

DriveLines, March 2007

Message from Steve:

Please feel free to send any input to this publication to me via email at sbatesole@aol.com, or via snail mail to Steve Batesole, 6627 McLennan Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91406-5540. Email is preferred, due to the ease of processing the submission. Thanks

Next Meeting: Baker's Square on Chatsworth. Tuesday, April 3, 2007. "No Host" dinner sixish or so, meeting business starts at 7, program at 8. Usual place and time. The program will be a "show and tell" presentation on V8 carburetors through the flathead era Our own John Wolf and Don Durkee intend to show us one of each.

Membership Dues Are Now Past Due -- But It's Never Too Late -- Roster Distribution This Month - -

...Dick Stones will still be happy to receive your renewal. He has, however, put the roster to bed for another year. They will be passed out this month (two per member) and I think it's very important to acknowledge and thank the entire crew who puts so much effort into creating so superior a product year after year. Dick Stones, as our membership person, gathers, sorts, updates, and manages all of our raw membership data. He then works extensively with Dave Sanborn who makes it all "photo ready" for the Printer. Jerry Littner provides the striking cover art and Joe Difatta handles the reproduction. Many thanks for all the work!!

If you are still in arrears, you can either mail your \$28 check or bring your checkbook to the next meeting. Dick Stones, 1405 Valley High Ave., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Another Message From Steve: I think it's both necessary and appropriate to bring up the subject of our meeting venue, and our satisfaction, or lack of same, with it. At previous meetings, especially the most recent, I have received numerous complaints regarding the substandard service we've received. Taking these to heart, I asked to speak to the manager after the meeting, and was told he's only there during the day. The "duty supervisor" seemed as frustrated about the situation as we are. Since I work in the area, I will make it a point to get by the restaurant during a day prior to our next meeting to voice our concerns and attempt a resolution. Dave Bergman has located a possible new venue in a Coco's at Sherman Way and Fallbrook. His inquiries have been met with a somewhat lukewarm reception, as it seems that they've had groups meet there in the past and not buy enough to justify the use of the facilities. I don't believe that we'd have that problem, as it's my understanding that even more of us would eat at the restaurant we're currently at if the service was good. More to come...

Upcoming Tours: April 15 -- Club Tour to the Astor Museum. A collection of some 300 cars along with antique telephone and other memorabilia. \$35 per person which includes lunch. Payment must be received by the April meeting. Depate from Woodley Park at 8:30 a.m. Info: Steve Boskovich

May 6 -- Club Tour to Santa Paula Airport, where our cars will be on display as part of the monthly airport open house. We will have breakfast at the airport restaurant. Depart from Sepulveda and Rinaldi (east side of Sepulveda, heading north) at 9 a.m. Info: Joe Difatta

May 15 (yes, Tuesday) -- Guided tour of the Federal Reserve building in downtown Los Angeles. Many interesting displays and much to learn about the lifespan of our money. Lunch to follow at Phillippe's "Home of the French Dip". Pre-registration will be necessary, and I understand they won't admit anyone to the building unless they're on the list being compiled and submitted by the Blackwells. Info: Blacky Blackwell

May 19 -- Route 66 trip to Barstow. Details to follow... Info: Helen Baker

Previous Meeting's Minutes:

Secretary's Minutes

Date: March 6, 2007

Meeting Place: Baker's Square

Meeting Leader: Steve Batesole

Carl's Car Count: 12

Start Time: 7:28 Adjournment Time: 9:25

Introduction of Guests: Gordie Chamberlin introduced his daughter, Patti. Dick Colarossi was with us tonight. Thank you Dick for all you do for the club.

Treasurer: Wendi Potter: Wendi started off with a joke. We have \$3278. In the treasury. That's no joke.

Tours: Steve Boskovich told us about the tour to the Astor Museum on April 15. It will cost \$35. It will include lunch. We will leave from Woodley Park at 8:30 A.M. You must pay by the April meeting. Steve said the Peterson tour was great. We had a special bonus provided by Barry Bernholtz. Laughlin was cancelled. Joe DiFatta told us the tour to Santa Paula Airport will be May 6 leaving from Sepulveda and Rinaldi at 9A.M. We will have breakfast at the airport restaurant. There will be a 2nd club there that day, the Antique Engines and Tractor Club. Blacky Blackwell has arranged for us to go to the Federal Reserve Building on May 15. On display will be rare money and large bills. This is where they destroy the old money. A one dollar bill lasts about 22 months and a hundred dollar bill lasts 9 years. They will talk about fake money. The address is 950 Grand and the parking is at Grand and Olympic. We will leave from Woodley Park at 8:30 A.M. Lunch will be at Felipes which has been there since 1928. It is the home of the French Dip. Helen Baker told us about the Route 66 tour on May 19. Some of you might like to make it an overnighiter. Trivia- When was Route 66 commissioned? 1926. Another trivia question was about a city in the Bobby Troupe song "Get Your Kicks on Route 66".

