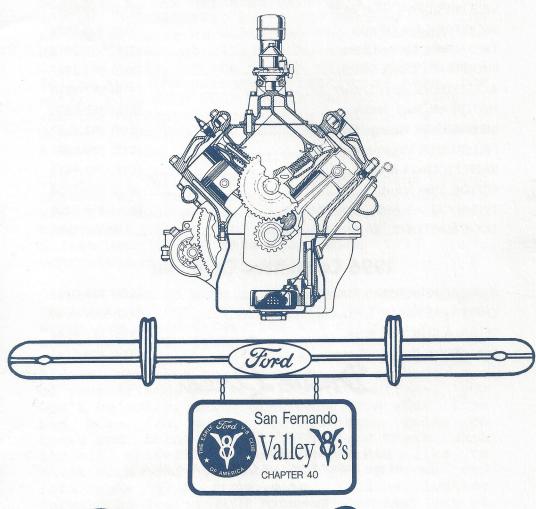


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE October 1996

THE VALLEY V8'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Hello Fellow Club Members:

We had another great turn out for our September meeting. We our going to meet at a new location for our October 1st. meeting, because of the excessive noise at Weiler's. The restaurant is BAKERS SQUARE at 17921 Chatsworth Street in Granada Hills, at the corner of Chatsworth St & Zelzah Ave. the manager is letting us have the entire back room which seats about 100 people, and the parking for our early FORDS looks very good, I hope you will all come out and give it a try.

The winner for the \$40.00 JACKPOT name badge drawing was Bob Monnick, and the two ladies to win the door prizes were Jackie Monnick and Rose Gott, the trophy for September early Ford driven went to Cal Beauregard with 1939 Ford, congratulations to all of you.

Ok, now down to some serious business at hand, nominations for officers for 1997, the club needs new candidates for all offices, and to use a very old cliche "you get back, what you put in" or something like that, is very true. Please come and nominate yourself or have one of your friends nominate you for a office, you won't be sorry. Being president this year I've had more fun, coming to meetings, going on tours and being with friends, and thats what its all about. And for that I would like to thank each and everyone of you. So come on, lets make '97 a great year. I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you October 1st at BAKERS SQUARE.

Yours Truly,

Dick Smith

October 1st NEW MEETING PLACE Bakers Square Restaurant



17921 Chatsworth Street Granada Hills

(at the corner of Chatsworth St. and Zelzah Ave.)

6:30 PM PARKING LOT TIRE KICKING & VISITING & Dinner if wanted, the food is good. 7;30 PM MEETING STARTS

Two ladies in attendance will receive a door prize.

The Trophy for the September 3rd Meeting will be given to a early FORD 1932-53 product in the parking lot, to be chosen by George Richards, Jerry Jensen, and Chuck Shubb they are the judges, so bring your cars.

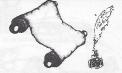
The name badge drawing (JACKPOT \$20.00), to be given to a club member in attendance that is wearing their badge.

Early FORD's driven to any Meeting, Tour, or Events will receive points, at the NOVEMBER MEETING, the member who has the most points will WIN a \$100.00, and 2nd place will WIN \$50.00.

Nominations for the 1997 OFFICERS, we need your voice, at our NEW quiet meeting place.

Many people feel that the development of the internal combustion engine, the drive train, and pneumatic tires were the catalysts for the automobile becoming a practical method of transportation. From there, companies in Europe such as Peugeot, Renault, Fiat, and Dialmier-Benz and ploneers in the US such as Henry Ford, Charles and Frank Duryea, and Ransom E. Olds helped lay the foundations for an industry that is one of the biggest in the world today.

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Secretary's Report

by Joe DiFatta

L. B. J. once said "My fellow Americans, today I speak to you with a heavy heart ..." so today I say "My Fellow Ford Friends ..." Lots of items come across at our meetings, but do you realize the man or woman hours spent to provide good meetings, good programs, good tours, good raffles, good bulletins, etc...etc...? Your compliments go a long way!! Enough for now.

We had a big turn out of members, 22 cars and 3 guests plus a couple of new members. PRESIDENT DICK announced that we will have an open election of officers for the October meeting.

September Car Trophy went to CAL BEAUREGARD for the best looking Ford in the parking lot. The Ladies Raffle was won by JACKIE MONNICK and GERRY BLACKWELL. DICK received a letter from the National Secretary stating that as of January 1st all members must be

a member of the National Group, which also includes receiving the bi-monthly "outstanding" Ford Times Magazine.

CHUCK MAIR collected \$150 tonight for the raffle. I even saw DAVE SANBORN win a prize ... with ticket no. 1936!!

CAL BEAUREGARD was our program and spoke about his early days with the Ford Co. and brought family photos for us to see.

Always Great Stories!!

