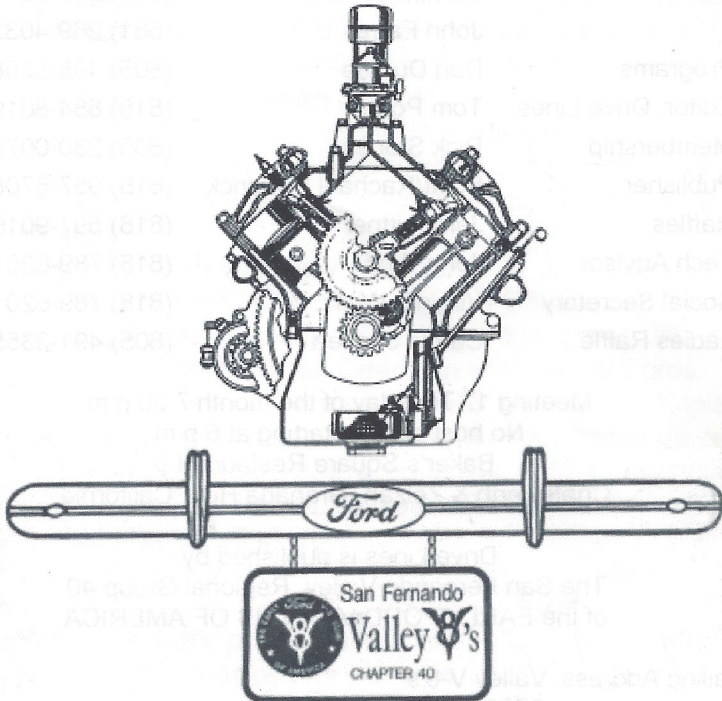




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No host dinner starting at 6 p.m.
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President Joe's Message

– May 2003 –

“In this very room...Friends”

As you are aware by now, I am a “People Person,” with walking & talking to members at the meeting. I try spending a few flashing moments with members.

First stop: visit Carl Batesole, our 9-year-old Ford Club mascot. He now joins our other “Ford Mascots” Donnie & Holly (Grandkids of the Durkee's). Carl's parents, Nancy & Steve bring him and his homework to our meeting. How grateful he is to win a prize! Another table with their smiling faces are Georgia & Mike Munroe, telling me about their daily activities. Next are Art & Mary Bans, stripping the one-year-old paint job off of their '39 Fordor...paint is blistering!! Also walking the room are Carole Jensen, Virginia & John Wolf and Jerry Littner selling and passing out raffle tickets. Jerry drives to CQ Automotive Parts Store every month for our prizes...(Thanks Dick Colarossi). Another group is talking about Iraq and the rescue of Jessica Lynch, PFC army soldier, only 19, shot twice & with a broken leg – great story.

Then, sitting down with new members Jim and Jamie Kenehan, looking for parts for their '41 pickup. By now Baker's Square is filling up and Dick Stones is passing out our new directories with pictures of Jerry & Carole Jensen's three Dearborn winning '39 Fords.

As the meeting starts, in walk Leon & Dixie-Belle Kaplan, the “Motor Man” on KABC radio 790 AM, Sunday mornings at 8:00. What a couple. Besides having a bunch of cars, motorcycles and airplanes, they own a couple of 1940 Fords. Leon will be our speaker for the May meeting...come early!

Announcements made by Steve Boskovich and Gerry Blackwell about our upcoming tours. Tom & Wendi Potter along with Scott & Rachael Doudrick were praised about the bulletin. Dick Stones and David Sanborn were thanked for our new directory and even Ingvar “Swede” Carlson got in an April Fools joke about our unexplainable lack of funds in our club checking account!!! Don Durkee introduced Dave Graham, National Director, with our program, and a quiz about Fords.

I could ramble on, (sorry to you members I missed) but you gotta be there and see first hand that 72 members (including 25 ladies) are enjoying what we do best...being Valley V8 Ford Club members!!

Joe D.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 6, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M.

Come early and enjoy dinner with V-8 friends.

Bring a little extra cash to buy raffle tickets for prizes and 50/50
See John Wolf and Jerry Littner at the meeting. They will be happy
to sell you some lucky tickets!

