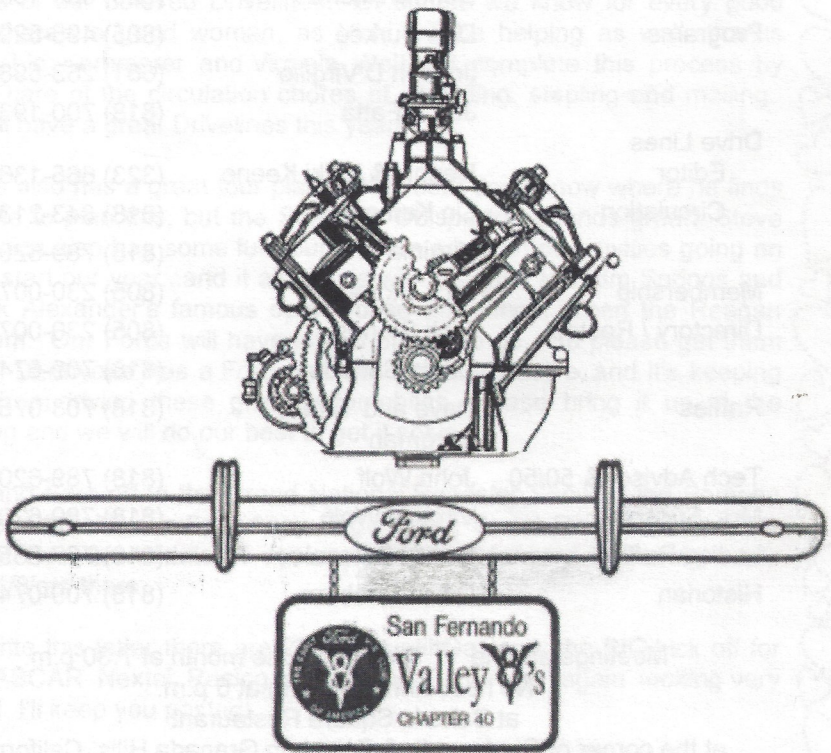




February 2006

"Our 36th Year"



Drive Lines

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Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

No host dinner starting at 6 p.m.

at Baker's Square Restaurant

at the corner of Chatsworth & Zelzah in Granada Hills, California.

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Greetings from President Ken

Hello everyone!

It was good to see so many of you at the January meeting! As I've said before, I'll try my best to give you another good year as president "so help me Henry," that is of course with the help of our great board members. This club is about the people and families, not just Fords. Our January meeting was informal and it gave us time to visit with each other and time to catch up from the holidays.

Dennis Keene has graciously stepped up to the plate and offered to be in charge of our beloved Drivelines! Of course we know for every good man, there's a good woman, as Vicki will be helping as well...thanks Vicki!! Lin Kemmerer and Virginia Wolf will complete this process by taking care of the circulation chores of compiling, stapling and mailing. We will have a great Drivelines this year!

Dennis also has a great tour planned for us. I don't know where he finds the time to plan this, but the San Luis Obispo trip sounds great! Steve Boskovich also has some fun tours...there are a lot of activities going on at the start our year...and it all begins with the trips to Palm Springs and to Nick Alexander's famous open house and lunch. Then the Reagan Museum. Our Fords will have lots of places to go. So please get them ready. (If anyone has a Ford problem they can't solve, and it's keeping them from driving these great automobiles, please bring it up at the meeting and we will do our best to get it solved.)

Joan and I are off to the Grand National Roadster Show at the Pomona Fairgrounds with our Speedway Engineering Street Rod booth and our '32 Hot Rod the middle of January. Looking forward to seeing some fellow V8'ers there.

As I write this letter there are 27 days until Daytona, the BIG kick off for the NASCAR Nextel Racing series...the Fords are again looking very strong! I'll keep you posted!

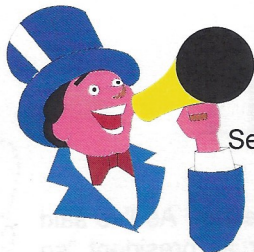
Until next time, let's keep the Fords rolling!

Sincerely from your Prez,

Kenny



Dues are Due !!!



