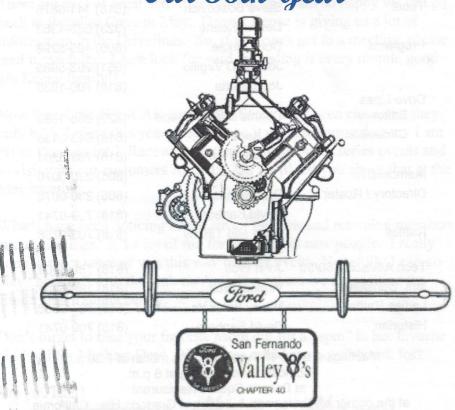




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Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

No host dinner starting at 6 p.m.

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## President Ken's Message

Hello everyone!

It was good seeing so many of you on a cold and wet April meeting night! Jerry Jenson and Carl Batesole got the night off, but they will be on patrol for our old Fords come May 2nd! As I write this letter, we are right in the middle of our Easter and Passover holiday. It is my wish that everyone enjoyed this special time of year!

There sure was a lot of information given out at the April meeting. There are a lot of great activities coming up. I am so happy we can go back to Paradise Cove in May. Dennis Keene is giving us a lot of information in the Drivelines. So, if you can't get to a meeting, please read it carefully. I sure look forward to reading it every month, good job Keene family!!

Now for a little NASCAR news: The Fords have been close, but they only have 1 cigar this year. I sure hope it will turn around soon. I am off to Phoenix Int'l. Raceway for the Cup and Busch series events and to visit with our customers April 19-22. I will tell you about that at the May meeting.

What I have been noticing lately are all the new and returning members at our meetings. It's a lot of fun for me to meet new people. I really hope to meet more of you this way or at an event. Hopefully I can go play "hookey" with the club on Apr. 27...where we are visiting the Guide Dog training center.

Don't forget to take your favorite Mom out for a "spin" in her favorite old Ford for Mothers Day! What more could she possibly ask for?

See you later!

Kenny





# **Secretary's Minutes**

Date: April 4, 2006 Meeting Place: Baker's Square

Meeting Leader: Ken Sapper Start Time: 7:30 Adjournment Time: 9:30

Carl's Car Count: 0 (It was raining.)

Introduction of Guests: Ray Clark, who has a '39 4 dr, joined the club tonight. Paul McKeehan, tonight's speaker, was introduced by Joe D'Virgillio. Presidents notes: Ken and Joan were at the Del Mar car show, put on by the Good Guys, last week-end working their booth. Ken said there were about 1000 cars there.

**Treasurers Report**: Ingvar reported that there is \$2823 in the treasury. **Tours:** Dennis Keene reported that the trip to San Luis Obispo was enjoyed by all. There was a little rain Friday night but it didn't stop anyone from going to the Melodrama and having a great time. There was a total of 23 people on the tour but only six Valley members. We need more participation on future trips. Steve Boskovitch reported there were six cancellations for the Laughlin trip. We need more people or it will cost an additional \$10.

Announcements: Thurs. 4/6 Old Ford store in San Dimas. Sat. 4/8 work day on Ridge Route, meet in Gorman. May 7 Museums of the Arroyo in Pasadena. It is all free. May 9 American Guide Dogs in Sylmar. Ken read a letter from the Early Ford Club of America that they are \$19,000 in the red. They are offering promotion kits/back issues of the magazines.

Car of the Month: None

Drive Prize (for bringing your car to the meeting] None

Program for the Evening: The program was presented by Paul McKeehan who was a staff designer for Studebaker / Packard. He showed pictures of Studebakers and Packards and some of his designs. The Studebaker museum is in South Bend, Ind. Studebaker introduced an electric car in 1902 and gas powered in 1904. The 1950 "Bullet Nose" is the most remembered Studebaker. In 1951 they introduced the Studebaker V8. They merged with Packard in 1954, lost 43 million dollars in 1956 and rebounded with the 1959 Lark Regal which put them back in the black. By 1961 they were in the red again and closed the South Bend plant in Dec. 1963. Production continued in Canada where a blue and white 1966 Cruiser marked the end of 114 years of Studebaker production.

If you are interested in more history, check out the following web sites. www.studebakermuesum.org <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Packard">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Packard</a> and

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V12

Raffle Winners:

**Ladies**: Wendy Potter and Shirley Richards **Name Badge**: Judy Shubb

Pictured – John Wolf awards the winning **50/50 Drawing prize** to Jim Kelly.

