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No host dinner starting at 6 p.m.
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Wendi's Whimsical Notes

— August 2004 —

As you read this letter, Tom and I are completing our travel experience to Europe. We will have discovered much in Tom's rich Irish roots that lie in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. We will also have visited both of Tom's sons (one of whom you have met) who live in Germany. Benny is in Berlin and Eric and his beautiful family are in a small village in Bavaria in southern Germany. I am sure the grandchildren have grown tremendously, as young children do in a year and a half, since we last saw them.

We also will have been to London, not to see the Queen, but to see the sights, and afterwards spent a week on a self-piloted Narrow Boat cruising the canals of the English Midlands. Life is exciting!

Hey, there are so many new members it is hard to know everyone. Please visit with someone at the next meeting whom you have not met yet or spent much time with. Let's help everyone feel included.

I trust Vice President Steve will do a fantastic job leading the August meeting. Go Steve! Also be ready... I understand a great Holiday Party is in the works. Any one wishing to help Steve with organization and decoration ideas, please contact him.

Well, the school year finished over a month ago. My relief is great. My fifth graders have completed elementary school. They have moved on to Middle School. Above and beyond the "academic rigor" mandated by the State, I hope I have instilled in my students a sense of community and the importance of outreach to others. Only time will tell.

My class not only visited JPL, where Scott Doudrick gave them a wonderful tour of the Mars Exploration Rover project, we also visited Sunrise Assisted Living on four occasions, where the children "adopted" great-grandparents. This cross-generational mix was beautiful, and benefited all who participated. It was a joy to watch all of them interact, and see the children gain insight to life, love and living. It was truly a rich and meaningful experience for all age groups.

We, in the Valley V8's, also shared with Sunrise. Club members brought eight cars to Sunrise in West Hills on Saturday, June 12th. Along with the club members, three friends of mine brought cars (a 1941 Oldsmobile 98 Convertible, a '60 Pontiac Star Chief and a 1914 fire engine red Model T). We had a parade of cars to jog the memories of the elderly and bring back the fond

remembrances of long ago. Each driver received ovations (not standing of course) as we brought automotive history to life in a narrated description of each car as they circled the drive in front of the facility. As I watched the faces of the residents observing this show, I could see floods of good feelings and memories of active days flash through their minds and put a sparkle in their eyes. It was truly a moving and beautiful experience.

Please consider the many possibilities we have to share our cars. You have taken the step of loving these cars and owning one or more while restoring it. Not everyone can, but many share the feelings and passion you have for our Flathead V-8s and the time period they represent. Let me ask you to consider taking your car to a show at least a couple of times a year. It sure is rewarding to take a few hours and give others a chance to feel the same excitement you experience when you climb into your V8.

Warmly,
Wendy

Next Meeting Announcement

Our regular meeting will be at the Baker's Square Restaurant at Zelzah and Chatsworth in Granada Hills at 7:30 pm. You are invited to a no-host dinner at the restaurant starting at 6 pm. Bring that Flathead because the parking lot at break time is where the action is! Eat with V-8 friends and enjoy an evening talking about Early Fords (or anything else that crosses your mind).

Calendar

August 13 – 15, Big Bear Fun Run, 2004. Car show (over 500 cars, all makes) poker run, BBQ, Street Dancing with band, Lake tour, pancake breakfast and awards ceremony for many classes of cars. Call Black Forrest Lodge for over-night reservations (800) 255-4378 NOW. \$85/night. **For information:** Steve Boskovich (818) 341-6876.

October 28 – 31 Blackwell's Fall Tour to Wonder Valley. Tour to the beautiful foothills of Sequoia National Park, get 9 meals, lodging, hayride, hospitality room, and cocktail hours for 4 days. Thursday tour: 1) Sun Maid Raisin Factory 2) Castle Air Museum 3) lunch at the Castle Café in Atwater. Friday, visit Forestiere Underground Gardens, box lunch at Woodward Park, Antiquing in Old Town Clovis, night hayride. Saturday, on your own. This could include: the town of Sanger, sailboat races, rope climbing, get

massage, play cards, play tennis, fishing, visit to the Sierra Endangered Cat Haven, horseback riding. Saturday night: Big Halloween Party! Don't forget your costume. Prizes, fun and new Blackwell Games. \$150 per day per couple. **For info:** Gerry Blackwell 661-268-0040.

Other Calendar Items:

July 31 – Aug 8 Hot August Nights. In Reno NV. If you like your cars hot and the action hotter, this is worth the trip. **INFO:** Go on line to hotaugustnights.net.

August 15 Pebble Beach Concourse de Elegance **For info:** (831) 622-1700.

August 23 – 27 Western Nationals held this year at Hood River, Oregon. Contact Joel and Pam Anderson, 17560 NW Baker Creek Rd., McMinnville, OR 97128. Phone for information or directions: (503) 473-0803.

August 16 Jay Harris Tour: Depart for Hood River and the Western Nationals, leaving from the Hampton Inn in Agoura Hills. Lots of sightseeing is planned along the way. **For info:** Jay Harris 760-728-0311.



