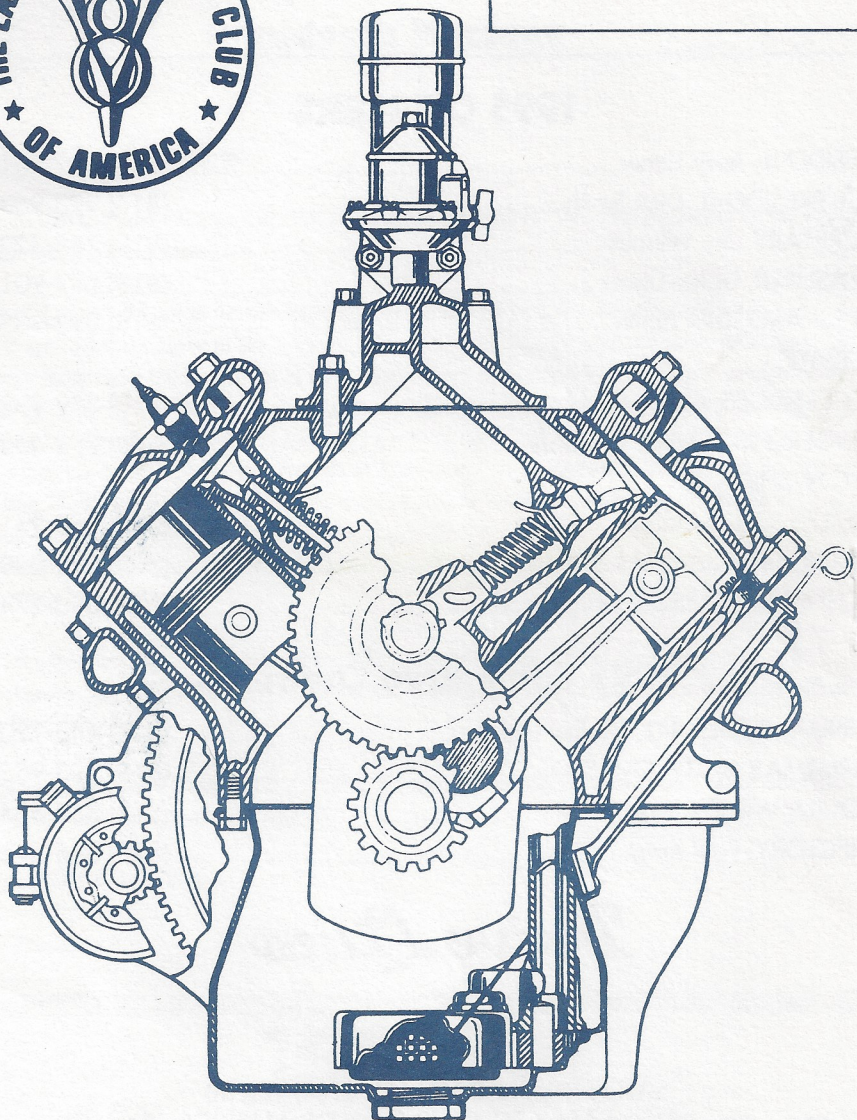


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# The Valley V8's

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## President's Message

GREETINGS VALLEY V-8ers.

I would like to thank George Richards for doing a fine job in '94. Past President George is going to be a tough act to follow.

We had a great turn out at the Christmas party - about 64 people. We also had lots of fun. I would like to apologize for some of the dinners. We didn't get exactly what we were promised. See the apology letter from the restaurant in this Drive Lines. Past President Bob Rose presented the outgoing officers with their awards. Cal Beauregard presented the new officers. Lesley Littner presented achievement awards to members for their participation and dedication in club activities. The recipients were: Bob Rose - Tequila Willies tour. Cal Beauregard - for his talk on Mustangs. Virginia Wolf - for the birthday list information. Jerry Jensen - for his talk on '39 Fords. Larry Caplan - for his talk on electrical systems. David Sanborn - for his talk on '35-'36 Fords. Dudley Ochsner - for the Peppermill Brunch. Don Durkee and Dennis Keene -our auctioneers. Lee Wright - for being Santa Claus.

