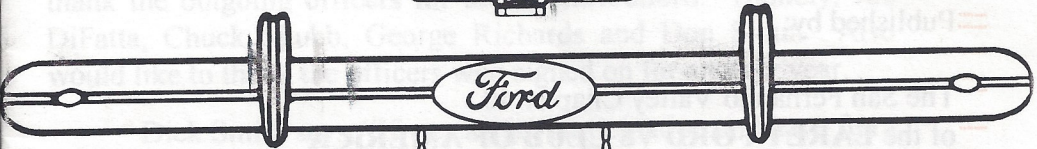
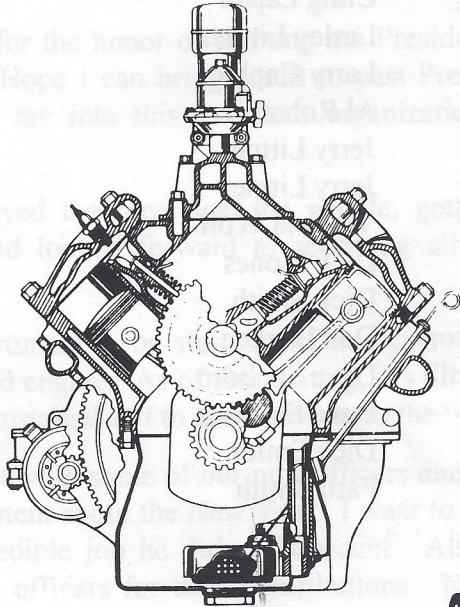



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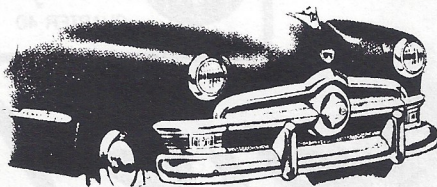
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.....PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

February, 1997: The Valley V8's 26th Anniversary Year

Thank you for the honor of electing me President of your Valley V-8 Club. Hope I can bring credit to past President Bob Rose who brought me into this excellent organization back in 1982.

I have enjoyed the meetings, the people, gotten excited over every tour and looked forward to receiving all the Drive Lines.

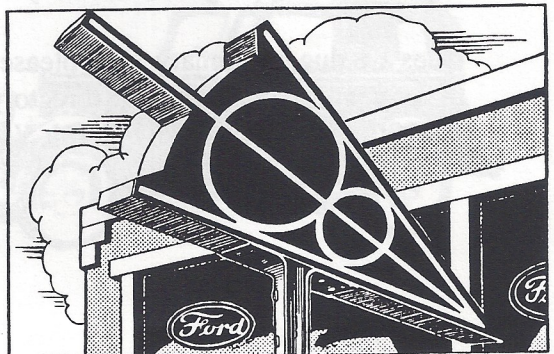
I'm also fortunate to be starting off this year with a new Jack Miles balanced engine. As of this writing, it's all ready with a new clutch to be installed and to give new life to the '41.

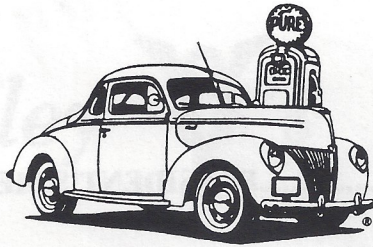
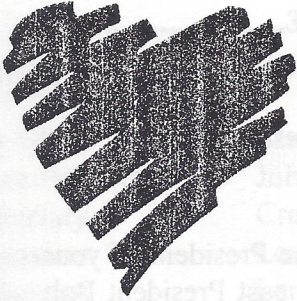
I have talked with some of our new officers and all I get is enthusiastic excitement about the New Year. I want to thank Dick Smith for the incredible job he did as President. Also, want to thank the outgoing officers for their contributions. Namely: Joe DiFatta, Chuck Shubb, George Richards and Don Stout. Also would like to thank the officers who signed on for another year.

Dick Smith says, "If we can get participation and have fun - it will be a very good 1997".

Looking forward to working with the new Board of Directors.

See you February 4th.





February 4th.

THE NEW LOCATION:

BAKER'S SQUARE RESTAURANT

17921 Chatsworth Street

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(At the corner of Chatsworth St. & Zelzah Ave.)

6:30 P.M. - PARKING LOT TIRE KICKING & VISITING

& dinner, if wanted - the food is good.

