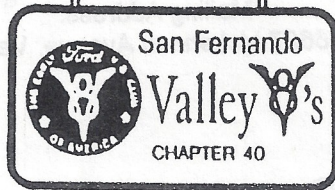
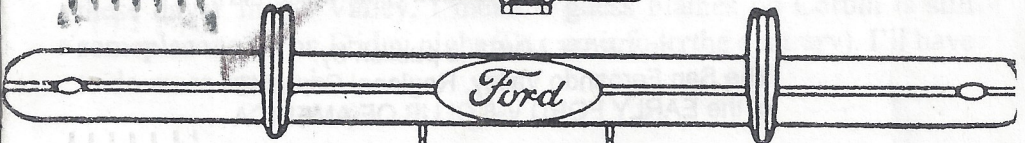
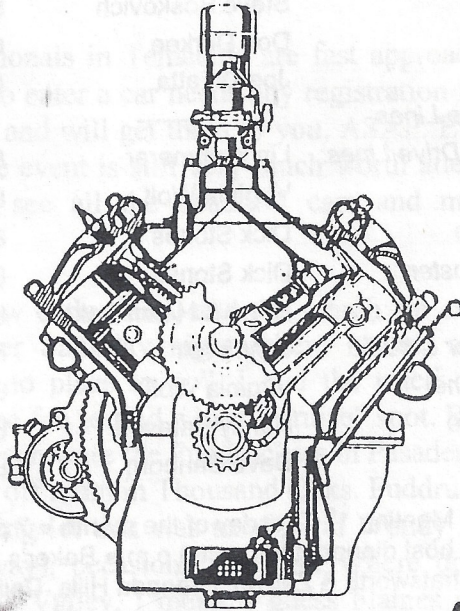




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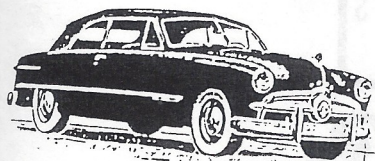
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From the President ...

First of all, many many thanks to John for taking the reigns on producing the newsletter, **this month**. I appreciate all the effort it takes.

The Western Nationals in Temecula are fast approaching! If anyone who still wishes to enter a car needs any registration forms, give me a call. I have some and will get them to you, ASAP. Even if you're not entering a car, the event is still very much worth attending, if only to get a chance to see all the beautiful cars and meet your fellow enthusiasts.

Speaking of fellow enthusiasts, and the search for same, I ran into a situation the other Saturday night where I was, so to speak, "all dressed up with no place to go". I had the truck out that day and thought it might be fun to find a local "cruise" spot. But the only two I knew of within reach were the Fuddruckers in Pasadena, and the one at the Wendy Drive off ramp in Thousand Oaks. Fuddruckers is gone (or, at least, the parking lot that was used), and Wendy Drive, is, (to my knowledge, anyway), occasional, at best. Where do the cars gather these days? In the Valley, I mean. I guess Flames on Corbin is still someplace to go on Friday night (I've no info to the contrary). I'll have to do more research...

See you at the meeting!

... *Steve*

ed note for Steve: In a copy of *Miss Information, Automotive Calendar of Events*, that Jeff Olshane brings to the meeting, each month, there's a section called "Just Crusin." Here you'll find three pages of cruising locations, for every night of the week.

From the Secretary ...

Meeting Place: Baker's Square

Date: April 3, 2007

Meeting Leader: Steve Batsole

Start Time: 7:25 Adjournment Time: 9:30

Carl's Car Count: 15

Introduction of Guests: Faith Granger has a '32 Hiboy. She is working on a movie called "Deuce of Spades" and is looking for '55 and older hot rods and stock cars for the movie. You can drive your own car. David Devyhelo has been trying to make it to a meeting for a long time but he works on Tuesdays. He finally made it. He has a couple of '35 Fords. Gordie introduced Tony Walter who is a mechanic.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Potter reported that we have \$4397.50 in the treasury.

