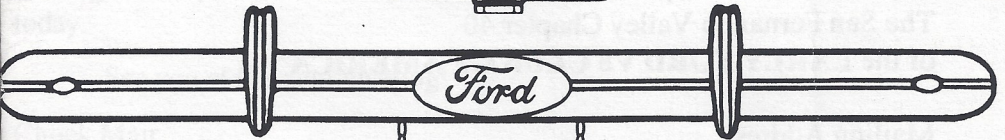
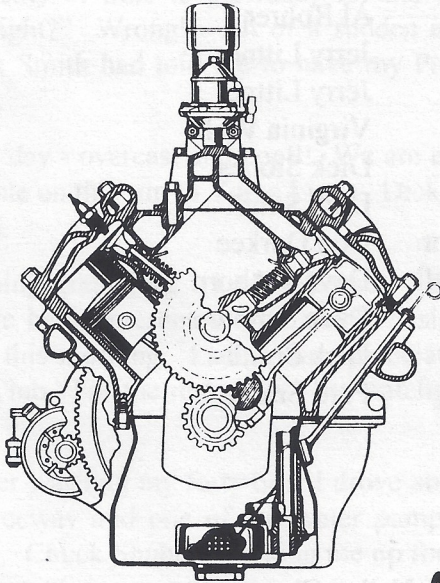






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.....PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

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

It's almost 7:00 A.M., February 16th. I'm lying in bed thinking, "there is plenty of time to get ready for the President Nixon Library tour, right?" Wrong!! All of a sudden a thought enters my mind: Dick Smith had told me to have my President's message this morning.

This is a great day - overcast and cool!! We are expecting at least forty-five people on this trip to Yorba Linda. Dick Smith is doing an excellent job.

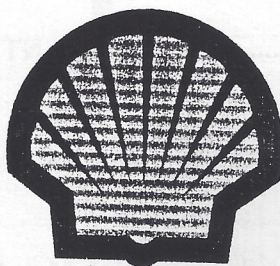
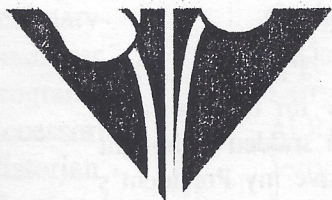
Talk about doing great jobs - Lesley Littner, Patti Smith and Virginia Wolf are being presented with newly designed (by Joe DiFatta) watches this morning. Ladies, we appreciate all the work you do for the Club. For the rest of us - the watches are for sale.

Yesterday, after washing my forty-one, I drove about eight miles north on the freeway and one of the water pumps started making a loud protest. Chuck Shubb is picking me up for the tour today.

See you at the next meeting!

Chuck Mair





MARCH 4TH MEETING

BAKER'S SQUARE RESTAURANT

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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 "March Program."

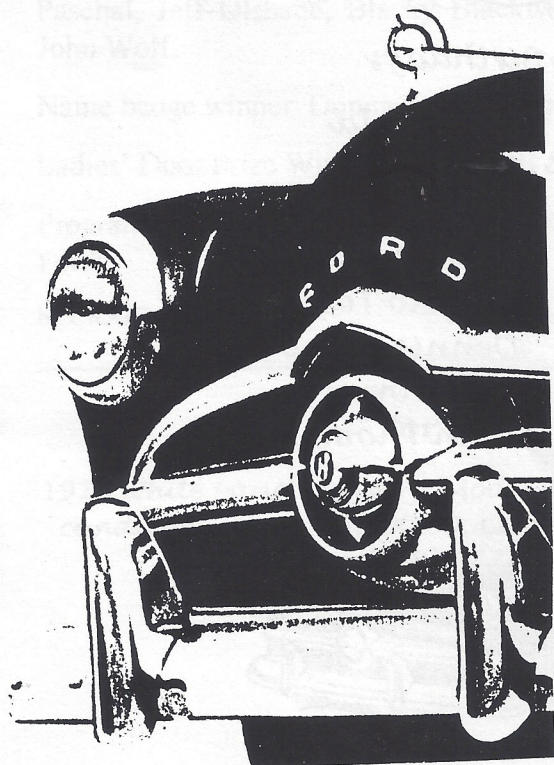
MARCH PROGRAM

Our speaker for the March meeting will be a very well known member of the Early Ford V8 Club, Dan Krehbiel. Dan is one of the recognized experts on many aspects of restoring our early Fords. In addition to his activities of rebuilding engines, distributors and Columbia Overdrive rear axles for other V8 Club members, Dan also serves as the National V8 Club Technical Advisor for Columbia Overdrives and 1939-1941 Mercury Cars.