7:30 P.M. - MEETING STARTS

The name badge drawing (JACKPOT \$20.00) for

club members in attendance wearing badges.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE EVENING:

For the evening program, see Larry Caplan's page "February Program"

Dues are due by January 31st, please see Jerry Littner. We don't want to drop your name from our directory, which is going to be printed on the 17th of February. **Thank You.**

THE VALLEY V8'S YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS EXPIRING

Please send your \$25.00 check for 1997 dues, payable to Valley V8's
(Must be in no later than January 31st, 1997)

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Address _____ Day Phone (____) _____

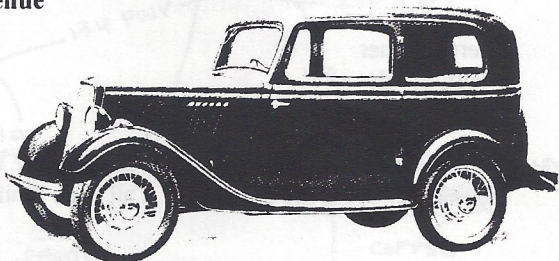
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VEHICLE(S) OWNED (for directory, if same, write NO CHANGE)

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY STYLE
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NOTE: Local chapter members Must join the National Early Ford V8 Club of
America, P.O. Box 2122, San Leandro, CA 94577. \$32.00

MAIL TO: The Valley V8 Club
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THE VALLEY V8'S '97 TOUR POINT SYSTEM

*** HOW TO GET POINTS***

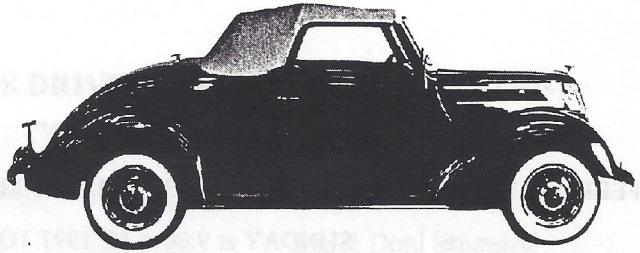
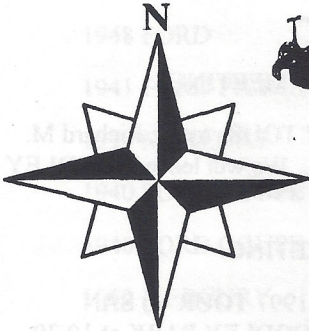
- * If you pre-sign up for a TOUR 10 Points
 - * Drive a '32 to '53 model Ford 5 Points
 - * Bring a guest (for each one) 3 Points
 - * Drive the lead car (early Fords only) 5 Points
 - * Set up a TOUR and run it 25 Points
 - * For going on a TOUR 5 Points
- *NOTE: You LOSE 20 points if you are a no-show on a TOUR you pre-signed up for.

FIRST PLACE \$100.00, SECOND PLACE \$50.00 to be paid at the 1997 Christmas party.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE THESE POINTS SO FAR:

Grant Lippert & Guest	13 Points
Dennis Keene	10 Points
Dick Stones	10 Points
Marsha DiFatta	10 Points
Joe DiFatta	10 Points
Shirley Richards	10 Points
George Richards	10 Points
Judy Shubb	10 Points
Chuck Shubb	10 Points
Dottie Schmelzel	10 Points
Ken Schmelzel	10 Points
Virginia Wolf	10 Points
Nancy Beauregard	10 Points
Cal Beauregard	10 Points
Karen Lowey	10 Points
Kent Lowey	10 Points
Judy Vess	10 Points
Cliff Vess	10 Points
Peggy Mc Kim	10 Points
Wayne Burns	10 Points
Lesley Littner	10 Points
Jerry Littner	10 Points
Patti Smith	10 Points
Dick Smith	10 Points

NOTE: You may telephone 10 days before any TOUR and still receive the 10 points for being pre-signed up. Call Dick Smith at (818) 368-5890.



