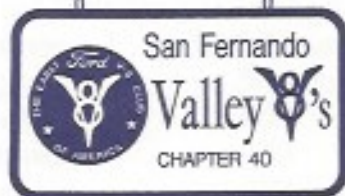
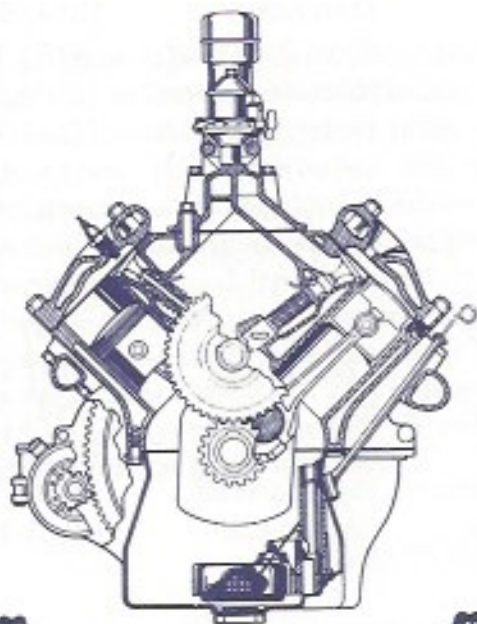




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## BETWEEN DRIVES

As the August meeting rapidly approaches, most of our Fords are in the garage due to lack of air-conditioning. It's over 105 in Chatsworth today. Southern California seems to have two old car seasons, spring and fall. It is much different on the east coast where the summer is all they have, heat or not. I guess we are weather spoiled in L.A. As the election approaches we need to remember to support auto-friendly candidates before all old fords are crushed in the name of environmental savings. If any of you have not seen the fairly new magazine "The Rodder's Journal" it's a real keeper with lots of Flatheads this quarter, and a 1940 Ford on the cover. Hope you all own more FORDS than stock, well the market looks ok today.

PRESIDENT DON

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/3	Carol Jensen	8/13	Steve Batesole
8/3	Lloyd Paschal	8/19	Gene Wilson
8/4	Christine Varney	8/22	Karen Lehman
8/5	Grant Lippert	8/23	Vicki Keene
8/5	Tom Sawyer	8/25	Corrine Nitz
8/7	Diane Stones	8/26	Judy Vess
8/12	Michael Ewing	8/29	Georgia Munroe
8/12	Julie Ochsner	8/30	Jack Kelejian

## THE EDITOR'S PAGE

This month's featured story is another true to life case proving that it is really a small world after all. First I received a call about a month ago from Alan Mest who runs a restoration shop in Gardena. Many of you have visited his shop during a tour to Edelbrock last year. Alan had just returned from his daughter's home in Oregon and mentioned that he saw an ad for an original 1940 Woody in the local paper in Medford. A few days later I heard from Larry Ruben, a friend who lives in the Medford area, who told me that he read the same ad and went to see the Woody at a local car sales lot. Next, I heard back from Alan who told me that a friend of his went up to Oregon and bought the Woody. Shortly thereafter, Larry sent me the newspaper articles showing that Alan's friend Dave Rusher had in fact bought the car. I am sure you will enjoy reading the details of this story as reported by Mark Freeman, a reporter for the local Medford paper.

I am pleased to report that we will finally award the "1940 Hot Date Convertible" to the winner of our March Teaser. After comparing the actual model car to the lists submitted by our members, we have the final results. The winner is Blacky Blackwell who found 20.5 incorrect features followed closely by Darryl Thomas who listed 19.5 incorrect features. If our original order is ever delivered there will be a prize for Darryl as the runner up. The official presentation will take place at our upcoming August meeting.

Thought for the Month: "Necessity is the mother of invention."

*Larry*



## Program for Tuesday, August 1, 2000 at Baker's Square

Members Lloyd and Donna Paschal will be our speakers in August. They will share the experiences of their daily travels and cities they visited from California to Denver.

They recently went on the "all famous" Jay Harris Motor Tour. Jay and his wife Sylvia have been doing Ford Tours "to and from" Ford Conventions for 20 years. Their trips are the best.

Lloyd and Donna have been members since 1989, have a neat looking '53 Customized Club Sedan Ford and reside in Simi Valley.

