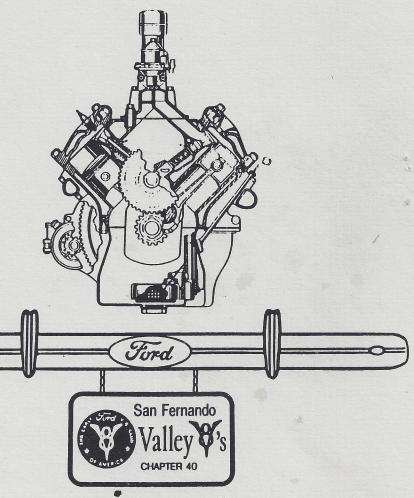


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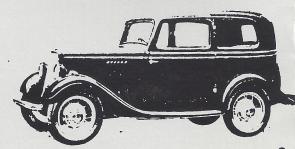
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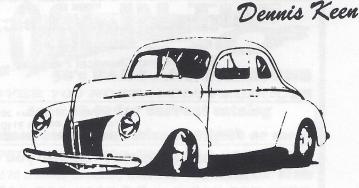
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Don't it always seem to be, that you know what you've got 'till it's gone," is a line sang by Buffy St Marie and popular many years ago. What our club has is a newsletter, the Drive Line. Our newsletter is is really the lifeline of our club. Giving advance notification of what topic will be covered at the monthly meeting, it just might encourage a member to attend a meeting that he or she otherwise might not. Information on upcoming tours is available, as well as a rundown of what happened at the previous meeting.

For some who are unable to attend meetings because of work, health problems, etc., the Drive Line is their only contact with the club. The editor of the Drive Line has the toughest job of all offiers, and is probably least appreciated. Comments to the editor whether "ways to improve" or congratulations on a "job well done" would help the editor to know that his work is appreciated.

Our current editor, Dick Smith, has agreed to serve through the end of the year. Let's not wait until the newsletter is gone to do something about it. If you have a burning desire to serve your club as editor, don't be bashful. Contact me or any offiers.

Happy V8ing



SEPTEMBER 1st, Tuesday meeting night

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

END-OF-SUMMER BARBEQUE
Party begins at 3:00 p.m.
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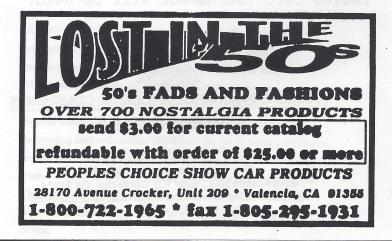
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SEPTEMBER 1998 PROGRAM

By Larry Caplan

The program for our September meeting will be the second half of "The Legend of Henry Ford." When I first decided to prepare a V8 meeting program about this book I expected to do it in one evening. However as I was putting together the material to use it became clear that there was just too much to say in a one hour long program. So for September we will be hearing about the exploits of our famous hero from the beginning of the Model A era through the development of the V8. This talk will take us up to the death of Henry Ford and show a little bit of the transition of power to his namesake grandson, Henry Ford II.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Patti Smith

New Members: Larry Barr and Rosi Walsh.

Points: Sign up for tours, please call and cancel if you cannot attend. Also make sure you sign in at the meetings and report the car you drove. You will acquire 1 point for attending meetings and tours, and an additional point if you drive an Early Ford.

The 1999 Western National Meet Cookbook is almost ready. It is at the publishers now and will be available next month. Cindy Ostler will send the ordering information next month for publication in the Drive Lines.

1935-1936 Ford Book is now available for \$21.95 plus 8.25% CA sales tax, postage paid. Send check or money order to: Early Ford V-8 Club of America; %Linda McDonald; 1752 Darwin Avenue; Livermore, CA 94550

Tours: Saturday, August 15, to the Wolf's garages in Sherman Oaks and Castiac, and then lunch at the Cafe 50's in Castaic.

Sunday, September 13, is a Potluck Barbecue at Steve and Sue Boskovitch's home in Chatsworth.

Sunday, October 4, is the All Ford Picnic at La Palma Park in Anaheim. During the picnic the First Annual Ladies Card Tournament will be held.



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spoke Caplan Program: Larry Ford". "The Legend of Henry This book published interesting was Larry brought 1948 by Keith Sward. to light some little known and somewhat bizarre facts about old Henry. donated of this book to also a copy it club auction and raised for Good program Larry. \$40.00.

Ladies Door Prizes were Georgia Monroe and Lin Kemmerer, each bottle of wine from received a San Antonio Winery.

