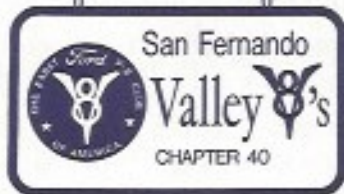
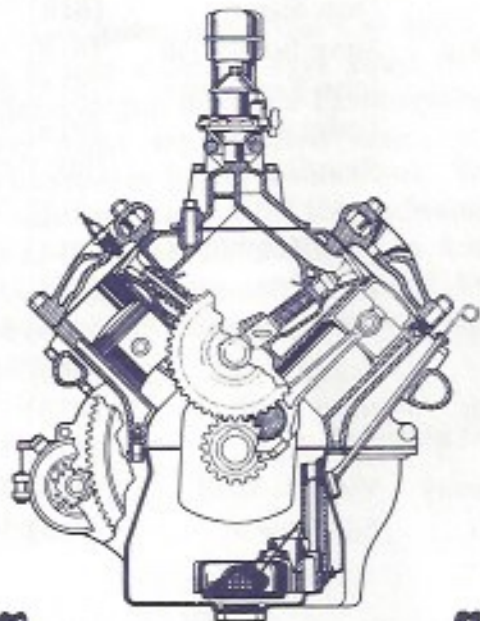




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## BETWEEN DRIVES

The New Horizons Autumn Festival Car Show was a success and Halloween is just a couple days away. So should we be planning Christmas or just buying a Thanksgiving turkey? The Christmas party plans are complete and you can get your reservations in to Steve or Lesley with a check. Steve has a lot of plans for next year and needs your help volunteering to man a post. Call him at (818) 341-6876. The open house at C&G is Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. We have several C&G calendars to give out at the meeting. Hope you all own more Fords than stock. See you November 7<sup>th</sup>.

President Don

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/3	David Gott	11/18	Joe Sammaratand
11/4	Ruth Spencer	11/19	Robert Zecher
11/5	Virginia Keene	11/24	Jerry Case
11/9	Joan Sapper	11/25	Ernie Baily
11/9	Allen Franklin	11/29	Dorothy Sammaratand
11/12	Ann Miles		

**THE EDITOR'S PAGE**

Hopefully you have received this issue of the Drivelines on time so you may safely assume that I completed my round trip marathon to Hershey without incident. As I stated last month, one of the conditions that I required to do the Hershey trip was that "the creek don't rise." Well, the trip back and forth to Pennsylvania went without any high water problems but the creek sure did rise on about 10,000 swap meet vendors who were moved to the new and temporary Yellow Field. This area was on low ground and after Wednesday evening rains came down there was a muddy quagmire that prevented anything to navigate about the field for the remainder of the week. This Yellow Field accounted for about one-third of the swap meet vendors so there was much less to see this year. However, a bad week at Hershey is still better than the best week at home for a true swap meet addict.

I am sorry to report the passing of Ben and Joe DiFatta's mother during this last month. Also, I must report that Bruce Blackwell's mother passed away during the last week. Our condolences go out to the families of these Valley V8 members.

In this issue you can learn all about your next president, Steve Boskovich, and the many Fords he has had in his past. Since he only buys Fords there will certainly be "Fords in his future." Another nice story was contributed by David Gott titled "Facts about Ford."

This month's teaser adds another chapter to the saga of the mysterious 1940 rear center bumper guard; after you thought you had heard everything one could say on this subject.

*Thought for the Month:* Keep on spending your children's inheritance.

**Larry**

## Program for Tuesday, November 7 at Baker's Square

### "Plan A"

Going to try again and have Chuck Shubb talk to us about "Cars in the Movies"! Hopefully, he will have the evening off.

OR

### "Plan B"

We will be calling on 4 members to give us a "brief" 5 min. talk about how, why, where and what you are doing in the Ford Club... Volunteer now or be prepared for me to call on you!!!



