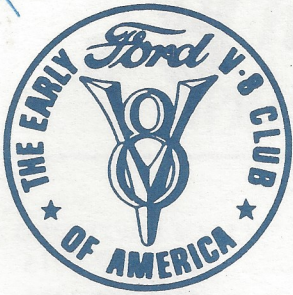
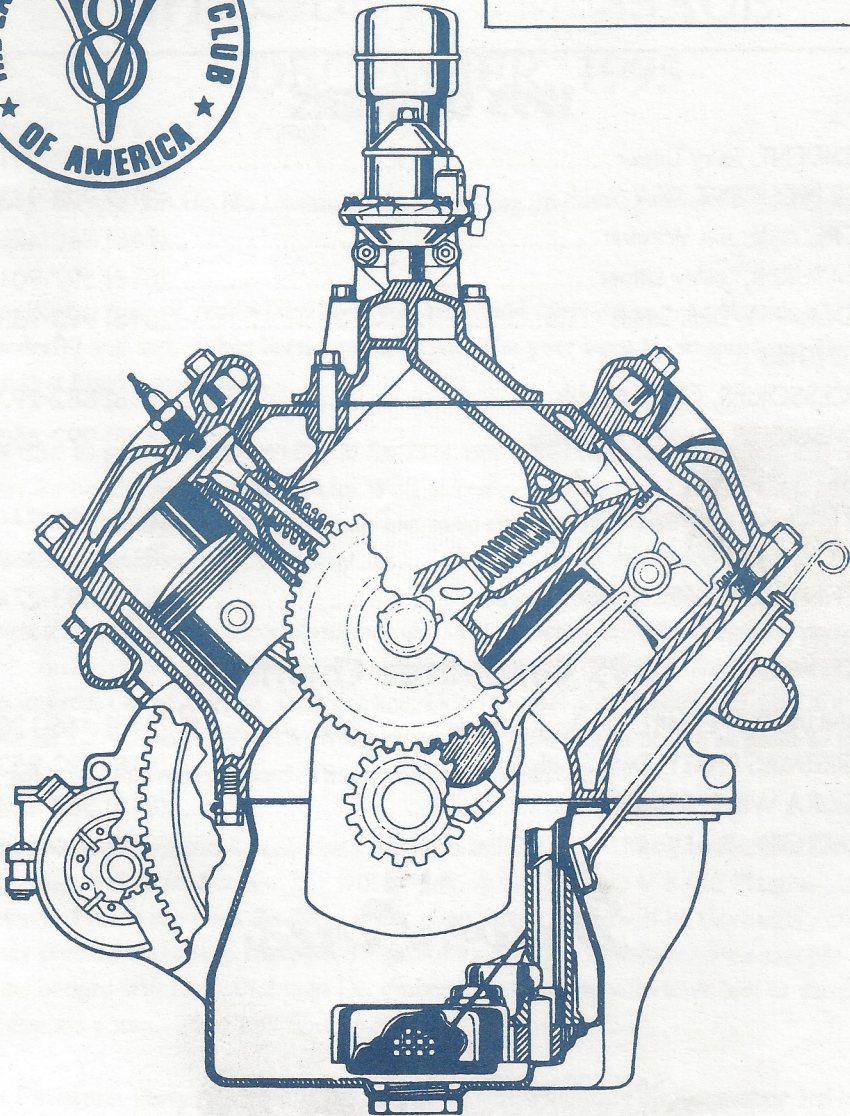


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DECEMBER, 1995

GREETINGS VALLEY V-8ers:

Merry, Happy, Ho Ho Ho ! Santa Claus is revving up the engines on the Reindeer. It's that time of year again.

It's also the time of year where I bid you all a fond farewell as your President. This feels wonderful and sad. It has been a great honor. The year went by so quickly. This must be a sign that I had a good time.

It is time to pass the baton to DICK SMITH, our next President. Dick has lots of fresh ideas for next year - including John Wolf as our next Vice-President. Please offer him your support and ideas. Together we can have the best club year yet. 1996 will be our club's 25th Anniversary. Amazing!

I want to express my sincere thanks to the 1995 officers and all the special people who have come to my rescue. Special thanks go out to Dave Sanborn, Joe DiFatta , Cal Beauregard, Dennis Keene, Don Durkee, Don Dupree, and Dudley Ochsner for their MAJOR LEAGUE EFFORTS. Without you, our club would not be as great as it is - and my job would have been hard. Thank you one and all.

Now onto some business. Our dues for 1996 will be \$25. This is because of the high price of postage and related costs. We will be getting our "Valley V-8 Car Plaques" sometime in January. Please see Dick Smith to order yours now. They will be thoroughly cool and nicely painted and cost \$16.50 each. Please look in this newsletter for a sample design. Name badges will be available in December for all of you who have lost or misplaced or the dog ate yours. They will cost \$6.00 each.

