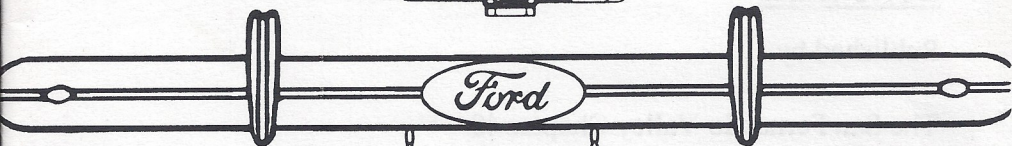
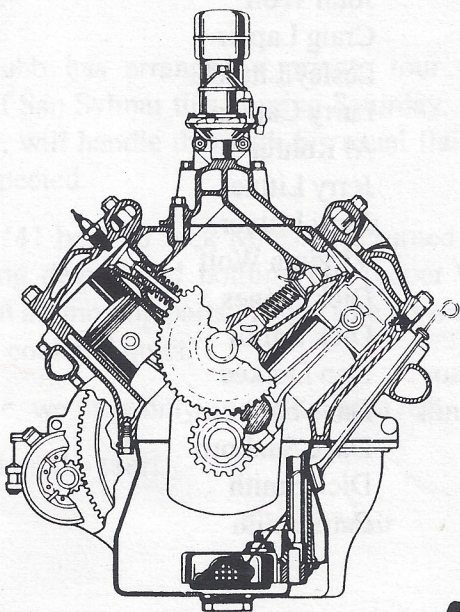




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.....PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

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

I feel wonderful!! Lots of things are starting to happen and Spring is in the air.

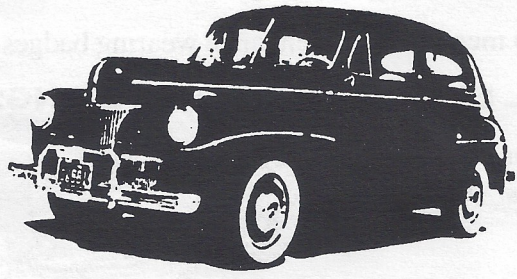
Chuck Shubb has arranged a private tour of the Auto Restoration part of San Sylmar this coming Saturday. Dick Smith, our Tour Director, will handle this with his usual flair. Sixty-one V-8 people are expected.

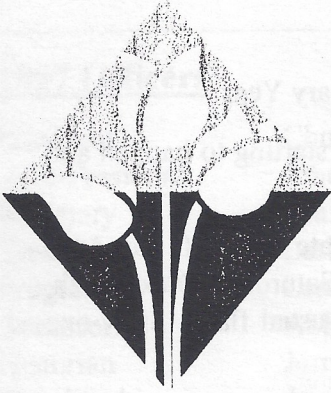
I took my '41 back to Jack Miles. He turned on his high-tech sonic listening device and nothing but proper sounds were being emitted from all moving parts. It was like a symphony. All I can say is - it runs cool and quiet.

At this time, we have only one V-8 watch left.

See you all on the tour!

Chuck Mair





APRIL 1ST 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

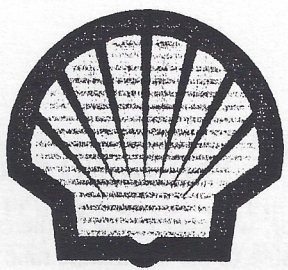
& dinner, if wanted - the food is good.

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 "April Program."
and: Ladies' Door Prizes!!

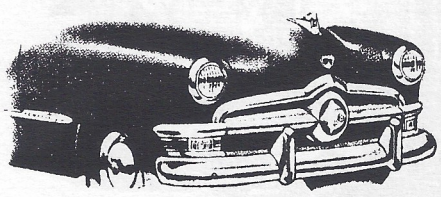


APRIL PROGRAM

Our speaker for the April meeting will be Frank Weeks who represents the Association of California Car Clubs. The ACCC is a lobbying body which represents the interests of the auto hobbists and collector car owners. Frank will tell us about the ACCC activities and the issues that are currently being debated in the state legislature. Two of the most active issues now are reformulated fuels and Smog Check II. This will be an opportunity for our members to learn how the government makes decisions that have major impact on our hobby.

