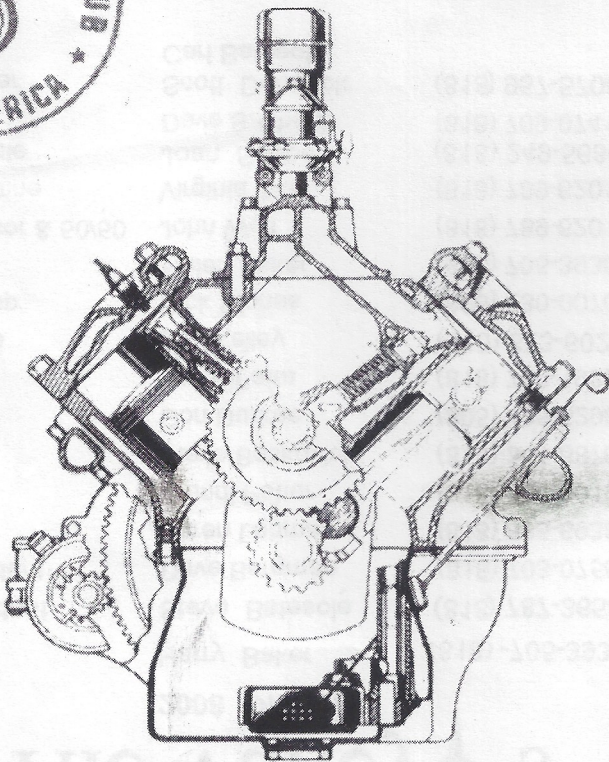


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Our 38th Year



Meeting

Oct. 7, 2008

Presidents Message:

Don't forget the club auction is taking place at the October 7th. meeting. Bring all your good stuff so that someone else can take it home.

Now when you look in the rear view mirror to check for police cars, you have to keep a look out for not only the black and whites, but now for white Dodge Chargers. That's right, according to our guest speaker at the September 2nd. meeting, Officer Leland Tang, the California Highway Patrol has ordered over 200 Dodge Chargers to replace the Fords that are reaching their mileage limits. *Ford is taking the back seat again.* Officer Tang gave us a summary as to what all the Highway Patrol is responsible for and how the role of an officer has changed over the years. It is amazing to think of how much territory some of the Officers have to cover. If you ever travel north on the I-15, check out the house near ZZYXZ Road, and for those of you at the meeting you will know what that means.

Thanks to Officer Tang for his very interesting and informative talk and to Joe DiFatta for setting it up.

Our intrepid Editor, Jim Kelly was out at the Route 66 Rendezvous in San Bernardino last Friday, no doubt covering it for a major story. I did get a chance to catch up with him or rather he caught up with me at the temporary RV parking area set up inside of the cruise route. There were over 1500 cars registered for the Rendezvous this year with cars coming from all over the United States. The high price of fuel didn't seem to be a factor in attendance this year. I do intend to volunteer to host the RV park next year and perhaps more of you can make it out. It is the largest cruise in the country, 5 1/2 miles, with all types of vendors and auto related displays.

We had a board meeting the discuss the upcoming year, the new slate of officers for the club, and the holiday party. Dave Bergman will have the all the information about the party at the next meeting. I can tell you that the planning is well under way and the party is shaping up to be grand. Make your plans to attend now. The date is Sunday, December 7, 2008.

I'll see you all at the next meeting, on October 7, and don't forget to bring some items to be auctioned off and some extra cash so that you can take home some more good stuff.

Harry

Flint Comment

As Joe Di Fatta and Steve Boskovich will attest to, this editor is a car show hound dog. These two fellows found me at a car show with my flathead and convinced me that I should join the valley V8's. Well I am still a hound dog and go to as many shows that I can fit in. The poor 40 stake bed was even hauled over to Lake Havasu, for their good show. Well nothing would do, but to case out the ROUTE 66, Show in San Bernadino. Now it is to be said that no two shows are alike, and boy is this a great show. It is sponsored by Statler Brothers, which gives the show the financial base to carry it off at the very highest of all the shows I have attended. Second: the complete downtown area of San Bernadino is shut down, for Saturday and Sunday. Each registered car is assigned a marked off space that is his private spot for the whole show(no struggling to park, you just find your number and that's it.) As Harry mentioned above there is 5 1/2 miles to cruse in. The cruising start on Friday at about 6.00 PM and goes till? than they start cruisin again at 9:00 am on Saturday and go into the nite. Then on Sunday, it starts all over again till you drop. Helen and Harry are hooked on this show and have worked as volunteers for 4/5 years. Harry is in charge of the large RV lot and Helen was the driving force in the information booth, that was set right in the busiest part of the down town part of the cruise area. Harry had the best spot in town, as he was under the trees and could just set up his chairs in front of his motor home with cold drinks an cold BEER, and watch the parade go buy in luxury surroundings. This is a show we all should look into as it is very different than the run of the mill shows, and really a fun outing. Every vender is there.