Tours: Steve Boskovich reminded us that the tour to the Astor Museum on April 15 is \$35, and must be paid tonight. Joe DiFatta talked about the May 6 tour to Santa Paula Airport. Charlie Butler and Tom Potter are flying up there and for \$20 a person they will fly us on a tour of the area. They can take three passengers on each flight. The Blackwell tour to the Federal Reserve Building in downtown L.A. is Tues. May 15. You must have your name in 2 weeks before and bring your drivers license. Helen Baker told some more of her story of traveling Route 66 in the early days and had another trivia question for us. She said that on the Route 66 T.V. show, most people thought the Corvette was red. They actually used beige or light blue as these colors photographed better in black and white. The Route 66 tour is May 19-20. One of the places we will stop is the Bottle Tree Farm created by Elmer Long.

Announcements: If you are interested in getting a V8 car plaque, call Jerry Littner. The Western Nationals are in two months. There is a swap meet and car show on May 5 in Haywood, Ca.

Car of the Month: Jim Kelley's '40 Pickup. Drive Prize (For bringing your v-8 to the meeting): Dick Gise

Program for the Evening: Gordie Chamberlin did a show and tell of old Ford accessories '38 Ford bug screen, '36-'37 winter front, and others.

Don Durkee showed us many carburetors and told what years they were used. Jerry Jensen told about elbow carburetors on the Mercury.

Raffle Winners:Ladies: Pat Gise and Blaise Stout, Name Badge: Bob Zecher, 50/50: Jim Kelley

Karen Lehman, Secretary

Valley V-8 History Quiz ...

1. In 1971 several members from the Southern California Regional group placed an ad in a local newspaper, asking for anyone interested in starting a local chapter, of The Early Ford V-8 Club, in the San Fernando Valley, to attend a picnic get-together. In what newspaper did the ad run?
2. Where was the picnic held?
3. Eighteen people signed up, at the picnic. How many of them paid dues and became the original charter members?
4. The first business meeting was held on June 20, 1971. The first election of the Valley V-8's was held at that meeting. What other event was held on that weekend? ...Hint: That event is still held annually, on the third weekend in June.
5. What month and year was Regional Group # 40, The Valley V-8 Club, chartered?
6. At least three of the original charter members were at our Holiday Installation Dinner, last December. Who are they? Hint: Two are past National Presidents and the other fellow never lets the truth stand in the way of a good story.
7. In 1971 the club received a donation to acquire a coffee pot. What was donated?
8. How many members were there, at the end of 1971?
9. The Club's newsletter was originally called the *Valley V-8*. What year was the name changed to *The Drive Lines*? That same year the club had two presidents sworn in. The first president was instrumental in the name change and new logo. Who is he? ... Hint: He and his business relocated to Oregon, that year.

Garage Chatter ...

Hated to turn the page on the Diamond Jubilee Western National's Ford V-8 calendar, this month. It was good seeing Glenn & Barbara Davis' '32 Phaeton featured, for March. Heard that Jerry Jensen enjoys looking at this month's pages, highlighting a Ford fire truck. Understand it's just like the one he rolled out on, as a rookie with the Los Angeles Fire Department.

With a little more than a month to go, Larry Caplan's got a few bolts to tighten and front clip and bumpers to hang, before the '40 pickup's ready for the Western National Meet, in Temecula. It's the season for '40 pickups, with a slew of them being worked on, by club members. At the April meeting, Jim Kelley proudly displayed his newly acquired '40, stake bed. (Ever see a golf bag compartment, on a pickup?) Bruce Blackwell's working on his and plans to have it on the road, for the Dearborn National, next year. Blacky says he's got a dilemma. He wants to do some brick swapping, on the trip to Dearborn but doesn't have enough room for both bricks and the bride. Blacky says he's open to suggestions. Dick Stones doesn't have that problem, but work on his pickup is taking a back seat to his roadster. Dick's getting the '32 dialed in, for the Pasadena Roadster Club's Reliance Run, taking off at the end of the month; 130 miles through the San Gabriel Mountains. You'll have to ask Toby Alvestad about his '40 pickup. I just get a coy grin, when I ask what he's doing. Now that Don Durkee, has finished his latest, he has time to complete the '50 coupe. Won't be original though; with a small block Ford, under the filled and shaved hood. According to Don, the '50 is gonna look just like the one he had in high school ... '54 Pontiac grille and all. While we're on Durkee, how about the job he does each month, with the programs? Additional work in progress includes Jerry Jensen's '51 Mercury convertible. And Jeff Olshane's '40 coupe's about ready to come out of hibernation, as is Craig Lapair's '40. Craig says it'll be on the road as soon as he gets the glass and interior installed.

