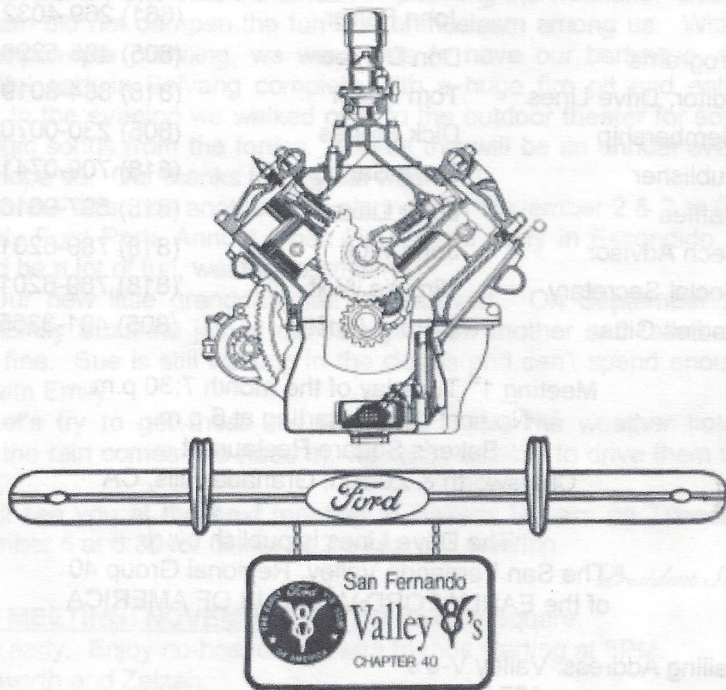




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No host dinner starting at 6 p.m.

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CRUISIN' WITH STEVE

Well, it's almost time for Halloween and all of those little ghosts and goblins, Snow Whites and Power Rangers to roam the neighborhoods in search of goodies. I remember how much fun it was to be all dressed up and ready to hit as many houses as possible. I sure hope the kids today have as much fun as I did! Before you know it Thanksgiving will be here, one of my favorite holidays. I can hardly wait for the turkey, dressing, yams, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings, not to mention three or four pounds. Celebrating with family is one of the best ways to spend a holiday. I hope all of you V8ers have a wonderful Turkey Day.

As many of you know, the Solvang tour was FANTASTIC. Joe and Marsha DiFatta outdid themselves planning the weekend. Even a little rain did not dampen the fun and enthusiasm among us. With a little impromptu planning, we were able to have our barbeque at a beautiful park in Solvang complete with a huge fire pit and eating area. In the evening we walked over to the outdoor theater for some nostalgic songs from the forties. Maybe this will be an annual event. Let's hope so. Our thanks for a great weekend.

John Farrar has another tour planned for November 2 & 3 to C & G Early Ford Parts Annual Open House and party in Escondido. It should be a lot of fun, weather permitting.

Our new little granddaughter has arrived. On September 20, 2002 Emily Suzanne joined our family. New mother and father are doing fine. Sue is still walking in the clouds and can't spend enough time with Emily.

Let's try to get those old Fords out while the weather holds. Once the rain comes (we need it), we won't be able to drive them too much.

I'll see you at the next meeting at Baker's Square on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 for dinner or 7:30 for the meeting.

President Steve

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 5, 7:30 Baker's Square.

Come early. Enjoy no-host dinner with friends starting at 6PM. Chatsworth and Zelzah.

Special Announcement: Mark your calendar for **December 3** for our meeting at the home of Steve & Sue Boskovich. We will have all of our Christmas decorations up (105 boxes and still counting!). We would like to share our home with all of our friends in the Valley V-8s. A light dinner, drinks and dessert will be served. **The fun starts at 6:00 pm.** We hope to see all of you there.

ANNUAL ALL FORD PICNIC

The 33rd Annual All Ford Picnic at La Palma Park on October 6 included a beautiful collection of about 100 Fords and Mercurys from many different years. The most interest from the crowd was centered on the flatheads from the early '32s to the most modern '53s. Several of our club members were there to enjoy the beautiful weather and the spectacular display of the early Fords.

Steve Batesole brought his '36 pickup. Jerry and Carole Jensen were there with their '39 convertible coupe, Don and Mary Durkee brought their '50 Crestliner and your editor waxed up the '46 for the occasion. Jerry Jensen came away with the People's Choice award for the '37-'39 category. Jerry's plaque is an 8" x 10" beauty with crossed open-end wrenches!