### *Holiday Home Tour...*

We will be cruising to 3 Ford members homes. Spencer's (hors d'oeuvres), DiFatta's (light dinner) and Boskovich's (dessert). Homes will be open to view their Christmas decorations. Plus Christmas caroling at the Boskovich home with Ford member Art Charlap-Hyman at the piano.

When: Sunday, December 10th

Time: 4:30 pm

Where: Home of Al & Ruth Spencer  
3948 Goodland Avenue, Studio City  
off Ventura Blvd. (3 blocks east of  
Coldwater Cyn.)

Cost: \$5.00 per person to help defray the  
cost of food and soft drinks.

RSVP: Joe DiFatta • (818) 700-1939





## SECRETARY'S REPORT OCTOBER 3, 2000

By PATTI SMITH

While the secretary is off to the swap meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania, he asked me to fill in. Hope you had a good time on your vacation, but I am glad you are back because we missed you.

I noticed lots of great looking Early Ford V8s in the parking lot. It was a nice evening for a drive.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. The turn out was light with lots of regulars on the road to Hershey.

Visitors: John Good and Jack Holtweek.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$\$\$

Announcements: Two kitchen items were left at the Boskovich's after the barbecue. If you are missing something please check with them.

Christmas Party: Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Odyssey Restaurant. Plans are being finalized and it sounds like lots of fun. Be sure and reserve this evening.

2001 Officers: The club needs some new leadership with fresh ideas. Volunteers needed for Treasurer, Vice President, Ladies Raffles and Editor. If you are interested call Don or Steve.

Tours:

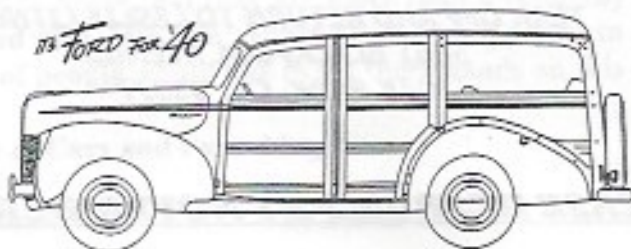
- 1.) November 11<sup>th</sup> to C&G Early Ford Parts Barbecue in Escondido 11AM to 2PM.
- 2.) November 21<sup>st</sup> to New Horizons Car Show and Bazaar in North Hills. This is a charity event with the proceeds going to help mentally handicapped adults become independent.
- 3.) November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> to Angel's Camp and Placerville. Blacky and Gerry have a great tour planned. Call them for details or to sign up.
- 4.) Joe DiFatta has several tours in the planning stages. One is a December tour to several member's homes to view Christmas decorations then on to the Boskovich's home for soup and sandwiches and ending up at the Di Fatta's home for dessert.

New Business: Ed Warnock was at the barbecue in a beautiful 1932 Ford. Also had a report that national members can be a great source of information about a city or part of the country. Get the inside scoop on where to stay, eat and what to see.

Program: John Good. John discussed the building of his 1948 Ford Explorer. An all steel station wagon. He put together two cars; a sedan and a sedan delivery. After much cutting, fitting and welding he had one car. It has a hot rod frame, a Ford drivetrain with a five liter fuel injected engine. It is a beautiful car. Great program and thanks for sharing it with us John!

Ladies Door Prizes: Virginia Wolf and Julie Ochsner.

Name Badge Winner: Tom Potter



**VALLEY V-8 HOLIDAY PARTY****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2000****6:00 P.M. AT THE ODYSSEY RESTAURANT, ATLANTIS ROOM****15600 ODYSSEY DRIVE, GRANADA HILLS****HOR'S D'OEUVRES AND NO-HOST COCKTAILS 6-7:00 P.M.****ENTERTAINMENT 7-7:30 P.M.****DINNER 7:30 P.M.****BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY FOR A GIRL OR BOY****COST IS \$25.00 PER PERSON****A PORTION OF EACH TICKET WILL GO TOWARDS OUR  
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## FACTS ABOUT FORD

Ever wonder what it is like to take care of a really large lawn? The lawn area around Edsel and Eleanor Ford's Grosse Pointe Shores mansion covers 86 acres. It takes a crew of three workers on three different mowers to cut the grass. They start at 8:00am Monday and finish on Thursday at 5:00pm. On Friday they trim bushes and trees, as long as there is no bad weather to contend with. This is scheduled every week. And we think we have it hard with our yards!