Other new acquisitions in the club: Joe & Marsha's '41 business coupe, that looks a lot like Chuck Mair's old ride. Virginia and John Wolf are roadster people again, with their new, old '36, back in the barn. I hear John can't wait to get the top down and have the wind blowing in his hair, again.

Great to see new members Rich & Lynn Carter and Bill Samstag & Judy Zabaglo, on the tour to Astor Classics. Seventeen members and guests, with four early Fords, made the trip to Anaheim on April 15th.

Early V-8s included Wolf's '40 coupe, Samstag's '53 convertible, Potter's '53 convertible and Kemmerer's '40 tudor. The trip made club history, as the first, and hopefully last, tour to be led by a Honda. ... It took all John Wolf had in his blue coupe, to keep up with Sappers' Honda. I don't think this is what Early Ford V-8 Club founder Bob Lenz had in mind, when he said, "Someday this will be an International Organization." Thanks, to Steve Boskovich, for coordinating the tour. It was a good day. *

Thanks also, to Christine Varney, for printing the address labels and to all the officers, for their continual contributions. Now let's lighten President Steve's load and get him some help on the newsletter. It ain't easy, guys, but it can be a lot of fun. You also get to learn every member's name, as you put the labels on the covers, each month. Just try to imagine the good feeling and sense of pride you'll have, as you take on the rewarding responsibility, having your name, next to "Editor," on page 2. And, as evidenced by these ramblings, you don't even have to be too smart. While we're in the thanks department, Jeff Olshane and Steve Boskovich deserve a big one, for their contributions to the club t-shirt fund raiser. Steve still has several left, if you want one. Also, how about Charlie Butler and Tom Potter's offer to take us up in their aircraft, when we tour to Santa Paula airport, on May 6?

* Looks like, it wasn't such a good day for all, on the tour. Late word from Joan Sapper has it that on the way home from Astor's, they saw the Wolfs, parked on the side of the road. Kenny figures John pushed old blue too hard, trying to keep up with the Honda. As she and Ken drove by and waved, Joan thought she heard Virginia say: "Look on the bright side, Honey. Think about the money we'll save on gas, If the Auto Club take us home."

That's All, Folks! ... Hope I got the facts straight.

...Guest Editor

THE FIND

We found it in an ancient barn,
Just like the rumor said,
A Brewster bodied, rare old Ford
Abandoned in a shed.

Every weekend, now, for months
We've followed every clue,
Knocking on the farmhouse doors
Till we'd searched the country through.

Now, at last, we'd found our prize
And peeking through a crack,
We could see our dusty beauty
Amid the hay bales in the back.

"Great Scott!" my partner whispered
"It's more than I dared hope."
"It looks like all it really needs
is some water and the soap."