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BIG BEAR FUN RUN, AUG 13 -15

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE BIG BEAR FUN RUN, YOU MAY WANT TO MAKE IT A POINT TO GO TO JOHN AND VIRGINIA WOLF'S BEAUTIFUL BIG BEAR HOME FOR A WINE AND CHEESE PARTY. HORS D'OEUVRES WILL ALSO BE SERVED. COME ONE AND ALL! PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE AUGUST MEETING IF YOU DIDN'T ALREADY SPELL IT OUT ON THE CLIP BOARD AT THE JULY MEETING. THANKS!

-Prez Wendi

September 7th is the Big V-8 Auction

BRING ALL THOSE PARTS AND GOODIES YOU HAVE BEEN SAVING FOR A YEAR TO SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

The September 7th meeting is the special date when our biggest fundraiser of the year takes place. It helps to support our Holiday Party and the publication expenses for Drive Lines. While all of our tours are self-supporting and some even contribute a small amount to our treasury, this is the one event that brings in most of the funds the club needs to operate throughout the year.

As you all know, no one is on an expense account and, of course, all your officers and board members are volunteers. When someone hosts an event at their home, there are no club funds used for the occasion. A few times in recent memory, the members voluntarily chipped in a few dollars each for the food we seem to eat in huge quantities. But we do that at the event and on a donation only basis. This is the way it should be done and it is heart warming to see all of us come together in this way.

Most of our sit down and eat events are potluck which helps to relieve the stress on the host and hostess. But, when someone is generous with their home and hosts an event, it is always a gift to the club and this IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED BY US ALL.

SO, HOW DO WE RAISE THE MONEY? It's not hard. Everyone is asked to come to the V-8 Auction AT THE SEPTEMBER 7TH MEETING AT 7:30, with some parts or other goodies that someone else might want for their home or shop. Each year these items are donated to the club and someone, like Don Durkee and Joe DiFatta, who are professional auctioneers, or should be, run these bargain shows for the benefit of the club. The money you pay for that carburetor you always wanted goes to the club. That's true for that 6 volt generator too. If you changed over to 12 volts, why not donate that perfectly good 6 volter to the club? Did you buy a set of gaskets that you never used? It's still in the package, so bring it to the auction. Someone will be interested.

This is a good way to clean out the garage or house AND a good way to help your club at the same time. **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.**

Santa Paula Tour

The morning of June 6 was slightly overcast as about 25 flathead V-8s lined up northbound on Sepulveda near Rinaldi. Santa Paula was a short 40 min. drive up the I-5 and west on the 126. We pulled onto the tarmac at Santa Paula on time and under budget thanks to Joe DiFatta's great planning.

After breakfast at Logsdon's Restaurant, which was way, way too popular that day, we got out onto the tarmac to really see those old planes on Open Hangar Sunday. It's really wonderful to see our cars beside the planes that were built and flew during the same era, the '30s, '40s and '50s. The open hangar day at the airport gave us a chance to view the Luscombs and Steermans as well as early Cessnas, Beechcrafts and Pipers.

One highlight for many was a museum of early radios, a hobby of one of the pilots who rents a hangar at Santa Paula. His display included many tube type radios from the '20s - '50s. Their wood or Bakelite cases were in great shape considering their age. Many of us were reminded of the radios we grew up with as kids. Crosleys, Philcos, RCAs and Silvertones were among them. As I think about it, it seems very strange that, as a kid, I would sit on the floor night after night staring at my parents' RCA radio as if it were going to move or change in some way while Jack Benny, The Shadow or Edward R. Murrow were being broadcast.

This tour can take as long as you want and some stayed for many hours. Most of us left around noon to visit other museums in Santa Paula or just take a beautiful drive out to the coast and down Highway 1 under the sky that had turned blue and clear. A great day for a V-8 drive!

The Santa Paula Tour is one of our Summer Favorites. It is one of the least expensive and best attended of the year. It may be the mixture of airplanes and cars of the same vintage that appeals to us, or do we just like to have a good time? TP

The Sun Rose at Sunrise



Saturday, June 12th, was an ordinary Saturday, unless you were a senior at Sunrise Assisted Living. At approximately 9:30 a.m. nearly 20 classic vehicles pulled into the parking lot at the West Hills facility. Eight of these cars were V8'ers from our club.

The day was to be filled with memories of days gone by and lots of pointing with comments such as "I went on my honeymoon in one like that." Or, "My brother had a blue Ford like that one. My



mother said he always drove it too fast". One could see the seniors light up with each car they viewed, recognizing its make or model from a time in their younger, more active days.

At 10:45 the car parade began. Each car was slowly driven around the circular

driveway at the entryway to Sunrise. Wendi Potter narrated a description of each car from notes written by the owner as it pulled in front of the porches where over 40 of the seniors were seated. They sat anticipating, pointing and whispering to each other as the next car pulled forward. One could see in their eyes the excitement and flood of memories with each passing car.