- Deadline for inclusion in the 2006 Directory is February 15th.
- Make check out to Valley V-8's

Send your check of \$28 to our Membership Chairman:
Dick Stones
1405 Valley High Avenue
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

- Or Bring your check to the February 7th meeting.

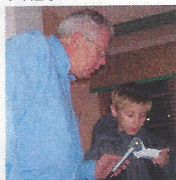
Secretary's Minutes

Date: January 3, 2006 **Meeting Place:** Baker's Square

Meeting Leader: Ken Sapper **Start Time:** 7:30 pm **Adjourned:** 9:12 pm

CARL'S Car Count: 8 Early Fords driven to the meeting.

[photo - Prez Ken holds the mic as Carl Batesole pulls this months 'Drive Prize' winning license plate # from the hat. (Carl goes to the parking lot & writes the license plate #s of all the Early Fords and one winner is selected to receive the 'Drive Prize' a \$10 gift certificate for Baker's Square.) Drive your Early Ford to the meeting to be eligible to win next month.]



Introduction of Guests:

Welcome! Tom Potter introduced his guest, Ryan Mincer, who has a '41 Mercury coupe. Larry Weiss, new member, with his '36 Ford.

President's Notes: Ken Sapper

Ken told us about his trade show trip to Charlotte, North Carolina. Dennis Carpenter's shop is in Charlotte. While there Ken took a 200 mile side trip to visit Jack Miles who is doing well.

Steve Boskovich went to the President's dinner for the Rose Bowl tonight.

Ken was officially sworn in by Dennis Keene.

Don Underwood will be the Vice President for 2006. Dennis Keene will take over the Drive Lines with the help of Virginia Wolf and Lin Kemmerer.

Treasurer's Report: Ingvar Carlson

Ingvar Carlson reported that we have \$2300 in the treasury.

Tours: Steve Boskovich & Dennis Keene

Gerry Blackwell reminded us this is the last day to pay for the Palm Springs Follies, January 28th and 29th.

Dennis said the Reagan Library tour is max. 60 people on Feb 12. The San Luis Obispo tour will be March 30 & 31. Leave from Carrows in Ventura and stay at Lamplighter Hotel for Street Fair and visit Oceano for \$18 melodrama about Huck Finn. The Laughlin tour will be April 21, 22 & 23 by bus.

Announcements:

Dues of \$ 28 are due. Send you check to Dick Stones. Feb 4th Nick Alexander tour and swap meet, must have head count for lunch. Al Rohrer has been in the hospital 16 weeks, not doing well. He is in Northridge Hospital room # 3 422. Don Durkee auctioned off a hat for \$12 to Tom & Wendi Potter. Barbara Williams passed away, funeral will be Jan. 4 in Temecula. Harry Friar passed away. His son, Darrell, will continue the business. Check out the club web site at clubs.hemmings.com/valleyv8s.

Car of the Month:

Scott Doudrick's 1939 Ford truck.

Drive Prize (for bringing your V-8 to the meeting):

Scott Doudrick

Dick Colarossi
wins 50/50 at
January 3rd Valley
V-8 meeting



photo by T. Potter

Program for the Evening:

No program

Raffle Winners:

