

CRUISING WITH STEVE NOVEMBER 28, 2001

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving. Sue cooked dinner Thursday and Friday. Some of our family members could not make it to our house on Thanksgiving Day, so I had to eat **two** turkey dinners! Only gained about four pounds.

I am working on my grandfather's 1951 Fordor with Jerry Case's help and should be able to drive it to the January meeting.

We are in dire need of filling our roster for the upcoming year. If you have been holding out and thinking that someone else will fill the positions, now is the time to step up and take on the job. Openings still available include Vice President, Tours and Programs. They are all fun to do and there is a lot of support from other members who have done it before. **Please call me at 818-341-6876** if you can help out.

DON'T FORGET---The Annual Holiday Party will be on Sunday, December 2, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sportsman's Lodge at the corner of Coldwater and Ventura Blvd. It aims to be a huge success. We have over 70 people planning to attend this gala event. Instead of paying for the full price of the meal, each person attending is asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl, which will be donated to children that otherwise would go without. Please don't forget this part of the party. I look forward to seeing all of you there

As the holidays get near, we would like to wish all of you V-8ers a very joyful and peace-filled Christmas and Hanukkah. Happy New Year 2002 !!!

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Christmas Party

Sunday, December 2, 2001 is the annual Valley V-8's Christmas Party to be held this year at the Sportsmen's Lodge. The party will be in the Regency Room with Happy Hour beginning at 6:30 PM. Dinner is planned for 7:30 PM.

The Sportsmen's Lodge is at 12833 Ventura Boulevard, 818-755-5000, on the northeast corner of Ventura Boulevard and Coldwater Canyon. Please enter off Coldwater Canyon. The Regency room is at the rear of the catering building close to the valet entrance.

We have our own bar. Please bring an unwrapped toy. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Ode to the Blackwell's

Dennis Keene wrote a poem commemorating the Blackwell's several years of annual tours. We reprint it here in its entirety. Thank you Dennis.

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V8 Secretary Minutes

Date: 11/6/01

Meeting Place: Bakers Square

Car Count: 7 - V8's, 1 - Model A
1 - Packard

Meeting Leader: Joe DiFatta

Start Time: 7:30

Adjournment Time: 9:00

Meeting Information:

Introduction of Guests:

Auto Club Executives: Larry Shaw, District Manager in Van Nuys (owns a T-Bird)
Ken Smith

President's Notes: Acting President this evening was Joe DiFatta

The Blackwell Tour to Columbia, November 2-4, began as all participants met in Castaic. The group traveled up the 5 Freeway with a rest stop at Harris Ranch. From the I-5 Fwy, the 61 participants, in 25 cars, headed east on the 165 through Turlock, stopping for lunch in Oakdale. Columbia is in the heart of the "Gold Country" on the way to Placerville (the site of last year's tour). We took over the three main hotels in town. A fabulous banquet was held that Saturday evening, with a fun concluding breakfast the next morning. We also visited Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, a near-by town, and saw the largest existing gold nugget. It is valued / insured for \$3,000,000 and weighs 44 lbs. The weather was great the whole trip. Thanks to all who participated, and especially to Gerry and Blacky Blackwell for another fantastic experience!

We still need to fill **three positions** on next year's Club board. If you are interested in becoming the **Vice President**, you want to organize **Tours**, or plan **Programs** please contact Steve Boskovich, our President. If we can't fill the positions we may have to pull names and rotate the jobs each month. Please help!

Treasurer's Report:

Ingvar Carlson, our beloved treasurer, was unable to attend this month's meeting.
Hurry back. We miss you!

Special Announcements:

Tom Potter, our new editor, is looking for material for **DRIVELINES**. We are thinking about short articles such as Adventures in a V8, Mechanical tips and trouble shooting, Notes from Ford history 1932-1953, or Club Member's cars and how they went from "well used" to "like new". If you have an interesting saga you would like to share, please contact Tom at (818) 884-8019. **The first issue will be out in January 2002!**

A special *thank you* to Dick Colarossi of CQ Auto Parts Inc. He donates our raffle items each month. We really appreciate your support Dick! If you would like to see what else Dick has to offer, he is located at 21116 Devonshire Street in Chatsworth, or give him a call at (818) 341-3121.

