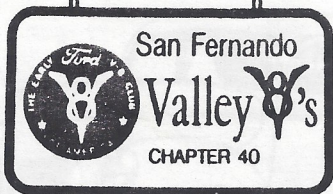
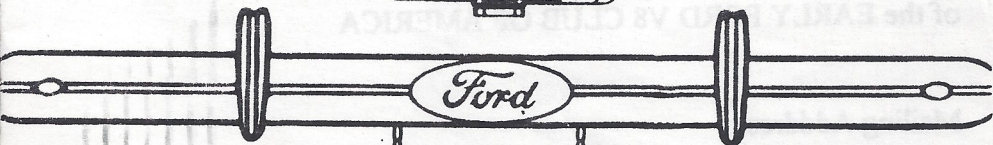
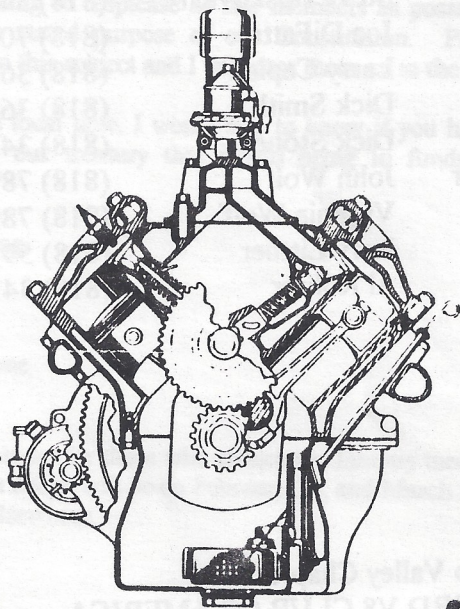




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

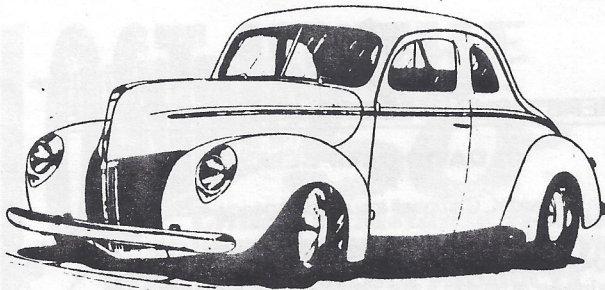
Greetings Valley V8ers from the hot tub at the Royal Scandinavian Inn in Solvang. You really need to attend a National Board of Directors meeting to appreciate all the work that the directors do on behalf of our club. A major decision that the Judging Standards Committee has been wrestling with for some time, is what changes and additions will be permitted on touring class cars at our national meets. Because it is impossible to please everybody, they are attempting to displease as few members as possible while still remaining within the stated purpose of our Constitution. Please let me know your thoughts on this subject and I will pass them on to the National Board.

On a more local note, I would like to know if you have any ideas for raising money for our treasury that would bring in funds from outside the club members.

Happy V8ing,

Dennis Keene
President

P.S. A reminder for those who missed the January meeting, The big 3 swap meet in San Diego will be on February 28, and March 1, 1998 this year, not as published elsewhere.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Patti Smith

The January meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM. Visitors were introduced and then Dennis asked each member to introduce himself/herself and tell a little about their Ford habit.

It was announced that all members MUST join the National Club in order to remain in the Valley V8 Club. This is for insurance purposes. See the membership report for the amount of the annual dues or the National application later in this newsletter.

New officers were introduced as follows:

Vice-President	Craig Lapair
Secretary	Patti Smith
Treasurer	Rose Gott
Editor	Jeff Olshane
Programs	Larry Caplan

The next tour will be on Saturday February 21, 1998. We will be meeting at Woodley Park at 10:00 AM and leaving at 10:30 AM *SHARP*. Please note the new date, it was changed because of the conflict with the San Diego Big 3 Swap Meet on February 28, and March 1, 1998.

Our program for the evening was presented by Ralph Hubbard who spoke on the Towe Ford Museum auction. He described some of the cars and discussed what they sold for at auction.

The ladies door prize, 2 bath baskets, were won by Lesley Littner and Rose Gott.

The name badge drawing was postponed until the February meeting.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dick Smith

I have started to prepare the 1998 Membership Directory. All memberships are due and payable in the month of January each year. Therefore, in order to finish the directory, we must receive all membership dues before February 21, 1998. Anyone not renewing their membership on or before February 28, 1998 will be left out of this years directory. That will actually give you one full month to get the dues into our hands. The Membership Directory should be out sometime in March. Please don't forget to join the National Club. Dues are 10.00, with the magazine subscription 30.00, with spouse and magazine 32.00. As of January 26, 1998 we only had 22 renewals, so please lets hurry. There is a membership renewal form as an insert to this month's newsletter to help expedite your renewals with the Valley V8's and the National Club.

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 question is:

What was the first year that Ford Motor Company put the voltage regulator on the firewall?

Good luck.