Your Program Chairman,

Larry Caplan



"LOOKING BACK"

On the March 15th Tour, we went to the Nethercutt Collection at San Sylmar. We had 63 sign up, but because of the last minute time change to accommodate that large a group we ended up losing a few. We still had 54 members and guests, and 17 early Fords. Since I had never been there before, I was really impressed by the quality of the collection. I hope everyone had a good time, and enjoyed it as much as I did. Hope to see you on the up and coming Tours.

"LOOKING AHEAD"

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|-------|---|--|
| APRIL | 1 | TUESDAY at 7:30 P.M. 1997 MEETING. |
| | 6 | 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 : See separate page.

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| 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. |

EARLY V8 FORDS DRIVEN TO THE MEETING

There were 19 early FORDS in the parking lot, but because there was no sign-in sheet we don't know whose they were.

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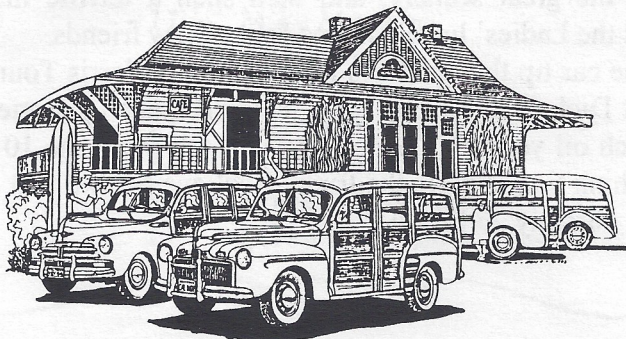
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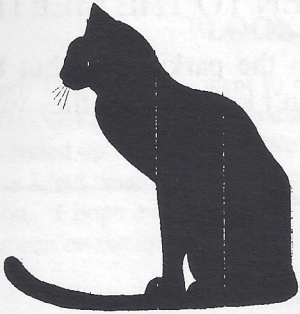
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THE VALLEY V8 REPORTER

Hello and happy Spring!! I'm so glad the days are getting longer and warmer. Our featured V-8's this month are Al and Ruth Spencer. Al's first car was a 1939 Studabaker, which he bought for \$35.00, his life savings at the time. The car had an engine bearing out (knocked like hell), no head liner, no floor in the trunk, and essentially it needed everything!! Al reports he drove this car for about a year and had lots of problems. Looking back, Al says, "this was a good learning situation." However, I doubt he was so positive back then.

Al's grandfather had a new 1940 Ford and when he passed away, Al inherited this beautiful Ford with low-low-low miles. This was the car Al drove to high school. Quite a step up from that Studabaker. Today Al and Ruth have a 1940 Woody.

The Spencers' favorite trip/tour was the Harris 1995 Tour to Bend Oregon for the Western Nationals. This Tour was memorable and so much fun in terms of the people, so beautiful with all the great scenery, and then such a terrific meet that included the Ladies' luncheon and lots of new friends.

One car tip the Spencers learned on the Harris Tour was to never let Dick Smith follow you. He will make up stories about how much oil your car throws, and will tell everyone 10 times!! I don't think that is quite the truth...I believe he told that story at least 20, possibly 25 times!

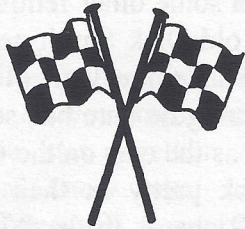
The recipe this month provided by Al and Ruth is an easy (Even John Wolf could make this one!!) and delicious appetizer.

1 - 8oz. block cream cheese softened to room temperature

Pour 1 jar salsa (mild, medium, or hot) and serve with crackers or chips.

If desired, you may top the salsa with bay shrimp.

I have served this appetizer several times and not only is it quick and easy, it is a real crowd pleaser.



