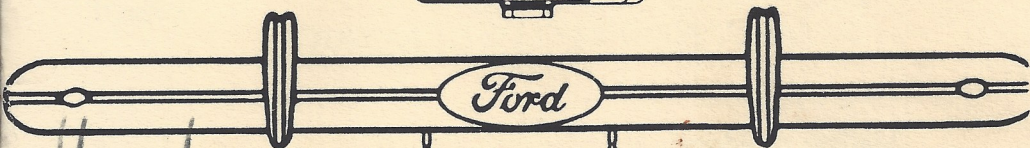
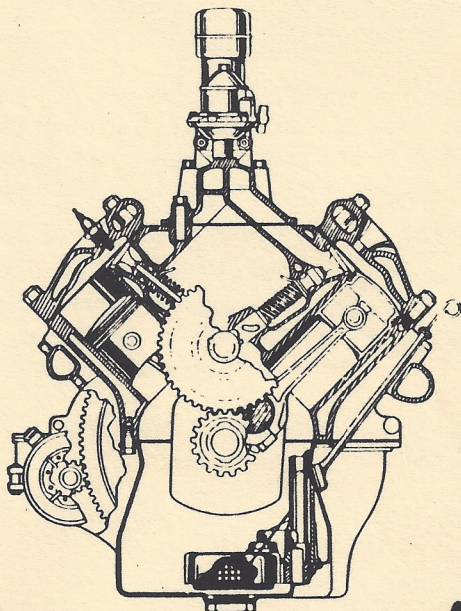




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Valley V8ers! 1998 is here and we're looking forward to a fun and eventful year of V8ing. At our final gathering in 1997, more than 65 V8ers assembled at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys to witness the passing of the torch to this year's Officers and Directors. In addition to a fine dinner, there were puzzles to be solved, door prizes and raffle items that were won, and time to talk with V8 friends (although the time goes by much too quickly). There were many familiar faces and some we do not see often enough, such as Pat Berry and Ed Warnock, who's work keeps them far from us.

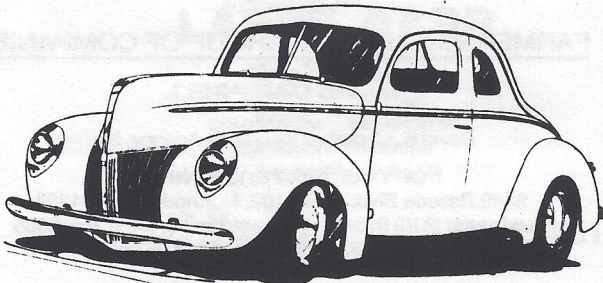
For those we seldom see, give our Tuesday night restaurant meetings a try. Larry Caplan has some meetings planned I'm sure you'll enjoy. Or join the tours that are being arranged by the dynamic duo of Boskovich & DiFatta. **REMEMBER** it is not necessary to drive an early V8 on tours. A modern car will do just fine.

This month we have a rare opportunity to see how our National Club functions. The Ventura V8's are hosting the Annual Meeting and Installation for the National V8 Club in Solvang. With Don Durkee as host chairman, this promises to be a fun and informative weekend.

I hope to see you at our next gathering and to get to know each of you better.

Happy V8ing,

Dennis Keene
President



NATIONAL NEWS

The **National V8 Club** has a policy regarding their liability insurance, which states, *"everyone in a local chapter must be a member of the National V8 Club in order to qualify that chapter for liability insurance through the National V8 Club"*. In other words, the Valley V8's will now strictly enforce the members, starting this year, to become a **National V8 Club** member, or they will not qualify to be a local member of the Valley V8's chapter.

To ensure that we will be covered during any of our tours and/or meetings with our participating members, we will need to have your cooperation with this strictly enforced policy. We do not want to lose anyone because of this policy. To help any member who has financial problems, the **National V8 Club** will allow you to join their yearly membership for only \$10.00 per year, instead of the normal \$30.00. With this discount, you will not receive the **National V8 Club** magazine. Please contact Dick Smith of membership, if you have any questions or problems at (818) 368-5890.

This year's National Installation Banquet will be held at the Royal Scandanavian Inn in Solvang on January 15, 16 & 17, 1998. It is located at 400 Alisal Road, Solvang, CA 93464. For reservations, call (800) 624-5572, cost is \$75.00 per night, per room. On January 15, the Welcome Party will be hosted by The San Fernando Valley V8's. On January 16, there will be a Bar-B-Que dinner at Jack Mendenhall's (collector of gas pumps, race cars, signs, etc.) in Buellton, the cost is \$16.00 per person. On January 17, there will be a local tour headed by V8 member Charles Wells from 2-4 pm. There will be a Banquet in the evening at Zaca Creek Restaurant in Buellton. The cost is \$25.00 per person. All reservations must be made by Dec. 31, 1997. Dinner reservations for Fri. & Sat., Call Don or Mary Durkee (805) 495-5298.



