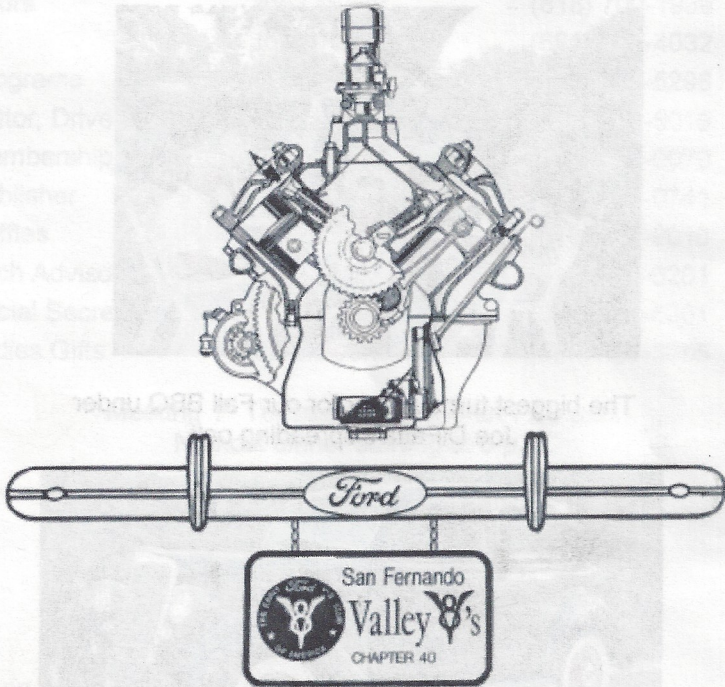




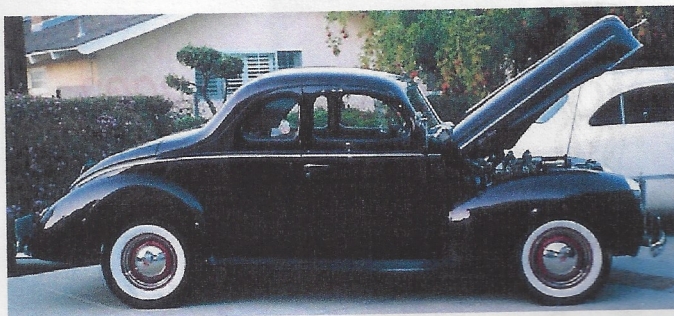
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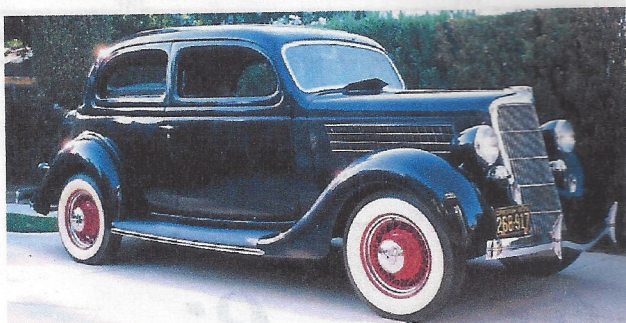
IN JOE'S DRIVEWAY, we found some gems



Don Stout's '40 Deluxe Coupe is one of the best out there.



The biggest turnout ever for our Fall BBQ under Joe DiFatta's spreading oak.



Dave Sanborn's Deluxe Touring Tudor has been meticulously detailed and is ready to roar. This '35 is a real beauty.

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Crusin' with Steve

As I write this letter for the October DriveLines, I can't believe that summer is over and Halloween is just around the corner. It's been a great summer even though we had some hot weather. When you're driving your old Ford around at night, the summer air feels so great! I have enjoyed driving all the cars, but especially my grandfather's 1951 Fordor; just a special feeling I guess.

The summer BBQ at Joe & Marsha DiFatta's was a HUGE SUCCESS! We had over 75 people attending and some wonderful food and drink. Bingo was a lot of fun, with Julie Blackwell running a great game.