FEBRUARY 16TH TOUR

RICHARD M. NIXON LIBRARY & BIRTHPLACE

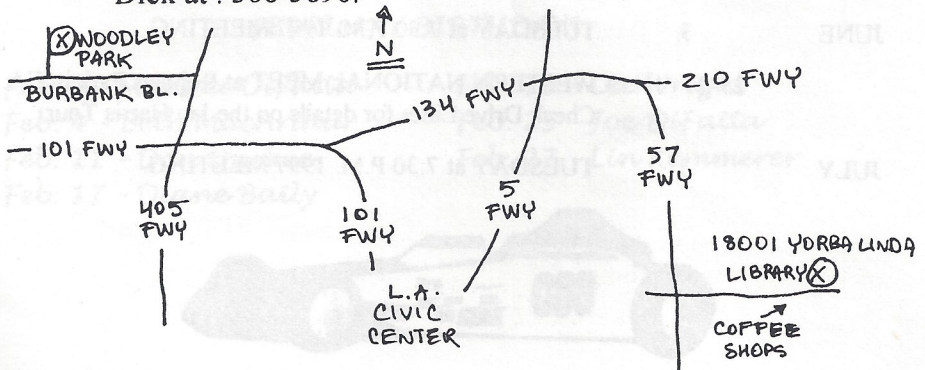
Sunday, February 16th, at 9:00 A.M., meet at Woodley Park for donuts and coffee. We will leave at 9:30 A.M.

The drive is 63 miles to the Library. We will get on the 405 South at Burbank Blvd., go East on the 101 to the 134, then to the 210 and South on the 57. Exit the freeway at Yorba Linda Blvd. and turn left to 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd.

The tour will start at 11:00 A.M. and last about one hour. The group rate to get in is \$3.50 each. The parking lot is very good for our early Fords.

After the tour if you would like to have lunch, there are many coffee shops within one mile.

NOTE: Anyone willing to bring an extra thermos please call Dick at : 368-5890.

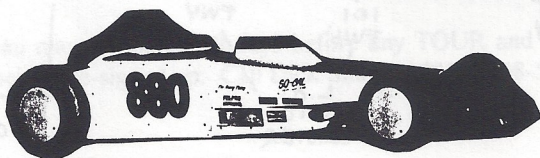


"LOOKING AHEAD"

- FEBRUARY:** 4 TUESDAY at 7:30 P.M. 1997 MEETING.
16 SUNDAY at 9:00 A.M. 1997 TOUR to the Richard M. Nixon Library and Birthplace. We will leave WOODLEY PARK at 9:00 A.M.
- MARCH** 4 TUESDAY at 7:30 P.M. MEETING.
15 SATURDAY at 10:30 A.M. 1997 TOUR to SAN SYLMAR. We will leave WOODLEY PARK at 10:30
- APRIL** 1 TUESDAY at 7:30 P.M. 1997 MEETING.
27 SUNDAY at 9:30 A.M. 1997 WILDFLOWER TOUR
We will leave WOODLEY PARK at 9:30 A.M.
- MAY** 6 TUESDAY at 7:30 P.M. 1997 MEETING & AUCTION NIGHT.
7 WEDNESDAY at 10:00 A.M. LET'S PLAY HOOKY TOUR. The TOUR will start at Millie's Restaurant in Van Nuys with Brunch or whatever.

The 3 day BIG BEAR TOUR, starting on Friday, the 16th of May and ending on Sunday, the 18th of May, will be the first overnighiter in a long time for the Valley V8's. Details will be discussed at our February meeting by the BIG BEAR TOUR directors John & Virginia Wolf, Joe DiFatta, Jerry Littner, Chuck Mair, Larry Caplan and Craig Lapair.

- JUNE** 3 TUESDAY at 7:30 P.M. 1997 MEETING.
23-27 WESTERN NATIONAL MEET at Rohnert Park in CA.
Check Drive Lines for details on the Jay Harris Tour.
- JULY** 1 TUESDAY at 7:30 P.M. 1997 MEETING.




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1948 FORD	Cliff Vess
1941 FORD PICKUP	John Wolf
1950 MERCURY	Ken & Dotti Schmelzel
1940 FORD COUPE	Patti & Dick Smith
1940 FORD COUPE	Dick Stone
1950 MERCURY	Pam & Joe Arene
1939 FORD PICK UP	Ed Lofton
1940 FORD TUDOR	Ken Sapper
1934 FORD 3/W	Harold Johansen
1932 FORD 5/W	Jeff & Marilyn Olshane
1948 FORD COUPE	Steve Boskovich
1953 MERCURY H/T	Don Durkee
1940 FORD COUPE	Dennis Keene
1939 FORD CONVERT.	George Richards

The other classic cars driven were: Wayne Burns's '30 Model A, Joe Imon's '67 Mustang, Joe DiFatta's '51 Pl. Wge, and Nancy & Cal Beauregard's '77 Lincoln.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Feb. 4 - Marsha DiFatta

Feb. 4 - Beth MacArthur

Feb. 11 - Don Durkee

Feb. 17 - Diane Baily

Feb. 19 - Lee Wright

Feb. 25 - Joe DiFatta

Feb. 27 - Lin Kemmerer

HARRIS TOUR FOR 1997

The route and scenic attractions are set - the hotel locations have been decided, and the "Harris" tour for 1997 to the Western National Meet in Rohnert Park is all planned and ready to enjoy. Shown below is the itinerary, which covers a five and 1/2 day tour of some of California's most beautiful back roads. We will spend very little time on the Interstates this year. If you're interested in joining the tour, simply call me to sign up, and make your hotel & other reservations as soon as you can. All reservations are to be made on an individual basis, i.e., our group is not registered with any of the hotels. It's only 4 months until tour time, so act promptly.