— See you Tuesday,  
August 1st



### *Secretary's Corner...*

As seventeen beautiful early Ford V-8s graced the Baker's Square parking lot, Craig Lapair was working the backroom, hawking raffle tickets. ...Craig is another one of those members that steps up to the plate when there's a job to do and then quietly gets it done. Shortly after 7:30 p.m., President Don opened the July 5th meeting. (A unique Wednesday meeting, since the first Tuesday, this month, was a holiday.) Guests included Donna & Lloyd Paschal's granddaughter Kilaine and her beau: Jason. Some of you may remember Kilaine, from several years back, when she rode along with Lloyd and Donna, on many of our tours. John Farrar's neighbors, Chuck and Terry were also guests. This is Chuck's second meeting in a row, so by now he should have a membership application in his pocket. Past members Ken & Dottie Schmelzel also honored us with their presence.

Officers' reports included Don Durkee reminding us about the picnic tour to Gene Wilson's place, in Camarillo on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Don also let us know about an "Oldies but Goodies" night at Saugus Speedway, on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Call Don for the details, if you're interested. Speaking of oldies but goodies, there's a new hardback book out, published by the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) titled *Hot Rod Pioneers*, by Ed Almquist. The book covers many of the Southern California cars, drivers and builders from the forties and fifties. ... I know, we're not that kind of club, but our own John Wolf and mention of his five record breaking engines has received ink in the publication. While we are sticking our neck out and daring to talk about HRs, the September issue of *Rod and Custom* has a spread on the "Best Forty Fords of All Time." Neither John, or his forty, are in this one. If you're interested in either of these

publications, the book can be ordered through the SAE, at (724) 776-4970, or on the web at: [publications@sae.org](mailto:publications@sae.org). R&C, can currently be found at your local news stand. ... Back to the business at hand, Steve Boskovich, reminded us about the September 23<sup>rd</sup> barbecue at their home. There will be a sign up sheet at the September meeting. Steve also wanted to let us know that the installation dinner and holiday party is Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. (not the date published in last month's newsletter). Lesley was not at the meeting, so we'll get the Treasurer's report on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

There was no new, or old business to discuss, so we adjourned to the parking lot, for a short break. Following the break, Wendy Potter gave a well done presentation on "Angel Flight." Among other things we learned that Angel Flight is an organization of private pilots that donate their time, planes and skills to provide free air transportation to persons in need of non-emergency medical treatment, away from home.

Wendy Potter and Lin Kemmerer were the happy recipients of the ladies' door prizes. (Ever wonder howz come the ladies get to have their own door prizes?) Al Rohrer walked away with the twenty bucks from the name tag drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Most of you know that Henry Ford could squeeze the buffalo out of a nickel and converted wooden shipping containers into Model T floorboards. Did you know that Mr. Ford also converted old paint cans into mop pails, was among the first to stamp small parts from offal and muffled car rattles and squeaks with worn conveyor belt material ?

*(Ford Country... The Family; The Company; The Cars, David L. Lewis)*

*John Kemmerer*



COURTESY THE AUTO CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARCHIVES

Westwood Village, Los Angeles, 1939, Wilshire and Westwood boulevards, looking north up Westwood.

As you would expect an Early V8 is in the lead. A 1936 Ford 5-window coupe,



## **ANNUAL END OF SUMMER BARBECUE**

Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM

At Home of Steve and Sue Boskovich

Please Bring an Appetizer, Side Dish or Dessert.

Sign-Up Sheet Will Be At the September Meeting

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## **FALL CLASSIC TOUR 2000**

**Destination:** Placerville, California

**Dates:** November 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>

This year's tour is four days and three nights.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Angels Inn Motel in  
Angels Camp. 209-736-0226

November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Cary House Hotel  
In Placerville. 530-622-4271

You must make your room reservations early.  
Space is limited. Contact Gerry Blackwell at  
661-268-0040 for more information.

## SPECIAL CAR HEADS TO CALIFORNIA



Mail 1 Tribune/Jim Craven photo

### Part 1. From the June 26<sup>th</sup> Medford Oregon Mail Tribune

Jack Lynch can no longer enjoy his passions, so he is putting them up for sale. A 1940 Ford Woody wagon and a 1965 Ford Mustang are two of his most prized possessions, vehicles that he bought new and kept looking that way ever since. These cars never missed a routine service or spent a night outside. "After all these years of taking care of them, it got to become a habit," said the 82 year old Lynch.

But the old habit has died hard. Lynch can no longer enjoy the cars so he is selling them through a Medford car lot. "It was a hobby," Lynch said. "I think now I'm out of hobbies. I'm hobbling."

Lynch's Woody with a price tag of \$40,000 has all original parts except those changed during normal maintenance. Its Cadillac white paint job dates back into the 1960s. According to the experts who have examined this car the word is "this one hasn't gone through the wringer." Unfortunately, Lynch said "the same can't be said for me." Lynch who is now blind is tired of maintaining and insuring his cars so he has decided to sell.