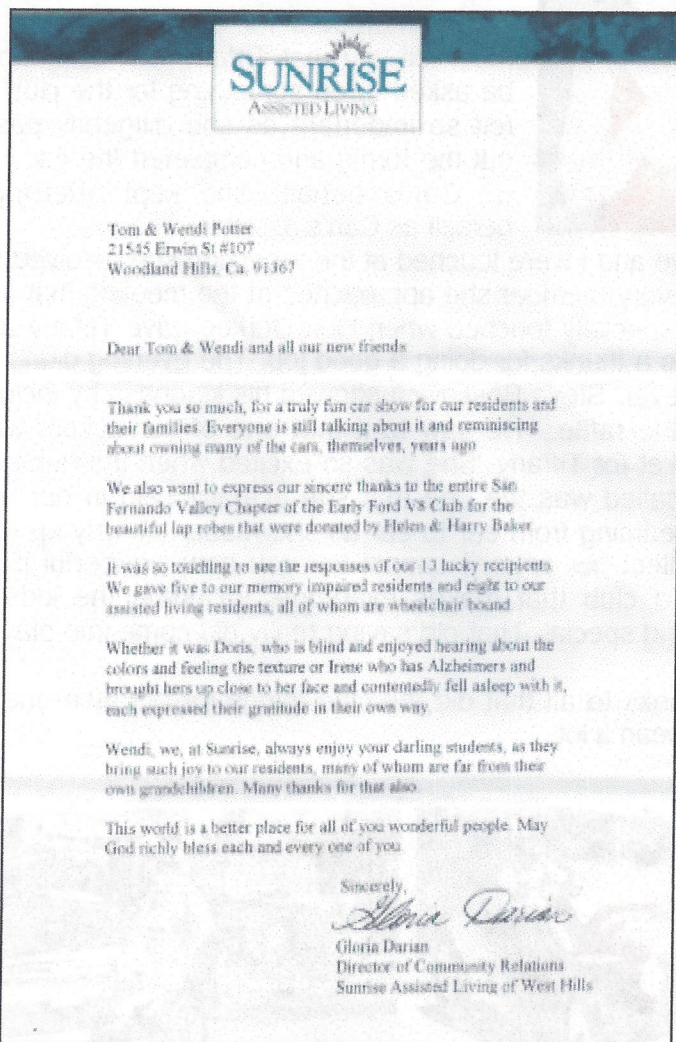
Following the car parade, the car owners ate an outstanding BBQ of hamburgers cooked on a huge open flame grill with all the fixins you could image. We ate and talked with each other and interacted with the seniors for another couple of hours.

We heard stories of days gone by, several even saying things like, "Cars were a pretty new thing when I was young, you know. My neighbor had one of the first Model T's in our town".

"I first dated my wife when I owned one of those," pointing to a car in the lot.

It was a day of reflection for residents at Sunrise. We departed feeling that we had brought some pleasure into the now sedentary lives of many now residing at this retirement home.

The letter below was received from Sunrise Assisted Living on June 19th. The most gracious donation by Helen and Harry Baker of 13 hand-crocheted lap robes to Sunrise was a most generous gift. Our tour on June 12th was fun and most well received. See the letter below. This is a win-win for our club. Thanks to all who participated and most especially Helen and Harry Baker. They are V-8 Heroes. THANK YOU, -Prez Wendi



See page 9 for more sunrise pictures

"Little Things Mean A Lot"

By Debbie & Dave Bergman



Recently at our club meeting on July 6, our daughter Tiffany was asked to fill in for Carl Batesole to do his car count for the month since he was at camp. In addition to that, Tom Potter asked Tiffany if she would help him by passing out a survey form to all of our members for them to fill out. We must tell you that Tiffany was so happy to be asked to do something for the club and felt so important as she diligently passed out the forms and completed the car count on Carl's behalf. She kept referring to herself as Carl's assistant.

Dave and I were touched at the reception she received from each and every member she approached at the meeting that night. We were especially touched when Don Durkee gave Tiffany a two dollar bill as a thanks for doing a good job. The evening didn't stop there, however. Steve Boskovich showed his kindness by including Tiffany in the raffle. He saw to it that one of our tickets was a winning ticket for Tiffany. She was so excited when the number of the ticket called was the one that she actually held in her hand. She was beaming from ear to ear as she made her way up to the front to collect her prize. I cannot tell you how wonderful it is to belong to a club that makes everyone, including the kids feel welcome and special. That old saying really did come into play that night.

Thanks to all that did the little things for our little one that really did mean a lot.



Chuck Luetzgerodt's Car of the Month, The Beautiful "Green" Woody



When this car, or at least that is what it was supposed to be, arrived at Chuck's house many years ago, he told his wife, Terri, "The new car is here. Come out and look at

it, but don't say anything."

There was a reason for this. The "car" looked more like the beginnings of a carelessly laid bonfire than anything that would ever run.

Though many of the pieces were actually there, they were so rotted and splintered that they appeared to be kindling wood. The steel parts of the car were mostly there too, but certainly not in running condition.

Chuck is not a careless man, and piece by piece, with the help of Terri, and over more years than Chuck is likes to admit, the car took shape.

If you look at this magnificent example, you could only conclude that Henry himself would have approved. Each piece of wood fits perfectly and the car runs as new.

