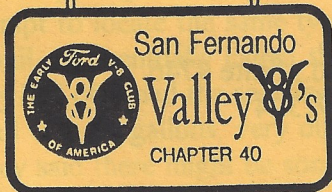
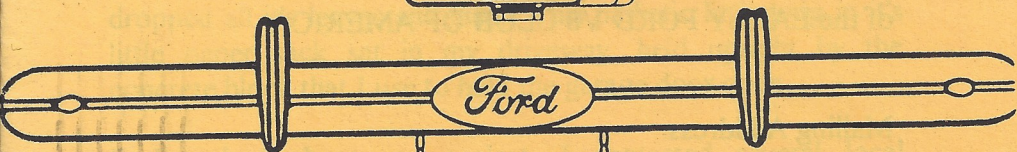
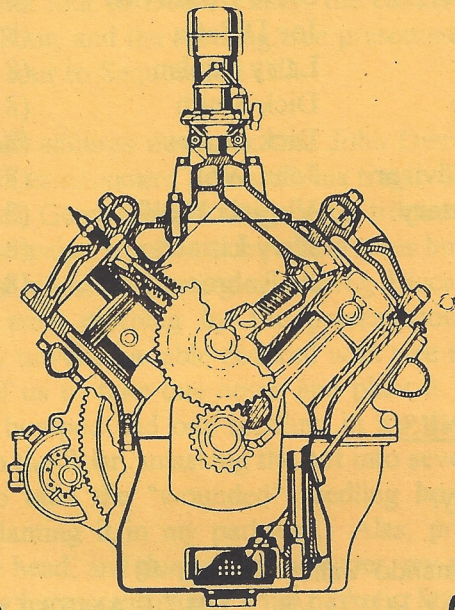




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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Valley V8'ers. Those of you who have taken advantage of the opportunity know what fun it is to go on one of the Blackwell's tours. We get to drive our Early Ford V8's to exciting and interesting places, and best of all we get to hang out with our V8 friends, and get to know one another better. If that weren't enough, you also receive gifts, such as the canvas water bag on the tour to Death Valley, the cactus plant on the Palm Springs Tour, and the seedling tree presented to everyone that joined the tour to Sequoia last fall.

Gerry Blackwell admires the work that John Denver has done on behalf of the environment. So with his tragic death so fresh in our memories, Gerry thought what better tribute to John than to aid in his campaign to plant one million trees before the year 2000. After a hilarious evening of playing Blacky's Wacky's, followed the next morning by the presentation of various awards. Gerry unveiled a table covered with tree seedlings and invited each of us to take one home and plant it. Accidentally, the table was bumped and one seedling in it's tiny terra cotta pot, crashed to the floor, smashing the pot into several pieces. I volunteered to take the "wounded" seedling home, with the intention of planting it in my parkway. Alas, procrastination reared it's ugly head, and due to lack of water, my poor seedling dropped all it's leaves and died. This pathetic little twig in it's little paper sack sat in my driveway, held upright by the concrete block that I use to hold the garage door open.

Feeling bad about my neglect, I contacted several local nurseries in an attempt to locate the same type of tree, a white alder, but to no avail. I eventually called the nursery in Simi Valley where Gerry had obtained the seedlings, but the smallest white alder they had was 15 gallons, very difficult to transport and expensive. They said there might be some bare root alders available in the Spring. I decided to wait until then.

However, before Spring arrived, El Nino came upon the scene. Days of rain stretched into weeks in a relentless outpouring of Mother Nature. One day when I was checking to see how much water had run under the garage door, I noticed that the little bag holding the dead stick had accumulated some of El Nino's water, and the "stick" was sprouting green leaves. I quickly transplanted the resurrected seedling into a larger pot, from which it will eventually be placed in my parkway.

The old saying, "it's an ill wind that blows no good" is actually true.

Hope to see you at our next meeting, when we'll learn everything you always wanted to know about remanufacturing our Early V8 carburetors.