Serious Time

- · We need a quieter place for the club to meet
- Also, need a new printer. After 10 years of printing the Drivelines, it's time to find someone else.

New Valley V8

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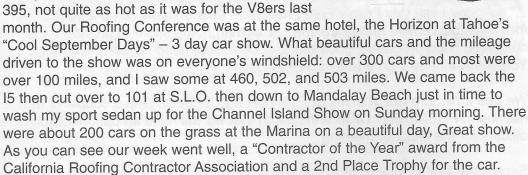
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Ford Fact

In the 1932 model year, the four cylinder engine was used in 96.5% of all light commercial units and 98.5% of all heavy trucks. The "new" V-8 engine became more prominent in the commercial line in 1933.

Editor Says

Cheryle and I were off to Tahoe this month. Up on 395, not guite as hot as it was for the V8ers last



We are off to the Pepper Mill on Sunday, Dave Sanborn expects about 90 people, hop to have some pictures for printing. don't forget the election this meeting at Bakers Square.

Ed

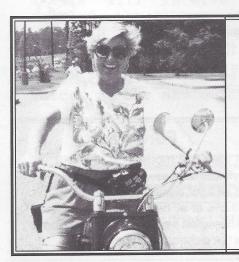
Dear Ed.

My Ford is out for repairs...if I borrow a club member's Ford, will I still get a point??

Lonesome Ford

Dear Lonesome,

Good Luck!! To borrow another man's car is like borrowing his wife... wait till next year's quiz.



When did Gerry Blackwell or her "double", take up riding a Cushman Bike??



The following cars and drivers have points towards the November JACKPOT

****	Virginia & John Wolf	15	points
***	Patti & Dick Smith	14	points
**	Rose & David Gott	13	points
*	Donna & Lloyd Paschal	12	points
*	Gerry & Blacky Blackwel	12	points
*	Lin & John Kemmerer	12	points
*	Dick Stone	11	_
*	Al Rohrer	10	points
	Lesley & Jerry Littner	9	points
	Shirley & George Richard	ls8	points
	Carole & Jerry Jensen	8	
	Richard Valleroy	8	points
	July & Chuck Shubb	7	points
	Dottie & Ken Schmelzel	7	points
	Chuck Mair	7	points
	Mary & Don Durkee	6	points
	Sue & Steve Boskovich	5	points
	Jackie & Bob Monnick	4	points
	Wayne Burns	4	points
	Leslie Mac Willie	3	points
	Bob Reed	3	points
	Vicki & Dennis Keene	3	points
	Nancy & Cal Beauregard	2	points
	Ken Sapper	2	points
	Carlos Wilhelm	2	points
	Allen Franklin	2	points
	Dave Sandborn	2	points
	Ann & Larry Caplan	2	points
	Bill King	1	point
	Cheryle & Don Stout	1	point
	Bob Rose	1	point
	Richard Chutuk	1	point
	Barbara & Howard Simpson	1	point
	Jan & Ed Hardin Harold Johansen	1	point
	Joe Simon	1	point
	Joe Areana	1	point
		1	point
	Kent Lowry	1	point
	Ed Warnock	1	point



OCTOBER V8 Birthdays



Oct. 1 Art Surtees

Oct. 3 Dave Sanborn

Oct. 12 Cheryle Stout

Oct. 15 Richard Mottern

Oct. 20 Isabel DiFatta

Oct. 20 Clara Jo Ostergran

Oct. 23 Bob Rose

Oct. 24 Leslie Littner

Oct. 24 Jan Hardin

Oct. 29 Cal Beauregard

EARLY V8 FORDS DRIVEN TO THE MEETING

1940 FORD Tudor Larry Caplan

1932 FORD Cpe. Ed Warnock

1948 MERC Brent Allred

1950 MERC. Ken & Dotti Schmelzel

1940 FORD 4 door Rose & Dave Gott

1940 FORD Cpe. Dick Stone

1939 FORD Cal & Nancy Beauregard

1951 MERC. Allan Franklin

1940 FORD Cpe. Gerry & Blacky Blackwell

1948 Ford Cpe. Joe Di Fatta

1940 FORD Cpe. John & Virginia Wolf

1940 FORD Cpe. Patti & Dick Smith

1950 MERC. 4 door Joe Areana

1939 FORD Conv. Shirley & George Richards

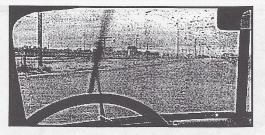
1951 FORD Kent Lowry

1953 FORD Cpe. Donna & LLoyd Paschal

1948 FORD Cpe. Steve Boskovich

1941 FORD Conv. July & Chuck Shubb

The other classic cars driven were, Don Stout 1956 Chevy, Lee Chase 1948 Studie



"Looking Ahead"

October 1st 7:30 p.m.