WHERE IS THE MEETING??

Baker's Square. Chatsworth and Zelzah in Granada Hills.

Dinner can start at 6 pm or earlier. There are so many of us they might
run out of food. Come early, order early, stay late. See you there!

Calendar

May 4th (Sun.): Ft. Tejon Tour: Meet at McDonalds the 5
Freeway at Lake Hughes Road, leaving 9:15 a.m. Our visit to the
fort includes the Living History of California, cir. 1850. Following the
reenactment done in period costume there will be a **bring-your-own
picnic** lunch. The return trip will include a drive in search of wild
flowers. Contact Steve Boskovich (818) 341-6876 for information.

May 16th (Fri.): Blackwell Tour: Meet at Woodley Park, 9:30
a.m. Gerry names this beauty, "A Day in Los Angeles." Visit the
Gilmore Mansion, Farmers Market (no host lunch), and the Grove
Shopping Center. Contact Gerry Blackwell (661) 268-0040.

June 1st (Sun.): Santa Paula Airport Day. Meet at Sepulveda
Blvd at Rinaldi St. Leaving 9am. As many already know, the first
Sunday of each month pilots at Santa Paula open their hangars to
display antique airplanes. Our cars will be on display near the
planes. We will park on the tarmac, look at the planes and enjoy a
no-host brunch at Logsdon's Restaurant on the field. Call Joe
DiFatta (818) 700-1939 for information.

June 7th (Sun.): Display our Early Ford V-8s at Sunrise
Assisted Living of West Hills senior residence. Meeting is from 10
a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9012 Topanga Cyn. Blvd. Lunch will be provided
by Sunrise. Share our V-8s with truly appreciative older folks.
These people remember when Contact Wendi Potter
(818) 884-8019

July 12 & 13 (Sat.&Sun.): Solvang Tour. All those who have
prior reservations, meet at Denny's parking lot at Topanga Cyn.
Blvd. and Burbank Blvd. Leaving at 10 a.m. Tour to Solvang for
shopping, theatre and overnight. There are still two places left on
this tour as this goes to press. Contact Joe DiFatta (818) 700-1939.

**As a courtesy to the chairperson, if you have signed up for
a tour and then your plans change, PLEASE CALL ASAP to
cancel.**

"THE BELIEVER"

It has often been said that "behind every successful man, there is a woman." This was repeated by Edsel B. Ford II with particular reference to his great grandmother, Clara Ford.

While little has actually been written about Clara relative to the avalanche of material published about her husband Henry, she seems to have taken a back seat to him in every respect. However she belongs anywhere but in the "back seat." When we look at her life as a strong and independent woman, unusual for her generation, we find defining character and deep interests that are worth a closer look.

She supported her husband in many, but not in all of his ventures. Particularly in the early years, which were anything but a guaranteed success, she was, as Henry said, "The Believer". She was a believer in him, his inventiveness and his personal courage. Beyond this, she was a dedicated mother to Edsel and very close to her family throughout her life.

Her personality in public, especially as her husband grew in stature, was modest and reserved. She was unpretentious, kind and gracious. While in the company of friends and family, her charm and keen sense of humor helped her to balance her husband's quicksilver and sometimes abrasive character.

Clara's personal interests, about which she felt passionately, included gardening which developed into what later became the horticultural therapy movement. She was an avid bird watcher and conservationist, and she had a love of the written word. It has been noted that she would spend days on end in the library reading great English literature. Her love of the written word rubbed off on her son Edsel, who became a voracious reader himself.

She stood up to Henry when she felt strongly about a situation even if it was beyond her areas interest. On one occasion, after months of strikes and disputes with the union, Clara, who felt that Ford workers had not been given a fair wage, announced to Henry that unless he dealt fairly with the unions and "gave the workers the best contract they ever had", she would publicly announce her divorce from him.

When the aging Henry Ford was not showing any willingness to step down from the Presidency of the company in the months following Edsel's death and the departure of Charles Sorensen, she banded together with Eleanor, Edsel's widow and threatened that if Henry didn't step down and allow Henry II to become President, they

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What makes a "Car of the Month?"

