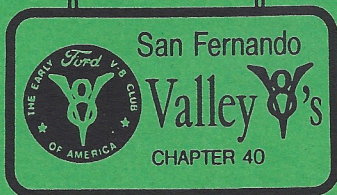
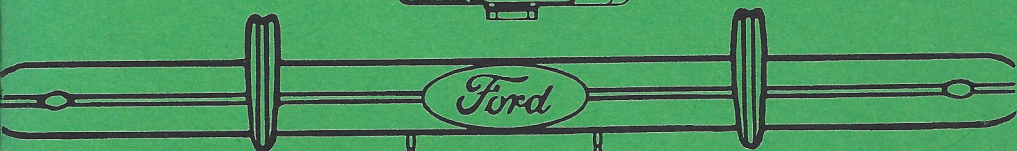
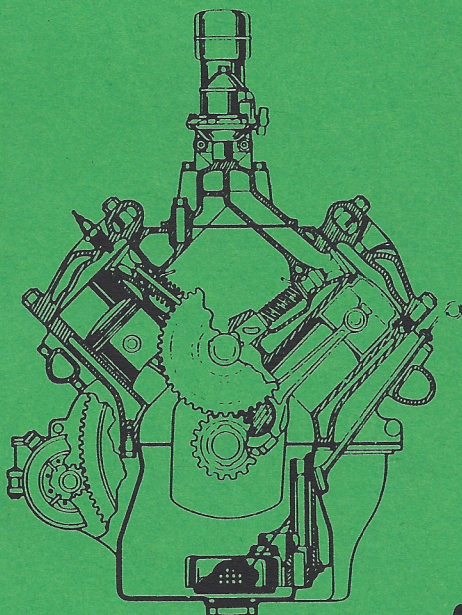




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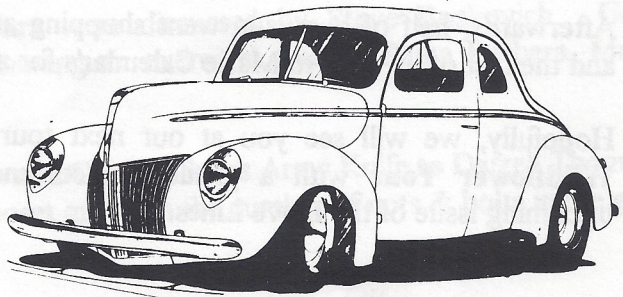
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Valley V8'ers. Here's hoping everyone has come through the recent generated El Nino storms safely. I'm sure some of you have some hair raising stories to tell. I was crazy enough to take my '32 Roadster out in the rain one stormy night last week on a movie shoot. We worked from 4:00 PM on Monday afternoon until 5:30 AM Tuesday morning, and it was pouring down most of the time. We came through it safely and the car didn't melt. (What some people will do for money!!).

On a more dry note, the National Judging Standards Committee (JSC) has announced that at the Grand National Meet this summer, they intend to divide the Touring Class into two (2) groups. One group allowing radial tires, alternators and 12 volt systems, while the other group will be essentially the same as it has been in the past. If this works out successfully, this system will probably be used at all future National Meets, starting with the one at Dana Point, California in June 1999.

We already have two meetings and a tour under our belts for 1998. I must be having fun because time is really flying. Not once has Craig Lapair had to drag me off for talking to much at the meetings, so I guess I'll give it a go again in March. Come join us for dinner and we can enjoy another great program arranged by Larry Caplan. Hope to see you all there.

Dennis Keene



NATIONAL NEWS

For 1998, the Basic Rules for Touring Division will be as in the 1997 Roster Supplement except for the alternator and 12 volt system requirements. The JSC (Judging Standards Committee) is expected to have a trial of two (2) Touring Divisions at the Grand National. One of the two will allow alternators, 12 volt systems and radial tires, the other will be "More Nearly Stock".

Please check in the V8 Times for additional information as the time nears for the Grand National. If you have any further questions, please direct them to Wayne Taylor.

GOD MUST BE A FORD OWNER

by Joe DiFatta

With cabin fever and between rains, the Valley and Ventura V8 Clubs joined up for their first tour of 1998. Approximately 25 Ford Classics left Woodley Park enroute to George and June Boskovich's lovely home. They are set on 2 acres of serenity and beautiful landscape. On their beautiful property, there sat a 9 car garage and in front of that was a 2 car garage. There were 11 Mustangs on display when we arrived. "Pop's Toy" was one of the displayed cars. This car was "fired up" for us and WOW did that *puuurrrrrrr*. These cars have lots of horsepower. George said he bought these beauties at the right time in life and is enjoying them to the max. We were treated to cookies, coffee and sodas, and even had a raffle. Thanks again to George and June Boskovich for allowing us to see their collection and to his brother Steve, for setting up this tour.

Afterwards, half of our gang went shopping at the Outlet Stores, and the rest of us went to Marie Calendar's for a lunch break.

Hopefully, we will see you at our next tour which will be the **Wildflower Tour** with a picnic basket lunch. Details in an upcoming issue of the Drive Lines.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Patti Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Dennis Keene. I only saw one old car in the parking lot due to the nasty weather. The turn out was pretty good for a cold and rainy night.