Happy Birthdays for April

- 3 *Bonnie Carpenter*
Matthew Ettinger
- 7 *Elaine Franklin*
- 8 *Joe Simon*
Bud Williams
- 11 *Mike Munroe*
- 12 *Norm Booth*
- 19 *John Powellon*
- 21 *Barbara Zabel*
- 23 *Bruce Blackwell*
- 25 *Dotti Schmelzel*
- 27 *Gerry Blackwell*





LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thanks for inviting me to the Merle Norman Tour. Sure got off to a weird start, didn't it? Do you guys always do that...Say someone is going to lead the group, then when he takes off, don't follow him? That's a good one. Golly! There were a lot of people hanging around when we got to Sylmar...Heard some fellow say there was only supposed to be fifty people. Then some other fellow, close to him pipes up and says, "Yeah, old Dick Smith never could count past 20 with his fly up." That's how you got your nickname, huh? Well, all I know is, you guys sure had some nice cars parked there. About as nice as the cars on the inside. Didn't Chuck and Judy Shubb look pretty in their '53 Lincoln? And George and Shirley Richards in that '39 Convertible...Wow Wee!! Say, does George ever smile? What's the story on that John Wolf fellow? Saw him drive up in a modern, shiny, black car. Looked like a Monte Carlo. Guess he's still looking for an old V-8, like me.

Anyhow, as I told you the other day, I have been a long time member in excellent standing with that other V-8 club up by Ventura. For some reason, they called me aside and told me I'd probably fit in better with your group. I figured, what the heck, I need a change and besides, I ain't never belonged to a hot rod club. Also, those guys up there think they have to include the ladies in everything. Me, I'd much rather hang out with the guys, any day of the week! So here I am!

Heard someone say that some of your ladies had a tour to the race track, the same day we was at San Sylmar. That Blackwell lady never rests, does she? Talking to her husband, he said the girls got off to a slow start. Seems that

he didn't check the Woody out before she left, like a good V-8er, and he had to take the convertible to her down on 14. Then to hold them up longer, when Mrs. Blacky got to Woodley Park, the ladies couldn't agree who was going to ride in the back of Durkees Mercury and operate that little guy in the side window. Blacky says Christine Varney beat out Carol Jensen on that one. Wonder if they switched seats on the way back. Heard that Donna Paschal wanted to play with the little guy too, but she had to drive one of the other Fords. Anyhow, guess the ladies had a great time and Bruce is breathing easier now that the convertible is back home safe.

Speaking of Tours, did you hear that Jay Harris is revamping his Tour this year? As you know, he doesn't have many rules..."leave on time, stay together, take care of the guy behind you, let him know what you are doing, etc." Common courtesy kinda stuff. Seems that this year, because of the size of the group, each car will have a designated slot, on the tour. As of now, the first three cars will be: #1, Jay and Sylvia, #2, Richard Valeroy, and #3, Loyd and Donna Paschal. Sure am excited about that trip and the Western Meet. Your '37 should knock the socks off them judges on the concourse. Anyway, that Tour is a way off, so for now I'm looking forward to your next Tour. Understand that you canceled the desert flower tour and we're going to the Toyota museum in Torrance instead. Can't wait!!!

Anyhow, I didn't mean to ramble on, but I wrote slow, 'cause I understand you don't read too fast. Oh yeh, I was going to enclose a check for my dues, but I already liked the envelope. So I'll catch you next time.

P.S. Sure wish you had told me about that no dungarees policy at San Sylmar. I woulda' dressed up, to fit in better.

See you on April First!!

Lisa B.

BIG BEAR TOUR

The three-day BIG BEAR TOUR will start on Friday, May 16th. The approximate distance one-way is 120 miles. The Tour will leave from Weiler's Restaurant at 8:30 A.M. We will stop at the San Bernardino Museum for a tour of it, our group rate entrance fee is \$3.00 each. We will also gas up and use the restrooms. We will leave the museum at 11:30 and our next stop will be at Lloyd's Restaurant in Running Springs for lunch, around noon. After lunch, we will go on to Big Bear Lake, and check in to the motel. There will be wine and cheese at Wolf's at 4 P.M. That's it for Friday.