New meeting place at Bakers Square Restaurant 17921 Chatsworth Street, come early for tire kicking and dinner.

October 6th
All Ford Picnic
La Palma Park

October 12th
Ventura V8s Beach Party

October 13th
Pomona Swapmeet

October 20th 10:30 a.m.

Tour to Art Astor's

Meet at Woodley Park, call Dick Smith for details

October 20th so. Cal Annual to Laughlin

November 1st Sequoia Tour Contact Gerry Blackwell

November 3rd Baldy View Car Show

November 5th - 7:30 p.m.

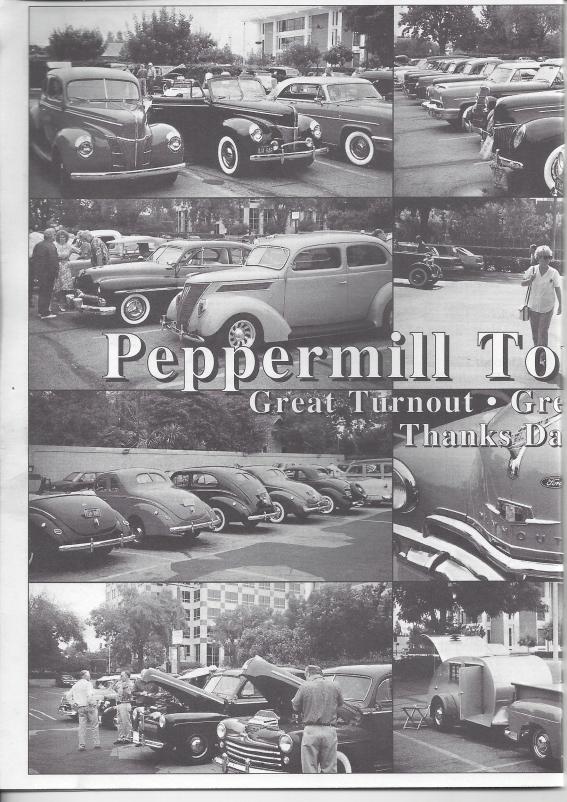
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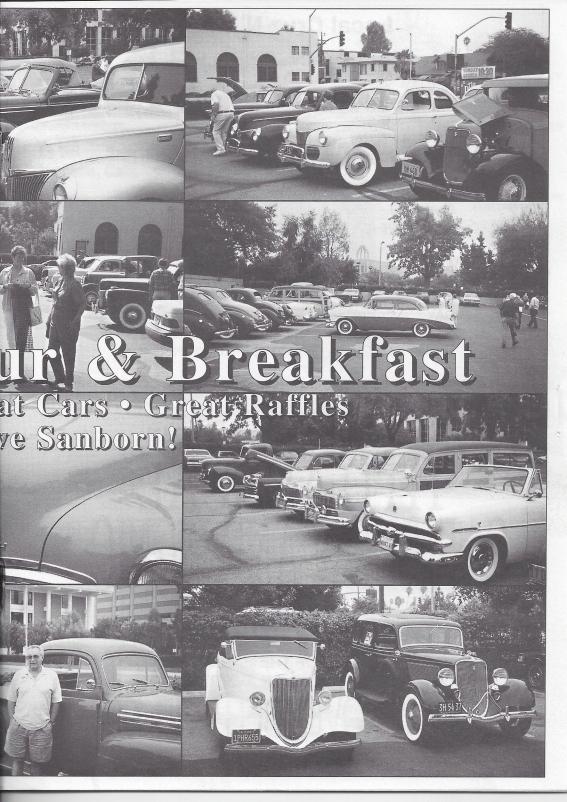
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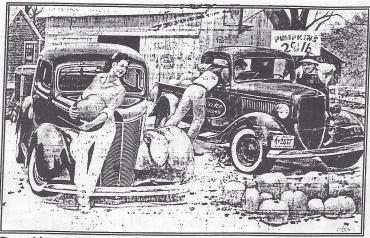
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SOMEWHERE WEST OF LARAMIE BY TIM HOWLEY

I just realized it is the 50th anniversary of the '46s. That was an exciting year. War was over. A America was brimming with optimism. It was evident at showrooms which, in late 1945, were jammed with buyers swooning over little-changed cars.

Ford was first to produce new cars on July 3, 1945. By the end of 1945, less than 35,000 '46 Fords were built. The first '46 Ford was delivered to President Truman by Henry Ford II. The '46 Ford and Mercury Sportsman woody convertibles came out, and the first one went to actress Ella Raines. The Lincoln Continental bowed in mid 1946, and Henry Ford II paced the Indy 500 with one of the first '46 Lincoln Continental convertibles built.