Announcements: Dues are due and payable to Dick Stones. Gordie's phone number is wrong in the Directory, the correct number is 213-842-4673. Ken Sapper told us that Fords won both days at Nascar. The Early Ford Foundation is building a museum and they need money. They sent letters to all the members. Someone suggested that as a club we make a donation. Allan Franklin asked for help in identifying the distributors that he brought during the break. May 6 is the date for the Museums of the Arroyo in Pasadena this year. That is the free day at the museums, and they have a shuttle between museums. Club T-Shirts are available for \$10. Steve Boskovich is taking orders for the club denim shirt at \$38. Sat. June 2 is the car show at Petit Park in Granada Hills that is put on by the L.A. Police Dept. West Valley Traffic Div. Don Durkee told a story about his granddaughter Holly. At school, Holly and her friends put on lipstick and kissed the mirror in the rest room. The janitor had the girls come in and watch him clean the mirror off with water from the toilet. **THEY DON'T KISS THE MIRROR ANYMORE.**

Car of the Month: Don Durkee's 36

Drive Prize (for bringing your V8 to the meeting): John Sassaman

Program for the Evening: Joe DiFatta introduced Joe DiVirgillo who told us about the cars he saw on his trip to England. Ford accounts for about 20% of the car sales in England. He went to a Ford dealer in Sandwich and their Focus had a retractable hard top. Why do they have it in rainy England and not in sunny California? He wrote to Ford to ask that question. Gas is about \$8 a gal. there, so you never see SUV's. Joe had high tea at Astor Castle with his son and family. There were a lot of high end cars there, mostly French.

Raffle Winners:

Ladies: Lin Kemmerer and Helen Baker

Name Badge: Scott Doudrick

50/50 Drawing: Jim Albert \$63

Classified Ads:

For Sale:

Custom made tow bar for 1932 to 1934 Fords. It bolts to the front frame rails and has a standard hitch to take a 1.75 inch ball. \$50

Set of four 16" Kelsey Hayes "bent spoke" wheels. Make Fair Offer

1939 Ford complete steering box, column, lock, and nice banjo wheel.

Pair of 1939 Mercury bumpers.

Single 1941 Ford bumper, requires straightening and chroming

Single 1942-1948 bumper. Please call regarding any of these

1934 Ford factory built tow truck. Ford built a few of these "service bodies" from 1931-1934. Rolling chassis with 21 stud block. Unrusted cab with uncut firewall. **NEEDS EVERYTHING!** It still has the painted Ford script on the doors with the name of the Los Angeles Ford dealer "J. A. Nadeau". \$2000

Wanted: A two car garage to rent in the North Valley.

Also, a 1939 Mercury metal transmission cover. 1940 would work.

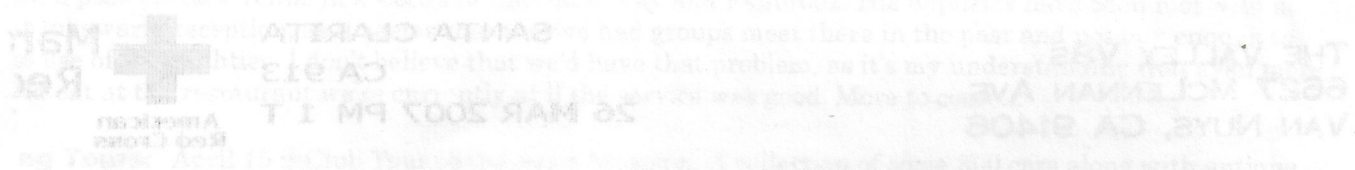
To inquire about any of the above, please contact Gordie Chamberlin, (213) 842-4673 (corrected), or at gordies1@verizon.net

For Sale:

Air compressor 30 gal. tank \$25
Buffalo drill press, tabletop, vintage \$30
Wood joiner 3" Craftsman
Misc. '52, '53, '54 Ford parts

Call: Allan Franklin 818-843-2230 (home) 818-980-3666 (work)

Steve's Closing Note: Editor/Publisher position(s) still available...



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May 18 - Route 66 trip to Bernice. Details of... Info: Rich...
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Previous Standing's Minutes
Secretary's Report
Date: March 2007
Meeting Place: Dick's...
Meeting 1: 10:00 - 11:00 AM