#### Calendar of Events

April 30 (Sunday) - 17th Annual Spring Fun Car Show

Costal Valleys CHVA presents the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fun Car Show 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Autry National Center Museum of the American West (opposite LA Zoo) \$10 at the gate Swap Meet \$20 for 10x20 foot area. Set up 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Contact Larry Bauman (818) 767-1857 Half price admission tickets to the museum available to all entrants. Proceeds benefit Guide Dogs of America

May 2 (Tuesday) - Valley V8 meeting

The next meeting will be at our regular meeting place, Baker's Square, at the corner or Zelzah and Chartsworth. Meeting starts at 7:30, but give Mom the night off from cooking and bring the family early for dinner. No host dinner starts at 6:00 p.m..

- May 7 (Sunday) Museums of the Arroyo in Pasadena. Free. Info: Steve Batesole Day/Eve: 818-787-3658
- May 9 (Tuesday) Tour to Guide Dogs of America in Sylmar Meet at Woodley Park at 9:00 a.m. Info: Gerry Blackwell Day/Eve: 661-268-0040
- May 21 (Sunday) Tour to Paradise Cove in Malibu —
  Breakfast/Brunch at Paradise Cove in Malibu. Leave Woodley Park at 9:30 a.m. Take sandals and warm clothing. Parking with restaurant validation \$3.00 per car for a 4 hour stay.
  Info: Steve Boskovich Day: (818) 341-2291 Eve: (818) 341-6876
- June 4 (Sunday) 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Nationals Drag Race & Car Show at the Los Angeles County Raceway in Palmdale. Racing is open to 1954 or earlier type vehicles (Ford trucks OK thru 1956). Seat belts and helmets are required in all cars. For Tech. info call LACR (661) 533-3336 weekday mornings. Show is open to all. If you're not racing, bring your car to show! General Admission to race or show Adults \$15.00 Children (age 6 thru 15) \$1.00. Info Dan (626) 337-4004 Four Ever Four Cylinder Club, Inc. Racer/Show Gate opens @ 8:00 a.m. Spectator Gate opens @ 9:00 a.m.
- June 11 (Sunday) Tour to Val's Antiques Car Collection and Museum.
  Potluck and Barbeque. Club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. SIGN UP at May meeting Info: Dennis Keene (323) 665-1363.
- June 25 (Sunday) 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Forty Ford Day.

  La Palma Park, Anaheim. Pre-register by June 16, 2006.

  Info: (714) 968-6440.

#### May Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Albert
1<sup>st</sup> Ron Cowan
2<sup>nd</sup> Sheri Updike
10<sup>th</sup> Pat Kelly
11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Wolf
17<sup>th</sup> Sue Boskovich
19<sup>th</sup> Paul Kirk



21<sup>st</sup> Larry Keene 26th Craig LaPair 27<sup>th</sup> Helen Baker 28<sup>th</sup> Emily Rosso 30<sup>th</sup> Dudley Ochsner 31<sup>st</sup> Judy Shubb

# Let's Play Hookey - Tour Recap

Former Valley V8 President Dick Smith introduced "Lets Play Hookey" tours, so named because they occur during the work day week when you're supposed to be at work. As time goes on, fewer of our V8ers are gainfully employed, so the nine who participated didn't have to call in sick. King Bolt Company in Covina, our first stop, impressed those in attendance with their eclectic display of hardware. The display of parts at our 2<sup>nd</sup> stop, The Old Ford Store in San Dimas, was equally impressive. Owner Bill McGrath apologized for the remodeling underway, having recently dismantled several heavy duty parts racks to make room for new shelving containing many reproduction parts he has added to his extensive collection of mature original parts.

Harry and Helen Baker then led us to our 3<sup>rd</sup> stop, the historic Aztec Hotel and Brass Elephant Bar in Monrovia, on old Route 66. There we were treated to a brief tour of the many murals in the lobby and on the patio by the artist who painted them. The V8ers were impressed by the collection of live birds and small animals that were also on display. Our day concluded with lunch at the Monrovian in the quaint section of Old Town Monrovia. Dudley Oschner had suggested this location, although he was unable to attend. In spite of the fact that we were a party of nine, we were seated immediately, and enjoyed a delicious meal before

heading for home.

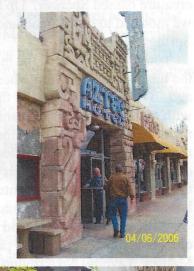
In attendance: John & Virginia Wolf, '40 coupe – Don Durkee & Kip Coulombe, '50 Club Coupe – Don Zabel, '48 F1 Flatbed – Harry & Helen Baker, modern – Don Underwood & Dennis Keene, modern.