The last personal car Edsel owned was a 1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet V-12, which is still on display in the carriage house. It is hard to believe but the mansion only had a one car detached garage. Edsel parked his car there and Eleanor had to park her car in another garage 300 yards away by the front gate then walk to the house. How many of the guys could get away with this today?

Incidentally, one Sunday every August the Mid-Lakes Mercury Owners Club spearheads a show along with several other clubs, inviting members to display their Mercury, Lincoln and Edsel vehicles on the Estate grounds. The cars alone would be an impressive site but to have it at Edsel's home would be the ultimate.

The familiar Ford Blue Oval sign is gone! Well, not exactly. The sign that weighed 12,000 pounds and measured 57 feet long by 20 feet high was formerly on top of the Ford World Headquarters building in Dearborn. It was replaced last June with the equally familiar Ford Motor Company script. It is said that the script is the Company's "trust mark". The blue oval will still be used on some of the company's buildings devoted to the Ford marquee. It was reported that Ford executives want the world to know that they are more than a company that just builds and sells cars. No report of what happened to the sign. Bet a lot of people would like to get there hands on this one.

Courtesy of Cars and Parts Magazine.

By David Gott

## THE AUTO-BIOGRAPHY OF OUR NEXT PRESIDENT

I grew up in the San Joaquin Valley and learned to drive at an early age. By the time I was twelve, I drove all over the farm in a Model A two-ton truck with fifteen gears to shift. At age fourteen I got my first driver's license.

By 1955 I was living in the San Fernando Valley and attending Canoga Park High School. My family was still farming, mainly in the Chatsworth area around DeSoto and Lassen Streets. I was the owner of a 1951 Ford Coupe with Fordomatic Drive. This little black gem was lowered, had dual exhausts and moon hubcaps. The following year I traded this for a light blue 1947 Ford Coupe with a 1951 Ford engine. It was nosed, decked, lowered and had the popular tuck-and-roll upholstery throughout.

In 1957 I was driving a black 1950 Ford Convertible. It was also lowered and oh-so-cool. It was while I owned this car that I met Sue on a blind date. We cruised all over the Valley together in this black beauty, spending many evenings with the top down at the Van Nuys Bob's Big Boy Drive-in.

By 1959 I was the proud owner of an almost new 1957 Ford Fairlane Tudor 500 Hardtop. It was also black.

Sue and I dated all through high school and were married in 1961. We bought a house in the Simi Valley and two years later we bought our first brand new Ford. It was a black 1963 Ford Fairlane 500. We lived in Simi until 1967 when we purchased our first Chatsworth home. By this time we had two sons, Michael and Paul. In 1970 our daughter Laura was born. We have also been blessed with the arrival of four wonderful grandchildren.

Throughout my life I have always loved, bought and driven Fords. My two current V8s are a pheasant red 1948 Ford Coupe with a three-quarter race engine and a Hawaiian bronze metallic 1951 Ford Custom Convertible. The 1951 has just been pampered with a 1951 Mercury engine and a new LeBaron Bonney leather interior.

I'm looking forward to 2001 and a successful year as president of the Valley V8s. We have some plans for several fun outings in the near future. Happy V8ing!!

