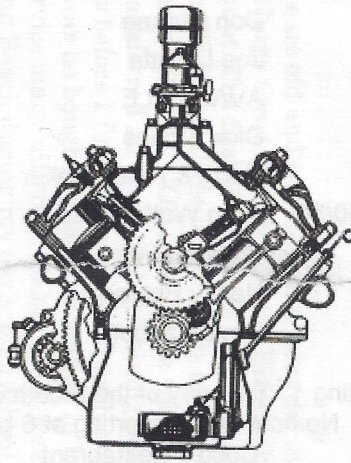




September 2007

"Our 37th Year"



Drive Lines

Ron Lester who owns a 32 Cabriolet, but didn't bring it tonight due to fuel pump problems. Cal Beauregard, a member who has moved away. Ernie Bailey, who we see once or twice a year, and Rich Carter.

Correction to last month's minutes: Dennis Keene is a member of this chapter, not a visitor from the Ventura chapter. Sorry Dennis, I don't know what I was thinking.

Treasurer: Wendi Potter: Wendi reports that we have \$4839.27 in the treasury.

Tours: Steve Boskovich said diner at The Hat was a success with 11 old cars and 29 people attending. It will become a monthly event, the next one will be Aug. 22. The show at the Cammarillo Airport is Aug. 18. We will leave from Woodley Park at 8:15 AM. Old cars get in free, \$10 for a new car. Steve told a story about his grandson who went to the Broken Yoke. They have a 12 egg omlette, if you can eat all of it in an hour, it is free. If you can't, it is \$25. His grandson now has his name on a plaque at the restaurant.

Helen Baker said the Route 66 tour will probably be in March. They have a friend in Yermo with 100 cars who will give us a house tour.

Announcements: The September meeting will be our auction. Please bring your donations. Larry had a list of things that Bill Woods has for sale. There are a few Ford watches left. Scott said Phoenix is on the way to Mars and will land in 10 months. Helen told us that Sat. Sept. 22 is the 10th anniversary of the Ridge Route being placed on the "National Register of Historic Places". There will be a large celebration at the County Park in Frazier Park. There will be an antique car show as well as various exhibits relating to the Ridge Route. Harrison Scott will be there to autograph his book. Souvenirs of the Ridge Route {T-shirts, caps, pictures, books and videos} will be available as will membership applications and renewals. The next workday is Aug. 11. Anyone who has pictures from any of the work days, please bring them to the celebration.

Drive Prize (for bringing your V8 to the meeting) 38 Ford Tudor belonging to Dave Bergman

Raffle Winners:

Ladies: Wendi Potter and Tiffany Bergman

Name Badge: Randy Watson

50/50 Drawing: Wendi Potter

Program for the evening: Joe DiFatta told about his trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma to see them bring up the 1957 Plymouth Belvedere that was buried in 1957. He heard about it 16 years ago and wanted to be there in 2007. He said 25,000 people were there. Two weeks before the event, the city practiced lifting a similar car. When the vault was opened it was discovered that water had seeped in and rusted the car. Even in its damaged condition it is worth about \$25,000. Everything in the Time Capsule made it OK. He and Marsha went to a party with Fabian, The Chiffons and Bobby V. performing. After the Mayor left, they took the Mayors table and got the placard that said Reserved for Mayor. The city buried {above ground} a '98 Prowler.

Buried in the concrete vault:

A gold and white 1957 Plymouth Belvedere

10 gallons of gasoline

Motor oil

A case of beer

A copy of the Tulsa World

A copy of The Tulsa Tribune

Statements written by Gov. Raymond Gary and Mayor George Norvell

An outline of 1957 Tulsa Chamber of Commerce projects

Movies of 1957 Tulsarama! activities

Microfilmed copies of entries in a contest to guess the city's 2007 population, with the car as the prize

The contents of a "typical woman's handbag," including a bottle of tranquilizers, 14 bobby pins, a compact, a package of cigarettes, matches, two combs, an unpaid parking ticket, a tube of lipstick, a package of gum, a plastic rain hat, facial tissues, and \$2.73.

DriveLines, September 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

Greetings: Well, there's much brewing in the future, hereabouts. Some interesting club outings in the works. These will be more fully covered in their respective sections below. I would like to mention now, however, an alarming development on the State Legislative front. I was attending the San Fernando Valley Model A swap meet yesterday at the Rancho San Antonio Boys School, where I was approached by Dave Bryan, Director of the Association of California Car Clubs. He was passing out notices dealing with the existence of a piece of legislation (AB616) in the State Assembly which, if passed, will require all cars (as they become 15 years old) back to 1976 to pass annual smog checks. The money generated would go to fund the California scrappage program to buy these vehicles and have them crushed. Since these vehicles already must pass a smog check every two years, this constitutes harrassment, as well as being unduly discriminatory against this group of cars and their owners. Dave's flier goes on to point out that the Air Resources Board considers, on a regular basis, how much pre-1975 cars pollute. (Hopefully, they've not spent much time behind an idling flathead.) Since AB616 has already passed the Assembly and is now before the Senate, it would be a good idea for all of us to contact our respective State Senator (check the Government section in the front of your phone book or go to www.leginfo.ca.gov) and express your opposition. The bill's author is Dave Jones, "D" Sacramento. He's an agent for the ARB. His phone number is 916-319-2009

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 4th (yes, that's the day after Labor Day). Coco's, corner of Farralone and Sherman Way (1 block west of Topanga) "no host" (as always) dinner at 6, meeting starts at 7, have to be finished/gone by 9:30. Please come support our club. The **program** will be our ANNUAL AUCTION. Don Durkee will once again be wringing every last cent out of the items we bring for the benefit of the club. So, if you haven't already, start making a pile of goodies to bring.

