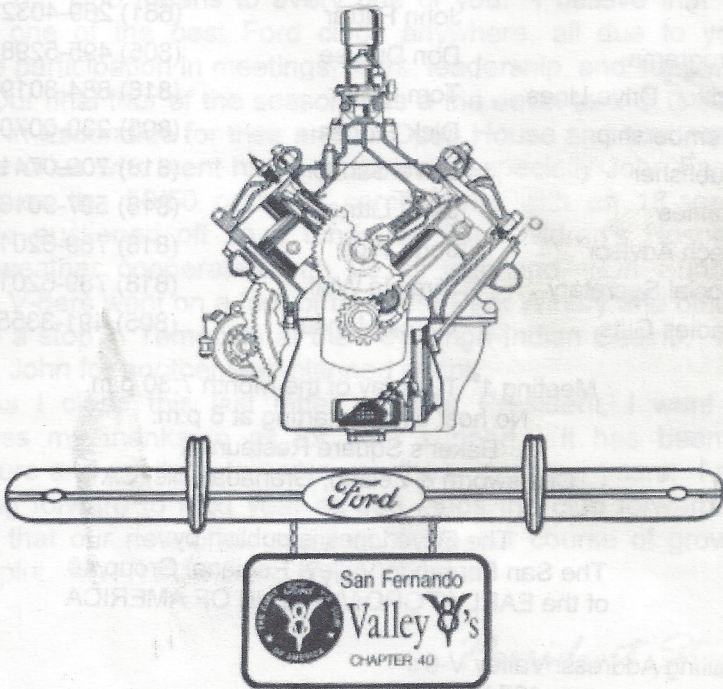




December 2002

"Our 32nd Year"



Drive Lines

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WE TOLD YOU CRUISIN' WITH STEVE

It's hard to believe that this year is almost over. Thanksgiving is nearly here and we'll soon be ushering in the New Year!!! As my term of office draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our officers for an outstanding job. Their support and willingness to help has been immeasurable to me and to the entire Valley Ford V-8's.

Our club has grown in membership and enthusiasm. We now fill the banquet room at Baker's Square with close to 80 members at each meeting. This is a true reflection of how much our club means to every one of you. I believe that we have one of the best Ford clubs anywhere, all due to your active participation in meetings, tours, leadership, and support.

Our final tour of the season was a trip down to C & G Auto Parts in Escondido for their annual Open House and Barbeque. Those of us who went had a great time, especially John Farrar who won the 50/50 raffle. I came home with an 18-speed bicycle auctioned off as a fundraiser for Children's Hospital. The weather cooperated with us all weekend. On Sunday some V-8ers went on a tour of the Deer Park Winery and others made a stop in Temecula at the Pechanga Indian Casino. We thank John for another well-planned event.

As I close this last letter as your President, I want to express my thanks to all for your support. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve you these past two years. I am looking forward to next year as Joe leads the club forward. I know that our new officers will continue our course of growth and spirit. MY THANKS TO EVERYONE.

President Steve

Special Announcement

Mark your calendar for December 3rd for our meeting at the home of Steve and Sue Boskovich. For information and directions, call (818) 341-6876. We will have all of our Christmas decorations up (105 boxes and still shopping!). We would like to share our home with all of our friends in the Valley Ford V8s. A light dinner, drinks, and dessert will be served. (Please remember if you signed up to bring a dessert). The fun starts at 6:00 pm. We hope to see all of you there.

WE TOLD OUR OWN STORIES The Program for the November Meeting

As usual, Don Durkee kept us well entertained at our last meeting. We seemed to laugh through the whole program as each member told the story of what car they were driving and how they met their wife/significant other. Many of these stories took place in the '50's and many of us were driving '30s,'40's, and '50's cars. Some were hot. Some were stock. All seemed to play a big role in our lives and our new relationships.

Each person would tell his story. The one who told the best story would get a prize— a gift certificate from Baker's Square. About forty people told a story and the winner, "according to the committee," was none other than Cal Beauregard, the master storyteller.

Cal bought a new, shiny green Ford Convertible on Memorial Day 1952. He had only driven the car a few weeks when he



Cal Beauregard's '51 Cosmopolitan
Convertible Coupe.