This annual event put on by the Southern California Regional Group is a good opportunity for club members to become acquainted with people from other clubs and the many models available from those marvelous flathead years.

A bystander is saying, "Wow! That's incredible!" as he admires Jerry Jensen's '39 Convertible Coupe.



SOLVING TOUR, CHALLENGE AND REWARD
By Tom Roffel

We can make it through the rain and out the other side with a huge smile on our faces. It's a real thing.

CAR OF THE MONTH - FRANK AND LUCY COPPA

Do you remember the story from our last meeting? This is the '48 Sedan Coupe that Frank traded for a plumbing job last year. With its new transmission, Frank tells DL that it runs great and rides like a Ford. Did we mention that the red on this car is a convertible color which is also the color of President Steve's '48 Sedan Coupe? In any case, it is a gem and quite a find which we are glad Frank snapped up. It was a real coup. (sorry!) Congratulations Frank! TP



THE COOL HOT ROD 1953

Hot rodding in the '50s. Sid Davis directed a safety film about fifty years ago with the assistance of the Rambling Rods Car Club and the Inglewood Police Department. With the help of Hot Rod Magazine one of the most influential hot rod safety films of the '50s was made. It was shown at high schools around America to get the kids to slow down. It was also shown at our meeting October 1st.

The star, Mickey Riding, was a racer on Inglewood's "strip" at 120th and Broadway. He was recruited to "star" in the film in part because his rod, basically a '29 roadster with a '59 A block, was just what Sid was looking for. It was the right image to attract the attention of the hot rod crowd.

Enter the Mobil Oil Company and with them, a chance

for Riding to go to the Indy 500 and there to meet racing legend Ralph De Palma. Mickey was filmed with all the drivers at Indy while meeting the winner of the Indy race. The end of the film was shot on May 30, 1953 which, it turns out, was Mickey's birthday.

A winner? In 1950s terms, no doubt about it. Would it get attention today? As a period piece. Of interest to our Club? You Bet! Thanks Ron Main and friends. It was a great evening



SOLVANG TOUR, CHALLENGE AND REWARD

By Tom Potter

We can make the sun come out! We drove through the rain and out the other side. The tour to Solvang was a huge success. We found that we could even make the sun shine!

On September 28, twelve cars and twenty-two people left the Denny's Restaurant in Woodland Hills. We picked up seven more cars from the Ventura V8s at Wendy Dr. The beautiful part of our drive lasted until we got past Santa Barbara, then things got interesting. The drizzle that followed us up the coast turned into steady rain by the time we got to Nojoqui Falls which was supposed to be our outdoor picnic/BBQ. Then we were going to hike to the Falls. Right!



President Steve and Sue, '51 convertible and Joe DiFatta, '46 Tudor, offer rides to other club members as our tour to Solvang begins. Don Stout's SUV might not be flathead powered...well, at least it is a Ford.



What? Rain in September in Southern California? Here's the proof all beaded up on top of the Blitz Wax.



Chef Steve discusses the progress of the BBQ with Don Stout and Dick Stones

Some quick decisions in the pouring rain (this was September!) were made and we drove to the Royal Copenhagen Hotel where we checked into our rooms. At the suggestion of our hotel host, we relocated our picnic/BBQ to Hans Christian Anderson Park where the sun was still shining!. President Steve and his helpers produced hot dogs, potato salad, beans and all the fixin's for about 40 people. The rain tried to move in but our presence kept our site dry. We have the power!

Back at the Royal Copenhagen, we split into several groups, some shopping, some resting, some playing cards and some, your editor and publisher included, went to Steve Lykken's 40 Garage. See the following article.

A highlight of the tour was the presentation of the play "Chaps" at the PCPA Amphitheatre in the center of Solvang, a stage where the likes of Robin Williams got his start. This hilarious "western" was set in a BBC Home Service radio studio in wartime

London where a makeshift live broadcast carried on through enemy bombings and an "electrical failure." In spite of the variety of weird characters among the cast, there was a patriotic overtone to the presentation along with many laughs. The necessity to support "the boys at the front" became very



The Valley and Ventura V8s have gathered at the Royal Copenhagen Hotel in Solvang.

clear. The pauses were intense as the broadcasters realized the importance of their roles in the war effort. The old western songs from the likes of the Sons of the Pioneers were well done and the harmonies were true, at least to this has-been piano player. The play was enthusiastically received by all.