What does it mean when we select a "Car of the Month?" Drive Lines has been observing the Valley V-8's pick Car of the Month. For several years we have noted that it is usually:

1. A V-8 that was built by the Ford Motor Company that either looks stock, or drives in a way that could pass for stock.
2. A car that reminds our membership of the days when we drove flathead Ford V8s as hard, as fast and as often as we could.



Dick Gise's Car of the Month
1936 Ford Deluxe Five Window Coupe

While it is true that the Cars of the Month are not always "stockers", they are usually bone stock. It is safe to say that they represent the Fords we drove and lives we lead in which Flathead V-8s played a big part. We remember and appreciate these cars for their speed and rugged construction.

When we focus each month on a car belonging to a club member, it stands out in the parking lot and gets the attention of other members and passers-by alike. Isn't it fun to drive cars that are potentially the "Car of the Month?"



Dick Colarossi

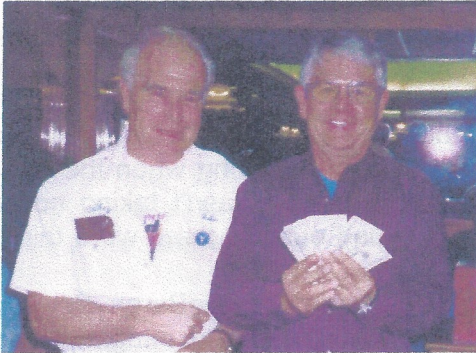
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50/50 and Then Some.....



John Wolf presents the 50/50 winnings to Don Durkee at the April meeting

We know that Don Durkee won two 50/50 raffles in a row. To the best of our knowledge, no one in club history has won as much money from the 50/50 as Don has won in the last two months.

What are these raffles all about anyway? Pure and simple, the game that John Wolf runs is a fundraiser for the club. Half of your 50/50

contributions go straight to the treasury and, like the auction, membership dues, and the raffle for prizes, it is a chance to contribute to the club while trying to win big bucks. What about Durkee? If he wins again next month, it is time to start an investigation!

All this is fun and a real good way to help support our great V-8 organization. TP

Interesting Reading about Ford

Though we are familiar with the work of Henry Dominguez, his presentation at the Towe Museum was riveting. His 1999 work, Edsel Ford and E.T.Gregorie is a classic in its field. Dominguez' more definitive work on Henry's only son, is his 2002 publication, Edsel, The Story of Henry Ford's Forgotten Son. Dominguez says, though Edsel was the President of Ford Motor Company for a quarter century, "precious little has been written about him." He answers the challenge of this statement with research and sound reasoning.

Another book well worth considering is Russ Banham's 2002 Publication "The Ford Century". The author claims that his book is a "captivating visual history of the man and the machine that shaped the world in which we live." This comprehensive work was produced with the blessing of the Ford family and the company hierarchy.

There's a lot of looking and reading here for those interested in the fascinating play of men and machines connected to Ford (available at amazon.com). TP

How are your grades on the SAT for V8'ers? Our April Meeting Program

Our program in April was a surprise. The first Tuesday of this month brought many of us up short as Dave Graham straightened out our understanding of the finer points of V8 knowledge. Aren't they supposed to tell us when there is a test? I guess this was a sneak quiz that we all should have been expecting when the class began. Did our class begin yet? I guess I wasn't taking notes. Well, it was a lot of fun and we all found out that there were things we didn't know we didn't know.

Your editor thought that "LB" stood for LeBaron Bonney. They make great interiors for our cars if you put them in right. Now I heard it stands for "large bearings". What do I know? The first rear window dividers on Fords were in 1937, not 1952. Though a lot of us know what the most expensive body style was or which Ford cars first received hydraulic brakes or the last floor shift, how many of us really knew that turtles breathe through their butts? We all breathe out there once in a while, but breathe in? As we overheard someone say, "Who cares if Marilyn Monroe had six toes? We were looking somewhere else at the time. Weren't you?" Watching her movies certainly burns more calories than watching TV or sleeping.

Thanks Dave, it was fun and we'll study harder next time! What will Durkee be up to next month? It's never dull at our meeting, that's for sure! TP

Lets Give Some Seniors an Antique Car Show

Sunrise Assisted Living is hosting this exciting event! Let's take a walk down memory lane and have some fun! A car show will be held on Saturday, June 7 from 10am – 2pm at 9012 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

Exhibitors will be served beverages and a delicious barbeque lunch! Also, neat looking white Tee shirts, imprinted with antique cars or trucks, will be given to each exhibitor!