The Solvang tour is coming up at the end of the month. We've been looking forward to this weekend for a long time. The weather should be pleasant up there and the activities will keep everyone busy. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you then with your Fords.

This week our sixth grandchild will be born to our daughter Laura and her husband Greg. A little girl named Emily will join our family with much anticipation.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on October 1, 2002 at Baker's Square. Be there at 7:30 pm for our meeting or earlier for dinner and visiting.

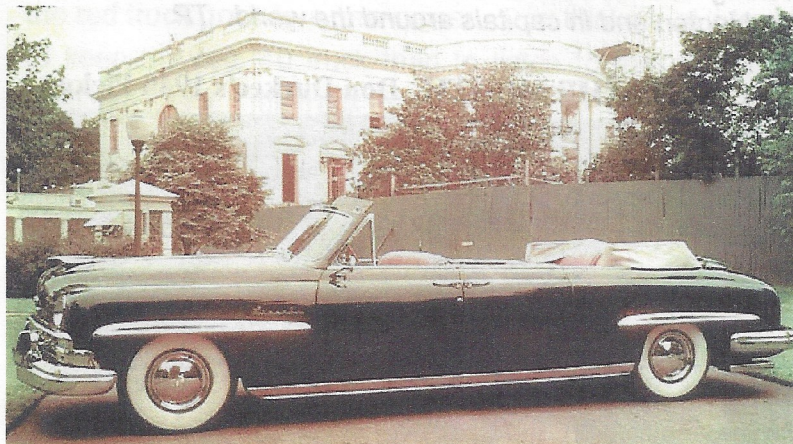
President Steve

NEXT MEETING: OCT 1, 7:30 pm Baker's Square,
Chatsworth & Zelzah in Granada Hills. Bring a guest!

Features in this issue: #Summer BBQ at Joe's
#Cal's Princes to Popes. # New old members # Our first
President: "Before the Valley V8s" # Join us on November Tour!
Make your Holiday Party reservations! Sportsman's Lodge!

Princes, Potentates, Presidents, and Popes

Cal Beauregard and his video of the cars of famous people was our September program. As we all know, he worked for the Ford Motor Company for many years and took countless photos of the cars for which he was responsible, many of them Lincolns especially designed for dignitaries. As well as coordination with the Secret Service, he was the Ford "Man of Many Talents" with many responsibilities, mainly getting the cars to the right place at the correct time and in first class shape for the use of all those who are listed in the title of this piece. His video includes the earliest presidential motorcar which belonged personally to Taft. Hoover had Pierce-Arrows. FDR had Packards, Cadillacs and a Braun/Lincoln. The list is long. Perhaps the best of the lot was the Truman/Eisenhower 1950 Lincoln.



Cal shared the story of the Truman/Eisenhower 1950 Lincoln Cosmopolitan shown here at the White House. It had many unusual features including an interchangeable bubble or hydraulic top. The latter went straight up to its full height (over 12') and then tilted forward to connect with the top of the windshield. During these years ('49-'51), Lincolns all had 336 cu. in. 152 HP flathead V-8s derived from the F-7 and F-8 "Big Job" Ford truck engine. By 1950, the bugs had been worked out of this power plant and, though considered low tech compared to GM offerings in the same years, it proved itself to be a strong and reliable engine competing with some success in the Mexican Road Races in '50-'51.

Of course there were many funny and interesting anecdotes about important people and their strange habits. Every one wanted to be sure that they did not ride in the car in which JFK was shot. The Pope had to have a "throne" in the back of this car, which presented time and engineering problems. Some cars were so heavily armored that the brakes and tires were not quite up to their job on a long down grade.

Because he was working for Ford, Cal occasionally had the opportunity to send the Chryslers and Cadillacs off to other assignments so that a Lincoln was the first one to be seen by the news cameras when the parade came into view. This made the big brass at Ford smile. *Thanks Cal for a most entertaining evening and a look at the inside of the way things work in Washington and in capitals around the world. TP*

CAR OF THE MONTH. Don Durkee's 1940 Pickup



"40 PKMUP" was the personalized plate on Don's truck when he bought it. Though it was been badly wrecked, it turned out to be one of his best '40 pickups (after the frame was replaced along with most of the front half of the truck). There are many parts that came from other '40s too numerous to mention. Some of the additions Don made that are of interest included a column shift from a '40.