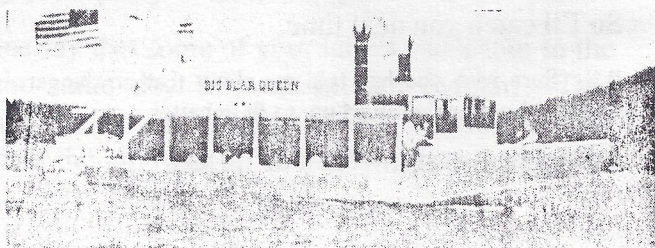
Saturday at 10 A.M. there will be a boat tour of the lake lasting approximately one and 1/2 hours. At 2:30, we will go to Steve and Sue Boskovich's for a BBQ.

On Sunday at about 10 A.M., we plan to drive around the lake and head for home. Hope you can make it; we should have a great time.

Note: The motel is beautiful. Room rates are \$59 and up. Please call Dick Smith at (818) 368-5890 for further details.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I'd like to thank Lisa B. for writing in. As a matter of fact, it's the first letter I've received since becoming Editor. It's printed in it's entirety. If you think my counting is bad, how about my spelling and grammar. By the way, you were misinformed; the Wildflower Tour has not been canceled. It's going to be on April 6th. See you then!

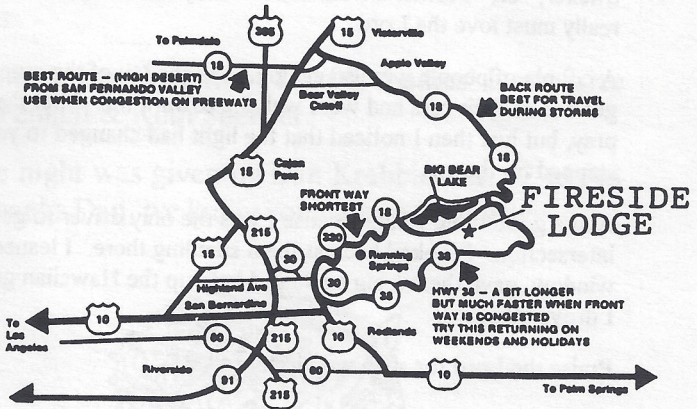
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Maybe I'm too religious?

The other day I went into the local religious book store, where I saw a "HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS" bumper sticker. I bought it and put it on the back of my car. I am really glad I did that. What an uplifting experience followed!

I was stopped at the light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and didn't notice that the light had changed. That bumper sticker really works! I found lots of people who love Jesus!

Why, the guy behind me started to honk like crazy. He must really love the Lord because pretty soon he leaned out his window and yelled, "Jesus Christ!" as loud as he could. It was like a football game with him shouting, "GO, JESUS CHRIST, GO!"

Everyone else started honking, too. I leaned out my window and waved and smiled to all those loving people.

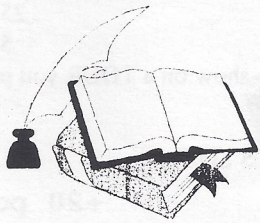
There must have been a guy from Florida back there because I could hear him yelling something about a sunny beach and saw him waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my two grandchildren what that meant. They squirmed, looked at each other, giggled and told me that it was the Hawaiian Good Luck sign. I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign back.

Several cars behind, a very nice man stepped out of his car and yelled something. I couldn't hear him very well, but it sounded like, "Mother trucker," or, "Mother's from there." Maybe he was from Florida too. He really must love the Lord.

A couple of people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and were walking toward me. I bet they wanted to pray, but just then I noticed that the light had changed to yellow and I stepped on the gas.

And a good thing I did, because I was the only driver to get across the intersection. I looked back at them standing there. I leaned way out the window, gave them a big smile and held up the Hawaiian good luck sign as I drove away.

Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tuesday, March 4th, 1997.

