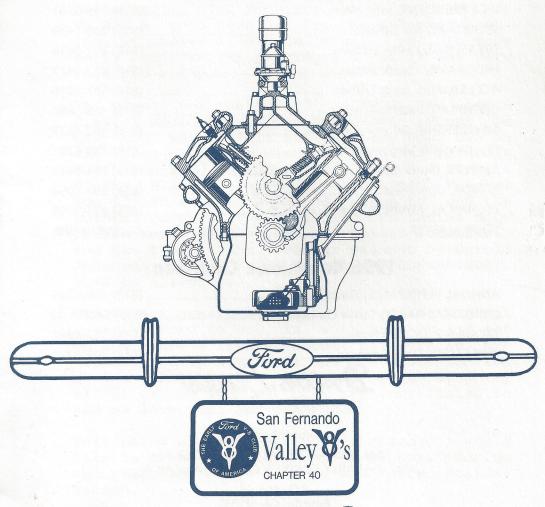


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December 1996

THE VALLEY V8'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Hello Fellow Club Members: We had a good turn out for the November meeting, it looked like a fullhouse, not to many early Fords in the parking lot but it was very cold and windy.

The winner for the \$20.00 JACKPOT name badge drawing would have been Don Stout except he was not wearing his badge, sorry Don, but we did have some big winners, John and Virginia Wolf won \$100.00 for first place, and Gerry & Blacky Blackwell, and Donna & Lloyd Paschal won \$25.00 each for second place to end the points race for the year. The two ladies door prizes went to Rose Gott and Dottie Schmelzel, and the trophy for November was won by Harold Johansen with his '32 Roadster, CONGRATULATIONS to all of you.

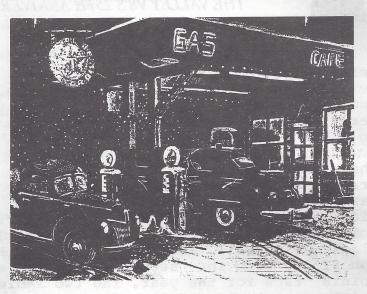
One of our guests Ron Felt, who is looking for a early Ford to buy, is with the ATF and got up and told a little about his work as ATF officer. Gerry Blackwell was the other speaker on the FALL CLASSIC TOUR, to Sequoia, Gerry all of us who went can only say your fantastic and we love you, and THANK YOU.

This being my last President's message I would like to thank you all for your support during the year, and wish a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Yours Truly,

Dick Smith

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year





December Birthdays



12-6	George Richards
12-9	Nancy Beauregard
12-11	Shel Harriman
12-12	Ruthmarie Schubert
12-15	Ken Sapper
12-19	Shirley Richards
12-19	Jay Fortman
12-27	Donna Paschal
12-30	Gary Glass

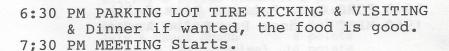
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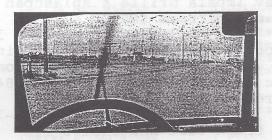
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The name badge drawing (JACKPOT \$20.00), to be given to a club member in attendance that is wearing their badge.



LOOKING AHEAD

IN 1997

Our first tour of the year will be February, all the tour dates and places will be listed in January DriveLine.