*Dennis Keene*

### **APRIL'S PROGRAM**

Our speaker for our April meeting will be Jere Jobe. Jere is a collector of old cars, including early Ford V8's. Several years ago he experienced some heart problems, and was forced to give up a very active lifestyle. Forced into early retirement, he sought something to do to keep busy, but that he could dictate the number of hours worked and when he would work them. Jere had been involved with carburetors since the early 50's. He decided that rebuilding carbs. fit the bill and started doing that exclusively. He soon discovered that the major parts of the carbs. were so worn that they could not be used "as is". So tonight we will hear "everything you always wanted to know about remanufacturing a carburetor, bet were afraid to ask". We'll also hear how his hobby has turned into a business which also includes remanufacturing ignitions for our early V8's.

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

*By Jeff Olshane*

After a long El Nino winter, it sure was good to see the sunshine again and start thinking about swap meets, car shows and tours with no rain.

There are 4 people that unfortunately will not see the sun, cars, swap meets, etc. They are 3 L.A. City Firefighters and a little girl that was involved in a near fatal car accident. The firefighters were making every attempt to try to keep the child alive. They were enroute to Children's Hospital, downtown. The helicopter had a terrible tailrotor failure causing it to crash out of control. It was a terrible day in L.A. on that bright sunny Monday morning. 4 families were devastated by the results of that crash with people trying to help people.

As some of you know, I flew helicopters for a living for 13 years. I did every type of flying there is, from law enforcement, trauma rescue to fire suppression and executive transportation. There is no better feeling than, getting someone to a Hospital or Trauma Unit within that "Golden Hour" and knowing that you saved their life.

Most of us take a lot of things for granted, such as these professionals putting their life in harms way, but being committed to helping save others. Please, let's take a moment to include these families in our prayers and give thanks for the people helping keep the City of Los Angeles number one in the nation for helping others.

## LET'S PLAY HOOKIE

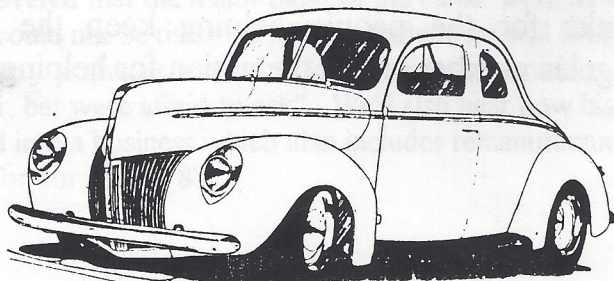
On Wednesday, April 29, 1998 we will visit Jere Jobe's garage, Quality Restorations, in Orange. He does Carburetor and ignition restorations for Ford and Mercury Flatheads. Jere has eight cars, including his father's 1924 Model "T", and a flathead dragster.

From Jere's we will have lunch at Omega Drive-In, across the street from C.W. Moss Ford Parts, in Orange. After lunch, you are on your own with lots of antique stores in Orange or shopping at C.W. Moss.

We will meet at Weiler's Deli at Nordhoff and Woodley for breakfast at 9:00 am. We will leave at 10:00 am sharp for the trip!! Any questions, call Steve Boskovich at (818) 341-6876.

## APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

3	Bonnie Carpenter
3	Matthew Ettinger
7	Elaine Franklin
8	Joe Simon
8	Bud Williams
10	Marilyn Olshane
11	Mike Munroe
12	Norm Booth
21	Barbara Azbel
23	Bruce Blackwell
25	Dottie Schmelzel
27	Gerry Blackwell



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL 1998

- 4-5 Goodguys Car & Swap Meet, Pomona Fairplex
- 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, California Car Cover Co.,  
Canoga Park, (805) 522-4449
- 26 Calif. Historical Vehicle Assoc., 9th Annual Spring  
Car Show, Woodley Park

### MAY 1998

- 2 Vintage Ford Parts, Stanton, Orange County, swap  
meet (714) 963-2724, 11318 Beach Blvd.
- 3 Lodi, "All Ford Picnic", Big Valley (RG26) Early  
Ford V-8 Club of America, (209) 951-4743
- 3 Tulare, 25th Annual Old Car Parts Exchange,  
Agri-Center
- 5 Valley V8 general Meeting, Bakers Square  
Chatsworth & Zelzah, 7:30 pm
- 10 Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet

## MOST ACTIVE MEMBER

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, the following point system was approved for the "Most Active Member Award". The first place winner will be awarded \$100.00 at the annual Installation Dinner in December. Second place will win \$50.00. In the event of a tie, the \$150.00 will be divided equally between the two, tied for first place, and the second place position will be eliminated.