Upcoming Tours: September Hooky Day -- Still in the works, but is rumored to include visits to several garages in the area. More info at the meeting.

Sunday, Oct. 7 -- Breakfast (brunch?) at the Paradise Cove Restaurant in Malibu! We'll meet at the Denny's restaurant at the 101 and Topanga Blvd. and depart at 9:30 a.m. sharp!

Sunday, November 2nd -- Gerry Blackwell (she of Federal Reserve fame!) is organizing a tour to the Getty Malibu Villa. More to follow

Sunday, December 2nd -- Holliday Party and Officer Installation! At Encino GlenMore details to follow in coming months.

Previous Meeting's Minutes:

Date: Aug. 7, 2007

Meeting Place: CoCo's

Meeting Leader: Steve Batesole

Carl's Car Count: 12

Start Time: 7:28 Adjournment Time: 9:16

Introduction of Guests: Gary Wales who brought his giant red car made from a pre 1920 fire engine. It has a 17 liter Van Biergk engine with pistons the size of coffee cans, 17 ½ inch sprockets and 1890 door bell and latch. It has power steering and brakes.

Thank you Karen for all the effort of recording and compiling the minutes each month!

Of Interest:

MY FIRST V8

I have been driving since I was ten years old and working on a farm during WW II. My Grandfather was a barn builder and had a contract to build a huge three story barn near Birmingham Michigan. It was a large working farm and he got me a summer job helping out. The first thing that I ever drove was a 1939 Ford 9N tractor with a small trailer that was to be filled with corn. They had three of the Fords and someone showed me how to drive one. Quite a thrill for a ten year old! They also had a '39 GMC COE stake truck that I got to drive occasionally. My father was a Navy pilot during WW II and was transferred all over the US training other pilots and our family moved many times. I attended 13 different schools before I finally graduated from high school in Anaheim. When my father was discharged from the Navy after the war he bought a Mobilgas station in Long Beach. I was always interested in cars but that was really fun to be able service many different makes every weekend. The gas station did not last too long but I got jobs in other stations in Long Beach during my early high school years. I worked all summer and saved up enough money to buy a new Whizzer motor for my bike. My BankAmericard still says "member since 1947" Bank tellers must think that I am in my nineties! That was real freedom for a ninth grader in Junior high school. I really had fun with the Whizzer but in the 10th grade someone else liked it too and it was stolen never to be seen again. Just two years ago I found one of the new re-made Whizzer 's at Carlisle still in the shipping crate. Well, it is still in the crate but I will enjoy it again one of these days. I really did not know how to drive but when a customer came into my gas station with a 1935 Plymouth for sale for \$50.00 I had the money and bought it. I knew that at that time anything that ran was worth at least \$100. I drove my new car around and around the gas station at night when the boss went home. I was afraid to tell my father that I had bought a car as I had no license. It was not long before I was to turn sixteen and on my birthday I was at the DMV and got my license. That car was real fun and a great learning experience, It sure took a lot of abuse. I got a great deal on a new paint job for it and the painter asked me if I wanted blue or green. I did not realize it until afterward that the two colors were left over paint from other paint jobs. One bucket turned out green and the other blue! I had chosen the blue and it did not really look too bad. I can not imagine what the green looked like. That Plymouth lasted until someone made a quick left hand turn in front of me and I broadsided it. Well, his insurance company gave me the huge sum of \$125.00 so I was a rich pedestrian. I spotted a 1937 Ford coupe on a used car lot on Signal Hill. The asking price on the windshield was \$125.00 but the car had a smashed grill and was missing the left rear fender. It must have been the owner that I talked to because after grinding the price as much as I could I ended up getting the car for \$25.00 I think that they really wanted to get rid of it or me! There was a really neat old junk yard on Signal Hill and I got a good used fender and tail light for \$5.00 and a little more for a nice grill. I got the fender on with my crescent wrench but I was not as lucky with the grill and had to get some professional help to install it. I was really proud of that car and drove it everywhere. I got pretty good trying to adjust those cable brakes that changed their mind on a weekly basis. The car did burn oil and I was ok running around Long Beach but when we moved to Anaheim I continued to finish the high school semester in Long Beach. It burned a couple of quarts of oil daily and I found a gas station in Anaheim named "Kickapoo Joy Juice". They had a drain oil barrel in the back of the station and I would stop there every morning before school and get a couple of quarts of who knows what? That worked for several months but one morning I was late for school and did not fill up. Half way to school I threw a rod and that was the end of my first Ford. We towed it back to Anaheim and I sold it for \$25.00 to a guy who made a jalopy racer out of it. I never forgot that first Ford and that was to be the beginning of a real love affair with old Fords and memorabilia that has lasted more years than I care to count!

Gordie Chamberlin

Thanks again, Gordie, for another interesting article! Steve

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Steve's Closing Note: Editor/Publisher position(s) still available...Less than half a year left to go...See your name in print! Also, the opportunity to fulfill your wildest eBay fantasies (within reason, of course...), all on the club's nickle. Be the Christmas Party Raffle Chairperson! See above.

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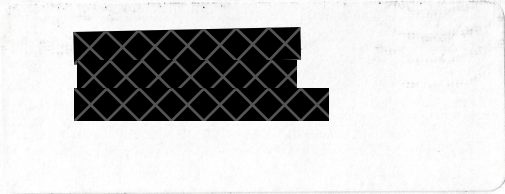
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