Our Christmas Party this year at the Smoke House restaurant on December 3rd looks to be the event of the season. Don't miss out ! We will have both a Turkey and Ham raffled off. You could have a good ole time AND bring home your holiday dinner's main course. We will also be installing our new president and officers.

Wishing you all the best in 1996 -health, happiness, prosperity and a Ford in your garage. Happy New Year. Happy Motoring.

Your Prez. Jerry

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4TH AND LONG...PUNT
SECRETARY'S VIEWPOINT

On November 5th, our 11th meeting of the year started out with President Jerry saying this was our last chance to impeach him. No takers. Dick Smith told us about the soon to be available Club Plaques. Then he told us about his tour with the Ventura Club to Death Valley and Scotty's Castle. He had just returned hours before the meeting and, shared a few nightmare-breakdown stories with us. He also said it was a terrific tour.

We had two guests attend our meeting. Nancy Nachtman, who owns a '40 Ford that is in the restoration stage and the 'Brother-in Law' of member Steve Sadd. Sorry, I missed his name.

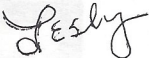
We raffled off two Thanksgiving turkeys - one organic and one Butterball. Winners were Lin Kemmerer and Doug Peterson. When asked what time to show up for dinner - no reply was heard.

Prez. Jerry thanked everyone who brought canned goods for their noble efforts. Joe DiFatta will be taking the food stuffs to the Van Nuys Rotary Club for distribution through their programs. Thanks Joe.

Our program speaker was our own Joe DiFatta. Joe shared his experiences with touring and traveling in his 26 foot motorhome. He covered 6,000 miles and used more than 1,000 gallons of fuel. The ultimate destination on this journey was to attend Marsha's family reunion. On the way they stopped at most every car museum and car-related town ON and OUT of their way. Then we heard a hearwarming story from Ralph Hubbard. He told us about how driving an old V-8 seems to make people go out of their way to offer help and kindness. Way to go Ralph. You restored my faith in "the good people of Nebraska and the mid-west".

The meeting ended with uplifted spirits and great parking-lot conversations.

With kindest regards,



Lesley Littner
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November 13, 1995

Dear Ford Members:

On behalf of the staff and clients at the San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, Inc., I would like to thank you for your most generous donation of two boxes and two large bags of canned goods.

We distributed your contribution to our Cornerstone program, which serves adults who are homeless and suffering from mental illness. As there are community fewer resources for those in need, we are beginning to see a marked increase in the number of people we serve - which means we have a lot more hungry people to feed!

When I informed the Cornerstone staff that you were sending food, they were thrilled. They anticipate approximately 400 for Thanksgiving dinner, so your donation came in the nick of time.

Thanks to all of you for your continuous support of the Center and our clients. We wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season, and we truly appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

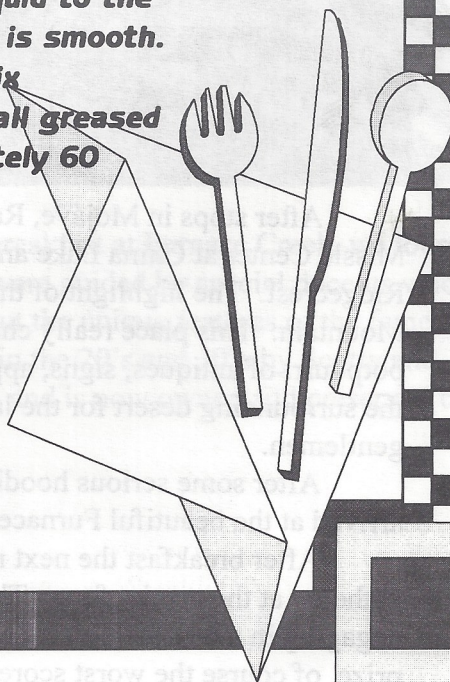
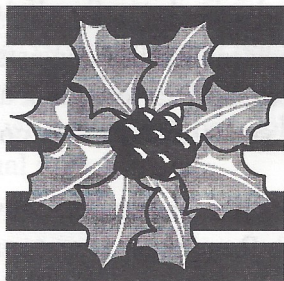


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HOLIDAY CRANBERRY NUT BREAD

- (2)Tbsp. shortening**
- (1) egg**
- (1) cup sugar**
- (1/2) tsp. salt**
- (2) cups flour**
- (1/2) tsp. baking powder**
- (1/2) tsp. baking soda**
- (1/2) cup pecans or walnuts, chopped**
- (1) cup cranberries, chopped**
- grated rind of one orange**
- juice of one orange, with water added to make**
3/4 cup of liquid