RSVP to Gloria Darian at Sunrise at (818) 701-9550. The entire staff at Sunrise and their seniors thank you!

This event has worked out well in the past. The seniors' enthusiasm for our cars is really quite amazing! TP

Who is the Motor Man?

He is none other than the famous personality on KABC Sunday mornings from 8-12. Leon Kaplan, who came to our last meeting with his beautiful wife Dixie Belle, has everyone excited about his participation in the club. He has no less than three flathead V8s as you will notice in our new member's section. This guy knows more car stuff than any ten "motor heads" you could find in the average shop. You will enjoy his show on Sundays and even more, **you will enjoy his presentation at our next meeting! He will be there telling his tales about cars and their care, but also sharing his insights about flatheads.** Hey! He owns two '40s and a "42", all Ford flathead V8s! That's impressive.

The Centennials

There are two major events this summer which we are all watching closely. Some members are making the big trip to Dearborn. How about you?

The Ford Factory Centennial festivities will be held in Dearborn on June 12th through the 16th. The celebration includes five days packed with events of every sort. Are you ready for 10,000 antique and classic Fords? Ford and NASCAR are featuring the likes of Jackie Stewart, Dan Gurney, and Ned Jarrett among others. Then there will be the countdown to Kitty Hawk and a \$50 chance (you pay the money) to drive the Dearborn Proving Grounds, and more entertainers than we usually see in any month at Disneyland. All of this for \$24.95 per person. Get details by calling (866) 410-0367 or on line at <celebrateford100.com>.

The second big Centennial celebration starts in July when The Early Ford V8 Club of America holds its four-day extravaganza in Dearborn. Beginning on July 21st the Early Ford Grand Nationals will include all of the usual features, such as the swap meet, the concourse, the banquet and an author's row for book signings. Registration deadline is July 1st. For more information contact: Charlie Gunn, 62 Basswood Dr., North Branford, CT, 06471 or email him at <cgunn01@snet.net>.

Both events are well worth the trip and we are sure much lies in store for all of us who attend. Buy your tickets soon and head for Dearborn!. TP

Editor's Grille

The Towe Auto Museum is an amazing place!

The outside of the building looks like the old warehouse it once was. On the inside the Towe is a storehouse of automobile history with a strong twist in the direction of Henry Ford particularly his emphasis on "The car for the common man." From turn of the century cars to numerous Model T chassis and assemblies, through a complete line of V-8's, the Towe tells the Ford story and that of early automobile development in America. It mentions the stories and examples of some Hudsons, Packards, Studebakers, Chryslers, General Motors products and, would you believe, an example of the Chinese Red Star Limousine.

For the Centennial celebration, a semicircle of Ford cars was arranged in the center of the museum chronologically starting with the pre-Model T Fords, such as the N and S, through the Model Ts, the Model As, the Flathead V-8 s and modern Fords up to the 2003 T-Bird (in red, of course!).

Many educational displays, complete cars, chassis and cutaways are there for viewing and studying, as well as "don't touch" classics, and much literature about automotive history.



'39 Ford half-ton stake bed, Towe Museum, Sacramento

Don't miss this treasure house when you are visiting Sacramento. It's well worth it! TP

Birthdays in May

1 st	Jim Albert	21 st	Larry Keene
1 st	Ron Cowan	26 th	Craig Lapair
10 th	Pat Kelley	27 th	Helen Baker
11 th	Virginia Wolf	28 th	Emily Rosso
11 th	Sue Boskovich	30 th	Dudley Ochsner
14 th	Paul Kirk	31 st	Judy Schubb

A Celebration of Ford's 100th

The Ford Centennial at the Towe Auto Museum on March 29th was a day filled with history and cars. Henry was present! Wendi and I flew the Cessna to Sacramento on the 28th to give us an early start on our busy day. By 9:30 we were listening to Bill Millard and Milt Webb tell us about Model As: their development and their environment in the late 1920's and early '30s..