CAR OF THE MONTH (cont'd)

Then he added a two carb Thickston manifold, Offy heads, Fenton headers and dual glass packs which "make it purr when you step on it." A Columbia rear end makes cruisin' at 70 easy. He also has a 5 row radiator to keep it cool.

Don says he drives it almost daily to the ROMEO Club (?). This means, "retired old men eating out." Could this be at the Burger King on Hampshire Road in Westlake Village?

Don says he has had some really great offers from potential buyers. But Mary says that it would be a sad day at home when the red truck goes to a new owner. Don thinks that it is cheaper to keep the red '40 truck than to listen to the consequences. Besides, it is a, "fun truck to drive and very reliable."

Incidentally, Don found a set of Columbia controls and a Thickston air cleaner under the seat when he bought it. Quite a bonus! Thanks Don, for sharing your red beauty story. TP

In the Beginning... 1956 by Jim Rowe

Jim, who was the 1st Valley V8s President writes his first "In the Beginning" article for our October Issue. TP

"There was the Model T Club, the Model A club and the rest of us. If you were lucky, Ben's Auto wrecking on San Fernando Rd. MIGHT have some flathead parts. Bill Norton at Valley Ford Obsolete Parts in North Hollywood would always tell you how rare the '39 standard grille that you wanted was and hit you \$20. You could go to Long Beach or Shell's in Santa Monica but gas cost 35 cents a gallon! Louis Shell was a horse trader, so if you had some hub caps you could get a door handle or a glove box knob or ?

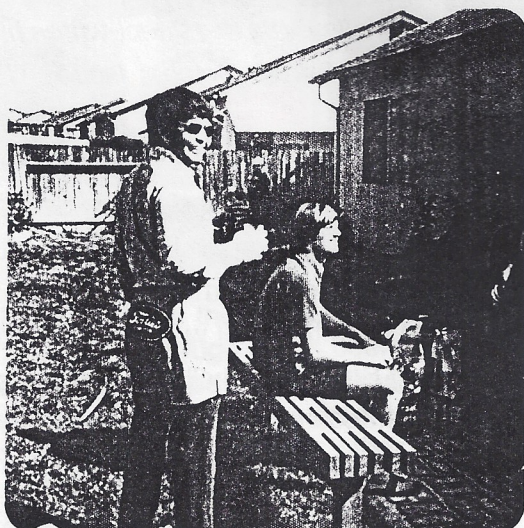
One of my first flatheads was a '38 standard coupe. (see P.6)

It cost \$35 complete except for the tranny cover. So things got messy when you went through a puddle. The towel I used around the shifter was always wet. My search started at Norton's. "What idiot would buy a car without a tranny cover?" Laughter from the back room. There was nothing on San Fernando Rd. either.

Early Saturday morning, my friend Pete and I started out on Route 66 toward the Beaumont Wrecking Yard. 200 cars and 2 good ol' boys sitting in the office waiting for the city guys to show up. It was hot and we were tired. One of the grease balls said, "Hey, make you a deal! You go in to town and get a case of beer 'an you can have any car on the lot complete."

"How about two cars for two cases?" we asked. "DEAL!" chimed the yard birds. Pete bought a '35 Sedan Delivery and I chose a '38 standard pickup with a tranny cover! We rented a tow bar and hooked the '35 to the back of my car and chained the '38 to the back of the '35 and drove VEERRY slowly back to the Valley. At least for that day, the parts problem was solved.

DriveLines has asked Jim to write a story about the early days from time to time. We welcome him back to membership in the club and look forward to his snap shots into the past.