Our January meeting will be held on the 8TH. Our guest speaker is none other than Cal Beauregard. When Cal speaks - V-8ers listen. Good start to Dick Smith, our program officer and Vice President.

We are still looking for two good people to fill open positions - activities and fellowship. Our Club could sure use some 'new blood'.

See you January 8th. Happy New Year.

Your President Jerry.



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Program for January 5, 1995

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**MEETING: 7:30 P.M.**

Our speaker will be Cal Beauregard. A great way to start our year. Bring a guest.

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Contact Lesley Littner, Treasurer A.S.A.P.

Deadline will be February 1st.

Please renew your valuable membership.





*Jim Winnett's*

## SECRETARY'S VIEWPOINT

With Valley V-8ers, guests, Santa and Mrs. Claus and all of the work that Shirley and George Richards, Lesley and Jerry Littner and Judy and Chuck Shubb did, our annual Christmas Party/Installation Dinner was GREAT!!!

President George and First Lady Shirley Richards had a Christmas song "Sing-a-long". Some of the Valley V-8ers were reluctant to sing. But with a little persuading they got up and "Sang", except John Wolf. Coincidentally, John just happened to have to use the restroom, have a smoke or give someone some promised car part. So, John missed out on the singing..... darn, darn, darn! But John was present to win the table center piece, from his table, for Virginia, of course.

A turkey, ham, assorted breads and cookies (baked by an anonymous baker) were raffled. Chuck Mair was seen eating some of the cookies that Lin Kemmerer and Virginia Wolf won..... good cookies, huh Chuck?

There was a shift in position for most of our Valley V-8 Officers. With Jerry Littner moving to the President position and Dick Smith taking the Vice President position.

I hope you all have/had a safe and Happy Holiday Season and I hope that 1995 will keep you well and your roads safe.

With kindest regards, I am

Respectfully,

Jim Winnett

P.S. Thank you, Patti Smith, for the baking that you did.



## PROFILE OF A FORD ENTHUSIAST

As told to Dave Sanborn  
by Virginia Wolf

People such as John Wolf along with a combination of other factors contributed to Southern California leading the national Hot Rod movement following the Second World War. The war opened the eyes of the rest of the country to Los Angeles' many benefits: wide open spaces, near ideal weather, a young dynamic population and an embryonic industrial base. These factors created the opportunity for an automotive oriented society. John took the opportunity and became a "go fast" movement leader.

The time and place was right for John to emerge as an auto enthusiast. He was born in Hollywood, California in 1931. In 1936 he moved with his family a few miles North to Sherman Oaks in the San Fernando Valley. There he studied at Dickens Street Grammar School and Van Nuys Junior and Senior High Schools. The Valley had wide-open spaces as it grew into an urban center serving the burgeoning Los Angeles complex to the South. This setting created an environment for John's interest in the automobile.

Ford's specifically attracted John early in life since they were fast, plentiful and his family's car of choice. This relationship with Ford's has persisted to today. He built his first flathead Ford engine when he was 14. Like many innovators he learned by doing. If it didn't start or run right, he did it over and over until it did. During his school years he did a lot of street drag racing with his father's 1941 Ford Pickup.

In 1949 he received a '40 Ford Coupe as a



high school graduation present. This began in earnest his lifelong racing avocation. He first raced at San Fernando and Saugus drag strips. Then he purchased a 1936 Ford Coupe for drag racing and dry lakes speed trials. The '36 Coupe had several engines including a 249 cubic inch flathead which was raced at Bonneville attaining the top speed in its class of 135 mph in 1951.

John's career was centered around automobiles- also primarily Fords. Right out of high school he worked for Sturtevant Motor Parts for one year. Then he went to Wray Bros. Ford in Van Nuys in 1950. There he worked as a service writer until he was drafted into the Army in 1952. He trained as an airplane and engine mechanic at San Marcos Air Force Base in Texas. There he and several other California fellows started a drag racing club. One of the places they raced was on a dirt quarter-horse race track outside San Antonio.