We had overcome the rain at Nojoqui Falls. Now it was time to overcome a cooler than expected evening while keeping the persistent mist from turning to rain. Since we are a tough group, we enjoyed every minute out of doors



Tour leader, Joe DiFatta, is saying "You are the lucky winner of the prize in the raffle at Solvang on Sunday morning, September 29th."

then completed the evening with refreshments back at the hotel. We all said goodnight, except for the all night card players

The dawn came clear and dry. After a DiFattaized morning raffle with much laughter, coffee and danish, we pointed the early Ford V8s for home reflecting on the satisfaction of another successful tour.

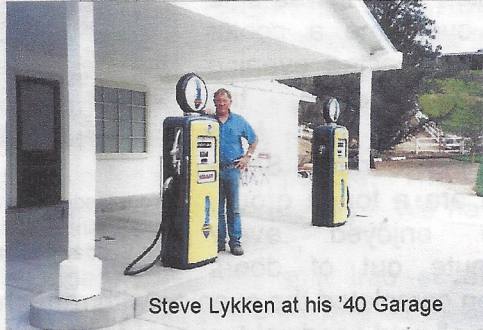
The benefit of challenging weather, such as we had, is that we all learned exactly where and how much our cars leak. A good thing to know. Where is the best place to buy new trunk door seals? How about a cowl vent gasket for a leaky '46?

Personal to Joe DiFatta: You not only organize a great tour, but your power over the weather is way beyond the call of duty. The club is stronger and the interest is greater because of tours like this. Besides it is an awful lot of fun! Thank you for all you do for us! TP

THE '40 GARAGE - STEVE LYKKEN'S COLLECTION

There was a light gray '40 woody, a '40 stake bed half ton truck, Two immaculate '40 sedan deliveries, one black, one green, and an impeccable '40 Fordor. Then there was the pristine '40 convertible and a '40 coupe, both in black, that were "to die for". (Do you see a pattern here?) But, that's not all!

The '1940s Richfield gas station had started life as a riveted steel cargo container and ended up looking like your neighborhood "filling station" to which the car collection could have gone for "Regular" or "Ethyl" when they were new.



Steve Lykken at his '40 Garage

The setting for all of this was Steve's wooded acres in the gorgeous hill country of the Santa Ynez Valley near Solvang. While the cars were clearly the highlight of this little side trip the ambiance of Steve's place and the friendly, knowledgeable host himself added much to the high quality collection.



Thanks for your hospitality, Steve. You set an example for all of us. TP

'40 Garage has eight beautiful '40s including this convertible

A Tudor, an opera coupe and
(under cover) a ½ ton stake
bed. All '40's, all immaculate.



Four club members and Steve
Lykken as seen in the
reflection in the rear door of a
'40 Ford sedan delivery with
dealer plates yet!

Photo by Wendi Potter



Your publisher
and your editor
enjoying some
refreshment at the
Kahn Winery in
Los Olivos after a
hard day of
touring. Are these
guys legal to
drive?

FROM THE RIGHT SEAT
Secretary's Minutes for October 1, 2002

Meeting Place: Baker's Square Car Count: 5 (threat of rain)

Meeting Leader: Steve Boskovich, President.

Start 7:30 Adjourn 9:06

Introduction of Guests: Suzanne & Ed Hendley, Harry & Helen Baker, and welcome back Don Dupree!

President's Notes: Steve Boskovich

Thank you again Joe DiFatta for the fantastic tour to Solvang. We made Lemonade out of Lemons at the BBQ. A little rain can't stop us!

The December meeting will be held at Steve's house where he and Sue will display their 106 boxes worth of holiday decorations. Food, drink, and fun. December 3 at 6:30 pm.

Thank you again Dave and Tom. It gets more amazing each month. The Drivelines is the best it's ever been.

Treasurer's Report: Ingvar Carlson

We have made a deposit for the '03 Holiday Party. We are building back up. Buy those raffle tickets!

Upcoming Events:

November 2 & 3 – C&G Early Ford Parts Annual Open House is now coupled with a chapter tour. Contact John Farrar for details.

The 2002 Holiday Party will be here before you know it. December 8th at the Sportsman's Lodge. Contact Joe DiFatta.

Announcements:

Darryl announced his involvement in the Granada Hills Parade December 8. They need classic vehicles, especially a woody to start the parade. Please contact him for details.

Chuck Mair is back in the hospital. His heart valve needs to be redone. He is at USC Medical Center. He is weak but doing ok. All the best to you Chuck.

