '62 5.) '59 6.) '61

DOOR FIN: 1.) '57 LINCOLN 2.) LANDAU

3.) FUTURA 4.) 368 CU.IN. 5.) 300 HP

6.) ONE - 1957

BULLET NOSE: 1.) '54 2.) '51 3.) '49

4.) '52 5.) '53 6.) '50

Simple Tests Locate ELECTRICAL TROUBLES

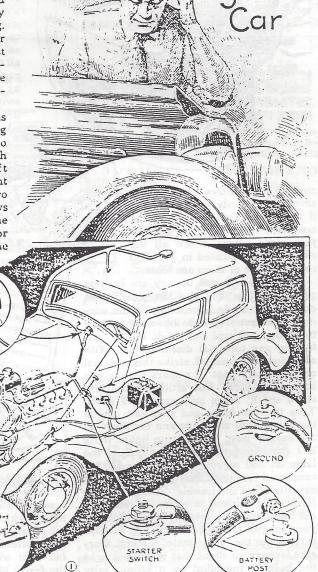
WITH the aid of a test light, consisting of a 6-volt bulb, socket, two lengths of insulated wire and a couple of battery clips assembled as shown in Fig. 5. you can "run down" short or open circuits in your car. Most electrical troubles are intermittent, and, for this reason, are hard to locate unless traced systematically.

Suppose your battery runs down while the car is standing idle. The first thing to do is to be sure that the ignition switch or lights have not been left turned on. Also watch to see that the ammeter goes back to zero when the motor stops. If it shows a discharge of 10 to 18 amps., the cut-out on top of the generator is probably failing to open. The

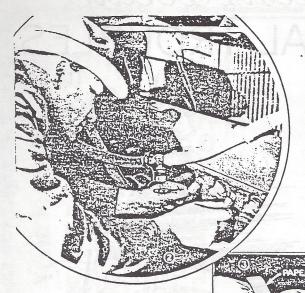
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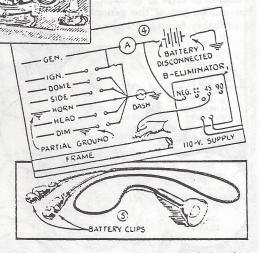


cure is to remove the cover, smooth the points with a fine file, if rough, and increase the spring tension a little until the cut-out just opens. Next, check all the connections indicated in Fig. 1 to see that none of them are loose.

If the cut-out and battery are both in good condition and the latter still runs down, the trouble is probably in the wiring. The first step is to have the battery fully charged and put back in the car, leaving one terminal disconnected. With all switches turned off, strike this terminal on the battery post. If a spark occurs, you have a bad short. But, although you can't see a spark, there still may be a short. Take the test lamp and snap one clip to the terminal of the cable and the other on the battery post. If the lamp lights, there is a short or ground, and by leaving the lamp on and moving the cable and wires connected to it until the light goes out, you can often find the trouble. The final check for leaking current is made by removing the bulb from the test light and touching your tongue to the contacts, Fig. 6. This is known as the "salty-taste" method. Current leakage so slight that it will not light the bulb is indicated by a strong salty. taste at the contacts.

High-resistance grounds that discharge a battery slowly are sometimes found where a wire touches the metal covering of a cable at one point and the cable touches the frame at some other point. Another high-resistance type of ground is where a wire has rubbed against the speedometer housing or some other metal part of the car. If the short is not located in this way, it may be in the light or ignition wiring and may be making contact at intervals as the car is driven. To find this trouble, remove all the bulbs from the lamps, place paper between the ignition points as in Fig. 3, and turn on all switches. Connect the test light in series with the battery. Then

> go over each wire thoroughly, moving it back and forth and up and down, especially where it passes over any metal, to see if the test light flashes. If it does, you have lo-



cated the ground. If these tests fail to locate the trouble, the next step is to insert fuses in the various circuits. Then, by noting which fuse blows out, it is just a job of tracing that line to find the ground. Intermittent shorts are common in the tail-light wire where it passes out from the frame of the car. They are also common where wires pass through the dash and radiator shell.

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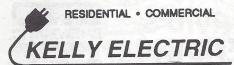
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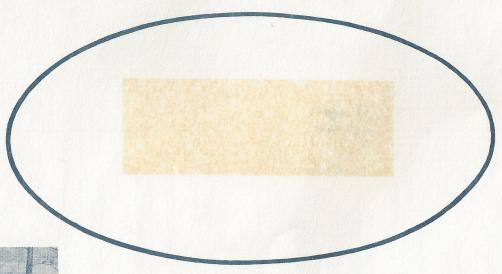
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