The weekend before he was shipped overseas he took three Fords to the Saugus drag strip. Three trophies resulted: one with his '36 Ford Coupe, another with his original '40 Coupe and the third with his fathers '41 Ford pickup. In Korea he served as a helicopter mechanic and became the only person to do zieglowing and magnafluxing of helicopter and rifle parts. He was discharged as a corporal after two years service.

Upon returning he continued his Ford oriented career with Wray Bros. In due time he became service manager at his Ford dealership. In 1954 Virginia Loiselle, his High School sweetheart, and he were married. They have two daughters, Janette and Diana.

In 1961 John became interested in hydro plane racing after building a 266 cubic inch Chevrolet engine for a friend's 266 hydroplane.



His engines were so successful that between 1961 and 1967 he built numerous engines for seven different boat racing classes. In 1967 the Southern California Speedboat Club awarded John the "Keith Black" perpetual trophy for Outstanding Achievement in Engineering.

After his engine building success he decided to own a boat. So he purchased an 18 foot- 5 liter (302 cubic inch) hydro built by Ron Jones in 1969. It was a pickle fork cab over Methanol-Alcohol fuel powered boat called the "Going Thing". He belonged to the American Power Boat Association and raced all over the U. S. from Seattle to Florida and also Canada. In 1972 he broke the world's 5 liter class speed record at Parker, Arizona, which still stands at 152 MPH.

For the past 10 years he has been a volunteer mechanic on his boyhood friends unlimited hydroplane. Bob Patterson's hydro is powered by a post war Allison Airplane engine. It is raced throughout the U. S., Canada and Mexico. Over the years John built seven world record holding engines.

Wray Bros. was John's uninterrupted place of employment until it was sold in 1976. Then he was moved to Gateway Ford in Van Nuys and stayed there until 1978 when he retired. While working for Ford he earned the Ford "Silver Medallion" Award for outstanding achievement.

He is presently in partnership with Bill Brandenburg in a 27-T modified roadster powered by a 255 cubic inch turbo charged Ford, which they run at Bonneville dry lakes. To date their top speed is 229 miles per hour.

John has two 1940 Ford Coupes which he re-stored. One is maroon having a turbo charged



flathead. John fabricated and built the engine himself. The engine was installed without any cutting or damage to the inner fenders or fire wall. This coupe was featured in two national magazines: first in the April 1978 issue of Popular Hot Rodding and the second time in 1982 in the Swedish magazine Power. At the Orange County International Raceway 1978 Antique Nationals John raced the car. It turned 92 MPH in 15 seconds flat. At the same event, in its first car show, the car won the Judges Choice award.

John and Virginia are members of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. And, they are very active in the San Fernando Regional Group. At the 1985 Valley V-8's annual Peoples Choice Car Show and Pizza Night John's maroon 1940 Ford Coupe won the first place cup.

Virginia and John are an all Ford family, also having a 1985 Thunderbird, a 1971 Mach I Mustang and a 1966 Mustang. In addition they are the original owners of a 1966 Thunderbird, a 1970 Torino and a 1970 Ranchero. Last but not least they have a recently acquired 1940 Ford Sedan which Virginia regularly drives to club functions.

John Wolf exemplifies a person who helped shape the best of automobile culture in the United States. He grew up, served his country, developed a career, helped raise a family while continuing to pursue his auto related sports and hobbies. He and Virginia continue to live a full productive post retirement life. In John's story there is a lesson for all.