By Steve Boskovich



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Steve and Sue Boskovich beside their 1950 Ford Convertible.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 2-4                      **Fall Classic Tour to Placerville with the  
Ventura V8s. For Info Gerry Blackwell  
661-268-0040**
- November 7<sup>th</sup>                      **Valley V8s meet at Bakers Square  
Chatsworth at Zelzah, Granada Hills**
- November 11<sup>th</sup>                      **Tour to C&G Ford Parts in Escondito.  
More Info at November Meeting**
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>                      **Annual Holiday Party at the Odyssey  
Restaurant. 6 PM, Save This Date!**
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>                      **Pomona Swap Meet at the Los Angeles  
County Fairgrounds 6AM to 2PM**
- December 10<sup>th</sup>                      **Christmas Tour to Member's Homes.  
More Info on Page 3 and at November  
Meeting.**



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

1964 F100 Pickup with ¾ Ton Running Gear. 351 W  
Engine. Needs Paint. Mike Munroe 818-789-7225

1977 Lincoln Continental \$2,700  
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**PARTS FOR SALE:**

1946-48 Ford Parts. Too many items to list. Including  
NOS sheet metal. Best Offer applies to each part.  
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Used ring and pinion sets. Columbia Parts and Repair  
Service. Dan Krehbiel 909-302-5922

1951 Merc. engine, rebuilt. Jack Miles 818-347-8617

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Gary Glass 805.660-3601

1951 Ford engine. Steve Boskovitz 818-341-6876

**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

1939 Hubcap Darryl Thomas 818-363-6914

1954 Ford Carb. Firewall Linkage. Allan Franklin  
818-842-2230

## 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

### NOVEMBER UPDATE MEMBERS WITH 21 OR MORE POINTS

Blacky Blackwell	27 points
Joe DiFatta	24 points
Don Durkee	24 points
Dave Gott	21 points
Tom Potter	31 points
Al Rohrer	21 points
Dick Stones	26 points
Dick Smith	25 points
John Wolf	26 points

*Simon's Drive-in circa 1940 is loaded with today's favorite Early Ford V8s*



Larger-than-life elements were a hallmark of Wayne McAllister's designs. Clockwise from right: Pig 'n Whistle, Los Angeles; Sands Hotel, Las Vegas; Simons drive-in, Hollywood.



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## 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.

### November Teaser:

The November Teaser shows the 1940 Ford Dealer Accessory display that each Dealer was expected to feature in his parts and service areas. These Displays were made by the Mulholland Sign Company, the same people who made many of the treasured Ford Oval neon lighted signs which were on the front of most dealerships during the 1930s through the 1950s. This display photo is included on a color brochure which was sent to each dealer offering these handsome units for \$12.90 complete with lights and easel stand. The picture shown was made from an original copy which is part of the Jim Edison 1940 Ford Literature Collection. I visited Jim on my way to Hershey this last month and we looked through some of his new acquisitions. This brochure caught my attention because it includes the evidence of possibly a third version of the rare 1940 Ford rear accessory bumper guard. If you refer to the September Teaser you will see the other two possible candidates. The guard attached to the display is shaped much like the prototype shown on page 14 but doesn't have the three ribs depressed into the upper portion. The mystery may not be solved but we are now confused at a much higher level.

## MAROON—STAINLESS STEEL—CREAM

### DESCRIPTION

Panel, 5-ply laminated wood, strongly braced to prevent warping; lacquered in maroon with 1 in. flashing stainless steel moulding. Lettering at top is maroon on a cream panel. Price cards are black lettering on cream colored washable stock. Display has double easel. Stands 19 in. off the floor. Legs also have stainless steel trimmings.