Last month's winners were, John Wolf, Harold Johansen, John Kemmerer and Dennis Keene

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FEBRUARY 3, 1998 PROGRAM

by Larry Caplan

For our February Program, we will learn from one of the true maestros of our hobby on the causes and cures for the Ford flathead V8 engine overheating problems. Our speaker will be Bill Woods who has given technical presentations to our club for over twenty years. Bill is a retired aerospace engineer who still drives his 1940 Mercury as his everyday transportation vehicle. He has logged over 475,000 miles on his car over the last five decades. The Mercury would have logged far more miles, except he shared some of his driving with his 1940 Ford coupe and an early Jaguar XK model. These last two vehicles also have logged numerous miles. Not only does Bill lay claim to the most miles driven in an early V8, but he also may hold the record for the longest continuous possession of an early V8. Is anyone aware of someone who has topped this? With these credentials, you can rest assured that Bill Woods will put on a program you won't want to miss.

EARLY FORDS SEEN AT JANUARY'S MEETING

There were 12 early Ford cars at our January meeting.

Joe Difatta	'46 2 Door Sedan
Cliff Vess	'48 Coupe
Al Rohrer	'40 Pickup
Dick Stones	'40 Coupe
George Richards	'49 Cont.
Jeff & Marilyn Olshane	'32 5-w Coupe
Lloyd & Donna Paschal	'53 Coupe
Marty Luening	'40 4 Door Sedan
Steve Batesole	'35 Coupe
Dick & Patti Smith	'37 Coupe
John & Virginia Wolf	'39 Conv.
Ron & Edy Cowan	'59 Ford

FEBRUARY'S BIRTHDAYS

4	Marsha Difatta
4	Beth MacArthur
11	Don Durkee
17	Diane Baily
19	Lee Wright
25	Joe Difatta
27	Lin Kemmerer

INSIGHTS

Around the San Fernando Valley in the 70's and 80's, the car to beat was "Pop's Toy", a 700 horsepower 1969 Boss 429 Ford Mustang. Owned by George Boskovich Sr., father of Valley V-8 member Steve Boskovich, "Pop's Toy" underwent extensive modifications under the supervision of noted auto engineers and fabricators, Earl Wade, Dave Tuttle and Dennis Cann in the early 1970's. Those changes included the installation of a 508 cubic inch SOHC, a six point roll cage, drag-style rear suspension, and numerous other features.

George made many friends while cruising along Van Nuys Boulevard and Sherman Way in his Brandywine Candy Apple Red Mustang. Those who were brave enough, challenged him to race, but with George's "muscle", he never lost. "Pop's Toy" became well known throughout the Valley by many car enthusiasts for its speed and beauty.

A Ford lover all his life, George was particularly fond of this special car. Even when he was in his 80's, he would sneak it out for a short spin. He was driving this high powered vehicle until he passed away at the age of 83 years young.

Next month, *Insights* will bring you a story about our own Don Stout's Family that will give a new meaning to "those magnificent men in their flying machines".

If you have a person or company you would like to see featured, please submit the facts/story or request to Valley V8's Drive Lines, 9245 Reseda Blvd., Suite #746, Northridge, CA 91324, Attn: Jeff Olshane

UPCOMING TOUR

One of our first official tours by our new Tour Directors, Joe Difatta and Steve Boskovich, will be coming up on February 21, 1998. Please note that the date has been changed. Our Valley V8 club will be meeting at Woodley Park at 10:00 am, and leaving at exactly 10:30 am. We will be caravanning to the K-Mart parking lot on Hampshire Rd. in Thousand Oaks to meet up with the Ventura Club by 11:00 am. From there we will be traveling to Camarillo where we will go to George Boskovich's house, Steve's brother. We will then be allowed to tour the garage where there are about 11 Mustangs, Cobras, Shelby's and "Pop's Toy". After the tour of the cars, we will head to Marie Callender's for some tire kicking and lunch. From there you will have your choice to go to the Outlet Malls or antiquing at the antique stores in the area.

PAT'S KITCHEN

by Patti Smith



Due to the overwhelming demand for recipes, the editor has decided to continue publishing them. In fact, he has even given me my own kitchen each month right here in the Drive Lines. Here is a very good and easy version of an old time favorite:

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1/2 pound macaroni
1 tsp butter
1 egg, beaten
3 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 tsp dry mustard
1 tsp salt
1 cup milk

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Mix dry mustard and salt with reserved 1 tablespoon hot cooking water and add to milk. Pour over macaroni. Sprinkle with reserved cheese.

Bake at 350 degrees until custard is set and top is crusty, about 45 minutes.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1998

- 3 Valley V8 General Meeting, Bakers Square,
Chatsworth & Zelzah 7:30 pm
- 8 Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet
- 15 Ventura Classic Car & Street Rod Show & Swap
Ventura County Fairgrounds
- 21 Tour to George Boskovich's in Camarillo
- 28 & Mar. 1 32nd Annual Big 3 Auto Parts Exchange, Qualcomm
Stadium (Previously Jack Murphy), San Diego

MARCH 1998

- 1 Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet
- 3 Valley V8 General Meeting, Bakers Square,
Chatsworth & Zelzah 7:30 pm
- 8 Pomona Swap Meet, Fairplex
- 15 Ventura Classic Car & Street Rod Show & Swap
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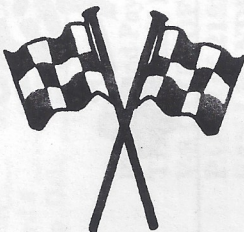
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