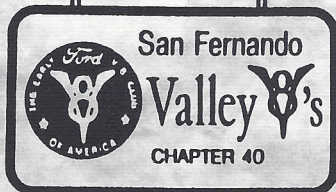
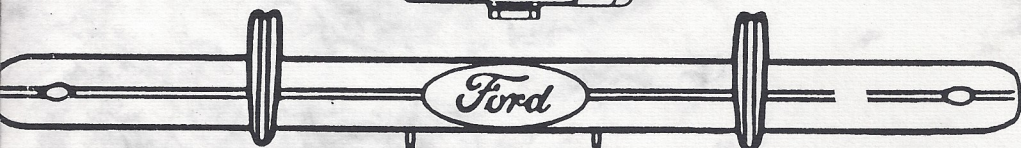
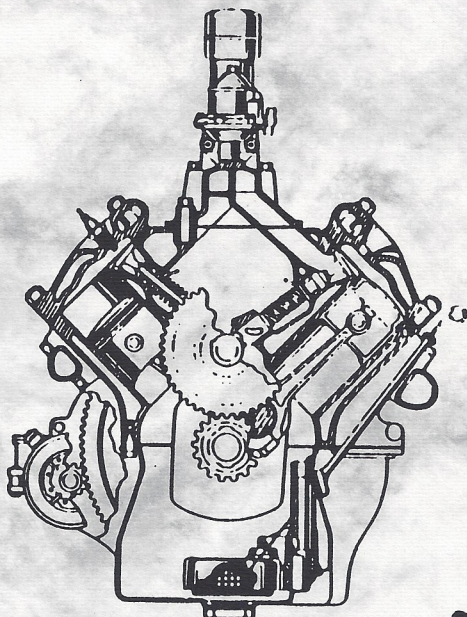




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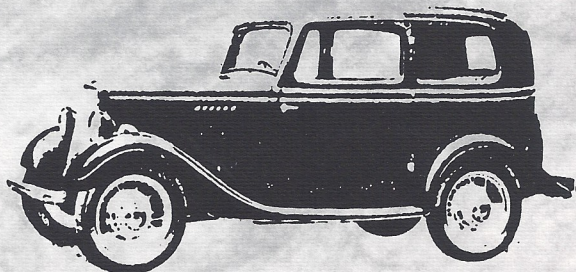
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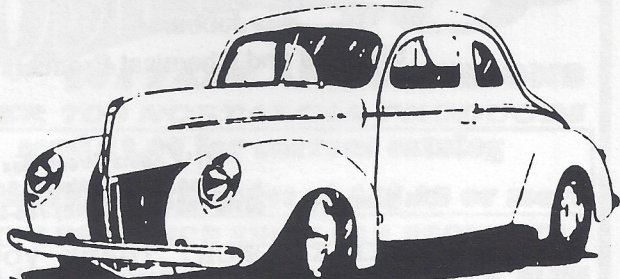
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

According to the calender it is now Autumn, Summer having officially ended on September 21. Boy, what a hot year it's been. I'm looking forward to some cooler temperatures so I won't have any excuses to not work on my '47. At our next meeting it will be October and three-fourths of the year will have passed!

Do you have a car that you would like to enter in one of the classes at a National V8 Meet, but have been unable to do so because the meets are too far away? Well, the next year you have your chance. The Southern California V8 Meet at Dana Point is probably as close a meet as we'll have for quite a few years. The meet is only 9 months away, and judging how fast this year has gone bye, the meet will be here sooner than you think. So if you still have work to do to get your car ready to show, it's not too early to get started.

Our tour leaders Steve and Joe have have scheduled some great tours this year and picked the So. Cal. V8 annual picnic and car show as the tour for October. With attendance in the range of 250 to 300 cars, and over 60 Trophys presented, one out of 5 cars gets an award. The picnic will be held on the Sunday before our next meeting, so if you can't make the tour come to the meeting and see how well our club did in the competition.

*Dennis Keen*



October 6th, Tuesday night Meeting  
at Baker's Square. See you there.

# upcoming tours

**ALL Ford PICNIC  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

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**WE WILL MEET AT WOODLEY PARK AT 7:00 A.M. AND  
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**EARLY V-8 FORDS DRIVEN TO MEETING**

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John Wolf	1940 Cpe
Dick Smith	1939 Conv
Steve Boskovick	1951 Conv
David Gott	1940 Pick-Up
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# OCTOBER 1998 PROGRAM

By Larry Caplan

The program for our October meeting will be about the service problems which Ford Dealers faced when the 1949 model cars were introduced. Our speaker will be John Powell, a V8er from the Ventura Regional Group. John began his career in 1948 in a Ford Dealership located in Niagara Falls, New York. John continued to work in the Service Departments of Ford, Mercury and Lincoln Dealerships throughout his 41 year career. John gave this talk about 10 years ago and the audience really found his stories to be quite fascinating. Today, with much more interest in the 1949 through 1953 models, this talk will have even more meaning to our members.