Many Hollywood stars took delivery of '46 Ford products, including "cheapskate" actor Jack Benny, who had a Lincoln Continental cabriolet. Bob Hope and Greer Garson had Lincoln Continental coupes. Ronald Reagan and Clark Gable were pictured with Lincoln Continental cabriolets they may not have owned.

The '46 Ford, Mercury and Lincoln had extensive facelifts including attractive new instrument panels and interiors. The Ford was introduced to the public on Oct. 26, 1945. The Mercury made its debut on Dec. 14

and the Lincoln on Jan. 19, 1946

The first two postwar cars tested for *Mechanix Illustrated* by Tom McCahill were a '46 Ford and '46 Buick for the February 1946 issue. He established a penchant for Ford products, and a disdain for Buicks.

Chevrolet started slow, producing few cars in 1945. From 1946 on, it outsold Ford. The '46 Chevys were less changed from 1942 than Fords, and probably didn't have to be changed at all to hold the number one position.

While Pontiac retained triple speed lines, the '46 grille was cleaner, giving a new look, but there wasn't much change. You couldn't get Hydra-Matic.

The '46 Olds had about the biggest changes. Replaced by a modern unit with four arches, was the novel 1942 B-44 grille. The series were changed. There were many model realignments. Mechanically, it was the same old roast-beef-and-mashed-potatoes '42.

Buick dropped its 118-in. wheelbase. There was only the 121-in. wheelbase Special, Super and Roadmaster. Specials were reduced to a sedan and sedanet. One wagon was offered – a Super. The newest feature was a bombsight hood ornament, which said a lot about the industry.

It took a Sam Spade-trained eye to differentiate a '46 Cadillac from a '42.

Continued







Grilles and side trim were unchanged. The number of series and models was reduced. While others ballyhooed their facelifted '46 models, the arrival of the '46 Cadillacs came as quietly as a night in Digger O'Dell's basement.

Chyrsler was the "status quo" leader, and even its '49 models resisted major styling change. The '46 Plymouth had a new grille, side trim, hood ornament, and rear fenders.

For Dodge, the biggest difference from '42 was a waffle-iron grille. The most exciting change was placing the starter button on the dash, instead of retaining a foot-pedal starter button.

DeSoto's biggest changes for 1946 were the elimination of "Airfoil" hidden headlamps and a reduction of body styles. New was the Suburban.

The '46 Chrysler had ornate new grillework, and the 1942 mottled plastic interior trim gave way to solid plastics in various colors. The new car of the year was the '46 Chrysler Town & Country. The sedan had an entirely different wooden body than 1941-'42. A stunning T & C convertible was added. Brougham, convertible coupe and hardtop versions of the Town & Country were planned but never produced, although a few prototypes of some of these models were built.

Packard continued its '42 Clipper bodies with new grilles, and 14, instead of six, series. The '46 and '47 Packards were identical. Packard was in healthy financial condition. Maybe it should have continued selling 1946-'47 Packards for another decade.

Hudsons remained 1942 models

with 1946 grilles. All sixes and eights came on the 121-in. wheelbase. There were three transmissions – overdrive, Vacuumotive (that automatically engaged and disengaged the clutch), and DriveMaster, which eliminated the clutch and gear-shifting functions:

The '46 Nashes were '42s with more grille bars. Nash outsold Chevrolet in 1945, and produced 94,000 cars in 1946. Nash, Hudson and Packard all proved that "much ado about nothing" was enough to sell cars in 1946.

Studebaker began 1946 with facelifted '42s. Then, in the spring of 1946, it stunned the industry by introducing new models. These were '47 models, not '46s. Styling was done by the firm of Raymond Loewy and Associates. Loewy had subcontracted postwar Studebaker design to Virgil Exner. He worked up the car in his basement studio at home. Wartime government restrictions had no effect on this effort, which was up to the clay stage and ready for production just about the time Japan surrendered.

If you don't remember World War II, you'll ask, "How could anybody in 1946 get excited over those '42 automobiles with '46 "dental plates?" Think about it – if you were a GI arriving home from the war, any '46 car looked as good as Betty Grable.

Things were different than now. We were perfectly content with chicken on Sunday, black-and-white movies, no television, radio, and quiet evenings at home with Kate Smith singing "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain" and "God Bless America."



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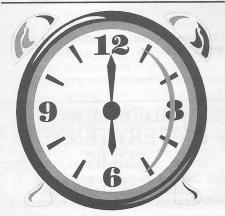
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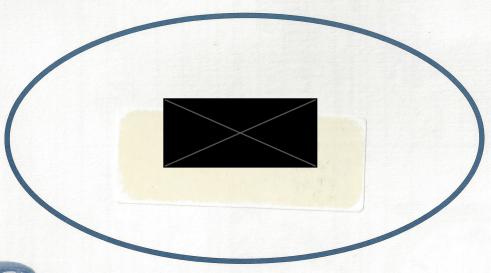
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