Dan and his wife Bonnie live in Temecula, California which will probably give him the inside track for the 1997 Dick Smith Long Distance Program Speaker Award. Dan will present a tutorial on the Ford V8 Ignition System and will answer your questions on this often troublesome rascal.

Your Program Chairman,

Larry Caplan

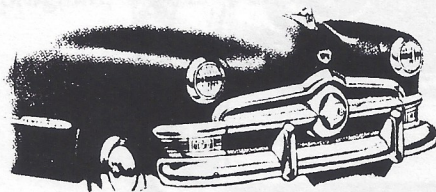


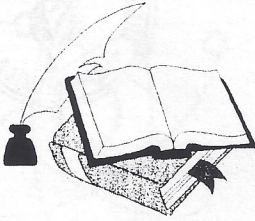
EARLY V8 FORDS DRIVEN TO THE FEB. 4 MEETING

1948 FORD	Cliff Vess
1941 FORD P.U.	John Wolf
1950 Merc.	Ken & Dotti Schmelzel
1940 FORD Cpe.	Patti & Dick Smith
1932 FORD Rdstr.	Dick Stone
1941 FORD Cpe.	Chuck Mair
1939 FORD Conv.	George Richards
1939 FORD Tudor	Ken Sapper
1951 Linc.	Bob Reed
1940 FORD Cpe.	Art & Lorraine Bjornestad
1948 FORD Cpe.	Steve Boskovich
1940 FORD Tudor	Larry Caplan
1941 FORD Conv.	Bob Rose
1940 FORD 4-Dr.	Al Rohrer
1935 FORD Cpe.	Allan Franklin
1932 FORD Cpe.	Jeff & Marilyn Olshane

March Birthdays

5	<i>Steve Sadd</i>
15	<i>Bill Nolan</i>
18	<i>Ed Warnock</i>
18	<i>Ruth Mottern</i>
19	<i>Angelo Tartaro</i>
21	<i>Dennis Keene</i>
25	<i>Kent Lowry</i>
30	<i>Ruth Thompson</i>





SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tuesday, February 4th, 1997. The meeting started late at 7:50 P.M.

New members: Marilyn & Jeff Olshane, Art & Lorraine Bjornestad, and Ron & Steve (brothers) Batestole.

Charities were discussed for next Christmas.

Raffle winners: Bob Rose, Larry Caplan, Ken Sapper, Lloyd Paschal, Jeff Olshane, Blacky Blackwell, Art Bjornestad and John Wolf.

Name badge winner: Donna Paschal won \$20.00.

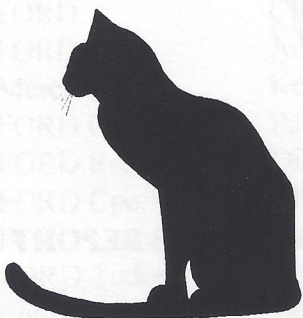
Ladies' Door Prize Winners: Rose Gott & Lorraine Bjornestad.

Program for the night was FILM STRIPS for sales on 1941 Fords.

by CRAIG LAPAIR

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THE VALLEY V8 REPORTER

Our featured V8'ers this month are **Bruce "Blacky" and Gerry Blackwell**. The Blackwells joined the Valley V8's in 1975. The Blackwells are the planners of the **Fall Classic Tour** each year. The **Fall Classic** is a three day weekend tour each year in November, and is always a fantastic getaway.

Blacky's first car was a 1941 Chevy Club Coupe. His first V8 was a 1940 Woody. The Woody was bought from an old man at the Hollywood Ranch Market. His doctor told him to walk.

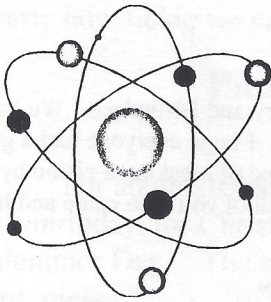
Blacky first became interested in Early Fords back in high school. I believe back then they were called late model used cars!! The Blackwells have a number of cars: 1936 Roadster, 1940 Coupe, 1940 Convertible, 1940 Woody, 1940 Sedan delivery pick-up, and a 1941 Cab/over Fire Engine.

Blacky also restores old gas pumps and garage equipment and collects bricks. Gerry has the **Country Store**, which sells a variety of hand-crafted items and antiques. If you are interested in buying or selling items, I'm sure Gerry would love to hear from you.

The Blackwells' favorite trip was to Steamboat Springs, which took in the Grand Canyon, in their Woody.

Blacky's car tip is to buy early and don't sell!!