In addition to discussing the differences between Model Ts and Model As with the help of Dave Martin, we were given a guided tour around the Ford chassis section of the museum listening to clear, hands on, explanations of the frames, the engines, and the complete cars that were representative of this fascinating 25 year period when Henry was at his best. As a side note, Milt Webb will be driving his '25 Model T from Sacramento to Dearborn for the Centennial in June. He may be carrying a few extra parts, just in case!



Dave Martin explains the details of the Model A engine and Frame



Mike Skinner and Ernie Harley discussing Ford history at the Centennial Exhibition at the Towe Museum, Sacramento

By 10:30 we were talking with Bill and Milt about V-8 s. While members of our club could "write the book" on the flathead powered cars, it is always of interest to listen to different ways of dealing with cooling, ignition, and vapor-lock problems, as well as suspension and brake changes over the years.

On vapor lock, we heard a lot about the vapor pressure of modern gasoline (8-10psi) vs. old leaded gasoline (4-5psi) which causes our heat sensitive fuel systems no end of grief. We heard that a fuel vapor return hose (from the fuel line just ahead of the carburetor to the tank) would help us reduce vapor lock on our cars.

By 1:00 we were ready for Mike Skinner's first presentation on the Piquette Plant, the first "Ford Built" facility and the "birthplace" of many Model Ts. In Mike's second hour we were treated to a slide show of Ford's small hydroelectric mills and adjacent home industry facilities in southeastern Michigan. Henry seemed to believe that people building simple parts at home for automobile production was a sound sociological practice. *(HF seems to be way too contradictory for us to understand fully as he also built the opposite, the Rouge River complex, a self contained plant which was the biggest of its kind in the world at the time.)*



Peter Cunningham and Ernie Hartley present a certificate of appreciation to Mike Skinner for his dynamic presentation of the life of Henry Ford. Author of two books on Edsel Ford, Henry Dominguez is on the left.

After our break at 3:00 p.m. we heard the first of several talks by author Henry Dominguez on the role of Edsel Ford in auto product development. His books on the subject are written from a different point of view than that we have often associated with Ford's son. This author describes the younger Ford as strong and often willing to stand up to his father. Edsel, with E.T. Gregory and others, were given much credit for the survival of Ford through the '30's and early 40's, almost in spite of Henry I,. Dominguez tells us that Edsel saved the Ford Motor Company and the Ford fortune at three different times.

1. He spearheaded the changeover from the Model T to the Model A with Henry's grudging and inconsistent approval.



Henry Dominguez presents his new Edsel Ford biography at the Towe

2. Together with E.T. "Bob" Gregorie, Edsel was the creative energy behind the Ford Design Department. Edsel was the point man that "got things done" starting with the 1933-34 models through to the handsome Ford bodies of the late 30's, the styling of the early ('39 - '40) Mercurys, the successful ('36 - '42) Lincoln Zephyr, and the ultimate classic, the Lincoln Continental. One sensed, that according to this author, Henry was more of a stubborn nuisance than an inventive, driving force in these economically challenging years.

3. Edsel was the torch bearer in the development of one of the most significant philanthropic institutions of the 20th Century; The Ford Foundation which, for tax reasons, was a vital step in preserving the capital that the company would desperately need in the future.

By 5:00 we were listening to Mike Skinner discuss the overlapping lives and friendships of four inventive giants: Thomas Edison, John Burrows, Luther Burbank and Henry Ford. The ideas and life-styles of these inventive men left an undeniable mark on the first half of the 20th Century. We were then given an overview of the Centennial Celebration, which opens June 12th in Dearborn.



Presenters included, left to right, Peter Cunningham, "Henry Ford," Milt Webb, Bill Millard and Ernie Hartley. The main speakers were author Henry Dominguez and on the far right, President of the Henry Ford Heritage Association, Mike Skinner of Dearborn.

The cars in this photo include the early Model N Ford, predecessor to the Model T and the 2003 Thunderbird.

After a delicious prime rib dinner, the program featured Mike Skinner with Henry Dominguez providing contrasting summaries of the effect of the Ford Motor Company's journey through its first 100 tumultuous years on the American and world scene.

This amazing day, sponsored by Vintage Ford Parts of Sacramento, wound down by 10:00 p.m., leaving us the sense that we were satiated with Ford knowledge. We departed tired but so much richer for this experience.

