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The Valley V8's

JUNE, 1995 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS VALLEY V-8ers:

June is here already. That means it time for summer fun. Sure hope the great "weather spirit" cooperates.

I would like to take the time to thank our great auctioneer - good ol' country boy Durkee. Durkee is not just a great auctioneer (and very much in demand these days) but also a source of wonderful entertainment. Thanks to Don and assistant Russ from all of us. I must also thank our First Lady, Lesley and our Vice-First-Lady Patti Smith for the special baked goods they contributed to our auction. It amazes me how much we will all spend on brownies, cookies and breads and, how hard it is to get us to part with a couple of dollars for an old car part. Anyway, our auction was quite successful with almost every single item going home with a new owner. We raised \$561. plus we received a special check for \$100. from an anonymous club member. Thanks to Mr. Anonymous and to you all for helping our treasury stay in the black.

Our June 4th meeting will be held at the usual time and place. Come and join in on the surprise program.

We have a second outing this month which takes the place of our July meeting. It is our Annual BBQ at Don & Beverley Dupree's house on Sunday, June 25th. This event will be our "First Annual Past Presidents Day BBQ". I would like to see all available Past Presidents attend. We will be taking a group photo of you all. See insert in this Drive Lines for further information. Please note that this gathering will be in place of our regular July meeting. The Fourth of July holiday weekend falls in here and a lot of us will be out of town.

Thanks to Dick and Patti Smith for providing refreshments at our auction meeting. There are still a couple of months open for YOU to volunteer to bring goodies.

Wishing all who are fathers a Happy Fathers Day and happy motoring to all.

Best regards,

Your Prez. Jerry

Program for June 4th, 1995

GLENDALE FEDERAL SAVINGS 21821 DEVONSHIRE, CHATSWORTH

TIRE KICKING: 7:00 P.M.

MEETING: 7:30 P.M.

An interesting meeting is being planned. Pres. Jerry has a few ideas up his sleeve... <u>PLAN TO ATTEND</u>.

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Car Painters

If you are planning to paint your car or certain areas on your car soon... Be sure and buy the paint NOW!!

July 1st - New Law...WATER BASE PAINT.

SECRETARY'S VIEWPOINT

Meeting #5 of 1995 - AUCTION NIGHT. President Jerry Littner came in with a bare upper lip. We found out later that Jerry CAN BE BOUGHT!!

Jack Miles was the name that was drawn for the 'Name Badge' drawing. AND...Jack was present AND...wearing his name badge. Congratulations Jack!

Thanks goes to Patti Smith, who baked those great cookies, and Dick, who carried them in, for us to enjoy during our break. Which gave us the opportunity to taste what we could bid on, later.

In addition to our "Break Time Cookies", Patti Smith baked several goodies that were Auctioned. And First Lady Lesley Littner did some baking, too, that were auctioned off. The baked goods got the most involvement from the group, and then there were those 'Heaters' John Kemmerer bought. Thanks Lesley and Patti for your efforts and for the delicious goodies, yummy!

Our Auctioneer was the renowned Don Durkee, dressed in his "Levi Garrett Racing Outfit" and Russ Sylvis was the alternate/helper/deliverer. Thanks gentlemen for your work and entertainment!!

The FIRST auctioned item was a Model Kit of a 1934 FORD. And the persistant bidder was Craig Lapair who out-bid all other bidders, eventually....Going once, twice.....

Father's Day is coming. So, have you FATHERS made up your wish list(s)...you know to help the decision on what to get someone who maybe difficult to buy for....Have a great Father's Day!

With kindest regards, I am

Respectfully,

Jim Winnett

EARLY V-8 FORDS DRIVEN

- '39 FORD Deluxe Tudor Jerry Jensen
- '39 RS Convertible Don Durkee
- '40 FORD Tudor Lin Kemmerer & 1st Husband
- '40 FORD Coupe Dick Smith
- '40 FORD Deluxe Coupe Virginia & John Wolf
- '41 FORD Coupe Chuck Mair
- '46 FORD Taxi Deluxe Whitney Rydbeck
- '48 FORD Coupe Joe DiFatta
- '48 Continental Cabriolet Bob Rose

Mike Monroe arrived in his '64 pickup and Don Dupree arrived in his '65 Lincoln.

REFRESHMENTS

JUNE - Lin Kemmerer OCTOBER -

JULY - Donna Paschal? NOVEMBER -

AUGUST - Chuck Shubb JANUARY '96 -

SEPTEMBER - Blacky Blackwell

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





NEXT VALLEY V-8 GENERAL MEETING will be a Social Gathering

1ST ANNUAL
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My Dad, The Ford Nut By Verna Rose

Waukegan, Illinois is the birthplace of three celebrities, comedian, Jack Benny, Science fiction writer, Ray Bradbury and my Dad, Bob Rose. Most of you probably know one of the three. Anyway . . . To make this as short and painless as possible, I'll only tell you interesting stuff.