Gerry's many talents include being an excellent cook, and she has provided her recipe for Energy Bars - which are great!



ENERGY BARS

2 Cups quick-cook oatmeal

1/4 Cup sunflower seeds

1/2 Cup bran flakes

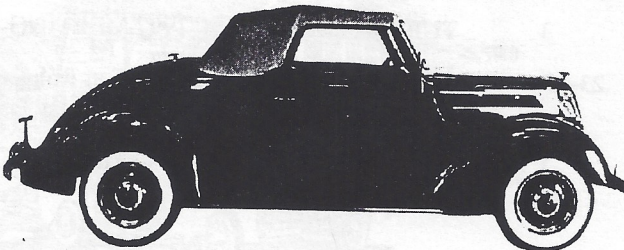
1 Tablespoon flaked coconut

1 Cup assorted dried fruit, chopped

1/2 Cup each: peanut butter and honey

Pre-heat oven to 350°. Place oatmeal and sunflower seeds on a 13" x 9" baking sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Stir in bran flakes, coconut, and dried fruit. Place in bowl. In saucepan, over medium/low heat, melt peanut butter and honey. Add to the oatmeal mixture. Press the mixture into a greased 8 inch square pan. Let cool. Cut into bars. Serves 12.

by Patti Smith



“LOOKING BACK”

February 16th, we went to the Richard M. Nixon Library and Birthplace. We had a great turn-out with 55 people in total, plus 18 early cars. I hope everyone had a great time, well, maybe except for Jerry who had the misfortune of breaking a piston by the time he had arrived at Woodley Park. I'd like to thank all of you who came and hope to see you on our next tour in March.

“LOOKING AHEAD”

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.

I recently took time to look at back issues of Drive Lines. One article particularly caught my interest because it illustrates clearly how fickle we car collectors can be.

Please ... Release Me

By Lesley Littner

For about 20 years I asked him, "What do you want for your birthday, for Christmas, for Hanukkah, for New Years, for Valentines Day." The answer was always the same. "A 1940 Ford, please."

So having bought the present of his dreams, I simply ask, "Please release me from this gift giving guilt trip."

Well, on Friday, November 22, Jerry Littner, my dear and loving husband, received a gift of a 1940 FORD SEDAN DELUXE. I am finally the wife of a HAPPY MAN and co-owner of "ONE FINE 40."

It was like Prom Night, showing it off at Bob's Big Boy. Everyone said, "What a great car (and wife?)."

I couldn't wait for the next shoe to drop. Well it did. Upon returning home, I asked, "Are you really happy? Is this a dream come true?" He simply asked, "Do you know what a 427 Cobra is?"

I REST MY CASE!



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.

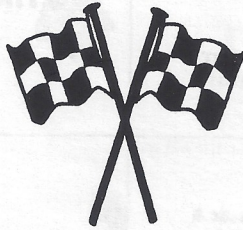
FIRST PLACE \$100.00, SECOND PLACE \$50.00 to be paid at the 1997 Christmas party.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE THESE POINTS SO FAR:

Grant Lippert & Guest	-20	Points
Vicki & Dennis Keene	-20	Points
Diane & Dick Stones	+20	Points
Marsha & Joe DiFatta	+15	Points
Shirley & George Richards	+15	Points
Rose & David Gott	+26	Points
Elaine & Allan Franklin	+26	Points
Ruth & Al Spencer	-20	Points
Judy & Chuck Shubb	+25	Points
Dottie & Ken Schmelzel	-20	Points
LuAnne & Al Rohrer	+20	Points
Chuck Mair	+18	Points
Virginia & John Wolf	+20	Points
Lin & Jake (Basil) Kemmerer	+15	Points
Nancy & Cal Beauregard	+20	Points
Karen & Bob Reed	+20	Points
Karen & Kent Lowey	-20	Points
Toni & Les MacWillie	+10	Points
Judy & Cliff Vess	+23	Points
Cheryle & Don Stout	+5	Points
Peggy McKim & Wayne Burns	-20	Points
Leon Nitz	+5	Points
Lesley & Jerry Littner	+20	Points
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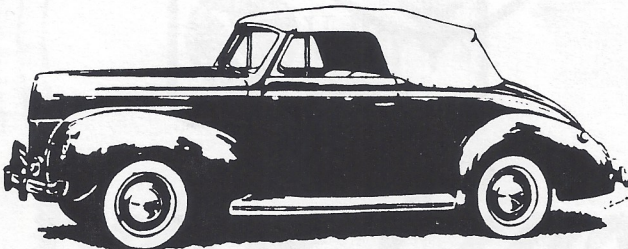
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