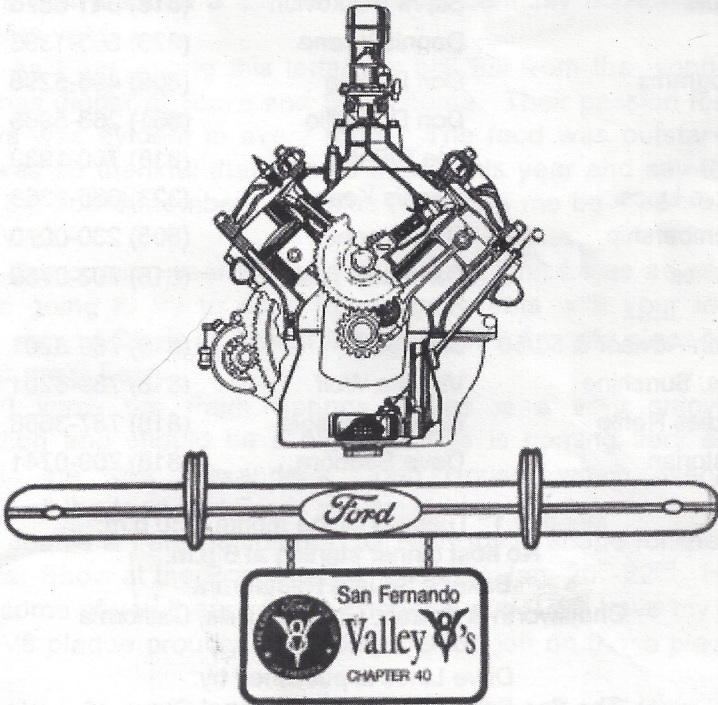




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Meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 7:30 p.m.

No host dinner starting at 6 p.m.

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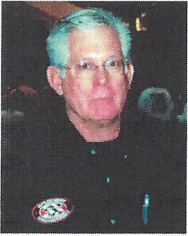
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Greetings from President Ken — January 2006 —



HAPPY NEW YEAR V-8'ers!

Seems like I'm always missing the holiday party because of business, and this year I missed it again. But I understand that it was an absolutely awesome get together with good food, a great raffle, wonderful music and a good time for all! My new Board was sworn in by Dennis. I want to thank my VP Dennis for helping out these last couple months and for all the planning he did for the holiday party. Nancy's raffle and Rachael's decorating were terrific, I'm told. Al Mooney's music ministry added a special touch. I certainly hope I can be there next year.

As I am writing this letter I'm still full from the wonderful Christmas dinner at Steve and Sue's home. Their passion for the holidays was evident in every room. The food was outstanding and I was so thankful that I could attend this year and say thank you to the board members and club for letting me be a part of the Valley V-8s.

Our coming year looks to be real exciting for us as a club! We are going to try to do a few more events with your ideas. Please remind Steve or myself if you've got a favorite place to go with our great Fords.

I know the Palm Springs Follies is a very enjoyable production and should be a big hit! This is coming very soon. Later is the Nick Alexander's Open House, which everyone enjoys...all the food and Fords are great.

Joanie & I are getting our '32 HighBoy in shape for the GN Roadster Show at the Pomona Fair Grounds Jan. 20th-22nd. Hope to see some of you there. Come check us out! I will have my new Valley V8 plaque proudly on display. Good job on those plaques Jerry!

Urgent request for a Drivelines team!! Editors and publishers needed. We really need our communication kept open to everyone.

So, see you at the January meeting. Lets kick off the 2006 year in style and have a big turn out!

*Your on-going prez,
Kenny*

Next Meeting Announcement

The next meeting will be on January 3, 2006 (Yes, Happy New Year!) at Baker's Square at the corner of Zehzah and Chatsworth at 7:30 p.m. One of the best parts is the no host diner that starts at 6:00 p.m. Come to have dinner with V-8 friends and stay for the meeting.