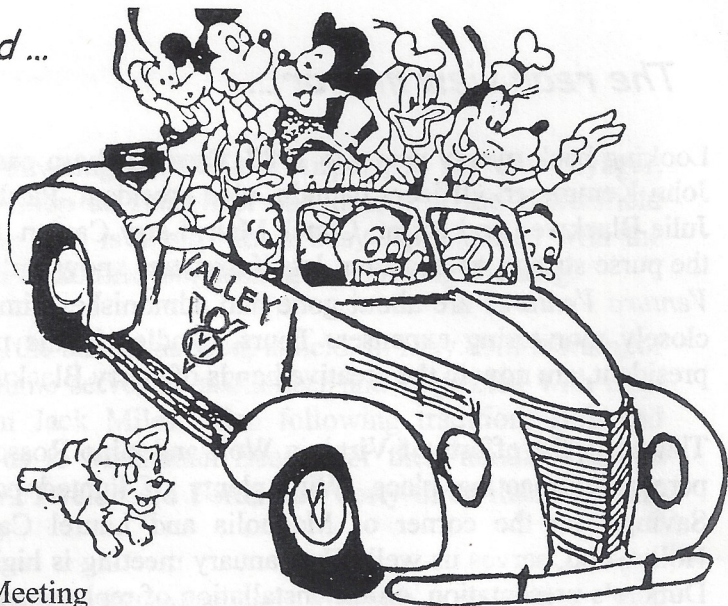
"The owner's coming down the path."
"So keep this in your mind.
The man must never ever know,
That it's the last one of its kind."

So we talked of many things
While our hearts were beating fast,
And almost as an after thought
The car was mentioned last.

We each concealed a nervous twitch,
But the farmer's face was bright,
"It's not mine, now, to sell," he said,
"Harrah bought it, just last night."

Bob McCoppin, The Grease Pit Poet

Jump on Board ...



May 1 ... Dinner Meeting

May 6 ... Joe DiFatta tour to Santa Paula Airport

May 15 ... Gerry Blackwell tour to Los Angeles Federal Reserve

May 19 ... Helen & Harry Baker Route 66 tour

June 2 ... LAPD Valley Traffic Div. Car Show, Petit Park, Granada Hills

June 5 ... Dinner Meeting, Baker's Square

June 11 thru 15 ... Western Region National Meet, Pechanga Temecula

June 16 ... LA Roadster Show, Pomona Fairgrounds

June 24 ... Soc of Auto Historian's Lit Meet, NHRA Museum, Pomona

July 3 ... Dinner Meeting, Baker's Square

August 7 ... Dinner Meeting, Baker's Square

August 26 ... Model T & A Parts Exchange/Car Show, Rancho San Antonio

September 4 ... Dinner Meeting, Baker's Square

September 8 ... Ken Sapper's Festival of Cars, LaCrescenta

The rear view mirror ...

Looking back twenty years, to 1987, Dave Sanborn passes the gavel to John Kemmerer. Officers include, vice president, Pat Berry, secretary, Julie Blackwell and editor, Chuck Mair. Larry Caplan, tightly clutching the purse strings, as treasurer, lets Kemmerer know that the profits from *Ventura Ventures* are about gone and admonishes him that he will be closely monitoring expenses. Tours, handled in the past by the vice president, are now in the creative hands of Gerry Blackwell.

Thanks to the efforts of Virginia Wolf and Nino Rosso, the club has a permanent meeting place. With plenty of lighted parking, Mercury Savings, on the corner of Magnolia and Laurel Canyon, in North Hollywood, serves us well. The January meeting is highlighted by Don Durkee's presentation, on the installation of replacement running board covers.

Jerry Jensen is in the spotlight, at the February meeting, with his in-depth demonstration on the installation of seat covers, panels, headliners and top pads. Paul Kirk provides refreshments, for the meeting. The Club receives a note from National President, Fred Herrlein, thanking us for our participation in the National's successful membership drive, resulting in 1584 new members. In recognition of our members' efforts, a copy of the National's recently produced *V-8 Album* is included with his letter. The album was part of the goodies in the May auction. The month's activities conclude, with a tour to the reclamation plant and Japanese Garden, in the Sepulveda Basin and lunch at the 94th Aero Squadron. The Durkee's celebrate their 27th wedding anniversary.

Don Dupree is the center of attention at the March meeting, with a talk on Ford ignition systems. Don's program includes testing the members' coils, regulators and distributors, brought to the meeting. Tom Welch, is back in attendance. In lieu of a driving tour, this month, a group of members, led by Sanborn, journey to Portland, Oregon, for the annual swap meet. They camp out at Jo & Jerry Veleys', while there.