ITINERARY:

Wednesday, June 18th: The tour will assemble and depart from the Radisson Hotel in Agoura Hills (Reyes Adobe exit off of Hwy. 101) at 9 A.M. and proceed up thru Santa Paula, Ojai, and on to Santa Maria via SR 166.

Santa Maria Hotel: Best Western Big America
1-800-426-3213 or 805-922-5200

Thursday, June 19th: We will head North on 101, making our way via a strictly backroads route to Paso Robles.

Paso Robles Hotel: Adelaide Motor Inn
1-800-549-PASO or 805-238-2770

Friday, June 20th: Today, again via a route designed to take in unbelievable scenery and sights, we will make our way up to the little town of San Juan Batista.

San Juan Batista Motel: San Juan Inn
408-623-4380

Saturday, June 21st: Today's route will again take us thru scenic California backroads as we wind our way up to Millbrae.

Millbrae Motel: The Millwood Inn
1-800-345-1375 or 415-583-3935

Sunday, June 22nd: Our final full day will take us over the Golden Gate Bridge and up thru the wine country area, with a final night's stop in St. Helena.

St. Helena Motel: El Bonita
1-800-541-3284 or 707-963-3216

Monday, June 23rd: A short drive this morning will take us to the Red Lion Inn, site of the Western National Meet in Rohnert Park. We should arrive by 11 A.M.

SIGHTS & ATTRACTIONS ALONG THE WAY

The Great Mall (Former Ford plant)	Union Oil Museum
Parkfield Earthquake Center	**Tour of Alcatraz
Mission San Juan Batista	Caparone Winery
James Dean Memorial	Mission San Miguel
Pinnacles Nat'l Monument	Marin Headlands-
	Pt. Bonita Lighthouse

**Advance reservations recommended by the tour operator.
Our tour will depart pier 41 at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, the 22nd.
Phone 415-546-2700. Reserve as individuals - we are not booking as a group.

Call Jay Harris between 8 A.M. & 8 P.M. with any questions.
Sign-up deadline is April 1, 1997 for the 1997 "Harris" tour.

For Meet registration forms contact Donna Conley at 510-754-3985. Attendees are limited to 400.

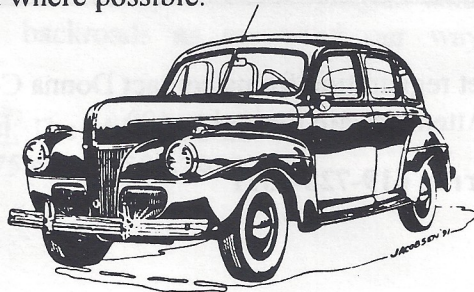
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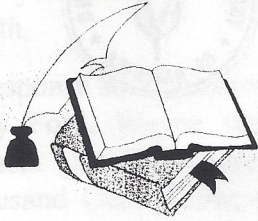
FEBRUARY PROGRAM

by Larry Caplan, Program Chairman

Our program for the February meeting will focus on the Ford Factory supplied filmstrips distributed to dealers each year. Several filmmaking firms prepared both sales and training materials on 35 millimeter filmstrips and each dealer was required to subscribe to this service. As a collector of these filmstrips, I have found that some dealers never opened them while other strips indicate much wear and use. The filmstrips were provided with a companion 33 RPM record which accompanied each frame with a message by a professional speaker sounding like a Southern minister preaching the gospel. The filmstrips began in 1934 and continued through 1942. None were made again until 1949. They continued using them at least until the early 1970's but I am not sure if the companion records were used past the late 1950's. At our meeting, we will witness some of these films as selected by our audience and also attempt to synchronize the show with a companion record where possible.



'42 Mercury Convertible



SECRETARY'S REPORT

NEW FACES AT THE MEETING: KAREN LOWRY, for the first time in 17 years. Guests MARILYN & JEFF OLSHANE, and ED LOFTON.