Attend a meeting and drive a 32-53 Ford.....	2 points
Attend a meeting.....	1 point
Attend a tour and drive a 32-53 Ford.....	2 points
Attend a tour in any other vehicle.....	1 point
Organize and lead a tour.....	5 points
Give a program.....	5 points

Tour Directors are not eligible for "leading a tour" points, and the Program Director is not eligible for "giving a program" points.

The Tour Director will provide the names in attendance and cars driven on tours to the President. The Vice-President will do attendance and cars driven to the general meetings. The President will keep track of all the points accumulated.



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# PAT'S KITCHEN

*By Patti Smith*



This month's recipe is one of my favorite sweets.

## **"Black Forest Brownie Torte"**

- 1 package (19.8 oz.) brownie mix, plus ingredients to prepare cakelike version of mix
- 1 can (21 oz.) Comstock Cherry pie filling, divided
- 2-1/2 cups thawed frozen non-dairy whipped topping, divided
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted at 325 degrees for 6-8 minutes

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two, 9-inch round cake pans. prepare brownie mix according to directions for cakelike version.

Divide batter evenly between pans. Bake 18 to 20 minutes. Do not over bake. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

Place one brownie layer on serving plate. Top with 1-1/2 cups whipped topping, spreading to within 1/2 inch of edge. Spread 1 cup cherry filling evenly over whipped topping.

Top with second brownie layer. Spread remaining cherry filling over the top to within 1/2 inch of the edge. Dollop or pipe remaining 1 cup whipped topping around edge of torte. Sprinkle toasted almonds over the top.

This recipe can be doubled. Use cookie sheet for brownie (one box brownie mix for each cookie sheet). Bake brownie for 8 minutes, turn pan and bake for an additional 8 minutes (16 minutes total), do not over bake.

## WILD FLOWER TOUR

*By Joe DiFatta*

**HOORAY.... It's Spring!!!.....** Time for fresh air and getting our Classic Fords on the road.

Enjoy cruising over the mountain roads, approximately 45 minutes to Lake Hughes, eating lunch and visiting the wild flower fields.

**R.S.V.P. to Joe DiFatta**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 4, 1998 (weather permitting)

**TIME:** Leave @ 10:30 am

**WHERE:** McDonald's/ Castaic-North I-5 @ Lake Hughes Rd.

**WHAT:** Bring a picnic lunch, lunch at Lake Hughes, blanket, camera, jackets, etc.

**WHO:** Kids, parents, whomever

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT - 3/3/98

*By Patti Smith*

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Dennis Keene. We had a good turnout with several guests, they were:

Jack & Angie Brittain	'40 Ford Fordor
Ray Clark	'35 Ford Fordor
Ralph Otte	'38 Ford Tudor
Dick & Joanne Seitzinger	

Points were not published in Drivelines last month, but Tour Leaders have a list of those who attended and Dennis will calculate the points.

Dennis Keene still has 18 month calendars available for \$10. This is a super calendar, with a lot of great pictures of Early Fords.

The next tour will be March 28 & 29 to Santa Barbara with the Ventura Club. Lots of great events are planned including whale watching. Saturday April 4, will be the Wild Flower Tour. Wednesday April 29 is scheduled for a "Let's Play Hooky Tour".

Al Rohrer has accessories available for sale. Items available include coffee mugs, key rings, shirts and hats. See Al for any additional information or purchases.

Rose Gott gave her Treasury report. Our bank balance as of Dec. 1, 1997 was \$1,190.55 with dues, advertising, etc. of \$2,085.00 and expenses of \$414.71, our balance as of March 3, 1998 is \$2,860.85.

Our speaker was Alex Xydias, owner of So Cal Speed Shop from 1946 to 1960. Alex talked about his racing experiences including participating in the first race at Bonneville in 1948. So Cal Speed Shop is back in business in Pomona. There will be an open house on April 1, 1998.

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