April 1st has John Kemmerer presenting a men's night program, "Learn to keep your mouth shut, or learn to live without it!" The following weekend, with the ladies back among us, Doug Peterson leads the flock, up the highway, for the April wild flowers sojourn. There's a dearth of

flowers. However, traveling via Mojave Airport, to see the Voyager, with a stop at the Loop at Tehachapi and dinner at the Bakersfield Chateau Basque, the tour is a big hit. A busy April closes with the Durkee's doing their usual fine job, hosting the Solvang shebang.

Following tradition, the annual auction, is held, in May. Bill Norton, of Valley Ford Parts fame serves as auctioneer and is greeted with non-stop needling, from Jack Miles. Also following tradition, Bob and Harriet Rose lead us to Manhattan Beach, for their annual Tequilla Willies brunch tour. Twelve old Fords and Forty-three members and guests make the trip.

Ed note: Anyone know why the auction was moved from May, in recent years? And, who's seen Bob Rose, lately?

After two active months, things quiet down. At the monthly meeting, Bill Woods gives a talk on the disassembly and identification of early Ford transmissions. Allan Franklin joins club. Our tour for June has us traveling to La Palma Park, in Anaheim, for the annual '40 Ford Day.

Win Burkhardt, one of the founding members of the Association of California Car Clubs, is the speaker, at our July meeting. Later that month, Pat Berry takes us on a hot drive, for even hotter chili, as he guides the tour to Wheeler Springs. Blacky Blackwell is putting the finishing touches on his roadster, for the Western Regional Meet.

With the Western National being held in Bend, Oregon, the first week of August, the Club and *Drive Lines* go dark, for the month. Three days after rebuilding the motor, and a day after shooting it with a fresh coat of paint, in his Burbank back yard, Pat Berry, drives his six cylinder flathead '50, to Bend. Ed Warnock, drives his '39 convertible, from the San Fernando Valley to Bend, in just over fourteen hours; scrapes off the bugs, hoses her down and takes a Dearborn Medallion. Christine Varney and Dave Sanborn also receive Dearborn Medallions, for their '35 tudor and '35 phaeton. The Blackwells come away with second and third place awards, for their '40 coupe and '36 roadster.

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Rearview mirror continued ...

Once again following tradition, September's meeting is our annual pizza night and car show, coordinated by John and Bonnie Busk. Held at Mancini's Restaurant, in Canoga Park, the show attracts forty-five entries. The Blackwell's '36 roadster takes a second place trophy.

Meetings finally return to Mercury Savings, with Dave Sanborn and Pat Berry, s program of commentary, slides and video, from The Western Regional Meet at Bend, Oregon, highlighting the October meeting. Tomy and Ruth Thompson, join the club. Tours for the month include the All Ford Picnic, in Anaheim, hosted by the So Cal Regional Group. Also, Jim Britain, of the Ventura Regional group leads an overnighiter, to Santa Maria and Oso Flaco. A stop at Nojoqui Falls Park, for lunch and games, culminates a fantastic weekend.

With his superb presentation, on gauges and horns, Dr. Larry Caplan is the focus of the November meeting. The following week the annual breakfast tour, to the Peppermill, in Pasadena, is held. Coordinated by Dave Sanborn, the breakfast get together includes participation from members of the Valley, Ventura, Southern California and Baldy View regional groups, giving the members a chance to interact with their neighbor clubs, with a morning of fun, food and friendship. Tours for the year conclude with Gerry Blackwell herding us to Merle Norman's San Sylmar, on November 14th.

Al and Ruth Spencer have everything, other than the rain, under control, at Reuben's Summer House in Woodland Hills, for the Holiday Installation Dinner on December 4, 1987. The master of ceremonies soon discovers that no one has ordered the out going president's award. After some good-natured finger pointing, Pat Berry and Julie Blackwell put their collective heads together and make a quick trip to the Topanga Mall, purchase an umbrella and present it to the president. Following additional awards and recognitions, installation of the incoming board and a gift exchange, the gavel is passed to Dudley Ochsner, for the beginning of another chapter, in Valley V-8 Club history.