The Believer (continued from page 3)

each would sell their stock in the Company on the open market. In both instances, she was successful in bringing her stubborn husband around to a position that made the future of the company much more tenable.

Clara, "the one who lived in the shadows," was the steadfast, quiet force behind her powerful husband, Henry Ford.

Each month "The Believer" may focus on a portion of Clara's life and on one or two "believers" in the Valley V-8s, featuring V-8 stories from the woman's perspective, personal interests and passions. If you would like to share a personal anecdote in this space, please contact Wendi Potter.

OOOPS!

Did you know that Dick Gise really doesn't want to sell his immaculate '36-five window coupe at any price? We tried in the April issue to get him to sell the car because your editor really wanted to buy it, but Dick's a stubborn man when it comes to that car (we are still trying to figure how that ad got in there). Sorry Dick!

The April issue of Drivelines had some other problems that we're sure you picked up. Just for the record; Steve Batesole has reminded us that he did not say Henry Ford's father was John Ford. It was in fact William Ford who married Henry's mother. They got it straight, but we didn't!! Our other big "Ooops" was that Henry's sister not only didn't die young, as we reported, but actually out lived Henry and gave a more accurate account of his childhood to biographers, than he himself would share.

Apologies to Steve!. His research is vastly better than my note taking. I can talk all day long, but it's been way too long since I had to sit on the other side of the table and be a good student. TP

.....and then there was THE LAUGHLIN TRIP

The dates were March 28 – 30. The destination was Laughlin, Nevada. Right across the Colorado River from Bullhead, Arizona lies the desert gambling mecca that rises out of the sage and mesquite from the Mohave Desert (yes, they spell it with an "h"). OK, there wasn't a flathead Ford V-8 in sight but that didn't stop us from having fun, a lot of crazy fun.

The bus rolled out on time and under budget with every seat full thanks to organizer Steve Boskovich. As a thanks from the club, Steve received an American flag for his tireless work on this tour. Did we mention that this flag was made entirely from Krispy Kreme Doughnuts! What kind of donuts?

The fun began! This was not a boring five hours across the purple sage. There was a rolling bingo game called from the beginning by Julie Blackwell. There were lots of laughs along the way and a good time was had by all. The time passed quickly and the bus rolled into the parking lot at the Colorado Belle with 50 V-8ers in time to start the action.

It was reported that while many played different games in Laughlin, the game of choice was Blackjack. After going through six dealers in five hours, no one lost more than \$20, so no one had to sell their seat on the bus to get out of debt. The car collection at the Riverside Hotel caught the interest of many as did a military collection. There were also many who took a river boat down the Colorado for a scenic view of the area.

The main attraction at the Colorado Belle included Randy Travis and Pam Tillis. We understand that Blacky Blackwell and John Kemmerer could have purchased tickets, but they chose to peek through the fence where the other club members enjoyed a smash hit from proper seats according to those who could remember the details the next morning.

Of the movies seen on the bus on the return trip, "Where's the Money" seemed to be the most appropriate title.

The trip back was as much fun as the trip east bound but a little more relaxed. Thanks to Steve and his "helpers" for making this "one to remember." When the trip is done again, it will surely be to the Colorado Belle as they have recently installed a Krispy Kreme Doughnut counter!

From The Right Seat

Date: April 1, 2003
Square

Meeting Leader: Joe DiFatta, President

Start Time: 7:30

Meeting Place: Baker's

Car Count: 13 (wow!)

Adjournment Time: 9:40

Introduction of Guests: Welcome!

Leon Kaplan the "Motor Man" (KABC) is our newest Honorary Member!

Kip & Lori Colombe, a new member, '46 Ford pickup

Dave and Lisa Graham, our presenters and Dave is National Chairperson

Also, new members Jim and Jamie Kenehan working on '41 truck

President's Notes: Joe DiFatta

Kudos, Tom Potter! Great Drive Lines!

A great time was had by all on the Laughlin tour! Lots of Krispy Kreme donuts, so our Prez was a happy man.

Treasurer's Report: Ingvar

The bad news is, we only have a few bucks in the bank. The good news is it's April Fools! We are looking good.