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1997 CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Lesley Littner

Another year swiftly slips from our grasp. Not much left of it but the fond memories of the times shared with good friends and family. This year's Valley V8 holiday party was most certainly an event to remember. We hosted 67 club members and guests and stayed up partying pretty late for a Sunday night. Our illustrious President, Chuck Mair, was our master of ceremonies. Chuck pulled off his final presidential duty in stellar fashion. Thank you Chuck for a wonderful party and most of all for a truly memorable year of V8 fun. Our Vice-President, John Wolf, and his always lovely wife, Virginia, planned our little soiree from beginning to end, or is that soup to nuts? A big round of Yahoos for you both. Did you know that creativity runs rampant in our club? It does, trust me. Incredible, hand made objects of beauty (to delight and excite) were generously created and donated to our super raffle. There were overflowing baskets of tasty treats, Ford memorabilia, custom jewelry, decorated gourds and gift certificates for great meals and lodging among the plethora of delightful raffle goodies. Our creative artisan donors include: Patti Smith, Virginia Wolf, Edy Cowan, Lynn Kemmerer and Marilyn Olshane. A gracious thank you to ALL who contributed time, energy and good stuff. You are truly appreciated. Don Durkee cleaned up a few jokes for us, and then told a rather unique version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" (using all our names). Then in a most official fashion, he administered the Oath of Office (with a portrait of Henry Ford watching) to our new loyal leaders. Our new President, Dennis Keene, gave each table a fill in the blank car quiz. Good food, wonderful friends (who clean up real good) and exciting conversations were the benchmark for the evening. A hearty thank you to all who participated and made the evening so much fun. A good wish to all who will assume the leadership roles in '98, and most of all, a prayer for a peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year to everyone. Happy V8ing.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Patti Smith

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

The Christmas party was a great success. Our thanks to Virginia Wolf for all her hard work. Sixty four members and guests attended. I must say everyone looked great in their holiday finery. Entertainment was provided by Don Durkee who told his version of "The Night Before Christmas". This was a tale with lots of old Fords and familiar names. Don also told us his family recipe for Rum Christmas Cake. I would include this recipe, but the new editor says NO RECIPES ! If you want the recipe, you'll have to talk to Don for details. The evenings festivities included a raffle with lots of terrific items, which raised over \$450.00 for the club. And last, but not least, the new officers were sworn in and the 1997 officers were presented with plaques. It was a great party. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen.

Patti Smith

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The Officers and Board of Directors would like to take this time to thank ALL the advertisers for the past year with their advertising and helping make this newsletter possible. We would also like to extend our gratitude for the donators of product to help make our meetings more fun with our door prizes and awards. We all like to take the time during the holidays to extend our hearts with credit, where credit is due. With our advertisers and product donators, this is that time. So **THANK YOU** for helping us make our club a successful one.

H A P P Y H O L I D A Y ' S

The Officers and Board of Directors wish to thank everyone's support and participation for the past year, and wish you and yours a healthy and happy holiday season and a safe and prosperous New Year.

JANUARY 1998 PROGRAM

Our first program for 1998 will be in response to several requests for a follow-up summary of the Towe Ford Museum auctions. Ralph Hubbard will return to give us a rundown of the results of these very important events. Those of you who attended the September, 1997 meeting, will recall that Ralph gave us an insider's view of the plans being laid to stage the biggest antique Ford auctions ever. These auctions took place on September 13th and 20th last year, and the results have caused quite a stir among Ford collectors. Ralph will give us his expert assessment of these results and will answer any questions you may have regarding these events. The meeting will be held at:

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6:30 pm Tire kicking and dinner

7:30 pm Meeting begins

FORD QUIZ

Each month we will be publishing a **Ford Quiz**. If you want to participate, you need to get your answer(s) to the editor (Jeff Olshane) before the meeting. All correct answers (if any) will be put into a box, and the first five (5) winners will receive a special gift Donated by one of our new advertisers "Lost in The Fifties". This month's questions is:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 1998

- 6 Valley V8 General Meeting, Bakers Square,
Chatsworth
- 15, 16 & 17 The Early Ford V8 Club of America - 1998
National Installation Banquet, Royal Scandanavian
Inn, Solvang, CA
- 24 - 25 Turlock swap meet, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

FEBRUARY

- 3 Valley V8 General Meeting, Baker Square,
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There is an upcoming tour in February that we think will be a great, one day outing. After fighting the holiday traffic and the road rage, it will be nice and relaxing to get out of the valley with friends to an outing that will be both fun and informative. Our own Steve Boskovich will be making his father's car collection available for our tour. On Saturday, February 28, 1998, we will be meeting at Woodley Park. From there we will be cruising to Camarillo to George Boskovich's garage. We will have the honor of looking at his Mustangs and muscle cars, featuring his 1969, 700 hp, Boss 429, nicknamed "Pop's Toy". From there we will cruise to Marie Callender's for some tire kicking and lunch. After we fill up, we will then cruise to the Camarillo Outlet Mall where there are about a half dozen antique shops. More details will follow in next month's Drive Lines. For sign-up, or more details, contact our Tour Directors, Steve Boskovich (818) 341-6876, or Joe DiFatta (818) 700-1939.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

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1998 National Director Meeting & Installation

January 15-18, 1998

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Tentative Schedule

Thursday 1/15	2-5 p.m.	Vision '97 Workshop
	5 p.m. - ?	Welcome Party Ventura Regional Group
Friday 1/16	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Director's Meeting
	Noon-1 p.m.	Working Lunch
	6 p.m.-?	Museum Tour & B-B-Q \$16 per person
Saturday 1/17	8 a.m.-?	Director's Meeting
	?-5 p.m.	Mini-Tour (Wineries, Miniature Horses, Service Station Museum)
	6-7 p.m.	Attitude Adjustment (No Host Bar)
	7 p.m.	Banquet* \$30 per person (Banquet will be off-site with a mini-tour ending at restaurant)
Sunday 1/18	Possible Tour	Old Fashioned Wiener Roast

There is unlimited shopping for all attending and Solvang is noted for its pastries. There will be plenty to do for spouses during the meetings. Santa Barbara and Santa Ynez Missions, Elverhoj Museum, cities of Buellton and Santa Barbara.

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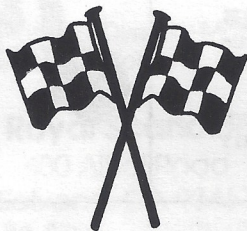
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