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Has anyone seen the club's long arm stapler? Also, please see Virginia Wolf, at the next meeting, if you have, or know who has, the club banner. Ditto, for our Regional Group's charter and by-laws.

Next Meeting May 1st! Let Don Zabel know, if you read the *Drive Lines!*

History Quiz Answers ...

1. *The Valley News and Green Sheet*
2. Balboa Park, In Van Nuys
3. Thirteen
4. The L.A. Roadster Show
5. October, 1971
6. Don Durkee, Gordie Chamberlin & Ed Warnock
7. Six Blue Chip Stamp books
8. Twenty-Three
9. 1979, Bob Drake

May Birthdays :



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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 ... Jim Albert | 26 ... Craig Lapair |
| 10 ... Pat Kelley | 27 ... Helen Baker |
| 11 ... Virginia Wolf | 28 ... Emily Rosso |
| 17 ... Sue Boskovich | 30 ... Steve Boskovich |
| 19 ... Paul Kirk | 31 ... Judy Shubb |
| 21 ... Larry Keene | * |

* If you have a May birthday and are not on the list, see Bob Zecher, at the meeting

Dick Colarossi, you are awesome, with your contributions to our raffle, each month!



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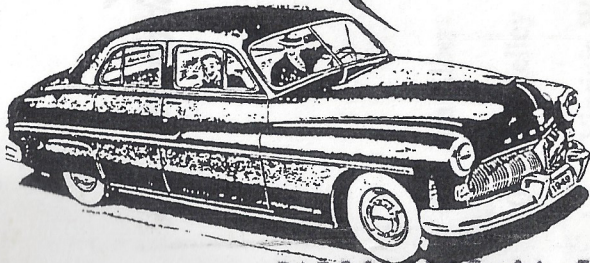
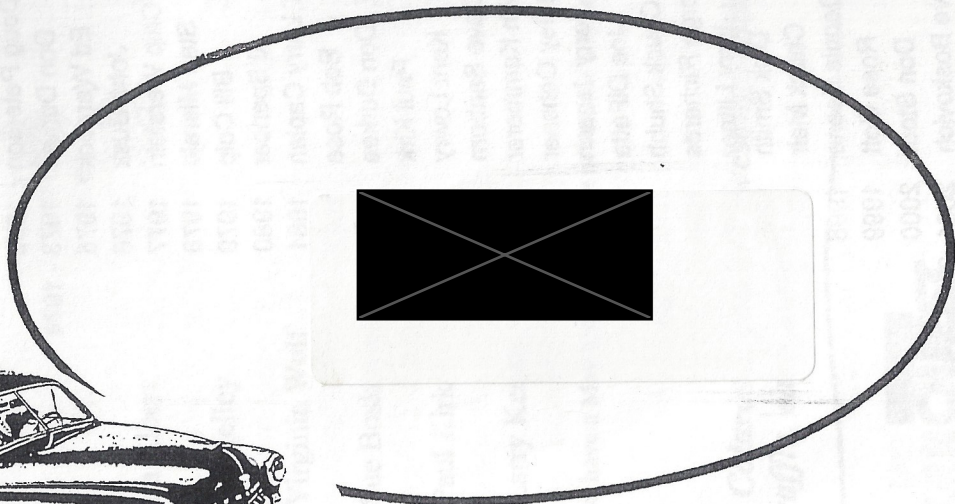
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Jim Rowe	1971
Doug Peterson	1972
Don Durkee	1973 - 1974
Ed Warnock	1975
John Busk	1976
Chip Werstein	1977
Stan Misraje	1978
Bill Culp	1979
Al Spencer	1980
Larry Caplan	1981
Bob Rose	1982
Don Durkee	1983
Paul Kirk	1984
Kent Lowry	1985
Dave Sanborn	1986
John Kemmerer	1987
Dudley Ochsner	1988
Jerry Jensen	1989 - 1990
Joe DiFatta	1991
Chuck Shubb	1992 - 1993
George Richards	1994
Jerry Littner	1995
Dick Smith	1996
Chuck Mair	1997
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