D. K.













## San Luis Obispo Overnighter

Despite predictions of possible rain, 8 cars and 14 V8ers departed the Carrow's in Ventura and headed north on US 101. The views along the coast were picture perfect with a blue and emerald sea, frothy white surf and in the distance a rare sighting of the top of mountain range, aka the Channel Islands. While passing through Santa Barbara, the caravan was joined by a green Tudor occupied by 2 V8ers and a cute furry creature named Spencer. Up the twists and turns of California Route 154 we motored to our 1<sup>st</sup> stop under Cold Spring Arches Bridge, the Cold Springs Tavern.

Tom Potter gathered the multitude and gave us an impromptu talk on the history of the Tavern when it served as a stage coach stop many years ago. The air was nippy and the recent rains provided Cold Spring Creek with copious amounts of rushing water. Once inside, deciphering the menu in the dim light from the fireplace and the kerosene lanterns forced this V8er to don his spectacles. After the waiter disappeared into the darkness with our orders, Jerry Hoffman, seated opposite me, proceeded to adjust the knob on our lantern and LO! there was light. (Of course he has an engineering background.)

With our tummies full and our bladders empty, like stage coachers of old, we again headed north, passing the next stop on the stage route, Matties' Tavern. No dallying here, as we rushed past to our 2<sup>nd</sup> stop the Antique Shop in the former railroad station in Los Alamos. Trading worthless pieces of green paper for valuable treasures was accomplished amid complaints of "I didn't have time to see it all", something that could take hours if not weeks.

Two V8ers, who had arrived in Los Alamos well before the group arrived, now joined the caravan headed for our next destination, The Grand off ramp in SLO. With so many cities and towns having common names like Main Street, Broadway and Grand Ave., the Grand Ave. off ramp in Arroyo Grande seduced a portion of the tour to prematurely exit, but realizing their error, they returned to the freeway and caught up with the tour shortly after the front part arrived at our motel.

Around 6:00 p.m. we gathered around the SLO Trolley stop sign in front of the motel and upon its arrival crowded aboard to "standing room only". Robert & Darlene Hall and Glenn, Barbara & Spencer Davis chose to walk the short distance to the street fair. After going our separate ways for dinner and the farmers market (continued next page)

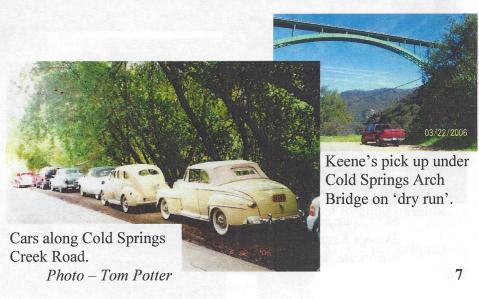
we returned to the motel and the hospitality suite in the Keene's room. This was not advertised as a 'pot-luck', but so many attendees brought food to share that at the end of the evening we had more food than when we started.

Friday morning's threatening rain clouds prompted forgoing a trip to Morro Bay, and instead allowed for a stop at the cinnamon roll shop in Pismo Beach and some antiquing in Arroyo Grande where the sunshine held up until we were ready to head back to SLO for a late lunch.

In the evening we met once again in the Keene's room and the last cards for the Poker run were drawn. The Melodrama and Vaudeville production of "Lend me a Tenor" was even more enjoyable with the popcorn bought for everyone by Jerry Hoffman using the winnings from his winning poker hand. Another prize for Jerry was a calendar for the 2007 Western Meet hosted by Palomar Mountain RG. The rain came down while we watching the melodrama, but didn't bother us at all.

Saturday morning dawned with bright sunshine and a few scattered clouds to accompany us on our way home with a stop for lunch and antiquing in Solvang. D.K.

Attendees (departing from Ventura): Dennis &Vicki Keene, modern – Tom Potter, '53 conv. – Charlie Butler, '51 Merc. – Bob & Darlene Hall, '46 conv.-Bernie & Margaret Long, '40 Fordor – Bud Williams & Sally '34 5-window coupe (street rod) – Bernard & Carolyn van Aalst, modern (joined in Santa Barbara) Glenn & Barbara Davis and Spencer, '51 coupe (joined in Los Alamos) Karen Lehman and son Steve, modern (met in SLO) Ernie & Eunice Ellestad, modern – Kirk & Perilla Brewer and daughter Alexa, modern.