Ladies: Carole Jensen and Helen Baker

Name Badge: Al Mooney

50/50 Drawing: Dick Colarossi

Minutes submitted by Karen Lehman

Dick Colarossi



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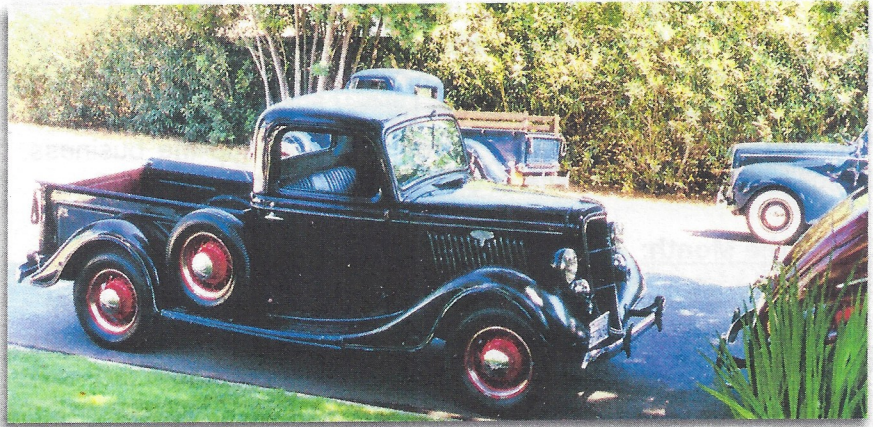
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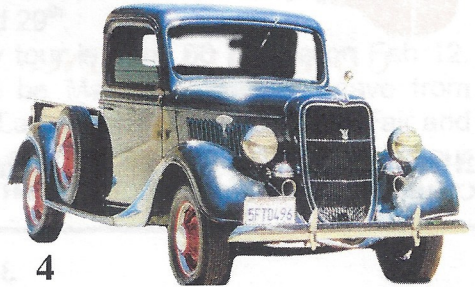
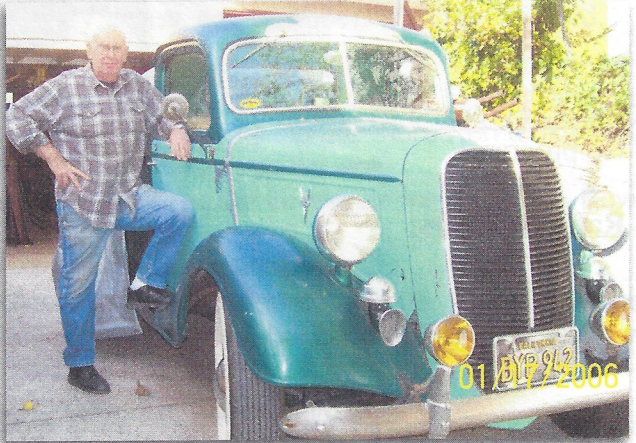
The current Lunar New Year is the year of the Dog

In V8 land, I hereby declare this to be the **YEAR OF THE PICK UP.**



For years Bob Zecker has claimed to have a 1935 pick up. I had my doubts, since I had never seen it, and Bob was listing '35 motor mounts in the wanted section. However, at the Durkee's Bar B-Q last summer, to my chagrin, Bob showed up with the beauty shown above.

Don Zabel has owned many pick-ups over the years, and his latest acquisition is the '37 he acquired from the Gene Wilson stable, following Gene's passing. Gene owned this pick-up in the 50's when Don swapped the cable brakes for hydraulics. Don recently installed a fresh '59 A engine, and wants to replace Gene's 50 year old paint job to blend with the interior which looks new.



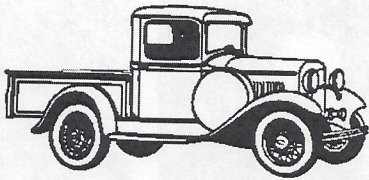
To complete our trio, we feature Scott Doudricks recently acquired, a 1939 pick-em-up which so impressed Scott that he decided (thank you Henry) to reconsider his planned electric motor installation and instead will use a flathead to power his treasure. This new truck has the front and rear end from Scott's first pick up. He has already found a buyer for the old cab and would like to find a new home for the restored frame to make room to work on the current project. First on the to do list is a rebuilt engine, followed closely by taller rear end gears to replace the present 4:11's.



For further pictures of this '39, see the car of the month section in this issue of Drive Lines



Tour for March 2006



Farmers Market / Street Fair
Swimming pool and hot tub
Antique Shopping

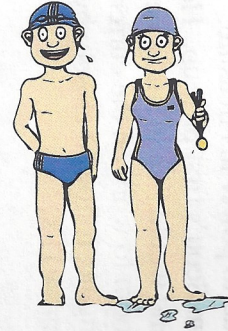
The Great American MELODRAMA
And Vaudeville

Back Country Touring in an Early V8
Sound Good?

Then gas up your V-8 for a fun tour to
SAN LUIS OBISPO

Three days and two nights
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
March 30, 31, April 1, 2006

In a Pool or Hot Tub
A V-er is cute
But don't forget
Your bathing suit!