#### Part 2. Vacation in Ashland, Oregon

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June Alan Mest of Gardena, California is vacationing at his daughter's home in Ashland, Oregon and reads the above story in the local paper. When he returns home he mentions about this Woody to a friend Dave Rusher. Dave is interested and contacts the newspaper to help him find the car.

#### Part 3. Medford Man Sells Woody, Keeps Memories from the July 7<sup>th</sup> Medford Mail Tribune

Jack Lynch's passion for his 1940 Ford Woody won't die after all. It simply will be transplanted south. Dave Rusher, a Southern California car buff, has bought Lynch's Woody and feels lucky to have done it. "I'll never sell it," says Rusher of Manhattan Beach. "I feel honored to have this car," Rusher says.



Lynch

“My cars were all like members of my family, which is why I treated them so well. I wanted it to go to someone who is really interested in it and who would take care of it.”

— Jack Lynch  
former Ford Woody owner

That is just what Lynch wants to hear. When Lynch put the car up for sale last month he hoped that whoever bought the car had the heart to also treat the car well.

Lynch believes that he got that in Rusher, to whom Lynch passed on a thick file of the car's history, complete with the original bill of sale.

The Woody which cost \$1100 new has just 51,000 miles and is in pristine shape.

The car will remain in Medford until the end of July, when Rusher will return to bring his car home. But first he plans to take Lynch on one more ride through town in the Woody. “It's a way for Jack Lynch to say goodbye.” Rusher says, “and for me to say thank you.”

By Mark Freeman of the Medford Mail Tribune

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 28-30                      Model T Club Parts Exchange at  
Cerritos College. 11110 Alondra Blvd.  
Norwalk For Info 310-353-6662
- August 1<sup>st</sup>                      Valley V8s meet at Bakers Square  
Chatsworth at Zelzah, Granada Hills
- August 27<sup>th</sup>                      Pomona Swap Meet at the Los Angeles  
County Fairgrounds.
- September 5<sup>th</sup>                      Valley V8s meet at Bakers Square  
Chatsworth at Zelzah, Granada Hills
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>                      Annual Summer Barbecue at the home  
of Steve and Sue Boskovich.
- November 2-4                      Fall Classic Tour to Placerville with the  
Ventura V8s. For Info Gerry Blackwell  
661-268-0040
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Annual Holiday Party at the Odyssey  
Restaurant. 6 PM, Save This Date!



## MOST ACTIVE MEMBER CONTEST FOR 2000

Once again we plan to find the most active member for the year. David Gott will be maintaining the standings and we will publish these numbers monthly. Be sure and fill out the attendance sheets each month and be sure that your name is on the list for each tour you attend. Below are the rules for earning points during the year.

ATTEND MEETING _____	1 POINT
BRING A 1932-53 FORD TO A MEETING _____	2 POINTS
ATTEND A TOUR _____	1 POINT
BRING A 1932-53 FORD ON A TOUR _____	2 POINTS
ORGANIZE A TOUR _____	5 POINTS
GIVE A PROGRAM _____	5 POINTS
PREPARE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER _____	5 POINTS

### AUGUST UPDATE MEMBERS WITH 13 OR MORE POINTS

Blacky Blackwell	20 points
Joe DiFatta	18 points
Don Durkee	19 points
Dave Gott	16 points
Tom Potter	17 points
Dick Stones	17 points
Dick Smith	18 points
Don Stout	13 points
John Wolf	17 points

## THE HISTORY OF SHEET METAL GAGE NUMBERS

The sheet metal thickness gage number system dates back to 1893 when the Detroit Industrial Manufacturers established these Standards. The criteria was that gage number 1 was the thickness of a 12 inch square piece of metal that weighed 40 pounds. This criteria was refined in the early 1900s to state that gage number 1 was for a one inch thick piece of metal 12 inches square that weighed exactly 41.82 pounds. The remaining gage numbers were established for metals thinner than one inch and these numbers and weights are shown in the chart below. So actually you have two ways to determine the gage number. The first way is to cut out a 12 inch square of the metal in question and weigh it and use column "B" on the chart. The more practical method is to use a micrometer to measure the thickness and refer to column "C". These numbers should be useful for determining the metal thickness of parts on our older cars but metals sold today are frequently close but not exactly these thicknesses.