WE TOLD OUR STORIES (continued)

went to Bermuda, leaving it in his hometown, Suffern, NY.

When he returned from the Caribbean, with a great tan, he went cruisin' with the top down on the main street of this small town. The street ended and traffic had to make a U-turn. He noticed a beautiful girl in a nurse's uniform at the bus stop as he made the turn. He pulled up and asked her if she was engaged or married. She looked at Cal and then at the car and said "No."

He said, "Would you go out with me?"

She said, "Ok."

He said, "How do I get in touch with you?"

She answered, " If you want to know, you will find a way."

Then she got on the bus and left.

In a small town like Suffern, everybody knows everybody. Cal remembered that her sister was a soda jerk at a fountain in town. He went in to buy a chocolate malt and while there, asked her sister for her phone number. She gave it to him. He waited until she had time to arrive home on the bus, then he called her as she came in the door. And that was the way it all started for Cal in 1952.

Another Ford Convertible does its job! Thanks for the great story, Cal. You know how to tell 'em! TP



Cal doesn't drive the '52 convertible, but he has a Ford product that still turns heads. This is his great looking '39 Ford Convertible Sedan.

THE NOVEMBER TOUR C & G EARLY FORD PARTS OPEN HOUSE

By John Farrar

Bright (and not too early) a group of us met at our usual spot in Woodley Park on Saturday morning, November 2nd. Lining up at Woodley Park were Shel Harriman, Linda Caruthers, Steve and Sue Boskovich, John and Virginia Wolf, Dick Stones, Frank and Lucy Coppa, Steve and Nancy Batesole, a new guest, Rich Bullock, and John Farrar. From the Ventura Regional Group, Kip and Lory Coulombe attended. Shortly, we departed for Escondido for the annual trek to C & G Early Ford Parts for their open house and 50's party.

Along the way we had a rest stop at Tom's Farms, just south of Corona on I-15. After about 15 minutes we were on our way again to Escondido. This certainly had to be a unique tour for our club in that a 1958 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham, owned by John Farrar, led it. ("Little Ford" was still hospitalized because he is having a heart transplant with a soon to be completed new engine. His poured mains were getting a little sloppy and he was complaining.)

Once we arrived at C & G, we found the entire street full of early Ford V8s. Everything from beautifully restored examples



The C&G party is ready to roll.

to radical hot rods were parked for blocks. It was truly a Ford lover's delight and a sight to behold. One of the first people we saw was Dorothy Bangiola, who has so ably taken the reigns of C & G from her

parents, Clyde and Gail. Clyde and Gail, by the

way, have retired and built a new home in Prescott, Arizona. They did, however, make the trek to Escondido for this event and to see so many of their old friends. Many of our members

THE NOVEMBER TOUR (continued)

spent a bit too much money on things they just had to have and that were priced just right. There were a series of drawings and Virginia Wolf won a bottle of wine... (She told us the party would be in their room later.)

John Farrar won the 50/50 drawing and pocketed \$165.00 that he said would help defray "Little Ford's" heart transplant costs.

At C & G we ran into a few more of our members,

including Bud and Barbara Williams, Bob Zecher and Dave Sanborn. There were

also a lot of old Ford friends there from other regional groups as well.



The food at C&G is always free.



A '40 pick-up and a '50 Woody are in for restoration.



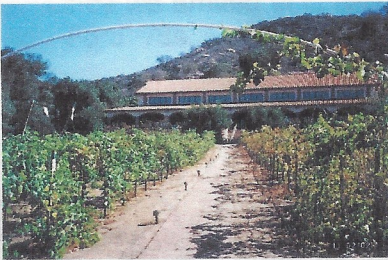
THE NOVEMBER TOUR (continued)



The street in front of C & G always looks good with those flatheads lined up!

For the afternoon we were on our own and then we joined up again at our hotel, the Escondido Best Western, and went to a truly delightful dinner at the Brigantine Restaurant where we all sat together and had a wonderful time.