Membership: Dick Stones

We are all squared away with this year's roster. Thank you to Jerry Jensen for the great cover pictures and to Dave Sanborn for the computer work. See Dick if you want an extra copy of the front cover for the pretty pictures.

Upcoming Tours:

See Calendar on page 2

Announcements:

Thank you from Rachael Doudrick for all your kindness and condolences on the death of her father in March.

Tom Potter told us about the Towe Museum in Sacramento. They have an amazing program! Worth taking a trip. Tom and Wendi are going to the Ford Centennial on June 12 in Dearborn. Several other club members are going to the Ford Nationals in July.

April 27 there will be a car show and swap meet at the Gene Autry museum (Allan Franklin)

Our Auction will be later this year. Not May, maybe September.

Car of the Month:

Congratulations to Dick Gise and his blue '36 5-window. NOT FOR SALE!!!

Program for the Evening:

Dave Graham gave us a trivia quiz. Congrats to Ford geniuses Gerry Blackwell and Bob Zecher who had the most correct answers!

Raffle Winners:

Ladies: Nancy Batesole, Sylvia Harris

Name Badge: Dave Gott

50/50 Drawing: Don Durkee (AGAIN!)

Minutes submitted by Rachael Doudrick

Congratulation to the 2002 Drive Lines Team!

Tom & Wendi Potter and Dave Sanborn & Christine Varney did such a spectacular job on Drive Lines last year that it earned the publication Honorable Mention in the national V8 club newsletter competition. See page 13 of the V8 Times!

Santa Paula Airport Tour and Breakfast

Sunday June 1st, 9:45 am Tour,
Breakfast and Display Our Cars

Here is the info:

1. Read, then call Joe Difatta at 818-700-1939
2. We will leave at 9:00 a.m. (no later)
3. Meet at Sepulveda Blvd, just south of Rinaldi St. – Park on Sepulveda heading north, along side of the San Fernando Mission cemetery.
4. Arrive at Santa Paula Airport – park cars on tarmac in front of plane hangars
5. Breakfast as a group in airport restaurant
6. After Breakfast, view planes and/or visit town.

Tech Tip For Your Motor Home and Tow Vehicles

By Ingvar 'Swede' Carlson

The temperature that your transmission runs at can have a dramatic effect on it's service life. I put a temperature gauge on my transmission and it was reading 225° F level ground and 250° F on the hills. After rerouting the lines and adding a Haden transmission cooler it was down to 200° F. The with the addition of another Haden cooler and replacing the transmission oil with synthetic, it now runs at a cool 170° F flat-and-level and 180° F on the hills.

This is a real simple deal, install a transmission cooler to get the temperature down or pay the big bucks for a tranny rebuild, \$300 vs. \$3000 – you do the math!

AAA Benefits

Members, if you have AAA memberships, be sure to check on the 'AAA Premier' card with up to 200 miles towing. This could be especially useful for an RV, trailer or – dare we say it – that once in a lifetime your flathead V8 overheats!

Major Auction at the Peterson

Treasurer Ingvar Carlson reports that on June 21 and 22, the BARRIS – JACKSON AUTOMOTIVE AUCTION will be held at the Peterson Automotive Museum. Last year's event was held at Palm Springs with the following results:

1. A Tucker sold for \$334,800
2. \$162,000 was paid for a Ferrari and
3. A whopping \$132,000 was the price paid for a 1957 Chevy!

Last year, admission for non-bidders was \$10, bidders paid \$100, and of course, if you want to buy a serious car, the price goes up, WAY UP! Please call the Peterson if you are interested in attending and to confirm the above information at (323) 930-2277.

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Wanted – Any or all of the following copies of the V-8 Times: 1981, 1982, 1991, 1992 ie: Volumes 18, 19, 28 and 29. Total of 24 copies. Bob Zecher (818) 352-3311

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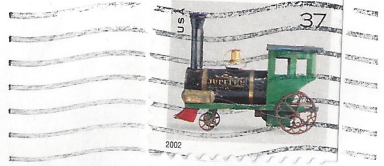
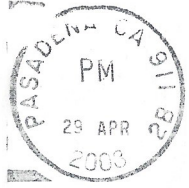
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