Car of the Month: Frank Coppa's Red '48 Super Deluxe Coupe

Program of the evening: Ron Main shared a fascinating 1952 film used as a safety feature for young people & hot rodding on the streets.

FROM THE RIGHT SEAT *(continued)*

Raffle Winners: Ladies: Christine Varney & Judy Schubb
50/50 Frank Coppa (lucky Mr. Car of the Month)

Minutes submitted by Wendi Potter, Secretary

HEALTH UPDATES

Chuck Mair. We talked to Chuck on the phone the other day. It seems that after a double bout of heart valve replacement, we are happy to report that Chuck is not only at home, but expects to be at our next meeting! Since the first valve didn't work out as expected, a second one was installed. The doctors took care of the infection that developed as well. Ingvar, our treasurer, suggested valve sealant. Your editor suggested pump lubricant. Both treatments are considered highly scientific and sound advise (if you're a V8).

In any case, we are glad that due to the good care Chuck received from daughter Becky and friend Doni and his determination to get well, he is much better and as enthusiastic as ever.

Dick Smith. We are sorry to report that up in Redding, the Smiths have had a spate of bad luck. Dick was injured when his '50 Ford, which he was loading on a trailer, rolled off backward as he was out of the car checking the balance on the trailer. The open driver's door knocked him to the ground, dragging him some distance before he rolled free, but not before his hip was broken.

At a Redding hospital he had a half hip replacement. At last report, he will be able to come home from the hospital about Thursday, October 18th. We hope his recovery is speedy and wish he and Patti all the best.

Thanks to Virginia Wolf and Don Stout for the information on which this report is based. TP

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) in Temecula

Visit the C & G Open House with other club members!

Then enjoy a no-host dinner at a great restaurant

Get an excellent rate at the Best Western Escondido Hotel

Throw in an optional Wine Tasting all in a week end!

How you ask? 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. Call

C & G 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.

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THE EDITOR'S GRILLE

President Steve commented at our Solvang Continental Breakfast that we have a bigger and more enthusiastic turn out for meetings, tours, and other events than we have had in the past. Our observation is that this is true and that a trend is clearly present.

It takes a certain attitude to build a club that is this much fun. It seems that we are all pulling together to encourage new members and current members alike. Let's continue to figure out how we can support all of our members in their enthusiasm for our activities and the goals of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. TP

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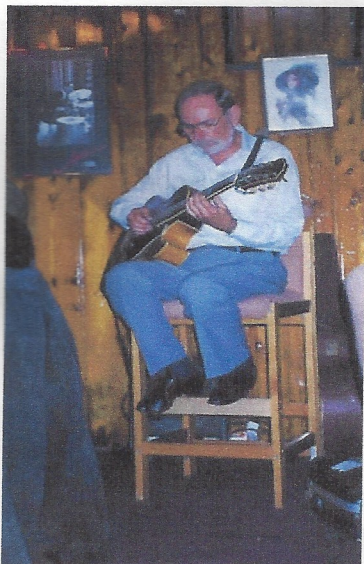
Five 15" Merc wheels. Good condition.

Steve Boskovich (818) 341-6878

'39 Ford Pickup frame. Straight and solid. Does not need to be pretty,

Scott Doudick (818) 957-5708

JERRY CASE: FORD MECHANIC/JAZZ GUITARIST



Why are we including a photo of Charlie O's Bar and Grill in the DriveLines? Because it includes none other than our very own Jerry Case (left) on *jazz guitar*. In addition to being a superb musician, which has been a life long passion, Jerry is the main man behind Jerry's Mobile Repair. As many of us know, Jerry is also a superb flathead mechanic. Often my '46 has needed repair which is beyond me and I call (818) 989-5211. He comes out to my place and in no time I am back on the

road. The others in this photo below are Benn Clatsworthy on tenor sax, Adrian Rosen on bass, and Sherman Ferguson on drums. Great music if your like it hot! TP



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Jerry Trapp	12th	Ann Miles
3rd	David Gott	19th	Robert Zecher
4th	Ruth Spencer	21st	Kathy Piscopo
5th	Virginia Keene	24th	Jerry Case
9th	Joan Sapper	25th	Ernie Baily
9th	Allen Franklin		



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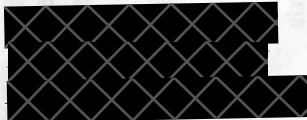
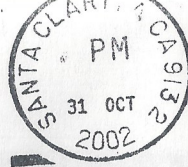
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Car of the Month - Frank & Lucy Coppa's
1948 Sedan Coupe



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