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## Stuffed Mushroom Recipe

Submitted by: Debbie Bergman

Hello V8'ers - Have you ever wondered how those yummy stuffed mushrooms that were served at the Boskovich's Christmas party are made? Well, since there were several inquiries to me I thought now was the time to reveal my secrets to you all here in the drive lines. This recipe was handed down to me from my mother. So, get your taste buds ready, cause here comes the recipe!

#### **Ingredients**

Approximately 20-30 extra large mushrooms (Costco has em for \$5.99 per box)

1 stick butter

Kraft Parmesan Cheese (green can)

Progresso Italian Blend bread crumbs

Salt to taste

Garlic powder

Parsley flakes (optional)

Clean mushrooms thoroughly and pull out the stems.

Finely chop stems and set aside in a bowl.

Melt stick of butter in pan. Gradually add chopped mushroom stems to the butter & stir. Add garlic powder and salt to taste.

Add parmesan cheese (2-3 shakes will do)

Add Progresso bread crumbs. Only enough to partially absorb the liquid but not too much to dry out the contents. You should still have a moist but not wet consistency. Mix all the ingredients thoroughly. Turn off stove and let mixture cool slightly.

At this time you should preheat your oven to 350 degrees.

Spoon the mixture into each mushroom cap. Do not over fill. There are always more mushroom caps than filling so you will have to judge the amount. You can always adjust the amount in each cap as necessary.

After stuffing each mushroom, sprinkle parmesan cheese over the top and sprinkle parsley flakes over the top of the cheese for a garnish of color if desired.

Place mushrooms on a baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for approx. 11-13 minutes or until the juices start oozing from the mushrooms, whichever comes first.

Remove from oven and allow to cool enough to handle and enjoy!

Bon Appetite!

#### Letters to the Editor

# Space could be available.

We've tried a couple of trick pictures (one on purpose in the February issue and one accidentally in the April issue) to provoke you. We've even placed a couple of 'Items Wanted' Ads to see if anyone other than Tom Potter would talk through the Drive Lines. We're happy to print your submissions (space permitting). The Drive Lines belongs to all of us, so let your voice &/or story be heard.

See page 10 of this issue for the **Stuffed Mushroom Recipe** Submitted by: Debbie Bergman. Debbie had numerous requests for it, so now we all have the recipe. Thanks Debbie.

It's easy to send to the Drive Lines.
Use either e-mail (<a href="mailto:dmvkeene@pacbell.net">dmvkeene@pacbell.net</a>)
or by U.S. mail – 3291 Larga Ave. – Los Angeles, CA 90039

Don't forget it's not too far to pick-up needed automotive items from Dick in his Chatsworth store.





Thank you so much Miguel for the printer supplies. It's great to be able to print color copies for all our members.

Ridge Route Work day Recap

While I can't claim to have ever traveled on the original Ridge Route, which was replaced by US 99 in 1933 before I was born, I have memories of a trip through the area on what is now referred to as "Old 99". My father knew how to repair refrigeration equipment so when a restaurant on "Old 99" called for his services we headed north. He always traveled with a 45 automatic under a blanket on the front seat and that's what I sat on in the '30's era Cord that provided our transportation. I don't know how much money he received for his services, but I do remember that part of his remuneration was a 100 pound sack of sugar, which allowed my sister and me to have a Kool-Aid stand during the ration restricted World Was II years. Sleeping in the car was difficult that night with the constant whine of the semis. In the morning I "skivey dipped" in the damned up creek alongside the road with some other more daring skinny dippers, and to this day the scent of wet sycamores brings back these memories.

In the early '50's while a high schooler, we referred to the road over the mountains as "the Ridge". It was then that I traveled in my brother-in-laws '50 Merc , towing his '34 5-window jalopy racer, headed to the race track in Oildale, outside Bakersfield. Sometimes I traveled alone in my cloud mist grey '40 opera coupe and having lost my inhibitions, even went skinny dipping in the Kern River to kill time while the track

promoters calculated the pay out for the evenings race.

Tom Potter's article in last months Drive Lines outlined the general plan of the Ridge Route Communities Historical Society and Museum. Tom took part in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ridge Route work day, and an e-mail from Helen Baker alerted me to the second workday on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. The weather certainly cooperated, although I almost missed the 9:00 a.m. starting time because I spent too much time at the Trompers Swap Meet in Eagle Rock that morning. That meet was attended by at least two other Valley V8ers who are also longtime Trompers; Don Zabel and Gordie Chamberlain.