THURSDAY

Day: Tour from Ventura to San Luis Obispo with a stop for lunch at Cold Spring Tavern and Antique shopping in Los Alamos.

Evening: Farmers Market/Street Fair (Bar B-Q tri tip, street mimes, corn on the cob, baked potatoes, Bar B-Q chicken, street musicians, ice cream cones, handcrafts, balloons).

Night: Hospitality Suite in the Keene's room.

FRIDAY:

Morning: Free Continental Breakfast @ Motel

Day: Surprise Tour and/or relax in pool and hot tub.

Evening: Tour down Highway 1 to Oceano to see The MELODRAMA and Vaudeville

SATURDAY

Morning: Free Continental Breakfast @ Motel

Day: Return home via Solvang



FIRST: Make your MOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW!

LAMPLIGHTER (Comfort Inn & Suites) (805) 547-7777

- Mention you're with the EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB
- And whether you have AAA or AARP
- Make your reservations EARLY for best rate

SECOND: Send a check made out to Dennis Keene totaling \$18 for each person in your car for the MELODRAMA.

Reservation Deadline for the MELODRAMA : March 7th.

When I receive your check for the MELODRAMA I'll know you're coming and I'll mail you maps and information regarding departure location and times.

For Wednesday March 29th if you prefer to stay overnight in Ventura here are phone #s for two locations:

- Comfort Inn-Ventura Phone (805) 653-5000
2094 East Harbor Blvd., Ventura, 93001
- Motel 6 Ventura (Beach) Phone (805) 643-5100
2145 East Harbor Blvd., Ventura, 93001

QUESTIONS? Dennis Keene (323) 665-1363.

Don't just

Watch the
Fords
go by!

Fire up your car
and come along!

Next Meeting Date

We will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at Bakers Square restaurant at Zelzah and Chatsworth in Granada Hills. The meeting starts at 7:30p.m.

Come at 6 p.m. and have dinner with V-8 friends. Drive your early V-8 and you'll automatically be entered in the license plate random drawing. The winner receives a gift certificate good for \$10 at Bakers Square.

Our speaker for the evening will be club member Joe DiVirgilio. He'll talk about his over 33 years with the City of Los Angeles Police Dept., part of which was serving as security/body guard for L.A. District Attorney Gil Garcetti. This should be a very interesting evening.

Calendar



February 12, Sunday. Ronald Reagan Library and Air Force 1 exhibit. Meet at In and Out Burger on Rinaldi at the Porter Ranch Road exit from the 118 Simi Valley Freeway at 9:00 a.m. Leave at 9:15 a.m. Our reservations are for 10 a.m. to tour A.F. 1. Lunch in cafeteria, self guided tour of Library after lunch. Space is limited. Check with Steve Boskovich (818)- 341-6876 if you did not sign up at the January meeting.

February 24, 25,26. Big Three Swap Meet. Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego.

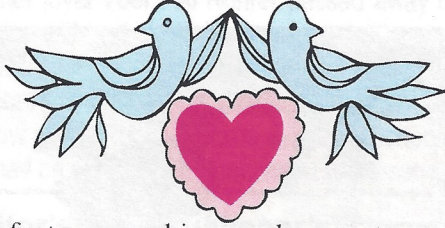
March 7 Tuesday. Valley V-8 Meeting

March 30,31 and April 1. San Luis Obispo Tour. See write up in this issue of Drive Lines. Information : Dennis Keene (323) 665-1363

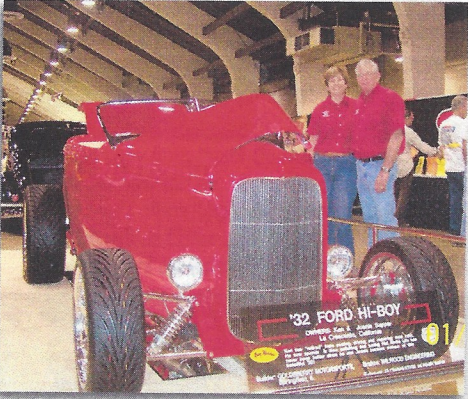
April 4 Tuesday. Valley V-8 Meeting

Week of April 10. "Let's Play Hookey" tour. Details later. Info : Joe Di Fatta (818) 700-1939