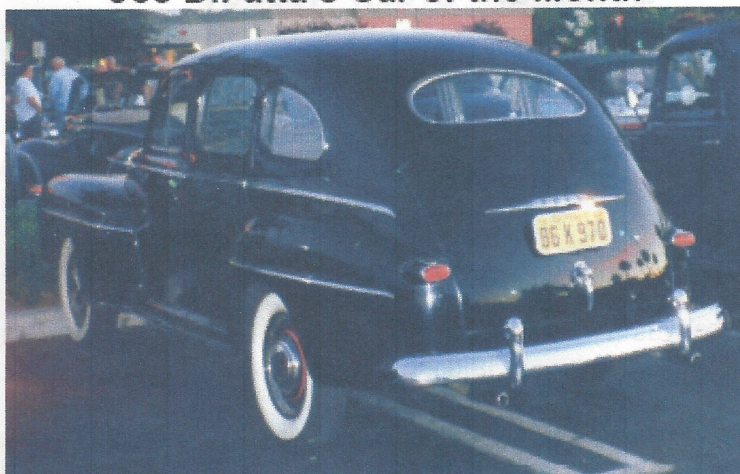
Why do we call this beauty green? It appears black, yet in the bright sunlight, if you look carefully, you can see that there is a slight green tint in the black. It's a subtle color in anyone's book.

Congratulations on your "Car of the Month", Chuck. It is a priceless beauty. TP

Al Mooney's Model A - WOW!

Al and Joyce Mooney, who are new members of the club, brought a car that is not a flathead V-8 and not from the flathead years to our last meeting. The 1930 five-window coupe is a model "A" and is getting honorable mention because it is a real beauty. It has a six-volt electrical system and is stock.

Joe DiFatta's Car of the Month



Our second Car of the Month for July is Joe's "new" '47 Super Deluxe Fordor. This is a story of how people can be trusted.

It seems that the car was originally purchased by a doctor in Illinois who kept it for many, many years. He sold it to a man in Iowa, who spent 20 years restoring it to "like new" condition. Then he put the car up for sale on e-bay and began restoring a '41 Ford.

This is where Joe comes in. He bought the car on e-bay sight-unseen. He had pictures of the car and a verbal description from the owner, who "sounded like a responsible guy" on the phone. He had the car shipped to his house. THE CAR WAS EXACTLY AS REPRESENTED! Most of the time, you can trust your fellow V-8ers.

Of course, the car was "DiFattaized". For example, it now has tube shocks instead of Houdailes which originally came on the car. Thanks to Jerry Case for the shock change-over. It was a bolt-in kit from Sacramento Vintage Ford.

I think I am going to do this on my '46 to improve the ride. Go Joe! You've done it again! TP

FOOTHILL FESTIVAL OF CARS

September 11, 2004

The First Baptist Church at La Crescenta, a local family oriented congregation of about 500 people, is organizing the **FOOTHILL FESTIVAL OF CARS** on Saturday September 11, 2004, a free neighborhood family & friends event to showcase 100 "show" cars & trucks from the local area.

To enhance the atmosphere of fun & community, we are inviting local merchants to participate in this event by contributing to the "prizes" which we will hand out during the course of the show. We are hoping you will donate a certificate for a product of your business, to be given away for free to attendees. **ALSO**, we're looking for a few **CORPORATE SPONSORS** who would donate a minimum of \$300 each to offset the cost of awards and printing. **Special Recognition** of this sponsorship will be made during the show, on the T-shirts, as well as display space allowance at show.

Judged Award Categories

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| A. Pre 1940 Stock Cars | G. 1981 - 1990 All Cars |
| B. Pre 1940 Rods | H. 1991 + Newer All Cars |
| C. 1940 - 1950 All Cars | I. Trucks - All Years |
| D. 1951 - 1960 All Cars | J. Specialty Cars (Race & Off-Road) |
| E. 1961 - 1970 All Cars | K. People's Choice, All vehicles qualify
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| F. 1971 - 1980 All Cars | |

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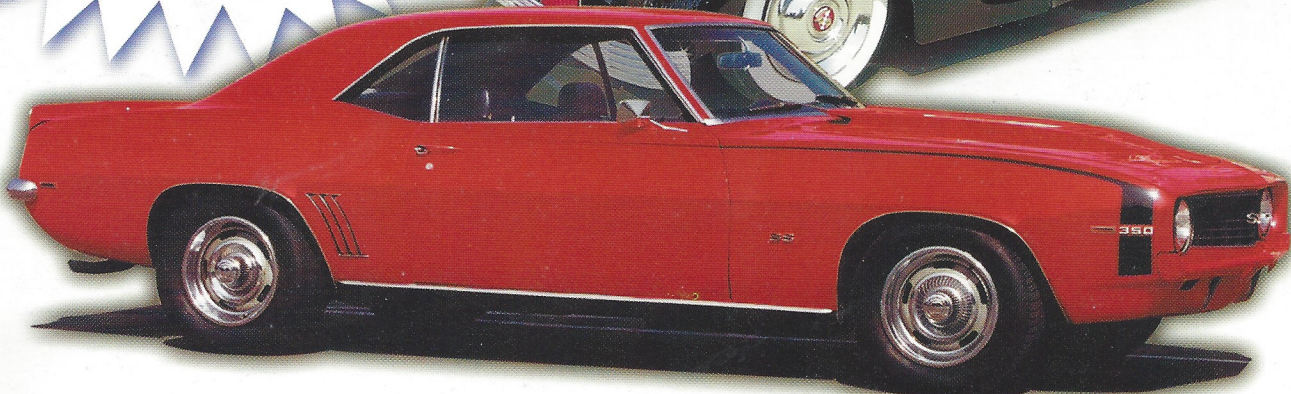
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Mail to: _____, 4441 La Crescenta Blvd., La Crescenta, CA 91214/ Attn: Car Show Reg.
Show Day: \$25.00 late registration donation (A MAXIMUM of 100 Cars on Show Lot).