By Tom Dunn

"A" Metal thickness*	"B" Lbs.	"C" Gage
1.0	41.82	1
.2391	10.0	3
.2092	8.75	5
.1345	5.625	10
.0747	3.125	14
.0673	2.8125	15
.0598	2.5	16
.0538	2.25	17
.0478	2.0	18
.0418	1.75	19
.0359	1.5	20
.0329	1.375	21
.0299	1.25	22
.0269	1.125	23
.0239	1.0	24
.0209	.875	25
.0179	.75	26

**CARS AND PARTS MARKETPLACE****CARS FOR SALE:**

1936 Ford 5-Window Coupe \$17,500  
 Jack Kelejian 818-996-3744

1941 Ford Club Coupe \$18,900  
 Jack Kelejian 818-996-3744

**PARTS FOR SALE:**

1950s Mobilgas Gas Pump \$1300; Old Spot Lights \$15 a pair; Foglites \$25 a pair; 36 Ford Hood; 41 Ford Grill; 41 Ford left rear Fender and bumper; cylinder heads and manifolds. Jack Kelejian 818-996-3744

Used ring and pinion sets. Columbia Parts and Repair Service. Dan Krehbiel 909-302-5922

Flathead engines and parts. Jack Miles 818-347-8617

Engine Stand \$25. Don Durkee 805-495-5298

**PARTS WANTED:**

1939 V12 Heater Shutoff Valve and 1974-79 Ranchero Tailgate. Cal Beauregard 626-355-2739

1940 Pickup Hood and Left Rear Fender. Dick Colarossi 818-341-3121

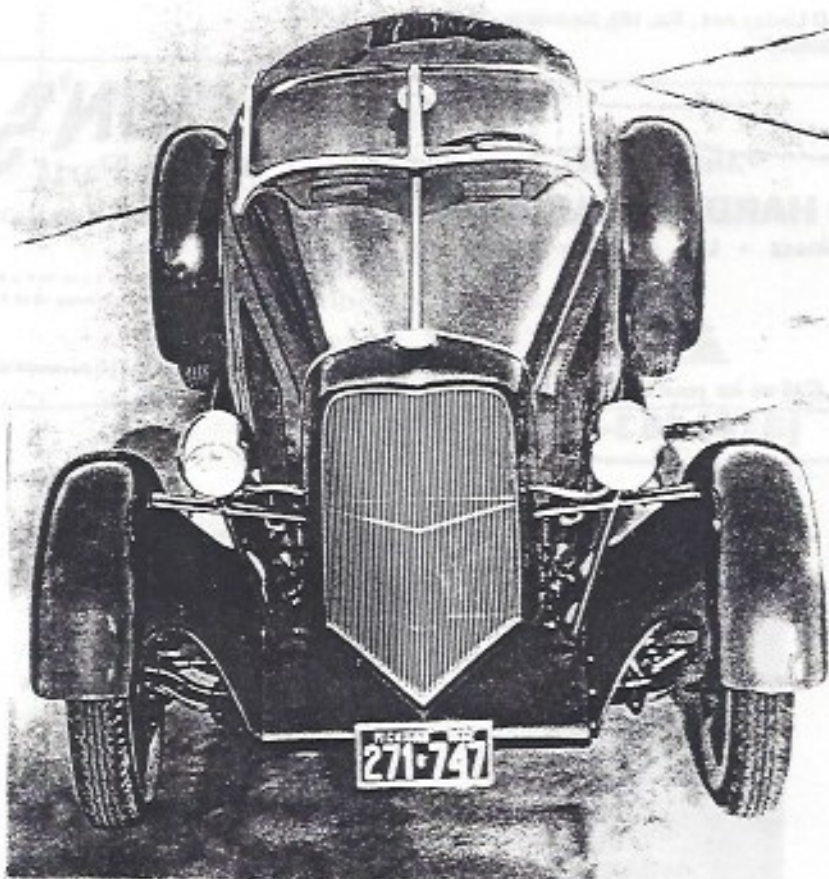


## EARLY FORD V8 TEASERS

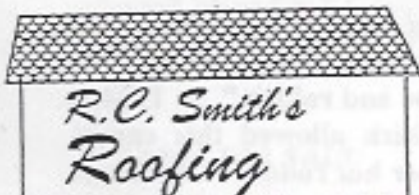
This section is intended to tap the combined knowledge of our members and solve some of the mysteries of the Early Ford V8 world.

### August Teaser:

The August Teaser is the first known "hot rod" using 1932 Ford components. Designer Bob Gregorie built it for his boss who stated that it should be "long, low and rakish." In 1934, a more powerful V8 was installed which allowed this car to exceed 90 MPH. Who was this pioneer hot rodder? His name appears many places in this newsletter.



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Don Durkee	1983
Paul Kirk	1984
Kent Lowry	1985
Dave Sanborn	1986
John Kemmerer	1987
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George Richards	1994
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Dennis Keene	1998
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