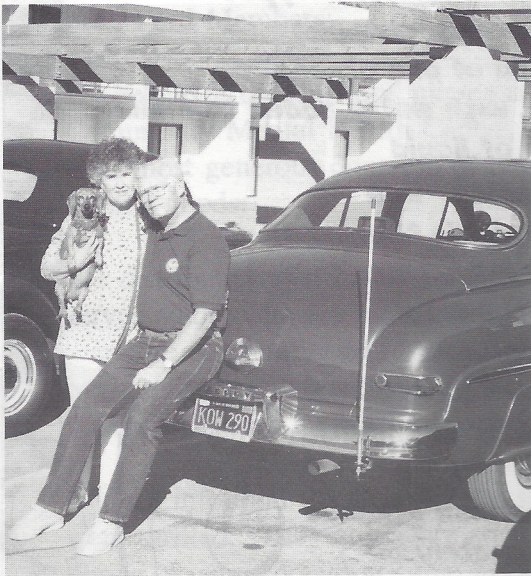
Melt the shortening and set aside. In a large bowl, beat the egg and mix in the sugar, salt, shortening, and grated rind. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, and baking soda. Add the flour mixture and orange juice liquid to the egg mixture, beating until batter is smooth. Add the cranberries and nuts. Mix thoroughly. Pour batter into small greased loaf pan and bake for approximately 60 minutes at 350 degrees. (Makes three mini-loaves)



Ventura V-8's - Regional Group # 84

Annual Fall Classic Tour

The 9th Annual Fall Classic Tour to Death Valley got off to an early start on Friday, November 3, 1995. 53 members, friends and a few wellwishers met at the Agua Dulce ranch of Blacky & Gerry Blackwell for a hearty full-on breakfast and send off. After greeting the cat, Merc, checking out the fish in the fish pond and shopping in The Country Cottage, each couple received a "Desert Water Bag", tour bag containing Death Valley maps and tour information and a quiz, also Sweetwater Creek Energy Bars for a mid-morning snack.. After breakfast 23 freshly shined and tuned old Fords departed led by tour chairperson, Gerry Blackwell.



After stops in Mojave, Randsburg, and Inyokern we toured the Navel Missile Center at China Lake and then had lunch at a local park in Ridgecrest. The highlight of the morning had to be the PPJ Museum of Red Mountain. This place really challenges reality and consists of a large potpourri of antiques, signs, appliances, and various junk all collected from the surrounding desert for the last 25 years, by two very colorful old gentlemen.

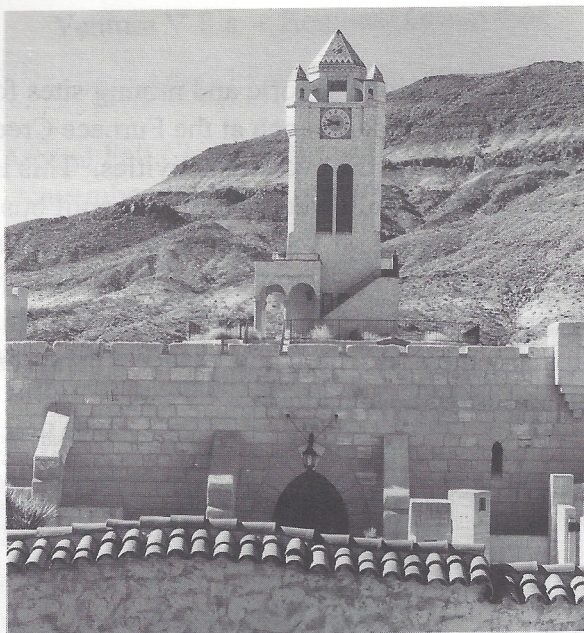
After some serious hoodlifting and a gas stop in Stovepipe Wells we arrived at the beautiful Furnace Creek Ranch just after sunset.

After breakfast the next morning, veteran V-8'ers warmed up and gathered at the crack of ten. The Ventura V-8's have a long tradition of engaging in a 6 hole "Trash Can Frisbee" contest and the winner gets a nice prize, of course the worst score gets the dreaded rubber chicken!

After visiting the various historic and mining sites for which Death Valley is famous, and a decadent lunch at the Furnace Creek Inn, we freshened up and moved into the evening activities. This included a nice chicken and steak barbeque followed by a full moonlit bus tour to The Amargosa Opera House at Death Valley Junction, where we watched an outstanding performance by 71 year old vaudeville star, Marta Beckett. All members were thrilled when we were told Red Skelton would be in attendance and many members were able to shake hands and talk to Red, both before the performance and after.



