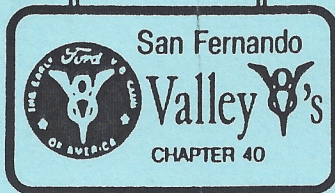
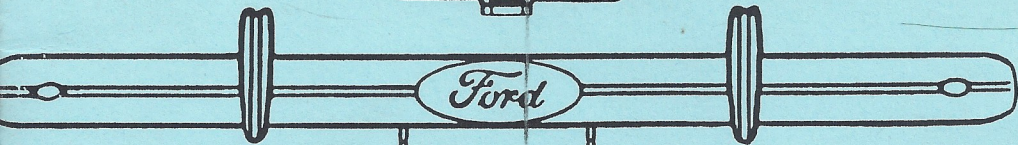
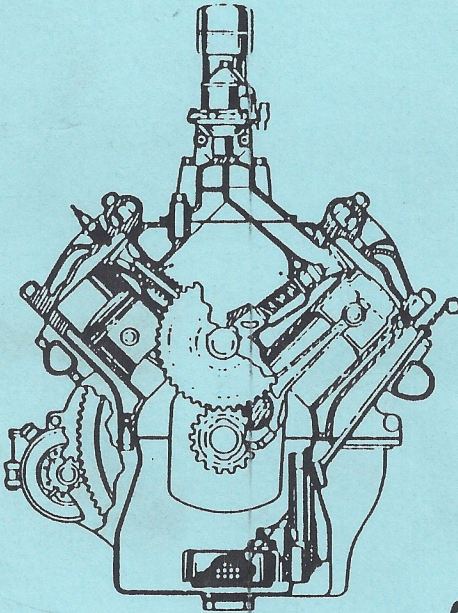




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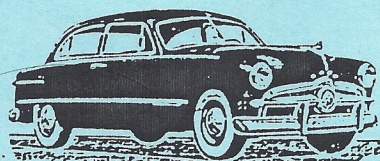
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## President's Message

Greetings and a very happy 1999 to all. Hopefully, everyone had a happy holiday and that the new year will bring good health, much happiness and prosperity to you all.

Our annual Christmas party at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys was attended by fifty-three members. A big "Thank You" to Virginia Wolf, Leslie Littner, Patti Smith, Edy Cowen and all the others who helped with prizes, centerpieces and all the little details necessary to make the event such a success.

As you know, the club paid for the party with the exception of \$10 per person which was donated to charity. A vote was taken and it was decided that the total should be split between organizations for battered or abused women and children. Therefore, checks for \$265 each were sent to Children of the Night and the House of Ruth.

I would also like to thank Dennis Keene for serving as President this past year and a job well done. Also, thanks to Don Durkee for installing the officers for 1999 - along with Henry.

I'm looking forward to the challenge of being your president this year and hope that together we can have a great year. Dennis Keene will be our Program Chairman and it will be a tough act to follow after the great job done by Larry Caplan this past year. I couldn't ask for a better team than this year's slate of officers. I'm counting on your help!

Our first meeting of 1999 will be Tuesday, January 5 at Baker's Square Restuarant. Remember that your dues of \$25 are due now. Please take care of this as soon as possible. The name badge drawing will be \$40. Hope to see you all there.

Respectfully,

Rose Gott

## CALENDAR

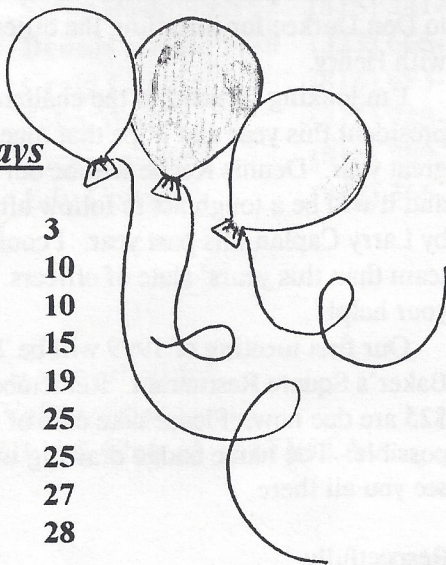
- January 5th Meeting Baker's Square  
February 2nd Meeting Baker's Square  
February 27 Tour to Huntington Library  
*Meet Woodley Park 9:30 a.m.*  
February 27 3 Clubs Swap Meet, San Diego  
April 23-25 Cambria Tour w/Ventura group  
June 21-25 Western National Meet ... Dana Pt

## PROGRAM

Dennis Keene, Program Chairman, will be giving us a hands on demonstration of transmission disassembly and repair, at our meeting on January 5th. Dennis will also fill us in on his plans for future programs on the 5th.