Upcoming Tours / Events:

Gary Glass talked about the upcoming Holiday Party scheduled for December 2nd. It will be held at the Sportsman's Lodge from 6:30 p.m. until midnight. Entertainment will include a keyboard player and a Frank Sinatra impersonator. Any table decoration ideas are gratefully welcome. Please send a check to Steve Boskovich if you plan to attend. It will be \$15 per person. If you attend, please bring an unwrapped toy.

Announcements: Upcoming events (not from our club)

December 9, Sunday: 3rd Annual Chatsworth Holiday Car Show; North of Devonshire off Mason St.
For further information call Jerome at (818) 259-1964 or email a <real409@aol.com

May 5, 2002 Education Car Show sponsored by the Regional Occupational Program and the Pleasant Valley Lions Club. For further information call Linda Martinez at (805) 388-5460.

Memories Of One Helluva Ride



It all started for us many years ago,
With a letter from the Blackwells on a tour to go.
A chance to see butterflies in Pismo was the attraction,
With an overnight in Cambria as the promised satisfaction.
On Saturday morning Frisbee Golf was the game,
Our score was low enough to avoid rubber chicken shame.
Saturday night into Blacky's Wackies they did baptize,
Vicki's skill in Funnel of Love won us a prize.
Lunch at Bud and Barbara's was on the way next year,
So we stopped with good friends for good food and good cheer.
Mom's apple pie in Julian is always a treat,
As is Christmas shopping in the shops down on Main Street.



San Juan Bautista was the goal, but the Davis' coupe didn't make it,
Friar Edsel of Fairlane got left in Atascadero so Brother Benson had to fake it.
Saturday morning saw Blacky trade new bricks for old,
While dinner amongst model airplanes was a sight to behold.
Gail filled Clydes overalls right to the brim,
But it wasn't fair, because he's so slim.

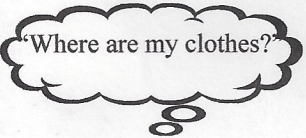


Friar Edsel of Fairlane

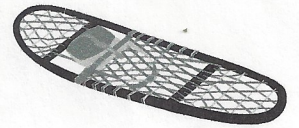
A fifty six Ford with a flathead in tow,
Was quite a sight in Sequoia along with 18 inches of snow.
The tow strap for the thirty seven was an electric extension cord,
The Littners' in debt to Richardson's overhead Ford.
You can't believe the fun of Frisbee golf in the snow,
Or a kitchen that never closes, I ate there so I know.



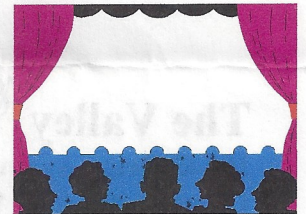
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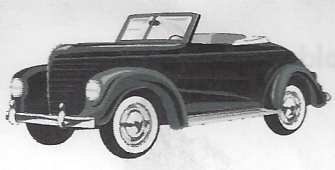
We thought we'd have a chance to use a bow and arrow,
But walked in the snow with shoes that aren't narrow.
Dressing Smokey Bear kept us all prancin',
So we worked out our frustration with some fancy square dancin'.



Death Valley in the winter is not that hot,
So we replaced a water pump in the parking lot.
The rest of the day was not a hassle,
And we enjoyed an afternoon there at Scotty's Castle.
The Amargosa Opera House in Death Valley Junction,
Was the gathering place for a late night V8 function.
Watching Marta Becket dance truly was grand,
While some had a chance to shake Red Skelton's hand.



So many V8ers went to Julian one fall,
 It took two lodgings to make room for us all.
 After dinner we were treated to a neat little skit,
 In the lead role Lloyd Pascal made quite a hit.
 Take all these goofy parts and make something they said,
 So Lesley won first place by putting them on her head.
 On the third trip to Cambria the Ben Difatta's gave us lunch,
 While Bill and Pat Phillip's strawberry crepes made a fabulous brunch.
 Blacky's Wackies featured darts for a good hand of poker,
 And washers for shuffleboard to see who's a good stroker.
 At Placerville we became prospectors, hunting for gold,
 But there was a thief among us, or so we were told.
 The suspect was at our table on Saturday night,
 And when the Marshall approached her face filled with fright.
 In a break for freedom down the hall she raced,
 But they blocked her escape and her accusers she faced.
 They asked if anyone would say for her a good word,
 And after a long pause her hubby's voice was heard.
 I guess you could say she was hung by proxy,
 So from now on she won't have so much moxy.
 Gerry and Blacky you can look back on your efforts with great pride,
 'Cause for us and many others it's been ONE HELLUVA RIDE!



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