Who are these guys? Why is a blue oval covering a hole in someone's shorts? (clue: this photo is almost 30 years old)

Editor's Grille

Did you know that you could buy a flathead Ford V8 with a factory "Remote Control Rear View Mirror (Left)?" Sure enough! It's advertised in The Ford Times, July – August issue, 2002. This is an NOS FoMoCo BF18402B "In the box, for a 1952 – 54 Ford. New condition. \$115 including shipping.". I gotta get me one o' them fancy things. Wish I had a car to put it on!

Then there's the woman in Tacoma, Washington who owns 2991 vehicles and will be opening a 475,000 sq. ft. museum in 2005 to show them off. She apparently doesn't have quite as many cars as she wants, so she spent \$334,800 for a dark blue '48 Tucker. The Peterson sold it at auction to Nancy LeMay in June. Her son, according to the August 9 edition of The Star, was "Very pleased with the price." When the Harold LeMay Museum opens in Tacoma, the Tucker is to be a centerpiece. They originally sold for \$2450. My dark blue '46 Ford sold new for \$1450. I wonder if I could interest her.....

October Birthdays

1	Arlene Bernholtz	14	Terri Luetzgerodt
3	Tom Potter	15	Richard Mottern
3	Dave Sanborn	23	Frank Copa
9	John Farrar	23	Bob Rose
12	Cheryle Stout	24	Lesley Littner
13	Karen Reed	29	Cal Beauregard

Valley V-8 Ford Club

Thank you for your
kind thoughts and prayers.

Bob enjoyed talking
to you from time to time.

I want to give special
thanks to Kent Lowry and
Jerry Littner for the great
write-up of Bob's Final Tour
in the Drive Line. It was
great.

We will miss him
very much.

Sincerely

Mary McCullagh + Family

Bob McCullagh. Thank you Mary. We are thinking of you.

Chuck Mair Good News!

Chuck reports that the heart valve replacement was a complete success. He has been under his daughter's care for the past several weeks and is feeling fine. He will soon be home and back to full speed before long. Glad to hear the good news!

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Solvang Trip: Sept. 28 (sold out)

33rd Annual All Ford Picnic: Oct 6. La Palma Park, Anaheim

8 - 3pm. So. Cal Regional Group. \$20 Info: (714) 538-3957

NEW November Tour. Nov.2: C & G Open House. Optional

Dinner at The Brigantine. Overnight at Best Western Escondido

Nov.3: Breakfast, shopping and winery in Temecula. See P.15.

Holiday Party: Dec.8. Sportsman's Lodge. See P.9



Valley V8's

Holiday Party

– Sunday, December 8th, 2002 –

Sportsmen's Lodge
Regency Room
12833 Ventura Blvd., Studio City

Social Hour: 6:30 pm • Dinner: 7:30 pm
\$25.00 per person

Please bring unwrapped toy for a needy youngster.

Dancing to the keyboard music of
David Yakerson

Installation of 2003 Officers

Awards • Raffle

Special Appearance of "*The Iowa Dude*"

----- Mail Back -----

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9755 Farralone Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311

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Wanted: Good frame and repairable rear fenders for a '39 Ford pickup. Scott Doudrick (818) 957-5708.

Wanted: A 1948 Ford Good Humor Ice Cream truck. "There were about 200 of these in service in Los Angeles in the 1950s. There are some of them still around in someone's yard." If you hear of one or see one in the area contact Jim Rowe (818) 996-3600 or email at elvis@earthlink.net.

FROM THE RIGHT SEAT – Meeting Minutes of September 3

Meeting Place: Baker's Square Car Count: 11

Meeting Leader: Steve Boskovich Start time 7:30 Ajourn 9:15

Introduction of Guests: Welcome! Thanks for joining us tonight.

Bob & Mary Brazil, Steve Cohen, Dick Colarossi's Son, Daughter In Law and the kids, Jim Rowe-the first Valley V8 President, 1971.

President's Notes: Thanks Dave and Tom for the great job with Drivelines. A man from Santa Barbara needs some help on a '34 Ford. See Steve for the man's written request.

Treasurer's Report: None tonight. Ingvar we miss you!

Upcoming Tours:

Sept. 27-28 Solvang Overnight tour: sold out!