### January Birthdays

Jean Welch	3
Leo Nitz	10
Barbara Williams	10
Bill Nolan	15
Jack Miles	19
John Wolf	25
Lu Anne Rohrer	25
Don Zabel	27
Jerry Littner	28



January 5th ... Baker's Square. See you there!

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Ever since our November meeting, I've been asking myself what'd I get into? Well, here I am, and guess what, the joke is on you, who put me here. Seems I have a confession to make ... I flunked 10th grade English and the only creative writing I can remember doing was to a mother of an 18 year old high school senior in Evansville, Indiana. Tried to convince her that it would be an enlightening experience, for her daughter to go out with a guy in the Army. I failed that one too. Since I'm coming clean here, I may as well also tell you that my first car was a Studebaker.

With all that stuff out of the way, lets talk a little bit about the club. First and foremost is our new president. ...Intoduced to our club, a short three and a half years ago, through a business associate of **Joe DiFatta's** , **Rose Gott** has not wasted any time getting involved; from helping on tours and holiday parties, to keeping our finances in order, she has enthusiastically pitched in.

Born in Van Nuys and growing up in Canoga Park, La Crescenta and Shadow Hills, the oldest of three girls, Rose married her high school sweetheart, thirty seven years ago. She says it was David and not his '51 Victoria, that first caught her eye. When not spending time with club activities, or antique clocks, Rose and David enjoy time with the family. Family includes their three sons, David, Jr., James, Ronald, and daughter-in-law, Raelene. You can hear the sparkle in Rose's voice, when she's talking about her grandchildren, Mathew David (4) and Jessica (going on 2).

When asked what she likes most about the club, Rose was quick to respond, **EVERYTHING!** But, particularly, the people, with their diverse backgrounds, getting together for a common interest, sharing their knowledge and experiences, helping each other. ... and having fun, too! Our tour to Julian, is a recent example of all these things coming together.

**Well Rose, ...here's to a great year, sounds like you Gott what it takes!**

**Dick Smith** has graciously volunteered to assist us, as publisher of the *Drivelines*, this year. We're introducing a column by our renowned technical advisor, **John Wolf**. For those of you that do not know John, he has a wealth of Ford knowledge (could probably say the same for Chevy knowledge, except he's never owned one, in fact it's been darn few times that he's even driven in one.) and is always willing to share it with us., John started his career building his first engine when he was about thirteen ... used to take his parts to Hollywood via his Radio Flyer and the Red Car, to get advice from Tom Sparks, Ray Brown and the other experts of the time. As he grew older (I said older, not up) he grew in his technical know-how, by hanging out with the older guys that seemed to know what they were doing. About that time, he also gave up delivering groceries and went to work for Sturtevant's Auto Parts. That was followed by a short stint at Hillcrest Oldsmobile in Hollywood. In the early 50's John went to work for Wray Brother's Ford, in Van Nuys, prior to receiving "Greetings" from his uncle. After a stint in Korea, where he ran a magna-flux operation, El Lobo returned to Wray Bros. On the side, he was burning the midnight oil building engines for such luminaries as the Shadoff Team, Penhall Racing, Beaver Ford, St. John Brothers, and the Patterson Brothers, for both the street and water. John still holds three land speed records at Bonneville and one at Muroch. The latter being in his '41 flathead pickup. In addition, he and the late Wayne Thompson still hold the 5 liter international record for hydroplanes. Besides all that stuff, John knows a lot about old Fords. So, get your questions to him at (818) 789-6201.

**Jerry Littner** reminds us that dues are due for '99. Send Jerry your \$25 bucks and any changes for the roster, or catch him at our meeting on the 5th. Also, if you're an advertiser, or a prospective advertiser, in the *Drivelines*, see **Lesley Litner** about ponying up for your ad, to be included in future issues.

Just talked to **Steve Boskovich**. He has a tour to the Huntington Library, in Pasadena, planned for February 27th. There's a special George Washington exhibit on at that time. We will meet at Woodley Park at 9:30 am. Lunch will be at the library. Steve's future tour plans include wildflowers in the spring, the Roy Roger's Museum, the Petersen Museum and a Pumpkin patch tour in Moorpark. He'll have more specifics for us at the meeting.