CHUCK MAIR and DON STOUT in the hospital.

Awards given out to the 1996 OFFICERS, and new 1997 OFFICERS CRAIG LAPAIR and DICK STONES were sworn in.

News on the up and coming TOUR to the RICHARD M. NIXON LIBRARY on February 16th at 9 A.M. leaving from WOODLEY PARK. BEAUREGARD said he could get Nixon's armored car opened for us.

POINT SYSTEM for TOURS: \$150.00 voted and passed for 1st & 2nd place, to be awarded at the 1997 Christmas Party.

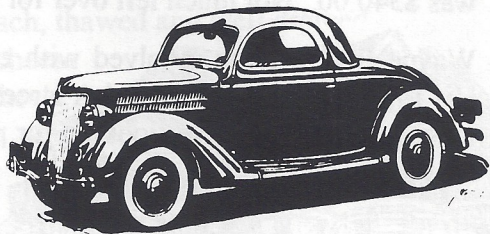
Motions made and passed to have Ladies' Door Prizes, and to defray the cost of the next Christmas Party.

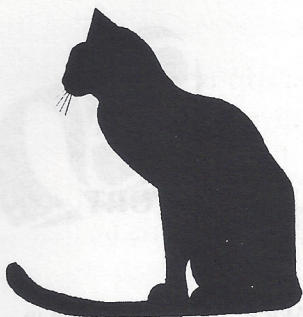
PROGRAM DIRECTOR LARRY CAPLAN introduced speaker DON DURKEE, on hot water heaters from 1937 to 1941 and beyond. The CHERRY'S get up to \$1,000.00 to restore complete heater.

DON said to watch out for rodents in the motorhome, it can be a nightmare.

In the NAME BADGE drawing, VIRGINIA WOLF won \$40.00

by CRAIG LAPAIR





THE VALLEY V8 REPORTER

We had a good turnout for the January meeting, and an interesting presentation by Don Durkee on Early Ford V8 heaters. President-Elect Chuck Mair is back in town, but was unable to attend due to illness. Also, Don Stout was in the hospital for back problems - hope you guys are better soon!!

As the reporter for the Drive Lines, I would like to make our newsletter interesting and informative. My plan is to write a brief article on a V8-er each month. In order to gain info about each of you, I created a short questionnaire which I passed out at the January meeting. If you did not receive a copy, I will have additional copies at the next meeting.

This month's featured V8-er is Wayne Burns. Wayne is fairly new in the club and I figured this would be a good way for us to get to know him better.

In 1959, at age 17, Wayne had saved nearly \$500.00 from paper routes, mowing lawns, etc., and had bought a 1940 Ford Deluxe 4 door. The car only cost \$70.00, but the Assigned Risk Insurance was \$340.00. Not much left over for gas!

Wayne first became involved with classic cars several years ago. His first classic was a Model A street rod. In August, 1995, while at a Model A swap meet looking for parts, Wayne purchased his

'42. Wayne feels he was destined to own this car as 1942 is his birth year, and the license is due in May, which is his birth month.

In response to a question about a favorite trip or outing in his Early Ford, Wayne reports that he enjoyed the Peppermill Brunch. Another interesting outing was taking the '42 to the Thousand Oaks Show; all was fun and games until the right water pump went out on the trip home. Wayne reports he made it home okay.

Wayne's car tip is to change the pressure brake light switch to a push button switch. He altered a bracket purchased at Home Depot to hold the switch and now the brake lights are on instantly, which is much safer than before.

I asked each guy to submit a favorite recipe with their questionnaire, but Wayne left this request unanswered. Since he was so prompt in returning his questionnaire, I decided to help him out with one of my favorite recipes.



Super Sunday Lasagna

- 8 oz. lasagna noodles
- 2 - 26 oz. jars pasta sauce
- 16 oz. container ricotta cheese
- 10 oz. package frozen spinach, thawed and well drained
- 1 lb. shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 Cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 eggs, beaten



Prepare lasagna according to package directions; drain. In medium bowl, combine ricotta, spinach, 1/2 Cup Mozzarella, Parmesan, and eggs; mix well. In a 15"x 9" baking dish, layer sauce, lasagna noodles, half the cheese/spinach mixture, 1/3 of the remaining Mozzarella, and repeat. Then top with lasagna noodles, sauce and cover. Bake in a 350° oven until bubbly, about 45 minutes. Uncover, top with remaining Mozzarella. Bake 15 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. 12 to 15 servings. (May use low-fat or fat-free cheese.)