Carl Marsee, Ridge Route Historical Society President addressed the breakfast crowd which included people from as far away as Bakersfield, San Diego and Santa Barbara. He explained that we only have access to a portion of the road between Templin Highway and State Route 138, since a part is blocked off to permit utility crews to repair damage to their lines caused by the record breaking rains of the '04 to '05 winter. This damage even affects portions of the well traveled Interstate 5.

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(Ridge Route Work day - continued from page 12) Carl requested that no one work alone, so I hooked up with the occupants of the Cadillac Escalade in front of me and we headed off to clear the site at No. 9. The 3 guys in the Caddy were members of the San Fernando Model A club and were extremely hard workers. With little help from me they finished the work at site No. 9 and we were re-assigned to site No. 8. The current Route is a combination of the original Portland cement concrete roadway, with its many twists and turns and the asphaltic concrete which was used when the tight curves were slightly straightened in subsequent years.

Shortly after noon we gathered back for lunch at our starting point, the site of the Sandberg Hotel, destroyed by fire many years ago. We assembled for a group picture at the behest of a local newspaper. After lunch the crews returned to work, but this reporter headed for home and Drive Line chores. However, I did stop at a lookout point to admire the view of Quail Lake and the Antelope Valley wildflowers which were painted across the distant landscape.



#### ITEMS WANTED

'40 Ford radio ----- Leon Kaplan (323) 937-1885

'39 Ford hub caps, rear shocks and '39 Ford radio
----- Ray Clark (818) 361-8924

Send your stories, articles, tour reviews &/or pictures to the Drive Lines.

### Editor's & Publisher's Corner

It's that time of year when by tradition we look at the world in all its springtime glory and relish its beauty and freshness. It's also approaching a time when we celebrate family and friends, but especially Moms. We remember the hard work, sacrifice and Love that special lady gave so freely to us and we remember too all the fun times and joy shared. The following was sent to us and it sparked a trip down memory lane for us. We include it here in hopes it will bring you great memories too. The rainy season is almost over, so hopefully more of us will get those Fords out, fill 'em up with family and get out on the road and create some new memories.

The following is attributed to Paul Harvey. See if you can guess the riddle at the end.

Paul Harvey Writes: We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better.

I'd really like for them to know about hand me down clothes and homemade ice cream and leftover meat loaf sandwiches. I really would.

I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and that you learn honesty by being cheated.
I hope you learn to make your own bed and mow the lawn and wash the car.
And I really hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you are sixteen. (continued next page)

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It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your old dog put to sleep.

I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you believe in.

I hope you have to share a bedroom with your younger brother/sister. And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when he wants to crawl under the covers with you because he's scared, I hope you let him.

When you want to see a movie and your little brother/sister wants to tag along, I hope you'll let him/her.

I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friends and that you live in a town where you can do it safely.

On rainy days when you have to catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as un-cool as your Mom.

If you want a slingshot, I hope your Dad teaches you how to make one instead of buying one. I hope you learn to dig in the dirt and read books.

When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head

I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a boy/girl, and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what ivory soap tastes like.

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.

I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it. And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize he is not your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandma/Grandpa and go fishing with your Uncle.

May you feel sorrow at a funeral

I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through your neighbor's window and that she hugs you and kisses you when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you - tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life.

Written with a pen. Sealed with a kiss. I'm here for you. And if I die before you do, I'll wait for you.

Paul Harvey RIDDLE:

When asked this riddle, 80% of kindergarten kids got the answer, compared to 17% of Stanford University seniors.! What is greater than God, More evil than the devil, The poor have it, The rich need it, And if you eat it, you'll die?

Send this to all of your friends. We secure our friends, not by accepting favors, but by doing them.

#### For the Fun of It Corner

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told that the keys had been accidentally locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger's side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered it was open. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "it's open!" "I know," answered the young man.- "I already got that side."

# Technology for Country Folk



**SCREEN**What ta shut when its black fly season.



**BYTE**What dem dang flys do.



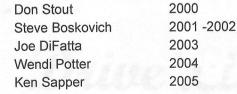
**CHIP**Munchies fer the TV

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Jim Albert's 1947 Sedan Coupe

# March Car of the Month

The rain last month on our meeting date meant a zero turn-out of our vintage beauties, so there was no Car of the Month for April. However, since we weren't able to get a picture of Jim's car at the March meeting. Jim kindly sent us this photo which you see above. Congratulations Jim, she's a real beauty!