Nov. 2 C&G Annual BBQ & Open Hours – details TBA

Announcements: Ron Main gave a FLATFIRE update. He and his team broke the 300mph record at Bonneville in August.

Best wishes to Chuck Mair who is having a heart valve replaced. Joe DiFatta thanks everyone involved in the BBQ at his house. It was a fabulous event. Special thanks to Leon Nitz out master at the flames. December 8 Holiday party at Sportsman's Lodge. The phone area code for contacts of the Fall Sequoia trip is (253) Please make a note of it. Thank you again Jensen's for the great Camarillo House Tour!

Featured Car of the Month: Don Durkee's '40 Pick-up

Program of the Evening: Cal Beauregard presents a slide show.

Raffle Winners: Ladies: Wendi Potter & Georgia Munroe

Name Badge: Al Rohrer

50/50: John Wolf

Annual Valley V-8s Summer BBQ

A record crowd, 77 members, family and guests attended the Annual BBQ at Joe and Marsha DiFatta's home on Aug. 25. Lots of good food and desserts for everyone. 22 cars were in the back, side, front and driveways. Don Dupree brought his 1908 Model T which is a prize winner. So it is not a V8, it's a Ford and ranks with the best! Your publisher, Dave Sanborn, brought his beautiful '35 Tudor Touring Sedan which has not been seen in ??? Almost all flathead years were represented. Sure wouldn't want to pick a "Best of Show" car from this group.

Many thanks to all who brought special plates of goodies, and to Don Stout, Cliff Vess and Steve Batesole for the ice. Super special thanks to Leon Nitz for being the chef ably assisted by Blacky Blackwell. Even Cliff's glasses fogged up. Also, Big Thanks to Pres. Steve for his tables and chairs, for setting up and helping to put things away on Monday. A big thank you goes to the ladies who helped Marsha in the kitchen.

Specials also go to Julie Blackwell for getting the group to play BINGO!! Well done Julie! Also Marsha DiFatta did a super job of keeping the day on schedule.

A good time was had by all. Even the weather was perfect. This event is a winner. Thanks so much Joe!! TP

New Members Welcome to our new September members!

Rowe, Jim

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Chatsworth, CA 91341

818-996-3600

Dupree, Don & Beverly

23222 Oxnard St.

Woodland Hills, CA 91367

818-883-2747

Model Ts: '09, '16, '21

'34 Cabriolet

'41 Mercury Fordor

'41 Mercury Station Wagon

'46 Ford Pickup

Welcome to Don and Beverly Dupree

Don and Beverly recently rejoined the Valley V-8s and we are most happy to welcome them to the club. His interests in Fords started with a Model T that he purchased in 1950 and completely rebuilt. Maybe you saw it at the BBQ at Joe's in July. It is a turquoise (not black) beauty.

His '34 Cabriolet (cost \$135) was bought from a used car lot in Burbank. He drove it for two years and stored it until '69 when he started the restoration. In 1977, club member Al Lioy offered Don a '41 Merc Wagon which, thought it was a challenge, was completed about 1998. In 1980 he bought the '46 pickup and drove it for seven years, then started restoration.

But there is more! Not pictured is the '41 Merc sedan his daughter bought for him (aren't kids great!) from club members Sharon and Lee Foster in 1997. Though it still has cooling problems, which he knows how to fix, it is in fine condition. Welcome back Don and Beverly!



Don got his '51 Mercury Woody in 1977. It was a mess until he got it in its current great shape.

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Special Discounts on Parts

Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Live DJ - 50's & 60's Music

Please R.S.V.P. by October 26th

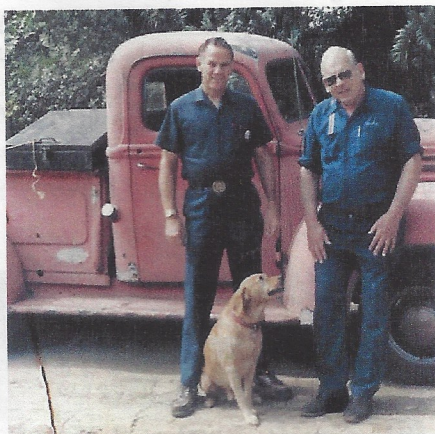
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Don and Beverly Dupree's 1934 Cabriolet which they purchased just after they married in 1954.