Have happy and safe Holiday Season

WHISKERS

EARLY V8 FORDS DRIVEN TO THE MEETING

1938 FORD Lee Chase

1941 FORD P.U. John Wolf

1950 MERC. Ken & Dotti Schmelzel

1937 FORD Cpe.Jerry Littner

1940 FORD Cpe. Dick Stone

1951 Ford Kent Lowry

1953 FORD Cpe. Donna & Lloyd Paschal

1940 FORD Wag. Gerry & Blacky Blackwell

1940 FORD TUDOR Lin & John Kemmerer

1941 FORD Conv. Jim Gustafson

1940 FORD Cpe. Patti & Dick Smith

1950 MERC. 4 door Pam & Joe Areana

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This is how the points standings ended up, if I miss giving anyone points I'm sorry, I took them off of our sign-up sheets. Thank you for coming out to our meetings & tours and bring your FORDS. 19 points 1st Place Virginia & John Wolf Patti & Dick Smith 17 points 13 points Rose & David Gott 15 points 2nd Place Donna & Lloyd Paschal 12 points Joe Di Fatta 2nd Place Gerry & Blacky Blackwel 15 points 14 points Lin & John Kemmerer 13 points Dick Stone 11 points Al Rohrer 12 points Lesley & Jerry Littner Shirley & George Richards 8 points Carole & Jerry Jensen 8 points 8 points Richard Valleroy 8 points July & Chuck Shubb Dottie & Ken Schmelzel 10 points 9 points Chuck Mair 7 points Mary & Don Durkee Sue & Steve Boskovich 6 points 6 points Jackie & Bob Monnick 4 points Wayne Burns 4 points Leslie Mac Willie 3 points Bob Reed Vicki & Dennis Keene 3 points Nancy & Cal Beauregard 3 points 2 points Ken Sapper 2 points Carlos Wilhelm 3 points Allen Franklin 2 points Dave Sandborn 2 points Ann & Larry Caplan Bill King 1 point 1 point Cheryl & Don Stout point Bob Rose Richard Chutuk 1 point Barbara & Howard Simpson 1 point Jan & Ed Hardin 1 point Harold Johansen 1 point 1 point Joe Simon 3 points Joe Areana 2 points Kent Lowry

Total: 255 points

1 point

2 points

Ed Warnock

Lee Chase

Editor Says.....



The Christmas Party ends a very busy year with lots of participation from V-8ers. Some of us may want to reflect on our relationships with others in the club; our club President may not have pleased everyone, but his efforts were relentless and we can be assured of plenty of tours next year as Tour Master.

Our printer deserves recognition for lots of extra effort and costs over the last 3 to 4 years, not only as a printer, but a V-8er with major input to this *Drive Line*.

Our officers have all supported our club and contributed to a great year; the new officers will set out in January with new dedication. Let's all support them and make it a fun year, with lots of Fords on the road. Let's make it a "Share Your Ford" year, take it out for others to enjoy and remember.

Many of us are lucky enough to have some great old classic Fords (Present Editor, excepted at present) and share their being with other members, there are others out there that would love to share in this experience – Let's recruit them.

Now my Ford of the future seems to be back on track, or at least on small wheels as the body now also rolls?

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!!!

Don Stout 1996 Editor

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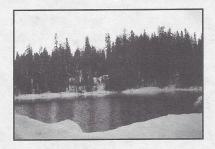


Sequoia Tour









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RECYCLING RECY

November 1,2,3, 1996, was the Ventura V8's 10th Fall Classic Tour; this year to the Sequoia-Montecito Lodge, located in the Sequoia National Forest. Although, this was a Ventura Tour the Valley V8's were invited with 14 couples attending. There was a total of about 47 people, 19 early Fords, and 5 late model cars.

Meeting in Castaic, Friday at 7:00 sharp, Gerry gave each car a hand made tour bag filled with directions, info, home made energy bars, and a bag of Oregon Hazelnuts (provided by Jerry

and Jo Veley).

Leaving Castaic, we headed North over the Grapevine, everyone made the grade. Next, was a brief stop in Allensworth, where we learned about Smokey Bear. Each car received a Smokey clothed only in his V8 Boxers and were instructed that we would be drawing items of clothing seven times over the next three days. The goal was to fully clothe Smokey by drawing or trading his clothes. Smokey needed a hat, shovel, left shoe, right shoe, pants, belt, and buckle to be fully clothed. After about the third pick we noticed hats were in short supply, and the trading began. all, only five hats were available. On Sunday morning after the last drawing four fully dressed Smokey and several bogus Smokeys appeared. The fully dressed Smokeys were held by: Noreen Urgo, Patti Smith, Derrick Blackwell, and Vicki Keene. Sylvia Harris had the fifth hat but could not fully dress her bear, complaining that out of seven draws she had six shoes. Each lady won a Tee-Shirt, and Derrick (Gerry and Black's Grandson) won a toy car.

After Allensworth, we continued North to Hanford where we had lunch at Peden's Cafe. Leaving Hanford with full tummies and full gas tanks we continued North through Fresno to the Forestiere Underground Gardens for a brief tour and rest stop.

The last leg of our journey took us into the Sequoia National Forest; traveling to an elevation of 7500 feet we found clean air, pine trees, and snow. Usually, the first snow is in late November or early December, but this year the first snow was in late October. So we had over a foot of snow to play in. The roads were clear and passable without chains, although icy in spots. We all made it including The Littners, who had to be towed in due to a generator problem.