Car Placement: 7:00 am - 9:30 am, 1 double parking spot per car.

Award Presentation at 2:00 pm, event ends at 3:00 pm.

Entrant's Name _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Year & Make (Car 1) _____ Category _____

Year & Make (Car 2) _____ Category _____

Any Special Features _____

Any Club Affiliation _____

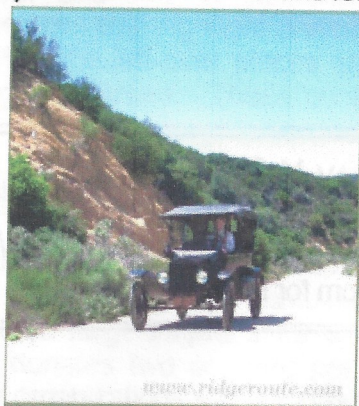
"In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, all entrants and participants, by execution of this Entry Form, release and discharge sponsors, their representatives, and anyone else connected with the "Foothill Festival of Cars" and FBCLC from all known damages, injuries, losses and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her property. Further, each entrant agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entries, firms, persons and bodies from any and all liability occasioned from any conduct of entrants or participants assisting or cooperating with the entrant and under the direction and control of entrant."

Entrant's Signature _____ Date _____

The Ridge Route Tour

By Debbie Bergman

Every now and then, we as members of the Valley V8's are privileged to gain information from other club members that share their knowledge and experiences with us. I was one of those members that received an article passed on to me by Tom Potter. I found the article to be quite interesting, as did my husband, Dave. I thought I would pass a summary of that article on to you and Dave had a hand in retrieving some of the history that I will summarize and include in the September issue of the DL. The article was part of The Fordist newsletter from the Early Ford V8 Club Chapter #11 and was entitled The Ridge Route Tour. Some members of the Early Ford V8's are now "Certified" Old Ridge Route V8er's. They took a tour that was one to remember. Together the members gathered and enjoyed fine cars, great weather, memorable historic sights and most of all an amazing drive and tour headed by guide Harrison Scott. Scott (Scotty) as he is referred to, has been an integral part of preserving a part of the Old Ridge Route. For those of you that may not know, The Old Ridge Route was a twenty foot wide piece of concrete that wound over mountain ridges and through canyons between Bakersfield and Los Angeles. This was long before there was an eight-lane Interstate that went through Fort Tejon and the Angeles National Forest. Scott was very pleased to see the participation from both the Early Ford V8 Club and the Long Beach Model T Ford Club that also joined in on the fun. Many were in awe as they viewed the fine Model T's, A's and other vintage classics that made their way to the top of the hill at Reservoir Summit. It was here at the Summit that they rounded out the day with a great picnic lunch. *Sounds like lots of fun! DB*



SEPTEMBER 25, 2004 ---- BREAKFAST AT THE BLACKWELL'S

JOIN US FOR A POT LUCK BREAKFAST AT THE BLACKWELL'S. AFTER BREAKFAST, A TOUR OF AGUA DULCE AND THEN OFF TO THE VALYERMO FALL FESTIVAL AT ST. ANDREW'S ABBY. BREAKFAST AT 8 A.M. SIGN UP AT NEXT MEETING.

August Birthdays

3rd Carole Jensen
3rd Lloyd Paschal
4th Kim Mac Millin
4th Christine Varney
5th Tom Sawyer
7th Diane Stones
9th Debbie Bergman
12th Julia Ochsner
12th Mike Ewing
12th Vic Cohen
13th Steve Batesole



14th Chuck Luetgerodt
13th Barry Bernholtz
21st Kip Coulombe
21st Jim Kenehan
22nd Karen Lehman
23rd Vicki Keene
25th Corinne Nitz
26th Judy Vess
27th Randy Watson
29th Georgia Munroe
29th Terry Colberg

The Valley V-8s have a Web Site

Check out the Valley V-8s online at:

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/valleyv8s>

Thanks to Hemmings.com for hosting our site.

The Believer for August, Helen Baker

Harry and Helen have recently joined our club, and like many enthusiastic new members, they have jumped in with both feet. Harry manned the BBQ as Helen set up for the luncheon at the home of Gene Wilson. WP

Harry and Helen were first introduced to our Club a couple of years ago after meeting our very own Ingvar "Swede" Carlson at a California Car Cover Show. They joined us a year and a half ago. The Bakers own several Ford vehicles, including a '48 F6 dump truck (that still dumps), a '36 5-window coupe and a '34 pickup, '36 one ton truck, and a '47 pickup.

Helen is quite active in the car world. She is a past board member of the California Off Road Vehicle Association and she and Harry have been involved in the California Association of 4 Wheel-Drive Clubs, of which Harry is a past president. They are now joining us, The Valley V8s! Welcome Helen and Harry!