**Gerry and Blacky Blackwell** (the Martha Stewart and Fred Sanford of Agua Dulce) are finally settled in their new home (same address). So, stop by and say hello. ... left at the fire truck, right at the Mercury wagon. **Dick and Diane Stones** should also be in their new home, in Thousand Oaks, by now. Get the new address from Dick at our next meeting.

We'd like to hear from you, so send us your thoughts, comments, articles and opinions regarding the club, and/or newsletter. For articles, since our computer and typing resources and skills are limited, receiving your copy camera ready ( 8 1/2 x 5 1/2 ) is much appreciated. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month.....

Finally, don't forget to register for the **Western National Meet**, being held at Dana Point June 21-25, 1999. **Jay Harris** and his team have been working hard on this one for the past year and a half. Knowing Jay's high standards, thoroughness and commitment, I'm betting this is a meet you don't want to miss. Besides, it's as close as they get and since no one has stepped up to the plate to host a Western meet for the next millennium, this will probably be it in the West for a coupla years. You can register by contacting **Sylvia Harris @ (760) 728-0311**.

As I close I'd like to thank Fred Chaparro at Automotive Books in Burbank, for the use of his research library, computer facilities and fax machine. Give Fred a call @ (818) 845-1202 if you're looking for an out of print auto related book, magazine or shop manual.

Remember, you have 11 months to get a real editor, unless I'm impeached sooner. In the meantime, have a fine '99.

**See you down the road!**



Tom & Jean Welch , sent Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year, from Hayden Lake , Idaho, to all the Club members. ... ditto, from Tomy&Ruth Thompson, in Cameron Park, California.



Meeting January, 5 Baker Square!

SECRETARY'S REPORT  
DECEMBER, 1998  
PATTI SMITH

There was no meeting in December because of the Christmas Party. This would lead one to think the Secretary could have the month off. Ha! The new editor insisted I produce two pages or else. So here goes...

On November 29, there was a great tour to The Gene Autry Museum and lunch. Fifteen people attended, the weather was great and a good time was had by all.

There is no tour scheduled for January, but one is planned for February, details will be provided at the January meeting.

April 23-25 is a three day weekend tour to Cambria. This is a combined tour with the Ventura Club and should be a lot of fun. We will be staying at The Cambria Pines Inn, call 800/445-6868 to make reservations. Steve and Gerry are working together and this should be another great weekender.

The Christmas Party was Sunday, December 6th at the Airtel Hotel. We had about 56 members and guests present. Everybody looked absolutely great in their party clothes. After dinner the Out Going Officers were acknowledged and presented with awards. Thanks Guys and Gals for a great job last year. New Officers were announced and sworn in by Don Durkee. We have a great group of officers and 1999 should be a good year.



R.C. Smith's  
Roofing

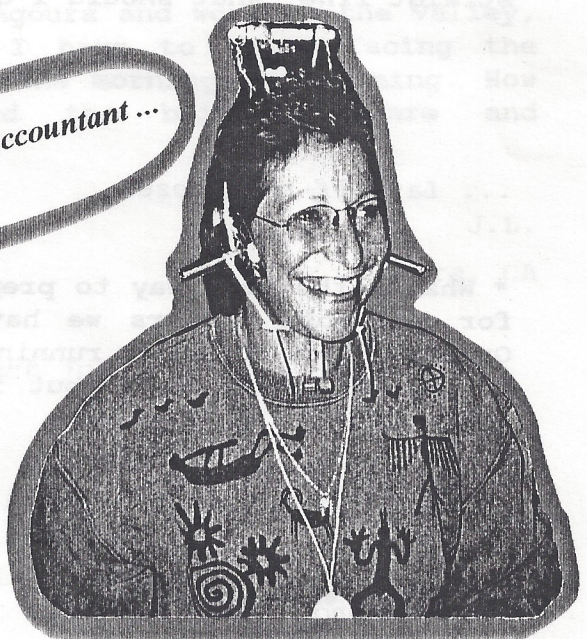
The winners of the Points Contest was Dick Smith, First Place (\$100) and John Wolf, Second Place (\$50). The Smith's and The Wolf's both decided to donate their winnings to DELTA a local animal rescue group.

The night was complete with a raffle. A very special thanks to all who made or donated gift items. We had some wonderful prizes.