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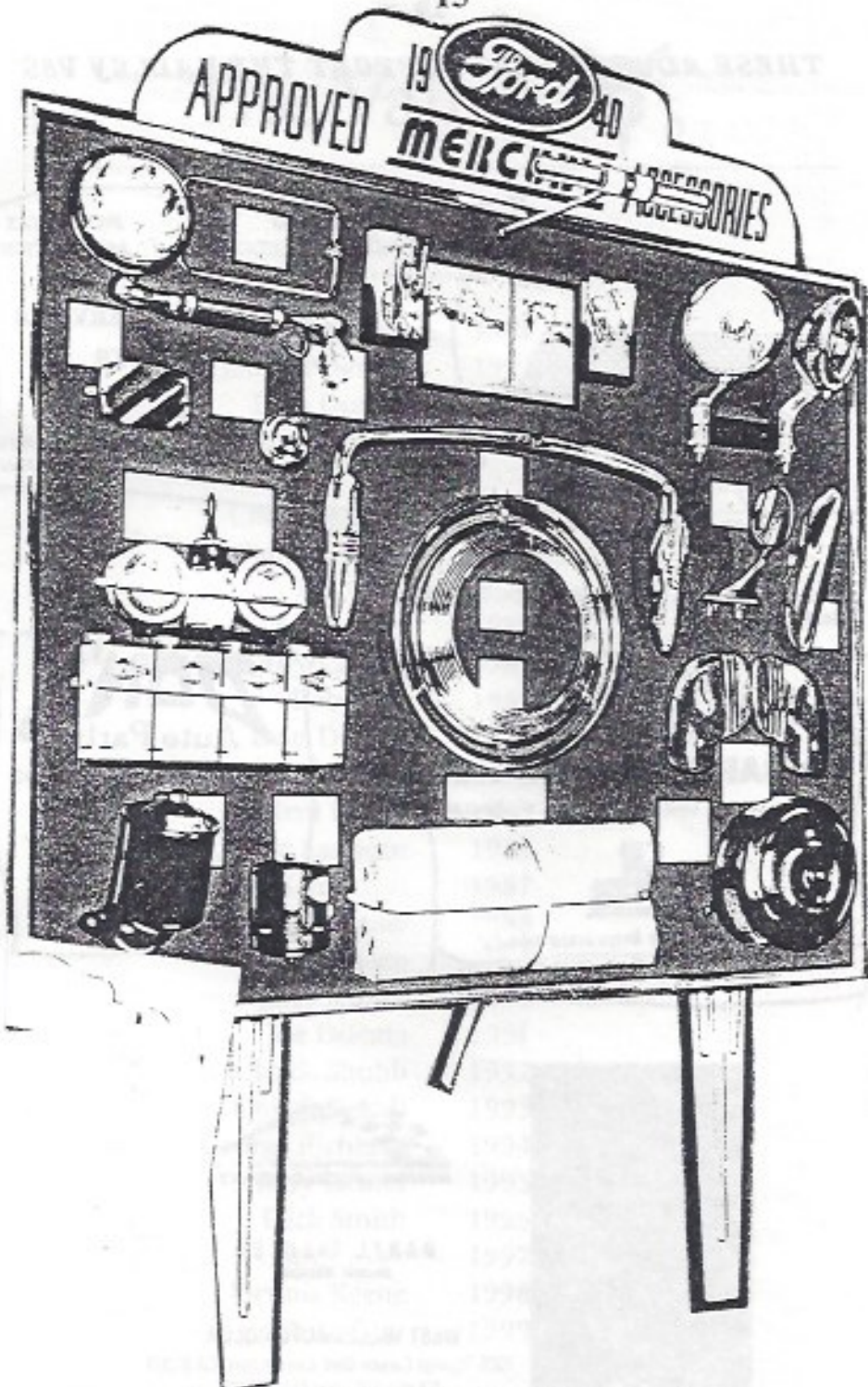
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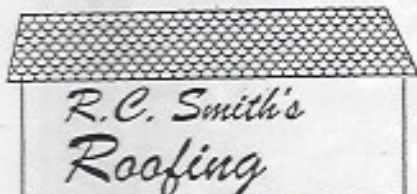
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Bill Culp	1979
Al Spencer	1980
Larry Caplan	1981
Bob Rose	1982
Don Durkee	1983
Paul Kirk	1984
Kent Lowry	1985
Dave Sanborn	1986
John Kemmerer	1987
Dudley Ochsner	1988
Jerry Jensen	1989
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Joe DiFatta	1991
Chuck Shubb	1992
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George Richards	1994
Jerry Littner	1995
Dick Smith	1996
Chuck Mair	1997
Dennis Keene	1998
Rose Gott	1999

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