The next morning a few of us went on the optional tour of Deer Park Winery... where we looked at more cars... what else... right? There were 125 restored convertibles on display there ranging from an 1896 Benz, listed at the first production automobile, to a



black 1953 Cadillac Eldorado that Dick Stones was trying to figure out how

to get out of the museum. He fell in love with that one...Of course, so did I. It

was truly immaculate. Those that didn't attend this part of the tour really missed something special.



The Deer Park Winery has many Estate grown bottlings. These may be the Chardonnay

THE NOVEMBER TOUR (continued)

After that, we all bid farewell and headed home, happy that we had shared another great time together with our old friends and our old Fords... and old Cadillac.

After all, our name is "Valley V8s." It doesn't say "Ford V8s."



Signs galore out of the 40's and 50's.



Unusual cars from the 50's include a Kaiser 4 door convertible, the Kaiser Darin, the Nash Rambler convertible (Did this one belong to Marilyn?), and a vintage Studebaker.

Thanks, John, for your great write up of the November Tour. Oh, about the "Valley V-8s"? The club is not only just a Ford products club. It's a FLAT HEAD Ford products organization. Do we drive other cars? Sure! If you were at our last meeting, you know that my precious wife impressed me with her new Honda LXi when we first met. It was a great driver. We did San Marcos Pass (north bound) in 15 minutes on our first trip out of town. Of course, modern Ford products are not only overhead valve engines, they are all overhead cam as well. But, our club is about a period when the flatheads ruled. And "Little Ford" is one of the best examples I can think of. It's one of the first ('32) and immaculate. This model set the pace for the next 21 years. It's the memories! TP

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.

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CAR OF THE MONTH

A beautiful '39 Deluxe Fordor was selected as Car of the Month at our last meeting. As usual, the photo is on the cover of this issue. Here is the history by its owners, Art and Mary Bans.

I purchased the Ford from a collector in Ojai, Calif. about 3 years ago. He owned it for about 10 years. Originally it came from Chicago. As far as I know we are the third owners. The car had a few upgrades: turn signals, electric fuel pump, but other than that it was original.

I drove the car for a year and then got the reconditioning bug. Now after 1 1/2 years of late nights, days off work, working on the Ford every chance I got, you can see the end results. It has a new paint job, upholstery, glass, chrome, running boards. The things you can't see are the rebuilt V8, power brake booster, new shock system king pins, brake lines, wiring, etc. You have all been there and done that.

This was my first and hopefully not my last. Thanks for Car of the Month. Art

Thanks for the story Art. Thanks too, for bringing your treasure to the meeting. You've done a lot to make it into the great car it is today. TP