The program for January will be our very own Kenny Sapper talking about his recent trip to North Carolina (and perhaps other places of Ford racing interest). Don't miss it!

Calendar

Jan. 28th & 29th, Palm Springs Follies, Saturday and Sunday.

Please enter this date on your calendar. Details at the January meeting. Info: Gerry Blackwell, (661) 268-0040.

Feb. 4th, Nick Alexander's Swap Meet and Car Show Saturday.

Please enter this date on your calendar. If you want to sell parts, plan to arrive at Nick Alexander's not later than 7 a.m. Others who want to buy and look may arrive as early as 8 a.m. Free lunch included. Details at the January meeting.

DATE CHANGE - Feb 13th - DATE CHANGE, Ronald Regan Library and Air Force 1 Exhibit. Meet at In and Out Burger, Porter Ranch Rd. and Rinaldi at 9 a.m. Leave at 9:15. Our reservations are for 10 a.m. for a docent-guided tour of Regan's Air Force 1. Lunch in cafeteria. Self guided tour of library after lunch. Info: Steve Boskovich, (818) 341-6876.

March TBA, San Louis Obispo Tour. March tour Thursday and Friday. Thursday, Farmer's Market in San Louis. Friday, Melodrama at Oceano. Please enter this info. on your calendar. Details at the January meeting.

April 21st-23rd, Laughlin Excursion, Fri., Sat. & Sun. Bus tour to Laughlin, two nights at the Colorado Belle, some meals and en-route entertainment. Price \$101 / person. Details at the January meeting. For info: Steve Boskovich, (818) 341-6876.



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The Editor and Publisher Step Down

As you all have heard by now, Scott and I, together with our incredible wives, have decided that after a number of years it is time for us to give other members of the club the "opportunity" to do these jobs.

The Scott and Rachael - Tom and Wendi Team have been doing Drive Lines for about three years now. It has been fun and we have enjoyed it very much. But, we have come to realize that after so many issues, we are beginning to wear out. There are many satisfying moments when an issue comes together and we see it in print for the first time.

This means that we have been to the event or read the background material and often discussed it. Then I usually give the writing a 'go.' Wendi reads it and does an initial editing. Then it goes to Scott as e-mail. I have usually taken some photos of the events, meeting and tours and I simply drop the pictures in the mail to Scott. By around the 18th of the month Scott takes all the pieces of articles, photos and other items and assembles a "Galley proof" of the new issue.

Around the 20th-22nd of the month, Scott, Rachael, Tom and Wendi have dinner together, talk about club events and anything else that comes to mind, and then get down to the hard part of editing. This usually means reading each page for grammar, typos and content correctness. As each page comes out of this process, it goes back to Scott for corrections on his computer. We have closed down Starbucks and numerous restaurants around town in doing this. It's fun and we enjoy the process. We also enjoy each other.

Wendi and I leave at this point. The work of printing, assembling, addressing and stamping the issues goes to Scott and Rachael. On rare occasions, we help with this when Scott's workload at JPL makes his time so limited that he just says, "Help!" After that, we sit back and for three weeks or so we just enjoy the club and the activities we all love.

It has been great and we hope that you all have enjoyed our work. You are a most supportive club, one that often says "Thank you." That means a lot to us. We frequently hear, "I look for Drive Lines each month and I read it from cover to cover." Wow! That has felt good and makes it all worthwhile.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. We wish the future editors and publishers all the best.

-Tom and Scott, Wendi and Rachael

Valley V-8s Holiday Party



dressed to kill. A look at these gorgeous creatures would turn the head of any man worthy of a Flathead V-8. Joan Sapper, standing in for President Ken, was poised, gracious and as usual, super beautiful. The kids, Carl and Tiffany, were sharp, performing

at their best. Big V-8 thank you go to Dave Bergman for running the raffle at a good pace and Al Mooney who sang Christmas songs with a passion that would touch even the biggest Scrooge. It was truly a night to remember!