The Name Badge drawing was won by Steve Boskovitch.

Dear Valley V-8er's,

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PAT'S KITCHEN By Patti Smith

MOM'S OLD FASHIONED APPLESAUCE CAKE

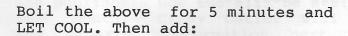


2 cups applesauce

1 cup Crisco shortening

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup raisins



- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Bake at 350° for 45-60 minutes in a greased and floured loaf pan. Frost with a buttercream white icing.

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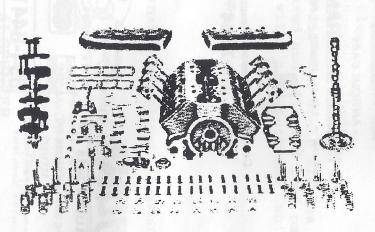
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Flathead V-8 -- 1932 to 1953



Flathead			
Bore	Stroke		
	3-3/4"	4"	4-1/8"
3-1/16"	221	235	243
3-3/16"	239	255	263
3-5/16"	258	274	284
3-3/8"	268	286	296

Factory bore/stroke combinations are shown in bold. 296 represents a 3/16" overbore and 1/8" stroker crank.

Henry Ford had long dreamed of putting a V-8 engine in an affordable car. This would only be possible if the block could be produced as a single casting. After several years of hard work by a team of his best engineers and foundrymen including Emil Zoerlin, Carl Schultz, and Ray Laird, the famous Ford flathead V-8 became a reality. With a displacement of 221 cubic inches, only 20% more than the 4-cylinder Model A, the 1932 flathead produced 62% more power, 65 HP @ 3400 rpm. Overall weight is 585 lbs.

In 1939, the flathead underwent a major design to correct a few service problems and increase performance. Water pumps were moved to the more traditional location in the block where they were better able to move cool water into the block rather than the previous scheme of moving water out of the heads. The cylinder heads were attached using 24 rather than 21 studs for better sealing. Higher compression resulted inincreased output to 85 HP @ 3800 rpm for the 221 CID Ford and 95 HP @ 3600 rpm for the 239 CID Mercury.

The performance potential for these engine was not overlooked by hotroders. The forged Mercury crankshaft had large rod bearings that could be offset ground to easily accomplish a 4.125" stroker. Being thickwall castings, most blocks could be overbored a full 3/16"! Bored and stroked to the max, a the displacement reached 296 CID. In days gone by, the aftermarket in flathead performance pieces was booming. Anything and everything was available. Imortalized by the Beach Boys in "Little Deuce Coupe".

Flathead -- Chronology of Changes

1932 - Model 18 - 65 HP @ 3400

Introduced in 1932, the first Flathead used a gear-driven camshaft with a fabric cam gear. Solid valve tappets. The 221 CID engine had a bore and stroke of 3-1/6" x 3-3/4". The compression ratio was 5.5:1. Hey, they had some quality gasoline in 1932, huh! Cylinder heads were clamped to the block by 21 studs. The waterpumps were mounted on the heads. 18mm spark plugs were used. Intake and exhaust valves were both 1.54" diameter, with 5/16" valve stems, running in tungsten chromium steel guides. The seats were integral with the block, no inserts were used. The connecting rods measured 7", center to center, with

MOST ACTIVE MEMBER STANDINGS

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 a tour	5 points
Give a program	5 points

Points standings as of August 1998

Dick Smith	28	
John Wolf	24	
Steve Boskovich	23	
David Gott	20	
Al Rohrer	18	
Dick Stones	17	
Joe DiFatta	17	
Cliff Vess	16	
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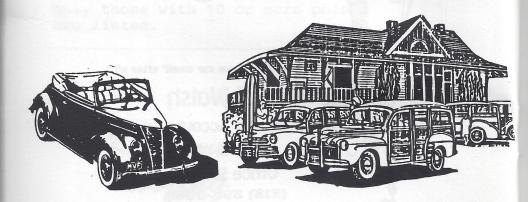
At the August Meeting 38 members were in attendance and they drove 10 early Fords





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Larry Caplan	1981
Bob Rose	1982
Don Durkee	1983
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Kent Lowry	1985
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Jerry Jensen	1989
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Joe DiFatta	1991
Chuck Shubb	1992
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George Richards	1994
Jerry Littner	1995
Dick Smith	1996
Chuck Mair	1997
	1991

September 1st, Tuesday Meeting night at Baker's Square

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