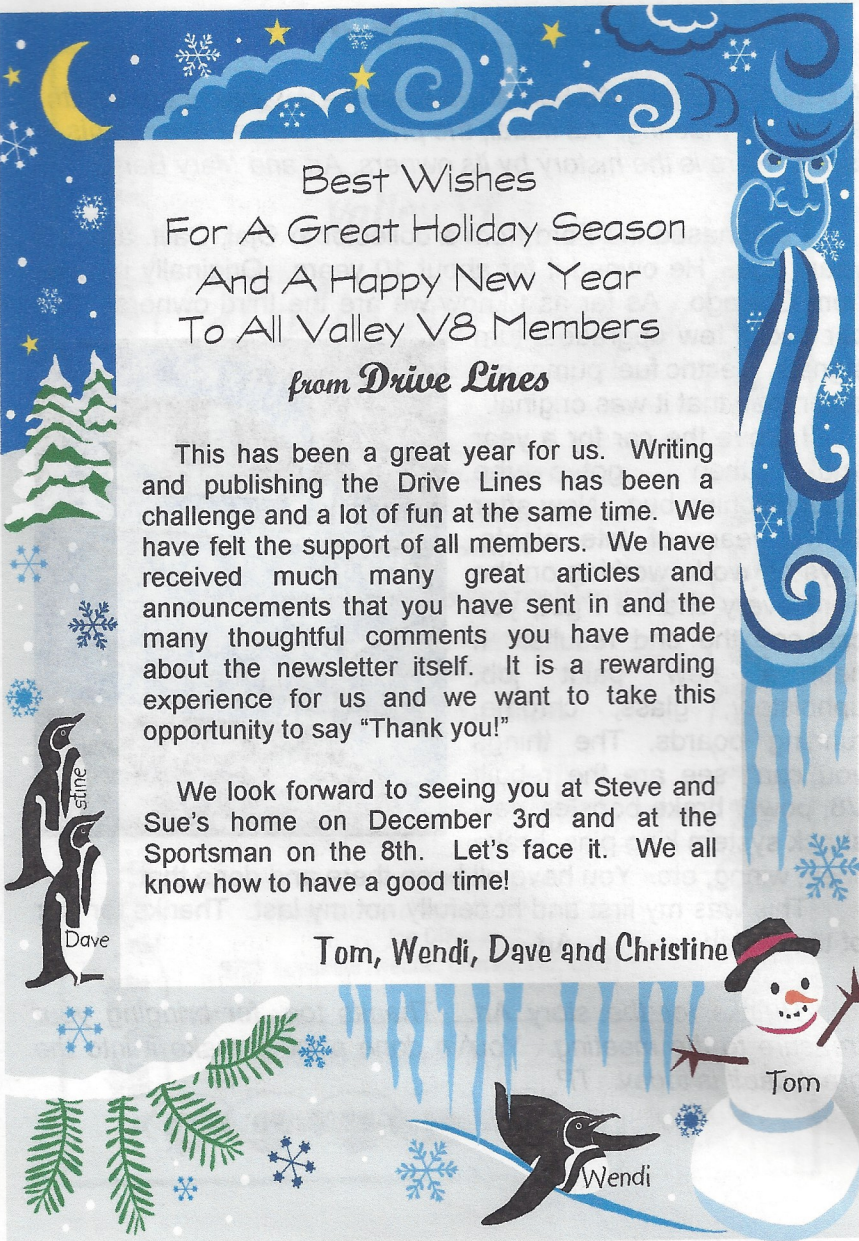


Best Wishes
 For A Great Holiday Season
 And A Happy New Year
 To All Valley V8 Members
from Drive Lines

This has been a great year for us. Writing and publishing the Drive Lines has been a challenge and a lot of fun at the same time. We have felt the support of all members. We have received much many great articles and announcements that you have sent in and the many thoughtful comments you have made about the newsletter itself. It is a rewarding experience for us and we want to take this opportunity to say "Thank you!"

We look forward to seeing you at Steve and Sue's home on December 3rd and at the Sportsman on the 8th. Let's face it. We all know how to have a good time!

Tom, Wendi, Dave and Christine



FROM THE RIGHT SEAT

Date: 11-5-02 Meeting Place: Baker's Square
 Meeting Leader: Steve Boskovich Car Count: 12
 Start Time: 7:30 Adjournment Time: 9:10

Introduction of Guests: Welcome one and all! Harold Fredrickson, Tom McNight, Jim Albert, Jack Abrams, Karen Meisel

President's Notes: Steve Boskovich

Welcome back Chuck Mair! Drivelines keeps getting better and better. Thank you Tom Potter and Dave Sanborn. The 50/50 Drawing is really helping with the treasury. Holiday Party Dec. 8th Please make check out to Joe DiFatta. The Dec. 3rd meeting will be at Steve and Sue's. They have 105 boxes of decorations set up for viewing pleasure. Come for a light dinner and fun!

Treasurer's Report: Ingvar Carlson

The treasury is looking good. We are in the black again. The treasury is building each month. Keep buying those 50/50's.

Upcoming Tours: John Farrar

The C&G + overnight tour was a great success. All who attended had a great time. John Farrar won the C&G 50/50. It pays off.

Scott Doudrick is guiding a tour at JPL Jan. 25 '03, 9a.m. We will be seeing and learning about the Mars Exploration Rover. Bring ID. V8's will be allowed to park on site. The tour lunch will be in Montrose followed by dessert at Scott and Rachael's. Sign up ahead of time is necessary. Call Scott. (Scott will be presenting the January Program at the monthly meeting to prep. us.)

FROM THE RIGHT SEAT (continued)

Announcements: Gerry Blackwell announced "The Blackwell Tours." Yes, Gerry is back at it with several great tours planned for the next year. April: Gilroy, CA; Bonfante' Gardens and more. Sept: Troutdale, OR. And the "Annual Sequoia Trip" (to be advertised in the "V8 Times"). Call Gerry for details.