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# SECRETARY'S REPORT

*By Patti Smith*

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by President Dennis Keene. There were no new members or guests at the meeting. Chuck Mair was at the meeting, its been so long since we've seen him, he could almost be a guest/new member.

Virginia Wolf, our club's Social Secretary, is updating her birthday list. Please check with Virginia and make sure she has your correct birthday, month and day only.

Tours: Annual Barbecue and Potluck Sunday, September 13 at Steve and Sue Boskovich's home in Chatsworth. If you have not signed up, please call Steve or Sue at 818/341-6876.

Saturday, September 12, Chatsworth Train Depot Car Show

Saturday, September 12, Taste of Encino Car Show.

Sunday, October 4, is the All Ford Picnic at LaPalma Park in Anaheim. The club will leave Woodly Park at 7:00AM and travel down as a group. Don't forget there will be a Ladies Card Tournament

Saturday, October 15, New Horizons for Adults with Disabilities is hosting a car show and craft fair, please call Joe DiFatta 818/700-1939 for additional information.

Fall Tour, November 6, 7, 9, Gerry has found some extra rooms. Please call Gerry at \*05/268-0040 for all the details.



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The program was by Larry Caplan, he continued his discussion of little known facts about Henry Ford. Larry's reference is "The Legend of Henry Ford," by Keith Sward, published in 1948.

Ladies Door Prizes were won by Carole Jensen and Georgia Munroe. Both received a birdhouse for their garden.

The Name Badge Drawing for \$20.00, was won by Jack Brittain.

The 1999 Western National Meet Cookbook, "California Surf N'Shine," is now available for \$7.50. You may purchase it at the All Ford Picnic or by mail. To receive a copy by mail, please send \$7.50 plus \$3.00 shipping (\$10.50) for each book. Send orders to: Cindy Ostler; P. O. Box 604; Mira Loma, CA 91752-0604.

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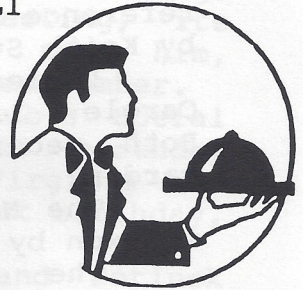
VIRGINIA WOLF

# PAT'S KITCHEN

By Patti Smith

## OLD FASHIONED CHILI

- 2 lbs lean ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 16oz cans tomatoes, diced
- 2 15oz cans tomato sauce
- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp crushed red pepper
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 2 15oz cans navy or great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1-2 cups shredded cheddar cheese



In a large kettle cook beef, onion, and garlic until beef is brown and onion is tender; drain off fat. Stir in undrained tomatoes, tomato sauce, chili powder, salt, and peppers. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour. Add beans. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. To serve, top each serving with cheese if desired. Serves 10-12. May be frozen in a tightly sealed container for up to 3 months.

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by Virginia Wolf

3rd Dave Sandborn  
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# The Ford V-8 Engine Workshop

## Flathead V-8 -- 1932 to 1953

Ford and Mercury now use the same engine. Both use 239 CID. Compression ratio raised to 6.8:1.

**1949/53 - Model BA - Ford 100 @ 3800, Mercury 112 @ 3800**

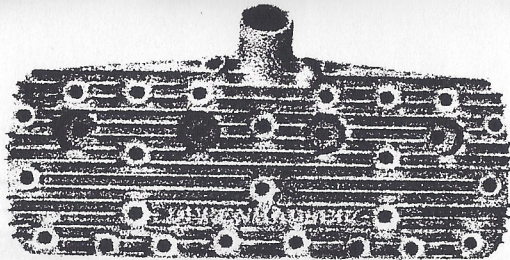
Bellhousing changed to modern removable unit. Cylinder heads altered yet again, moving the water outlets to the front of the engine. Heads are now attached with bolts rather than studs and nuts of the earlier engines. Crankshaft counterweights were modified and rod bearings are now normal style non-floating inserts. Mercury is stroked to 4", resulting in 255 CID. Ford engines now use a cast iron crank of 3-3/4" stroke. Mercury rod bearings are 2.14" which allows for offset grinding to the stock Ford size of 2", for a free 1/8" stroker. Distributor is changed to single points with an 8-lobed cam, using vacuum advance only.