Dad tells me when he was a kid, he told his Dad, "I want to sell 1939 Chevies when I grow up." Why '39? He went to an auto show and didn't have enough sense to look at good stuff like Packards Lincolns or Cadillacs. You notice I didn't mention Fords. Well, he wasn't that nuts yet.

While in high school, Dad fell in love with a bright red (Yuck!) '41 Ford Convertible. A mechanic at the Ford garage in Waukegan, in need of bucks to buy a new '51 Ford Custom Club Coupe, sold him the '41 (painted '47 Pontiac Red). I think Dad paid too much, but that's another story. The car was pretty though. There's a photo of it along with this article. Doesn't

Dad look silly? Anyway, he didn't know how to drive. He immediately got in the car, put it

in reverse, hit a pole and tore up the right rear fender and skirt. My Grandfather told me Dad cried, but Dad won't admit it to me.

Later Dad sold the car while he studied in college when he met Mom. She had a beautiful '54 Mercury Monterey Hardtop, the color Arctic White and Bittersweet. I have a picture of it. It just looks orange and dirty to me. Mom and Dad married because they were in love, but the car didn't hurt the deal.

Dad joined the Navy at Uncle Sam's request and traded Mom's lovely Mercury in on a big ugly clunker, a '57 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser. Mom said it was the ugliest thing she had ever seen. To this day she hasn't forgiven him. She said he paid too much for the Mercury too, but that's another story also.

After a couple of T-Birds, a '60 and a '64, a couple of Corvettes, a '66 and a '69 (He paid too much for them too!), Dad got Mom a gorgeous '72 Lincoln Coupe, and later a more

gorgeous '77 Town Coupe. You're right. He paid too much for them also.

They say a fool and his gold soon part, so Dad decided to start buying old cars. He told Mom, "Used cars are cheaper!"

He bought a 1930 Model A Sport Coupe. He became the first Membership Chairman of the San Fernando Valley Model A Club. Through some sort of miracle, he raised the membership to over 100, the first time that had ever happened.

He then sold the Sport Coupe, and got a cute little '36 Ford 3 Window Coupe. He drove back to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and trailered it home behind a big bad '77 Mercury Grand Marquis. No, you're wrong he didn't pay too much for the '36.

All was fine until he found another '41 Convertible. He found it in of all places, Rustville, U.S.A., better known as Florida! He got it out here some kind of way, and fixed it up with junk, otherwise known as accessories, so it would look just like his original. Only this one was

black. Some of you old timers may remember it.

You guys in the Club must be as wired as he is because you conned him into being Valley V-8's President in 1982. He still proudly displays the two beautiful plaques you gave him for outstanding service, the only President you did that for. I really think he bought the second one to impress everyone, but Mom says he really got them.

Dad also had a '57 T-Bird, which he bought, sold, bought back and sold again. He had a '58 Mercury Convertible called "Sputnik." Another Mercury he owned was a '57 Convertible Cruiser Pace car formerly belonging to Sam Hanks, the Indy 500 winner that year. The car is now on permanent display at the Peterson Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.

He still has a '57 Turnpike Cruiser 2 door hardtop, just like the one he bought in the Navy. Mom still says it's the ugliest thing she has ever seen. I think so too.

Well, that's not the worst; he just bought his third '41

Convertible! This is a real beauty, but he won't drive it. He just tinkers with it and looks at it. Dad won't tell us what he paid for it, but you already know what we think.

Most of you know, his real prize. After Mom and me he says. It is his 1948 Lincoln Continental V-12 Cabriolet. He got it back, restored, after about eight months, due to earthquake damage. Now that's what he should have bought in the first place. I must admit it's a real prize now.

By now, I'm sure you're convinced Dad is as nutty as the rest of you. However, one thing he did makes me very proud of him: he wrote an aviation book called Lonely Eagles. It is the story of Black aviator struggles to serve our country during World War II. The book deals with the segregation and discrimination prevalent then. used in the History Department at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. It's in it's sixth printing. HBO is working on the possibility of a movie. If he ever gets any money for his contribution to that, which is doubtful, I believe, it won't be

nearly enough.

Verna Rose, His loving daughter

P.S.: I have a great brother too. He is Robert Jr. He is so much like Dad his story would in many ways sound like this story repeated.



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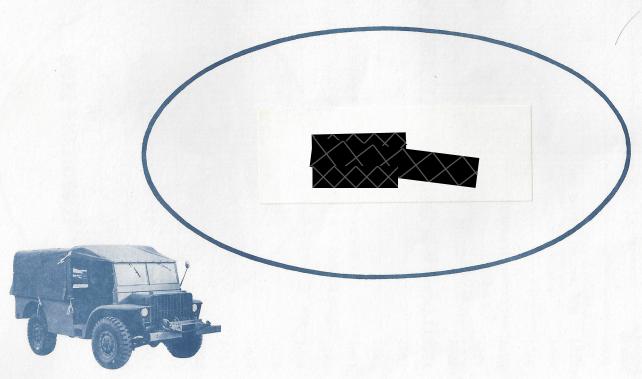
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