The new officers for the '03 San Fernando Valley V8 Club were announced. A motion to accept was made by Don Durkee. It was seconded and approved

New Officers of the San Fernando Valley V8 for 2003

President: Joe DiFatta	Vice President: Wendi Potter
Secretary: Scott Doudrick	Treasurer: Ingvar Carlson
Tours: John Farrar & Steve Boskovich	Programs: Don Durkee
Drivelines Editor: Tom Potter	Publisher: TBD
Membership: Dick Stones	Raffle: Jerry Littner
Tech Advisor: John Wolf	Social Secretary: Virginia Wolf
Ladies Raffle: Carole Jensen	

Car of the Month: Art and Mary Bans - Blue '39 Deluxe Fordor. See inside this issue for the story.

Program of the Evening: Stories from the membership on what car each was driving when they met their wives. It was a fun-filled evening (and very revealing). See story inside this issue for details.

Raffle winners: Ladies (2): Shirley Richards, Rose Gott
Name Badge: Blacky Blackwell 50/50 drawing: Rose Gott

(Minutes submitted by Wendi Potter, Secretary)



Mystery of the Month

This photo "from a few years ago," suggests this question:
What do these guys have in common?

UPDATE

Chuck Mair is Back! We were all very glad to see Chuck at the last meeting. Considering the encounters he has had in recent months with doctors who work on heart valves, he is looking as good as ever and the shy, contagious smile is always present. Welcome back, Chuck! We're wishing you a lot of good health in the holiday season and in the New Year.



Dick Colarossi

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Four Bangers and the Long Tour

What are pictures of four bangers doing in the V-8 Club newsletter? These Model A's don't just cruise around in their own town. The Palomar Model A Club has a very different agenda. Wendi and I ran into them at a Sonoma County motel as they were on the final leg of a 2500-mile tour that included



much of California.

Their cars are all four-cylinder

Our club secretary with the Model A Club tour leader Barry Martin and his '30 Tudor.



A shot in the Rohnert Park Best Western, parking lot. Model A Sedans, "Good to go..."

stock-block A's with mechanical brakes and Ford original suspension. There were thirteen cars on this tour that included such destinations as Oakhurst, Yosemite Valley, Sonora, Lassen National Park, Eureka, Ft. Bragg, Monterey, Hearst Castle, Sylmar (the Nethercutt Museum) and back to Palomar.

The tour leaders, Barry and Debbie Martin, shared their copy of the trip book for this tour. It was an 8 1/2" by 11", spiral bound book at least one inch thick.

FOUR BANGERS (continued)



These '31 Pick-ups are loaded for the trip. Bed covers are a necessity. Was bright red a factory color?



This A roadster pulls a trailer that may have been built after 1931.

We understand that they have plans to tour to Detroit in the Model A's for Ford's 100th anniversary celebration next June.

It is safe to say that this club is known as the "Touring Club" in the Model

A world. They cover 5000 miles or more each year.



This beautiful green coupe may not have stock tires, but it shines like new. The ice chest is strictly K-Mart. Did they have K-Mart back then?

The oldest person we met was Don, age 85 who was traveling with his wife, Fran. Most of these drivers cover thousands of miles with wives and loads of stuff. WOW!



The long wheelbase Sedan Delivery carries as much as a modern SUV. Its owner keeps it extra clean.

Their cars included 1928-1931 Victorias, coupes, Tudors, Fordors, roadsters, pickups and on this trip two sedan deliveries. By the time you read this, Barry and Debbie Martin will be back home in San Diego County.

And I thought we were dedicated! TP

Mechanical Note: Many of these A's run F-150, 4-speed stick shift trannys. Hey, it's still 4 on the floor!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 6 George Richards | 25 Paul Dunn |
| 8 Ron Batesole | 27 Donna Paschal |
| 9 Nancy Beauregard | 27 Nancy Batesole |
| 11 Shel Harriman | 30 Gary Glass |
| 15 Ken Sapper | 30 Jim Dawson |
| 19 Shirley Richards | |

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PAST PRESIDENTS

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
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Car of the Month - Art and Mary Bans'
1939 Deluxe Fordor