Happy Valentine's Day

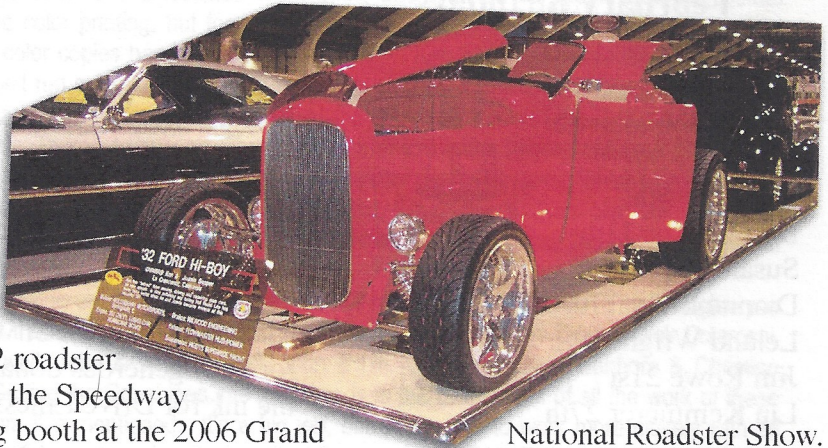


With Valentine's Day fast approaching, make sure to stop hugging your V-8 long enough to give a great big hug to your sweetheart.



Ken and Joanie working Speedway Engineering's booth under the watchful eye of Valley V8 Club Vice President Don Underwood

Prez Kenny with 1st Lady Joannie wishing everyone a happy Valentine's Day from the 2006 Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona.



Ken and Joanie's '32 roadster across from the Speedway Engineering booth at the 2006 Grand

National Roadster Show.

Car of the Month



photo by T. Potter

Joe DiFatta congratulates Scott Doudrick for his '39 pickup Car of the Month.



Joe DiFatta help Scott Doudrick find the breather so oil can be added.

Scott's "new" '39 pickup. For more details see December '05 Drive Lines.

February Birthdays

- Robert Attwood 3rd
- Myrna Attwood 4th
- Marsha DiFatta 4th
- Jim Kelly 5th
- Al Porter 5th
- Don Durkee 11th
- Susan Trapp 14th
- Dianne Baily 17th
- Leland Wright 19th
- Jim Rowe 21st
- Lin Kemmerer 27th



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AL ROHRER

We have lost another loyal V8er. Al Rohrer passed away on Thursday, January 26th. A memorial service will be held in his honor at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 2nd at Oakwood Memorial Park, 22601 Lassen Street, Chatsworth. If you'll be attending, you can honor Al by driving your Early Ford V8.

A reception will follow at the Rohrer's home at 19218 Schoolcraft, Reseda. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

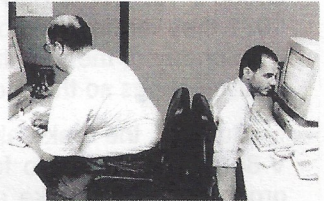
Editor's (and Publisher's) Corner

Desperate times call for desperate measures. When our Editor & Publisher announced their retirement, I was standing there waiting for someone to step forward when everyone beside me stepped back. I was never in the military where you learn to keep your big mouth shut and don't volunteer for 'nuthin', so six months ago I couldn't even spell editor and now I am one. Knowing my lack of computer skills, Vicki offered to learn me how to use that contraption. Vicki is committed to excellence and I'm ready to be committed.

(from the Publisher - notes to self: ❶ Never try to teach someone computer when you also need finished copy from them! Computer people, just like car people speak their own language. More about this in the next issues. ❷ rearrange backroom - a.k.a. the new Drive Lines office!!! We don't need this anymore!!!!

With Dennis as Editor and me as Publisher we are both doing different aspects of the same Drive Lines, but from different perspectives. Add the pressure of self-imposed early deadlines and the lack of an organized work space for each of us just won't cut it.)

❸ Be sure to thank all the people who helped.)