We arrived at the lodge around 5PM and after checking in, were welcomed with wine and cheese. Next came a delicious buffet (all you can eat) supper. The lodge has two large ever burning fireplaces and lots of comfy seating perfect for cozy chats and

relaxing.

After dinner we were entertained by Don Durkee who managed to get us a special meeting with the Presidential candidates. President Clinton (Dan Krehbiel) and Bob Dole (Bill Phillips) held a fireside chat where they answered questions from the V8'ers. A surprise visit was made by Ross Perot (Lloyd Paschel), but he did not seem willing to answer questions. All present agreed this was the high point in a long election. After relaxing and visiting around the fireplace we all turned in early.

Saturday morning we awoke to find a crystal clear day, and

loads of activities planned by Gerry and the lodge staff. Following a hearty breakfast we adjourned outside for Trash Can Frisbee. Created by Blacky, and a V8 favorite, Trash Can Frisbee is a combination of golf and Frisbee. Six 50 gallon 'trash cans were sat out in a course and each player had to toss their Frisbee in to the can. The winner is the person with the lowest score. Remember, the course was covered with 1-2 feet of snow, with drifts of 3-4 feet. Almost everyone participated; memorable highlights include: several bank shots off buildings, trees, and Glen Davis' head. Bonnie Krehbiel, fell in to a snow drift up to her shoulders and was laughing so hard she had to be pulled out by hubby Dan. The Trash Can Frisbee winner was Dennis Keene, with a score of 17. The rubber piglet was awarded to Sheila Gambino for the highest score (30).

Next, came lunch a hearty full course meal followed by our afternoon activities. The lodge provided free snow boots, snow shoes, and cross country skis for our use. A poker run was organized by the lodge, this involved snow shoeing or skiing $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles around the lake collecting numbered poker chips. Many of use missed one chip on the first round and had to make a second trip. The poker chips were turned in and a card hand was determined based on the numbers on the chips. The winner with three Kings was Mary Durkee, and the low hand held by Sharon Richardson had a high card of 7 with no mates. Both ladies won prizes.

Many of us were still full of energy and decided to try cross country skiing. This provided a great deal of entertainment for those smart enough to stay behind.

For hose less active folks the unofficial activity was marathon napping. The unofficial winner in this activity was Dick Smith with a time of 5 hours 12 minutes.

After Cocktails and dinner was square dancing. Gerry managed to get almost everyone up and dancing. Even John Wolf and Dick Smith danced one set. Square dancing was great fun and the caller said our group learned quickly especially for first timers.

Sunday morning we had breakfast and after breakfast we gathered one last time around the fireplace for prizes and a raffle. Gerry made home made Cranberry-Kumquat relish for each car so everyone would have a gift to take home. An unexpected and delicious surprise. After a group picture and good-byes we

headed home in small groups. Lunch was available for those who wished to stay.

Gerry the tour was fantastic. I can not believe the amount of work you put forth to ensure we all have fun. Thank you so very much; this was without a doubt the best weekend trip I've had. For those of you who could not make it this year, I hope you will join us next year. The Fall Tour is the first weekend in November, and I believe we will be returning to the Montecito-Sequoia again for another great weekend. Please try and join us.

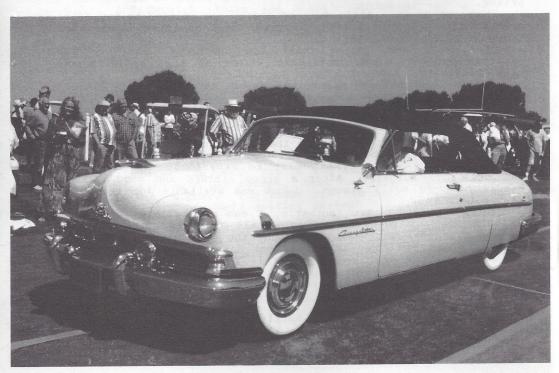
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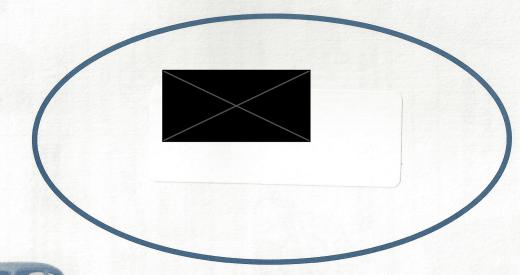
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