These are before and after shots of Don Dupree's '46 pickup.

Looks like the dog would do anything for a ride in that truck.



Originally it was red which faded to pink over the years.

November Tour, C & G Plus Temecula

Join us on November 2nd and 3rd for a tour to:

- C & G Annual Pre-Holiday Open House & Sale
- Shopping in Old Town Temecula
- Great Dinner Saturday Evening
- Best Western Escondido Hotel
- Winery Tour (optional)

This is an opportunity to visit the C & G Open House with other club members, a no-host dinner at a great steak house, an excellent rate at the Best Western Escondido Hotel and an optional Wine Tasting / Tour all in one week end!

First, **call** the Best Western, Escondido at **(760) 740-2400** and mention the Valley V-8 Club **to reserve** your double room for **\$69.99**. This is normally a \$110 room. We must make reservations by October 18 to get this rate. We have a block of ten rooms. More available if we reserve early. **See the flyer at our October meeting** and sign up at the meeting! We will call C & G for you for the Open House & Sale **reservations**.

We will leave Sat. Nov.2 from Woodley Park at **9:00 sharp!**

Call John Farrar for information at (661) 269-4032.

Annual Pre-Holiday Open House & Sale



Food • Fun
Family • Friends

50/50 Drawing & Raffle Prize
Proceeds Benefit Local Charity

Special Discounts on Parts
Live DJ - 50's & 60's Music

C&G Early Ford Parts

When: Sat., November 2nd

Rain or Shine

Where: 1941 Commercial St.
Escondido

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P. by October 26th
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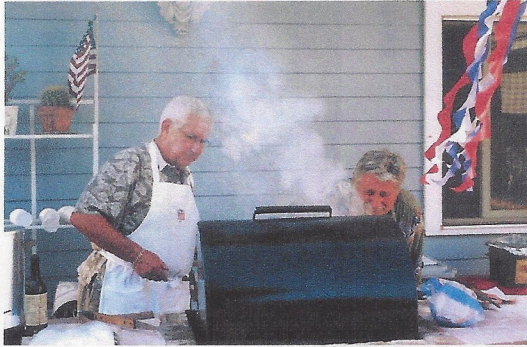
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Jim Rowe	1971
Doug Peterson	1972
Don Durkee	1973
Don Durkee	1974
Ed Warnock	1975
John Busk	1976
Chip Werstein	1977
Stan Marsraje	1978
Bill Culp	1979
Al Spencer	1980
Larry Caplan	1981
Bob Rose	1982
Don Durkee	1983
Paul Kirk	1984
Kent Lowry	1985
Dave 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
Don Stout	2000
Steve Boskovich	2001



Steve Batesole's '36 pickup, which has been in his family for decades and has been a working farm truck most of it's life.



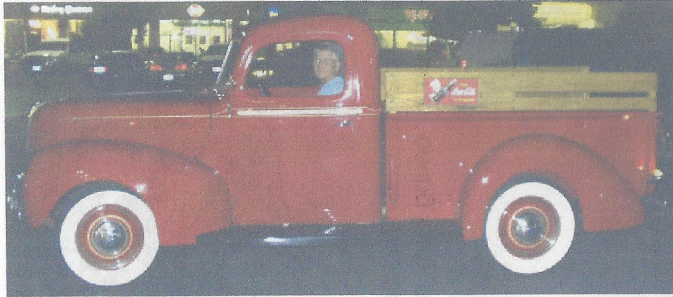
Leon Nitz and Blacky Blackwell are the chefs at the BBQ. Blackwell's years as a Captain at the Fire Department may come in handy if the streamers get any closer to the heat source.



Blacky Blackwell and Mike Ewing have just enjoyed a good BBQ. They seem to have the same taste in shirts too. Could these be flathead Ford woodies?

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Car of the Month - Don Durkee's
1950 Pickup



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