Good turnout with 60 people in attendance. New members Steve & Kyle Fennell (WELCOME!) they also drove a '46 Ford Conv.

Sign ups for the March 15th tour to San Sylmar.

We were invited to the Ventura's Palm Springs Tour on the 12th & 13th of April; call Gerry Blackwell at (805) 268-0040 for details.

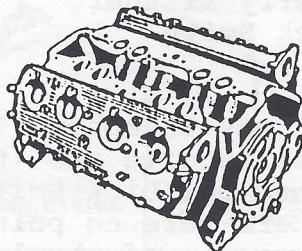
For Jake Kemmerer's Ventura Tour to San Antonio Winery in L.A. on March 22nd, call Jake at (818) 843-2138 for details.

Don Stout received 2 awards for Editor for 1996. Congratulations.

Name badge winner: Lee Wright for \$20.00. Ladies' Door Prize Winners: Kyle Fennell & Ruth Spencer.

Program for the night was given by Dan Krehbiel on '32 to '48 distributors. Thanks Dan, we know you came a long way.

Craig Lapair



*** HOW TO GET POINTS***

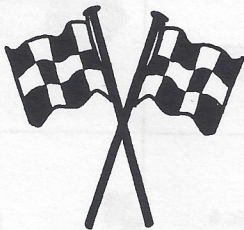
- * If you pre-sign up for a TOUR 10 Points
- * Drive a '32 to '53 model Ford 5 Points
- * Bring a guest (for each one) 3 Points
- * Drive the lead car (early Fords only) 5 Points
- * Set up a TOUR and run it 25 Points
- * For going on a TOUR 5 Points
- *NOTE: You LOSE 20 points if you are a no-show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

THE FOLLOWING HAVE THESE POINTS SO FAR:

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| Harriett & Bob Rose | +20 points |
| Steve Batesole | +20 points |
| Steve & Kyle Fennell | +26 points |
| Gary Glass | +18 points |
| Georgia & Mike Munroe | +15 points |
| Grant Lippert | -20 points |
| Sue & Steve Boskovich | +23 points |
| Craig Lapair | +15 points |
| Diane & Dick Stones | +40 points |
| Marsha & Joe Di Fatta | +15 points |
| Shirley & George Richards | +35 points |
| Rose & David Gott | +55 points |
| Elaine & Allan Franklin | +26 points |
| Gerry & Blackie Blackwell | +20 points |
| Judy & Chuck Shubb | +45 points |
| Dottie & Ken Schmelzel | -05 points |
| LuAnne & Al Rohrer | +45 points |
| Chuck Mair | +38 points |
| Virginia & John Wolf | +35 points |
| Lin & Jake(Basil)Kemmerer | +35 points |
| Nancy & Cal Beauregard | +20 points |
| Karen & Bob Reed | +40 points |
| Karen & Kent Lowey | -20 points |
| Toni & Les MacWillie | +10 points |
| Judy & Cliff Vess | +43 points |
| Cheryle & Don Stout | + 5 points |
| Peggy Mc Kim & Wayne Burns | -20 points |
| Leon Nitz | + 5 points |
| Lesley & Jerry Littner | +35 points |
| Patti & Dick Smith | +40 points |

(Note 1) You may telephone 10 days before any Tour & still receive the 10 points for being presigned-up. Dick Smith 818 368-5890)
 (Note 2) There were no points taken off for no shows, because of the last minute time change

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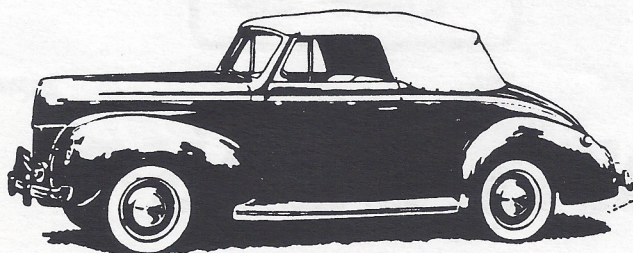
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