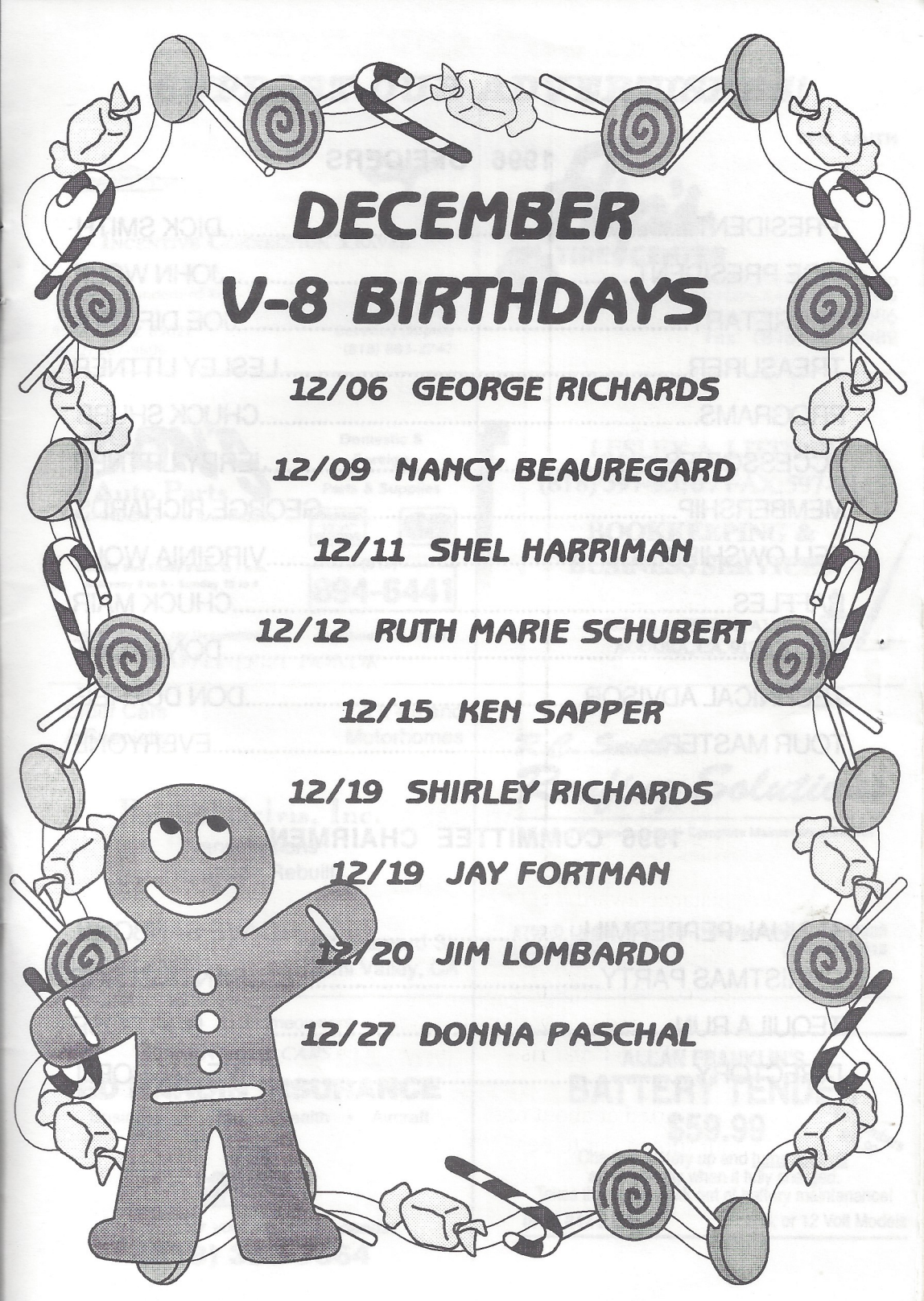
The following morning, after breakfast at Furnace Creek, we toured to Death Valley Scotty's Castle and were guided by special docents who told stories, 1939 style, and pointed out the unique features of the famed old desert mansion. The castle was built in the 20's and 30's by Scotty and wealthy business man Albert Johnson and is now owned and preserved by the National Park Service.



Long distance award went to Jerry & Jo Veley from Boring, Oregon and the winners of the hard luck award were Al & Ruth Spencer of Studio City.

The quiz consisted of questions about Death Valley and the movie "American Grafitti" and was won by Gerry & Janet Bachmann of Camarillo. The "Trash Can Frisbee" winners were Gerry Bachmann and John Urgo.

We all departed at about noon from Scotty's Castle and everybody agreed the tour turned out to be the largest and most exciting Fall Tour so far.



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