Helen is retired from the Pacific Bell Telephone Company where she worked as an Engineer, but she also spent some of her time climbing 14 foot ladders and working with the internal wiring of phone systems.

One of Helen's passions is she loves to crochet. She started in her early '20s, but wishes she had gotten the urge years earlier. It seems all of the women in her family crochet, and she feels she could have gotten many more years of expert instruction if she had started sooner. But if you had the opportunity to see any of the lap robes she made, you would see she is quite an expert in her own right.

Crocheting for her is thorough enjoyment. She says it is relaxing and creative. She loves to experiment with different color combinations, sometimes making eight patterns and combinations simultaneously. With the left-over pieces she creates what she calls her "stained glass" throws. These contain a rich variety of color and patterns which her daughter especially loves and says they are "intriguing".

One comment Helen most often hears from those who see or even receive one of these beautiful works is "the colors are absolutely gorgeous". She says her artistic eye leads her with color and she generally does whatever combinations she likes.

Helen has made large Afghans for every member of her family and usually donates two or three per year to raffles and other fundraisers for organizations she belongs to. More recently

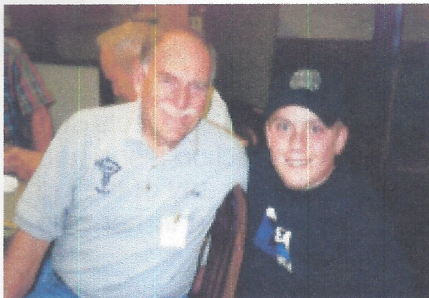
Solvang Tour, Perfect V-8ing



There are a lot of photographs in our Solvang Tour Article. That's because we had so much fun getting there and while we were there and at "Fiddler on the Roof". Then, there was the next morning and the beautiful drive back down the coast.

The first photo is one of the best to appear for quite a while in Drive Lines. It is the shot of Dick

Stones and his granddaughter, Madison, age 13, in front of Dick's '40 coupe. They just don't get much better than the way these two look together. Of equal importance, is the photo from our last club meeting of Dick and his grandson, Jordan also age 13. Madison and Jordan are twins! We are a family club and the love that shows through in these pictures is a prime example of what that really means. In the Valley V-8s, we believe in "passing it on."



Pass on the cars, of course, but also pass on the caring about each other and guidance that our young people need to make sure that the future works well for those who follow us. Let's keep it up! We're talking about America's future right here! It looks like the Stones family is

doing it in a big way. Thanks Dick and Dianne for sharing these great kids with the club. The time and energy you put into them pays off and it shows!

Our flawless trip up the coast to Santa Barbara couldn't

have been better. It was top-down weather for the Blackwells, Boskovichs and the Potters and moderate traffic and temperatures kept the cars and the drivers cool. Going out of Santa Barbara, a certain '40 coupe (Stones') decided to have a temporary electrical



problem, but when Dick and tech advisor John Wolf stopped to take a look, it decided that the experts were there and it went away. John's thought: "Better look into it. It could come back and needs attention." Good advice!

The stop at Cold Springs Tavern was a refreshing break since the climb up San Marcos Pass can be a little challenging. Since a motorcycle club was there ahead of us, it meant a little wait while the kitchen caught up with the crowd. The food was good



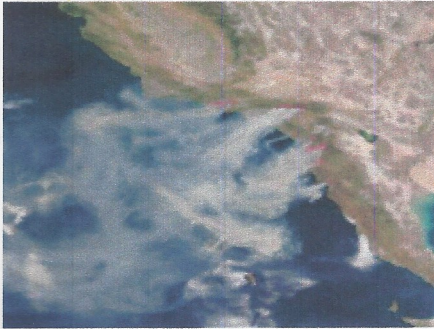
and it was a great little trip back in time as we wandered around the 125 year old stage stop located there because it had the most reliable source of good water in the area. After the horses and wagons climbed the steep pass, all involved needed a cool drink.

After check in and an afternoon of shopping in the Danish ambiance, about twenty of us went out on the cold, clear night to the 8:30 pm play which kept us spell-bound for three hours. This venue is small and the message is huge. What was the play being presented at the Solvang Festival Theatre? Fiddler on the Roof!

Where do you begin with this one? "Tradition!" We all know the theme of this timeless work with a powerful message: While tradition is important, the need for change is also essential. How do you mix the two? Children, whom you love, seem to grow up in an age you neither understand nor appreciate. We all face that one; either with our own children / grandchildren or in viewing and being uncomfortable with the actions of young people outside of our family or culture. It's all beautifully acted, sung and danced on stage in a way that can't be just taken lightly. Then, the age old question, "Do you love me?" This, not from young lovers questioning their own new relationship, but from middle aged people who have been married for 25 years! What is the answer the play gives us? "I suppose I love you." I wonder how many of us have asked that question of ourselves as we look at our own mature lives.



Wild Fire Management



The outstanding speaker at the July meeting is the father of our very own Scott Doudrick, who while on vacation in California, agreed to join us for the evening and give us a presentation based on his life work, Forest Management and Fire Prevention. From his home in St Paul, MN, where he is an

assistant director in the North Central Forest Research Center, Rob brought along an outstanding series of slides, many on fires in Southern California. These were scanned into Scott's PowerPoint program on his computer for us to see while Rob presented for 30 information packed-minutes.