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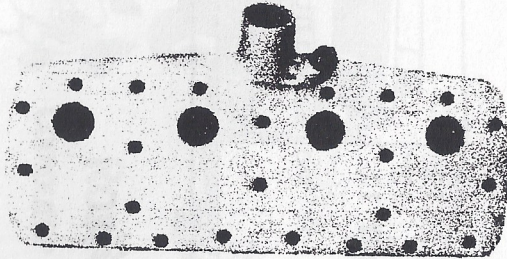
## Hot Rod Flatheads

At one time the Flathead Ford V-8 was king of the hill in the aftermarket performance world. An unbelievable array of products was available. Every imaginable intake manifold setup with multiple carburetors and fuel injection, special high compression aluminum heads, ignitions, special cranks and pistons, cams, etc. Some were pretty exotic like the Arduon overhead valve conversion.



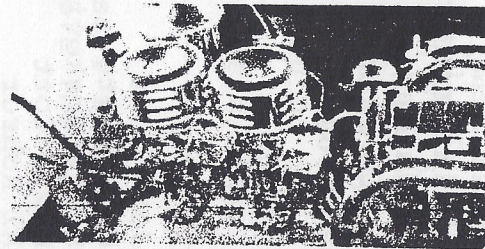
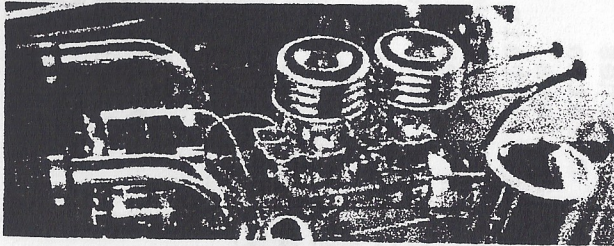


This Offenhauser finned aluminum high compression cylinder head is typical of what was available. Some companies continue to produce these today.



I believe this to be a "Canadian" head, popular with some racers decades ago. If you have any information on this head please contact me.

This flathead has Offenhauser cylinder heads, exhaust headers (which you can't see), dual carbs, and who know what inside. And, ahem, a late model single-wire GM alternator.



To be continue

by Don Stout

## 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 **September 1998**

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John Wolf	33
Dick Smith	32
Steve Boskovick	27
David Gott	24
Al Rohrer	22
Dick Stones	21
Joe DiFatta	19
Cliff Vess	17
Jack Brittain	13
Blacky Blackwell	12
John Kemmerer	12
George Richards	12
Jerry Jenson	11

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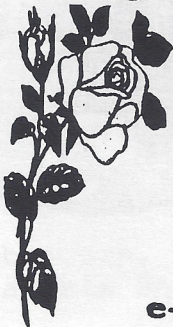
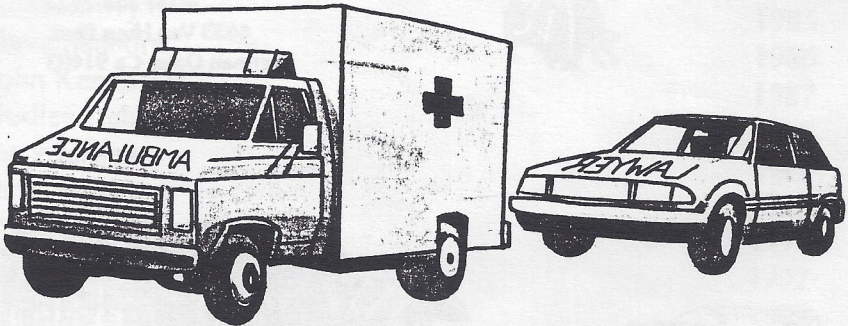
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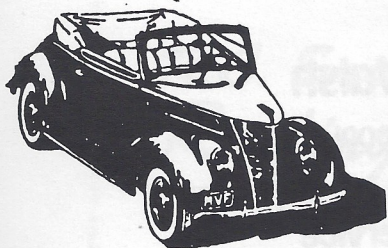
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John Busk	1976
Chip Werstein	1977
Stan Marsraje	1978
Bob Drake	1979
Bill Culp	1979
Al Spencer	1980
Larry Caplan	1981
Bob Rose	1982
Don Durkee	1983
Paul Kirk	1984
Kent Lowry	1985
Dave Sanborn	1986
John Kemmerer	1987
Dudley Ochsner	1988
Jerry Jensen	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

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