On the other side of the picture, the oath of office was administered by goof-offs to goof-offs in a way that would make anyone within earshot wonder how any of us could drive a car, let alone run a complex, vibrant club of strong individuals and stubborn independents.

The food and the service were above reproach. Served in a timely manner, all the dishes were prepared with care and right down to the tempting desserts. The meals were as good as one could ever hope for. The hall was just right for our needs. Spacious and nicely decorated, it left little to be desired.

The table decorations were clever and well done. Thank you, Rachael! The raffle prizes were not only fun, but generated some real competition. I think we all loved the new system. "Put the tickets in the cartons by the prizes you most want to win. That way, you control you own odds! This one was largely thanks to Nancy Batesole and her team. Loved it, Nancy!

Winners? For starters, Sue Boskovich walked away with \$80 from the 50/50 raffle run by John Wolf. Thank you, John, for your salesmanship each month. It seems that people sitting at the

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Boskovich Christmas Party, 2006 It Just Gets Better and Better



December 13 was a crisp winter evening at Steve and Sue Boskovich's brightly lit home. The Valley V-8s were there in large numbers, about 65 people by some estimates, but who is counting? It was the spirit of the season that hit you as you entered the door.

Yes, we are fairly noisy. Hope Steve's neighbors had been prepared. But the spirit was clearly there, and with it one can find the soul of our Club.

As usual, there was food aplenty, especially the desserts! The decorations were outstanding. The "keeping room," off the kitchen, was a new addition and as we might suspect, decorated to the max. The electric train was running around one tree in the family room, while the model villages seemed alive with lights. The Christmas tree in the front bedroom was a fairy-like touch of silver and light.

President Kenny called us together in Steve's living room to wish us all a "Merry Christmas!" He also handed out thank-you presents to all the 2005 board members. These were Christmas bags with some much-appreciated Ford gifts such as mugs, lapel pins, key fobs and Ford wallets, great for the glove box.

Note to those who drive General Motors cars (Corvette owners are exempt): This wallet may have a sensor which picks up the brand of car in which it finds itself and then creates a malfunction in that car proportionate to the degree of non-Ford parts it detects. The car may have mysterious periodic breakdowns. Most GM cars do anyway, but caution is advised. Volvo and Mazda owners need not be concerned but cars built in Lansing, for example, may be subject to problems.

We have heard that Boskovich Christmas Party will continue as a tradition. We are all glad that this is true. Special thanks to Steve and Sue for another outstanding Christmas, a chance for us all to share in the season's joy. Your present to the club is much appreciated by all members.

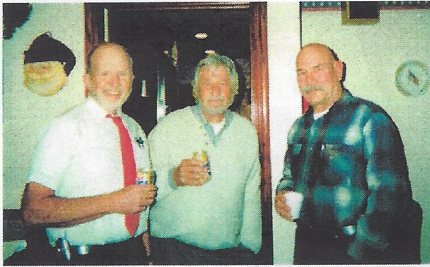
Fords To Be Seen Out Front at Steve's Place

There were numerous Fords parked out front at Steve's place. Joe's '46 was there in its red bow and extra polish just for

Christmas. Several pre-war pickups were found right in front of the house. I understand that Scott's '39 now has all new running gear donated by the '39 he has been working on for three years. Steve Batesole's '36 is always a holiday favorite. Durkee's '40 Coca-Cola pickup was there for its first Christmas.

