

## **DriveLines, December 2006**

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Message from Steve:

Greetings to all! Let me begin by saying that I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season, and to welcome everyone to a new year of interesting and fun activities connected with the enjoyment of our Ford flathead V8's.

What you now hold in your hands is a (hopefully) temporary substitute for the excellent publication we've come to know. My understanding is that the editorship and publishership of DriveLines is still in a state of flux. It then becomes incumbent upon me to be sure that we all know what we need to know. This notice will therefore contain, as Sgt. Joe Friday would say, "Just the facts."

**Next Meeting:** Baker's Square on Chatsworth. Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Meeting business starts at 7, program at 8. Usual place and time. The program will be a Q&A session about antique tools by our own Don Durkee and John Kemmerer. Don't miss it!

**Please Don't Forget That Membership Dues Are Now Due** - No info just now, so it's probably best to check an earlier DriveLines, or bring your checkbook to the next meeting...

**Next Tour:** On Saturday, January 6, 2007, The Valley V8's and the Ventura V8's will be visiting the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library. There is also an exhibit of more than 100 toy trains to see. Departure will be from Woodley Park in Van Nuys at 8AM. The cost will be \$5.95 per person. Lunch to follow at Ruby's Diner. For information, call Blacky and Gerry Blackwell at 661-268-0040.

### **Topic of Interest to all "Old Machinery" hobbyists:**

It has recently come distressingly to my attention that the Oil Industry has, just within the past year, made fundamental changes to our engine oil which can have disastrous consequences to our old engines.

For the same reason that lead was removed from gasoline 30 years ago (it clogged and rendered ineffective the catalytic converters on modern cars), the API (American Petroleum Institute) has specified the removal of other metallic components (zinc, manganese, phosphates) from modern oil to prevent the long-term degradation of catalytic converters from oil passing worn rings and valve guides. This is a MAJOR problem for us. These compounds comprise the "EP" (extreme pressure) fortification which needs to be in our oil to prevent (most notably) premature cam and follower wear. Members of other clubs are reporting cams in rebuilt engines going flat in as little as 1000 miles! Modern engines with roller followers and rockers don't subject the lubrication film to the same extreme shear forces that a "flat tappet" engine does, so modern engines generally don't suffer the same fate.

Is there a solution? Well, sort of. Any oil approved for use in a Diesel engine (no cat converter) still has the EP components. Read the label. Don't, however, use any oil which has the words

"Energy Saving" in the API rating circle. This indicates the "modern" reformulation. I will address this topic a bit more fully at the meeting, and would be glad to forward more complete info to anyone who emails me at [sbatesole@aol.com](mailto:sbatesole@aol.com).

## **Message From Kenny:**

Greetings from the North Pole! (HoHo)

By the time you have this letter we will have had our Holiday dinners. As a club family, I think we all have a lot to be thankful for living in this great land that we love. We all had a chance to think about the sacrifices of many of our veterans in November. It's thanks to our veterans and the current servicemen that we live in a country that enjoys freedom and prosperity.

The Holiday Party at Monterey in Encino on December 3<sup>rd</sup> was well attended and a great celebration. The installation of the new Board is always a lot of fun! On that note, I want to thank all the members of the 2006 Board for ALL their help. Sorry I missed Steve Boskovich's Christmas Dinner. I hope all the V8 families have had their best holiday ever!

My final NASCAR report as your Prez: Finally, an all FORD weekend at Homestead, Florida!! Jack Roush's Ford organization won the truck race with Mark Martin, the Busch race with Matt Kenseth, AND the season finale Cub Race with Greg Biffle! These three races were Ford sponsored and named events! What a way to finish the year for Ford!

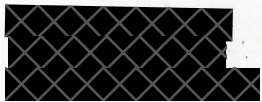
Well, I have handed the coffee pot off to Steve Batesole, our next President. Steve is looking forward to 2007 and I'm looking forward to his great leadership! It's really a family affair with Steve, Nancy and Carl. Let's give them all the support that they deserve.

In closing this final letter for my term, I've really enjoyed being your President. All of your support has made the last two years very memorable to Joanie and me. See you all at the first meeting of the year, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Happy New Year to you ALL!

Kenny

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