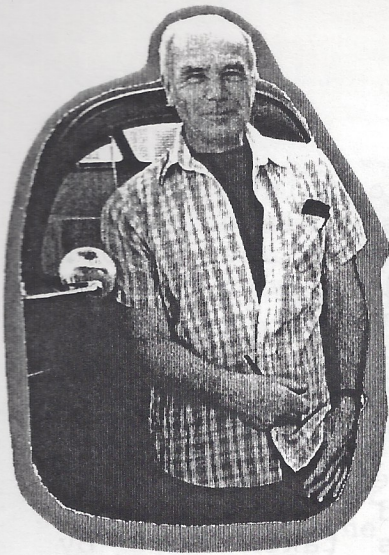
Each table had a beautiful centerpiece, which was taken home by the oldest person born in an odd year at each table. Thank you to all the ladies who made centerpieces, they were fantastic.

Happy Holidays and a happy and healthy New Year.

*A year ago I couldn't spell Accountant ...  
and now I are one!*



**January 5th ... Baker's Square. See you there!**



## LOBO'S LAIR

*ed note:* John will try to answer all his mail and faxes, in this monthly column. This being the inaugural of his column, your editor has exercised editorial license, to get things rolling.

\* On our recent fall tour to Julian my body leaned badly, everytime I went around a corner and I had trouble staying in a straight line. What should I do?

L.C.

Northridge, CA

*... Lay off the booze!*

\* What's the best way to prep my old Fords for the cold winters we have up here in Oregon? Once I tried running diesel fuel in my '53 convertible, but it didn't work too good.

J.V.

Boring, OR

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\* I paid a lot more than I should have for my '39 Ford convertible coupe. With that in mind, what's the best way to take care of it, in hopes that it will appreciate?

D.S.

Granada Hills, CA

... The way you drive, lock it in the garage and tell your wife to hide the key!

\* I live in Agoura and work in the Valley, which means I have to drive facing the sun, both in the morning and evening. How can I avoid the blinding glare and reflection?

J.L.

Agoura, CA

... Get a night job!

OK! Now it's time to stop fooling around, so give me a call with your questions.

J.W.

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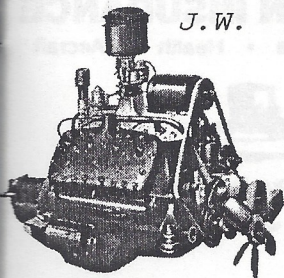
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### Final Point Standings For 1998

Dick Smith	47*
John Wolf	43*
Steve Boskovich	40
Dave Gott	30
Al Rohrer	28
Joe DiFatta	25
Dick Stones	24
Cliff Vess	21
Bruce Blackwell	18
Gary Glass	18
Dennis Keene	17
John Kemmerer	16
Jack Brittain	14
Ron Cowan	14
Jerry Jensen	14
George Richards	14

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\* See Secretary's column.

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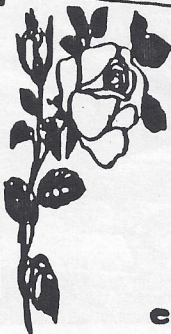
- 1 cup packed golden brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped pecans
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chilled butter, cut into  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  inch pieces
  
- 5 pounds red-skinned sweet potatoes  
(yams), peeled, cut into  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch  
pieces
  
- 4 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons salt

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix sugar, pecans and butter in small bowl. Cover and chill until ready to use.

Butter 13X9X2-inch glass baking dish. Cook sweet potatoes in large pot of boiling salted water until very tender, about 12 minutes. Drain. Let stand in colander 15 minutes. Puree sweet potatoes.

Beat eggs, syrup, vanilla, lemon juice and salt in large bowl. Mix in pureed sweet potatoes. Transfer sweet potato mixture to prepared dish. Sprinkle pecan topping evenly over mixture.

Bake until sweet potato mixture is set and topping bubbles, about 1 hour. Let stand 15 minutes before serving. 12 to 14 servings.



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<b>John Busk</b>	<b>1975</b>
<b>Chip Werstein</b>	<b>1977</b>
<b>Stan Marsraje</b>	<b>1978</b>
<b>Bill Culp</b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>Al Spencer</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Larry Caplan</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>Bob Rose</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>Don Durkee</b>	<b>1983</b>
<b>Paul Kirk</b>	<b>1984</b>
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<b>Dave Sanborn</b>	<b>1986</b>
<b>John Kemmerer</b>	<b>1987</b>
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<b>Dick Smith</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>Chuck Mair</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>Dennis Keene</b>	<b>1998</b>

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