One killer Ford was in the driveway: Gerry Blackwell's Black '62 Thunderbird. When she told us last month that she fell in love with the car at Hershey, I thought, "Love is blind and we are all victims." But, after spending quality time with this love object in the driveway, I, too, became a believer. This is an incredible car. It is a sculpture in black. Gerry says it purrs. To


me, it doesn't drive, it flows even as it sits still. It is one of the best of its generation. *Glad you shared it Gerry. Many happy hours cuddled up to the wheel of your new heartthrob. If and when it's time to move the car on, remember I'm in line! TP*



January Birthdays

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| 1 st Barbara Williams | 22 nd Eileen Kaplan |
| 3 rd Jean Welch | 25 th John Wolf |
| 4 th Charlie Butler | 25 th Lu Anne Rohrer |
| 4 th Barbara Wright | 27 th Don Zable |
| 10 th Leon Nitz | 27 th Rachael Doudrick |
| 19 th Jack Miles | 27 th Jim Latty |
| 21 st Caroline Stoker | 28 th Jerry Littner |





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Ventura V-8s Holiday Party



Gerry Blackwell and cohort Lesley Littner really know how to throw a party. The Ventura V-8 Holiday Party was a rousing success. Yes, there were the crazy games, like balancing a clipboard on your head and drawing a series of pictures without looking at it. It is challenging, speaking from experience. Then there was the name game where people try and get you to guess the V-8 or holiday word stuck to your back as you walk in the door.

The person who collects the most tags, wins. Dave Sanborn cleaned up on this game helping many V-8'ers guess what they were wearing. Derek Blackwell ran in with a close second.

Then, of course, there was the fun teamwork puzzle, identify the song. We were given a series of riddles to be deciphered: Which holiday jingle did it refer to? Musician Charlie Butler whizzed through these and several people came up with 19 of the 20 answers. Are we having fun yet? Oh yes. Most definitely.

Dinner was delightful and delicious. The meal choices were salmon, chicken or steak. There was plenty of food, and of course, the dessert. Could anyone go to Marie Calendars and not have pie? The lemon meringue was quite popular, however, I enjoyed the apple pie.

The entertainment for the evening was magician Tim Mannix. He was mostly comedian, mixed with cute and clever illusions to the untrained eye. He found his favorites in the crowd

as audience participation was central to this act, and all were regaled with laughter by the end of his show. And what is a magician without the proverbial rabbit? Mabeline was her name, a beautiful and docile white rabbit with heavily pronounced black around each eye. As you can see by the photos, she stole a few people's hearts.

Some of the greatest entertainment of the evening, however, was the gift exchange. Each person received a number. This number told the order in which they would go to get a gift. Take a new gift from the table or





steal one you like from another person, but you could only possess the gift twice before you could no longer steal it. The game became almost vicious as couples started team working so that the most popular items were stolen and re-stolen. The desired items were two fancy corkscrews, a beautiful throw blanket, a table centerpiece and a large flashlight/toolbox combo. I don't know how many times each of these items was stolen, but they made the rounds.

The evening ended in an upbeat manner with all leaving with full tummies.

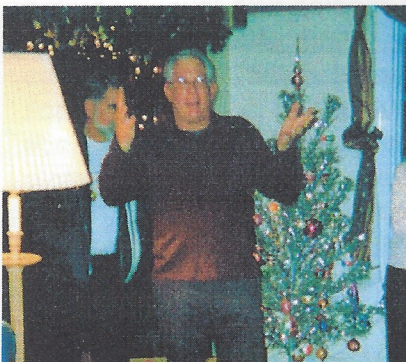
Thank you Gerry and Leslie for another fantastic Holiday Party. You sure know how to throw them. WP

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editor's table won raffle prizes, especially yours truly. Don Durkee came away with some good ones, as did Charlie Butler and Wendi. Well, someone has to win, now, don't they?

The biggest share of the thanks goes to Dennis Keene. As VP and main party planner, he did a superb job. Wendi's comment was, "He's got this one completely organized. I can go in relaxed and enjoy the evening." Dennis is a great MC and his timing was right-on. Never rushed and never dull, we all had a great time.

Thanks to all who put so much into this great party!



President Kenny declares,
"That's all, folks!"

The Valley's

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Dave Sanborn	1986
John Kemmerer	1987
Dudley Ochsner	1988
Jerry Jensen	1989 - 1990
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Chuck Shubb	1992 - 1993
George Richards	1994
Jerry Littner	1995
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