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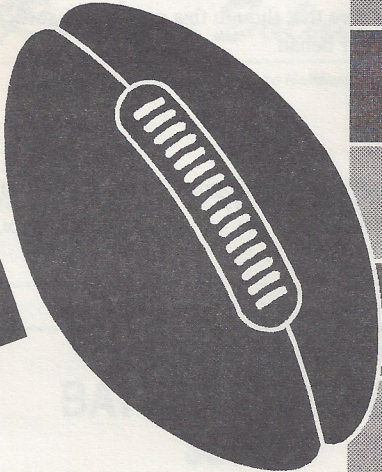
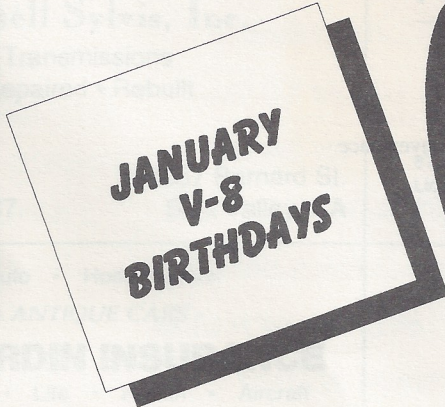




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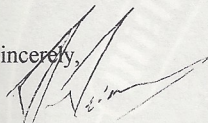
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The 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant is refunding your organization \$1.50 Per person on your Christmas Dinner held on the abovementioned Date as restitution towards our shortcoming. I am sure that though this may not be sufficient at this point, this will serve as a goodwill gesture on our behalf.

Once again I apologize you for your inconvenience.

Sincerely,

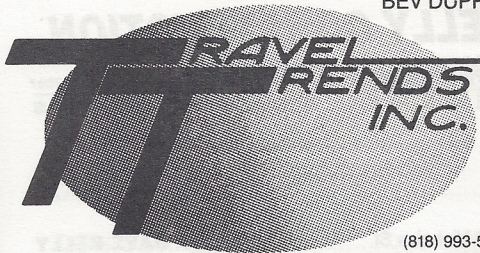


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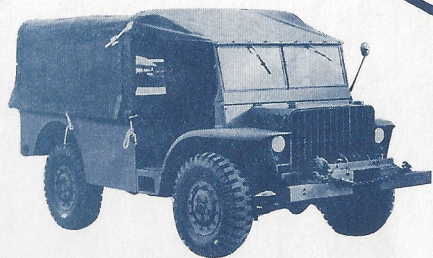
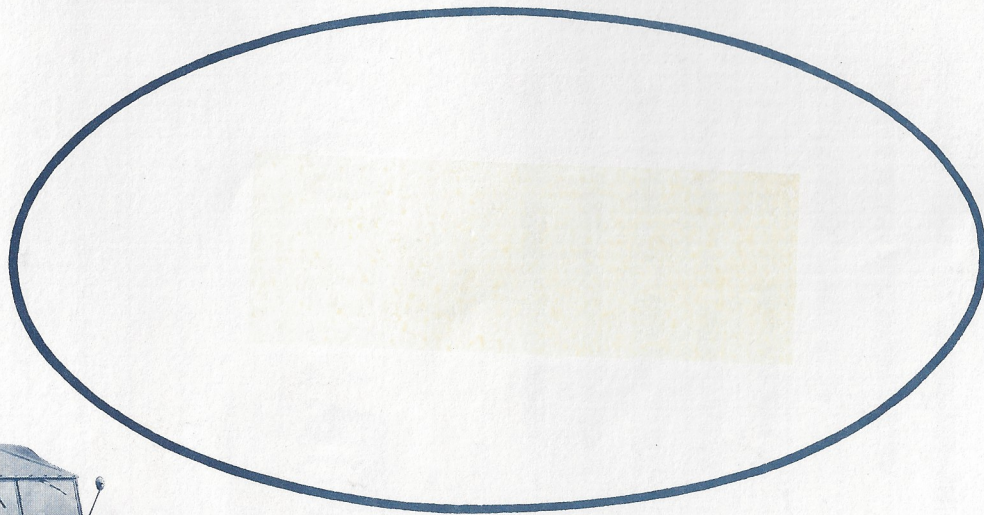
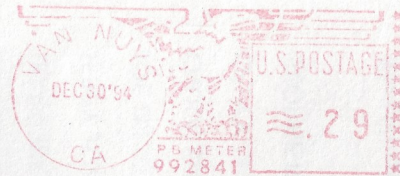
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