A central theme in the program was the danger and challenge of managing forests in and around urban areas. The area of greatest challenge is called Wildland-Urban Interface. The devastating fires of the 2003 season in California were prime examples of what can happen when an urban

population moves into a forested area with inadequate planning / management / maintenance for fire fighting and prevention. Key to all of this, of course, is adequate funding, a serious factor at all levels of California government these days.

In some cases, county and city planning departments make inadequate provision for fire access roads and brush clearance. Building materials such as wood shake / wood shingle roofs do not adequately take into account the possibility of severe drought and forest fire. Nor do they take into account the flooding and mud slide dangers that follow a big burn. Deaths mounted significantly last winter from this cause in the San Gabriel Mountains following the big burns of the preceding summer.

Even when planning is adequate, management requires vigilance by property owners, Rob said. Continued development,

when under pressure by developers, sometimes defeats the best intentions of the original plan. Resident property maintenance is vital to successful fire fighting. Brush clearance and tree clearing are key to minimizing losses.

Rob discussed three types of fires, all of which were present in Southern California last season. Ground fires are the least dangerous, but have the potential to explode. This happens when there are large accumulations of highly combustible material. The result can develop into a ladder or a crowning fire.

Ladder fires occur when ground fires work their way up standing trees that have not been trimmed or thinned, particularly tall standing timber near residential areas. Trimming and thinning is a vital part of forest fire prevention.

Crown fires are usually the result of fires in the tops of trees, blown by high winds which travel from tree to tree 20 – 50 feet above ground. These are the most dangerous and fastest spreading fires in our forests. Particularly when there are many diseased and dead trees in the forest, crown fires can move with amazing speed trapping residents and fire fighters alike.

In some Southern California areas, such as the forest around Lake Arrowhead, up to 50% of the standing timber is dead or dying as a result of the Mountain Pine Beetle. Under these conditions, disastrous fires are a constant danger. It is a matter of "when" not "if" the fires will occur.

Modern fire fighting techniques include the extensive use of backfires. Since large fires often create their own weather, the up-draft winds of large fires suck burning material toward the fires, thus making backfiring one of the best ways to clear the ground around a fire. Though roads and fire breaks are often helpful as lines of defense, in high wind conditions, burning embers can make fires jump 1/4 to 1/2 mile, making the break ineffective.

Residents can help by creating at least 30 feet of fuel-free ground around their homes. Regular irrigation and trimming can make a difference. Filled pools and available fueled-up gasoline powered water pumps can sometimes mean saving a structure.

While all of these precautions are usually known, it is often an alert, concerned public that is willing to invest in an adequate amount of fire fighters and equipment that makes the difference between success and failure when the fire season is upon us. Thank you, Rob Doudrick, for your fascinating presentation and thank you, Scott, for helping us to obtain a fine program! TP

From The Right Seat

Date: July 6, 2004 **Meeting Place:** Baker's Square
Meeting Leader: Wendi Potter, Prez **Car Count:** 18
Start Time: 7:30 **Adjournment Time:** 9:30

Introduction of Guests: Welcome!

Welcome to new members Bill Samstag and Al and Joyce Mooney!
We also welcomed Susan and Rob Doudrick, Jordan Stones and members of the Happy Days Car Club.

President's Notes: Wendi Potter

Our auction is coming up in September, so start cleaning out the corners of the garage! We are looking for next year's board members. Talk to Steve Batesole, next year's prez, if you are interested.

Tours: Joe DiFatta

John and Virginia Wolf have invited club members to a wine and cheese party at their place in Big Bear! See p. 2 for tour information.

Announcements:

Please return your Flathead Fords Survey to Tom Potter.

Club shirts are still available, contact Steve Boskovich.

Foothill Festival of Cars is September 11, contact Ken Sapper.

Car of the Month:

Congratulations to Chuck Leuttgerodt, '46 Woody, and Joe DiFatta, '47 Fordor! Tiffany Bergman awarded this month's Drive Prize to Tom and Wendi Potter.

Program for the Evening:

Rob Doudrick, deputy director for the Northern Forest Research Station, gave us a presentation about California wildfires, prevention and safety.

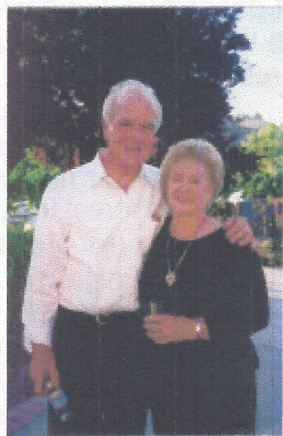
Raffle Winners:

Ladies: Susan Doudrick, Lin Kemmerer

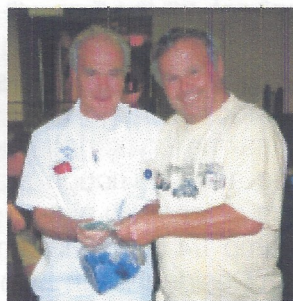
Name Badge: John Kemmerer

50/50 Drawing: Chuck Shubb

Minutes submitted by Rachael Doudrick



Congratulations to
John and Virginia Wolf
- 50 years and
counting!