Dennis shared some highlights of the National Installation of Officers in Solvang. Don Durkee was the Chairman of the event, and a great time was had by all. The Valley V8's hosted the Hospitality Suite. Thanks to John and Lin Kemmerer for representing us. And thanks to all of the Valley members who attended and helped.

Don Stout's 1940 Deluxe Coupe is progressing and should be on the road soon. Don is doing a frame off restoration, which has turned into a three year project. Dick Smith says, "I'm sure he'll have it on the road by 2000, 2001 at the latest".

The membership report was given by Dick Smith. Dick stated there were 59 members signed up for this years renewal. The deadline for membership renewal to get your name in the directory, is February 28, 1998. All members also must join the National Club.

Dennis Keene has 18 month calendars for the 1999 Western National Meet, "California Surf "N Shine In '99" being held in Dana Point, CA. The cost is \$10.00 each and the money goes to help pay for the 1999 Meet. It has some great early Ford pictures, including Jay Harris' '48 Convertible, Dave Sanborn's '35 Convertible Sedan, Ralph Hubbard's '39 Mercury Sport Convertible Coupe, and Cal Beauregard's 1938 Deluxe Fordor Staff car.

Up coming tours were discussed by Steve Boskovich. Gerry Blackwell is planning an overnight tour to Santa Barbara, March 28-29, 1998.

Dennis gave away a Chinese Swiss Army Knife to Darrell Thomas for being the closet guess on the number of nuts & bolts in the glass

box. The correct answer was 1234.

The ladies door prizes were won by Rose Gott and Virginia Wolf.

The speaker for the evening was Bill Woods, a former Valley V8 member. Bill has a 1937 Coupe which he has owned continuously since 1942. Bill estimates he has put over 900,000 miles on various early Fords. His topic for the evening was "Cooling System Effectiveness". He handed out an outline and had a lot of tips for cooling the Flathead.

No one won the name badge drawing, so next month the pot is up to \$60.00. Don't forget to wear your name badge. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

RAFFLES

The Valley V8's wish to extend their appreciation for the generous amount of gifts that were donated this last month from L.T. Sawyer, Inc. Tom Sawyer went beyond the call of duty for his tremendous amounts of generosity to our club. Also, Don's Auto Parts has been supplying us with a monthly donation to our raffle for years now. Thanks to both of these companies, we are able to keep the meetings, tours and even this newsletter going.

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MARCH 1998 PROGRAM

by Larry Caplan

Ford vehicles have been the number one choice of hot rodders going all the way back to the Model "T" era. However, there was a tremendous growth in this hobby which began at the close of World War II. As young men returned home and began working again, there blossomed a cult of modified Ford Roadsters and Coupes using hopped up Ford Flathead V8 engines. These engines were readily available and an industry of special parts and services made them affordable for high performance powerplants. This trend continued until the middle of the 1950's when the modern overhead valve engines rose in popularity and displaced the Flathead in many of these early hot rods. It is interesting to note that many of these same cars are now being restored with the modified Flathead replaced to create the 1990's Nostalgia Rod. However, that is another program.

Our program for March is titled "When the Flathead Was King". We will hear about the glorious days of yesteryear when these engines were used to power everything from Model "A" Roadsters to Bellytank Lakesters. Our speaker, Alex Xydias, is one of the legends of this era who opened and operated the famous So Cal Speed Shop after returning home from overseas. Alex opened his shop in 1946 which specialized in modifying cars and supplying a mail order business of speed parts. So Cal Speed Shop was involved in producing racing films among other ventures. The first generation of So Cal Speed Shops lasted until about 1960. However, a new generation of So Cal was just announced which we will hear more about. This should be a great show for everyone who wears "Flatheads Forever" on the front of a T-Shirt.

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PAT'S KITCHEN

by Patti Smith



3 Cups Chicken Broth

1/2 tsp cumin

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1/2 tsp oregano

1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed

1 can (15 oz.) corn, rinsed

2 boneless skinless chicken breasts, diced

1 large zucchini, diced (may substitute 10 oz. package frozen lima beans for zucchini)

1/2 cup salsa

1/2 cup cilantro

In a large pot, mix broth, cumin, chili powder and oregano. Bring to a boil; add remaining ingredients except cilantro. reduce heat to a simmer, stirring often. Cook until chicken is done, about 5 minutes. You will need to increase the cooking time if you are using frozen lima beans. Remove from heat, stir in cilantro. Top each serving with tortilla chips. Serves 4.

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

3	Steve Sadd
8	Jeff Olshane
15	Bill Nolan
18	Ed Warnock
18	Ruth Mottern
19	Angelo tartard
21	Dennis Keene
25	Kent Lowery
30	Ruth Thompson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Ventura County Fairgrounds

APRIL 1998

- 5 Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet
- 7 Valley V8 General Meeting, Bakers Square,
Chatsworth & Zelzah, 7:30 pm
- 19 Buena Park, 13th Annual FABULOUS FORDS FOREVER,
Knott's Berry Farm
- 19 NSRA Appreciation Day, Calif. Car Cover, Canoga Park

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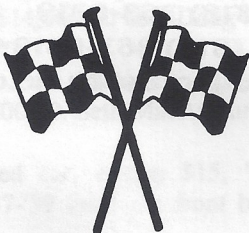
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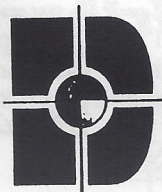
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