Look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting, and on the tour February 16.

Patti Smith



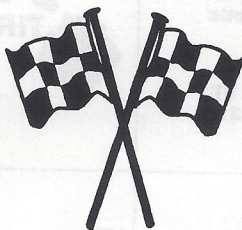
Recently in Sherman Oaks, my friend and I went into a pawn shop and immediately noticed a Cadillac ring in the jewelry case. It was hard NOT to notice.....the thing was about 2" square and 24K gold. The clerk pulled it out from among the 75 or 80 other rings. I tried it on.....it was huge and spun on my thumb.

"It's a pimp's ring," the clerk said.....Ah, a ring with a history....."yeah, he's one of our better customers. Business was off so he brought in his ring."

I looked at the ring, it was gaudy beyond belief, even beyond what I usually go for. I took the ring off and just thinking out loud said, "well, I've got a Cadillac but I don't know that I'll always have a Cadillac. But I know I'll always have a FORD. Got any rings with the FORD logo?"

The clerk, without missing a beat, replied, "Pimps don't drive Fords."

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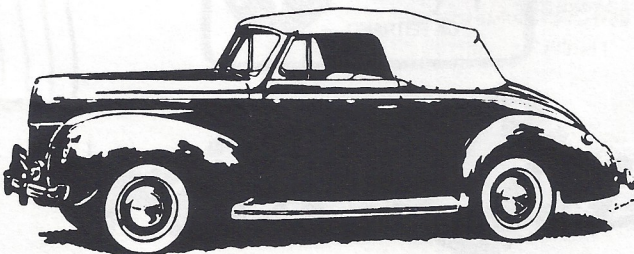
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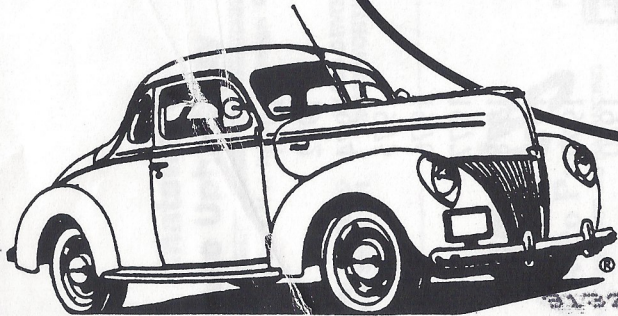
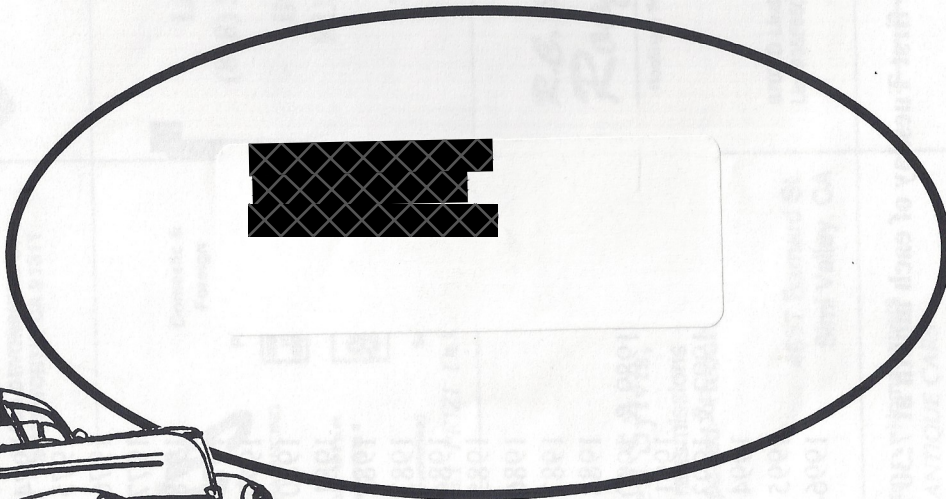
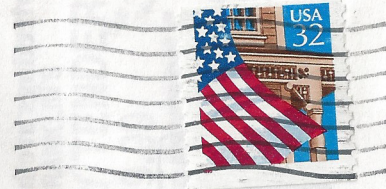
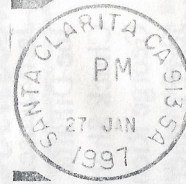
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Joe DiFatta	1991
Chuck Shubb	1992 & 1993
George Richards	1994
Jerry Littner	1995
Dick Smith	1996

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