Last Tour, Irv Warren

Irv Warren passed away last month at the age of 70. He was born in Buffalo, New York, in October 1934. He was a cabinetmaker and his main business was building and remodeling the interior of jewelry stores, which he did for many years in Los Angeles. He sold his business years ago and retired to what he wanted to do most, work on Early Ford V-8s.

Joe Longobardi met Irv Warren about 35 years ago. Joe remembers Irv pushing a Ralph's shopping cart through one swap meet after another looking for Ford parts. But there was much more to it than that.

They went to Hershey every year for many years and the search was always on for that elusive part. When it was found, the bargaining began and if the price was right, Irv bought it. Then, if you were his friend, he would be very generous when he found out that you needed a part that he had, often giving it to you. If you needed help, Irv was there with a depth of knowledge and parts supplies that would usually get the job done right the first time, something that is not always easy with our old Fords.

He was a collector. He was a specialist in items that were strictly Ford, like knobs for the dash board of practically every Flathead Ford built before the war. He was a key nut and had more keys, key blanks and cutters than you would ever need. Was Irv just an ordinary guy? Not even close. How many people do you know who collected "Kilroy Was Here" buttons? Irv was one, and he had a lot of them.

Irv restored a '36 Convertible sedan and a five-window coupe. He owned a '36 cabriolet, a '36 pickup that needed paint as well as a beautiful '42 convertible that was 90% restored. In other words, Irv was a Ford guy all the way. Beyond owning and restoring, Irv was the 1935 Ford Advisor for the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. For those of you who may not be aware of this, "National", as we call it, has an advisor for each year that flathead Fords were built. These folks have been selected because of their depth of knowledge of a particular year. They are available to help us with restoration problems. Trust me, they know their stuff.

There is another quality about Irv Warren that everyone passes on. He was a friendly, caring guy, one who will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

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she began making "lap robes". This idea arose three years ago, out of her desire to make something special and practical for "Aunt Mary", her Godmother, who was living in a rest home at the time, and has since passed away.

Helen says to make one of these is easy and only takes a few hours. She explains that you start with a "granny square" at the center and work outward. She keeps working until the piece is big enough to lay over a lap. Hence, she uses the name "lap robe".

Since hatching of this idea for her "Aunt," Helen has made over 100 lap robes and donates her work to places which she sees can use them. She gives them in bundles of what she calls a "Baker's Dozen," thirteen beautiful and unique small blankets to keep the laps of the seniors warm, as they sit more often these days.

At June, Helen generously gave a "Baker's Dozen" to Gerry Blackwell for the seniors at Capri Villa, and gave me the same for folks at Sunrise Assisted Living. Both these facilities hosted a car show and lunch for our members. (See the enclosed letter from Sunrise as an indication of the reception of her gift.)

Thank you Helen for your generosity. The people with whom we work appreciate what you do for their organization and we appreciate YOU. WP

For Sale and Wanted

For Sale: '46-'48 Ford Dash, Chrome and Stainless. Glove Box and six gage \$450. Mike Ewing. (818) 360-1351

For Sale: Four 1941 - 1946 16" wheels. John Wolf. (818) 789-6201

For Sale: 1940 Coupe Right door. Craig Lapair. (818) 893-1640

For Sale: '41 - '47 Carb. For six cylinder; '49 - '51 heater motor, 6v. NOS Allan Franklin. (818) 842-2230

Wanted: 2 original 1932 bumpers. Don Underwood. (818) 246-4560

Wanted: 4 post car lift. Vic Cohen. (818) 763-2680

Wanted: Good, reasonably priced place to store '59 Cadillac. Call Scott Doudrick at 818-687-9836 (placed for a friend)

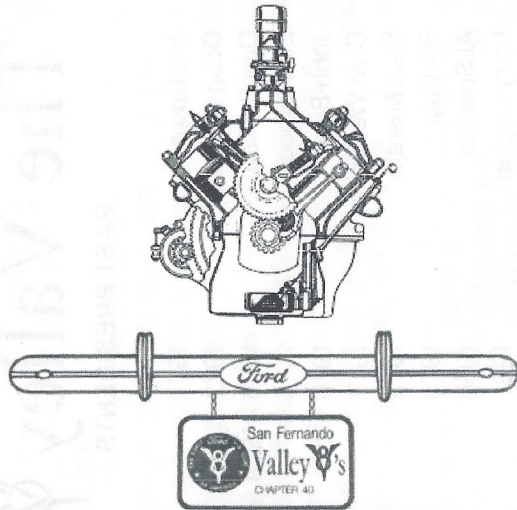
The Valley's

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Jim Rowe	1971
Doug Peterson	1972
Don Durkee	1973 - 1974
Ed Warnock	1975
John Busk	1976
Chip Werstein	1977
Stan Misraje	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 - 1990
Joe DiFatta	1991
Chuck Shubb	1992 - 1993
George Richards	1994
Jerry Littner	1995
Dick Smith	1996
Chuck Mair	1997
Dennis Keene	1998
Rose Gott	1999
Don Stout	2000
Steve Boskovich	2001 -2002
Joe DiFatta	2003

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**On the Front cover: Chuck & Terri
Luettgerodt's '46 Woody and Joe DiFatta's '47
Super Deluxe Fordor,
Our Cars of the Month**