I'd like to thank all the people who helped in so many ways. First Tom & Wendi Potter and Scott and Rachel Doudrick not only for their previous years of service keeping our membership informed, but for their continued input e-mailing and snail-mailing us articles and photos and other items of interest &/or super quick responses to our requests for information about the club's maniacal Laser printer. You may not know that in order to give you a color copy that the DriveLines is printed solely on the club's printer. In order to print front and back, each sheet of paper is run thru the printer twice so printer problems - like nice on one side garbage on the back - become a major issue. Which brings me to acknowledge and thank Ken & Joannie Sapper for all their help and moral support in the transition between one DriveLines team effort and another. In years past Joe Difatta donated the color printing, but for some time now all the ink that the club needs to print really nice color copies has been donated by MVP. Ken has been responsible for making sure we don't run out of ink by taking the empty cartridges to Miguel Silva of MVP, getting them filled and getting them back to the Publisher.

Super special Thanks to my son, Tom Keene for untold hours helping enhance photos and getting the final layout done. Tom's been a computer person since his junior high days, and currently he owns his own business www.LADigitalPhoto.com. He's also volunteered to continue to help, so you'll see him at future events taking pictures (so he won't have to spend so much time trying to fix mine.)

Since I'm running out of room and there are still more people to thank, I'll have to give you details next month about these folks and others: Dick Stones, Joe Difatta, Dick Colarossi, Jerry Blackwell, John & Virginia Wolf, John & Lin Kemmerer, Dave Sanborn & Christine Varney. Getting the DriveLines into your hands is the culmination of all the work of these people whom I've mentioned. It's a big job, but being able to work more closely with all these wonderful people makes it all worthwhile.

DK, Editor & VK, Publisher

Genesis of Local Regional Groups

(Some things you didn't want to know, but I'm telling you anyway)

One hundred years after the birth of our beloved Henry Ford, three men got together in a high school metal shop in San Leandro California and laid the groundwork for the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, dedicated to the preservation and restoration of 1932 to 1940 Ford company vehicles. Five years later, in 1968, Sam Chastain placed an ad in the L.A. Times and soon five V-8ers were granted a charter for the Southern California Regional Group #11. V-8 enthusiasts from all over southern California converged on the meeting room adjacent to the auditorium at South Gate park for the 2nd Sunday of the month meetings.

Members from the San Diego area soon decided that it was too far to drive to South Gate, so they broke away and formed San Diego Regional Group # 19. Some San Fernando Valley V-8ers felt the same way, so in 1971 they formed Regional Group #40. The So. Cal. Group met on the 2nd Sunday of the month, so the Valley V-8ers chose the 1st Sunday for their meetings so they could still attend the So. Cal. meetings.

But wait, the brake-always were not through. A group of Valley V-8ers broke away to form Ventura Regional Group # 84 and another group of V-8ers broke away to form Baldy View Regional Group # 88. While a large percentage of the current So Cal. members are from Orange County, the Orange County Regional Group #92 was only active for a short time and is no longer active.

Not having enough room on their Orange County homesites to build garages prompted members such as Bud Williams, Dan Krehbiel and Jay Harris to move away and eventually form the Palomar Mountain Regional Group #148 in northeast San Diego County.

Jay Harris was National Meet Chairman for the '74 San Diego event, again when So. Cal. R.G. sponsored the '99 meet in Dana Point, and is currently the Meet-head for the 75th Diamond Jubilee Meet that Palomar Mountain R.G. is planning for June 2007.

After much discussion and heated debate, membership for the National Club was expanded to include the 1941 to 1948 years and eventually expanded to 1953 to encompass all the flathead years. Vehicles eligible for concours judging are not just '53 and earlier flathead V8's though, since they also include 4, 6 and V 12 flathead engines, the overhead valve V8 Lincolns, and even the flathead V8 produced in Canada in 1954.

D. K.

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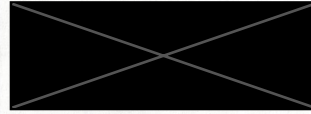
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Lesley Littner witnesses Ex-V.P. Dennis Keene swearing in Ken Sapper the San Fernando Valley V8's 2006 President.



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