Secretary's Minutes

Date: Sept. 2, 2008

Meeting place: CoCo's

Meeting leader: Harry Baker

Start time: 7:35 Adjournment time: 9:32

Introduction of guests: Leland Tang from the CHP

Treasurer: Wendy told a funny story. She reported that we have \$4843.90 in the treasury.

Tours: Gerry Blackwell told us that she has blocked some rooms at the Motel 6 for the March 21- 22 tour to the Palm Springs Folies. She is planning

an interesting stop on the way. If you want to go, contact Gerry.

Announcements: Ken gave a NASCAR update. Board meeting is at Steve Boskovich's house on Sept. 10. Dave

Bergman told us the Christmas party

is Dec. 7 at the same place as last year in Encino. The menu will be the same but the price has gone up. A flyer will be out in early October. Dave

passed around some funny e-mails. Throttlers car show is at Jonny Carson Park in Burbank on Oct. 12. The Cal.

Route 66 Museum in Victerville has a

car show on Sat. Nov. 8. Big Wednesday at World Class Motoring is every Wed. from 6 to 9pm. 5076 Chesebro

Rd. Agooura Hills. Placentia Heritage

Festival is Oct. 11 at Tri-City Park in Placentia. Route 66 Rendezvous is Sept. 18-21 in San Bernadino. So. Cal.

V8 picnic Nov. 2. Sat. Nov. 8 at 1pm

is a pot-luck at the Blackwells.

Carl's car count: 9

Car of the month: George Richards, 1939 convertible coupe. He got the car in 1986 and restored it in 1992.

Drive prize (for bringing your V8 to the meeting): Steve Batesole

Raffle winners:

Ladies: Judy Shubb and Wendy Potter

Name badge: Art Bergman

50/50 drawing: Dave Sanbourn \$71

Buyers appreciation: Randy Watson, Ford key chain, beer cozy and squeeze ball.

Program for the evening: The program was presented by Leland Tang who has been with the CHP for 16 years.

He is with public affairs. The Highway

Patrol currently has 115 officers but 4 are on military leave in Iraq. They are changing from Mustangs to Dodge

Chargers CHP model. There are 35 of them

and they are painted white. The average speed on the 118 near the 210 is 90 mph. The CHP is very understaffed.

Back-up in one instance was a CHP plane

that landed on the freeway. L.A. county is going to go to electronic ticketing. A few years ago at the No.

Hollywood shoot-out by the bank, L.A.P.D. was

not aware that CHP was near by with 3 shot guns. There is now iner-communication between CHP and LAPD.

There will be less call boxes along the freeway.

Call 1-800-TELLCHP for non-emergency reports. They will be hiring 300 new officers. They will train for 7 months

at the acadamy near Saçramento. Every

two years they cycle out patrol cars as they reach 100,000 miles. Officer Tang believes there is a great value in

car clubs. There was a 2:30 am crash

recently involving a Lamborghini. The local Lamborghini club called to tell them of problems the car was having

which could have caused the crash. L.A.

Sheriffs have jurisdiction anywhere in LA county. The street races have look-outs for CHP and they text ahead to

the racers. The fastest car he stopped

was a Honda Civic on the 118. He had to go 130mph to catch him. Leland was driving a Crown Victoria. We send

officers to another state in an emergency

on a FEMA contract. We sent 30 officers during Katrina. Everything was paid by the Federal Gov. not the state.

On the road to Vegas, one CHP officer lives

on a hill overlooking the freeway. Officers have an 8 hr. shift and average 5 tickets a shift. They will be going to a

12 hr. shift. Every DMV and every state

building has to be patrolled by CHP. The State police was dissolved in 1975. The driving license renewal is three

tier. 1st tier is eye test, 2nd tier is written test,

3rd tier is driving test. Mature drivers are better drivers than the 16-18 yr olds.



Terrific Guest Speaker--Leland Tang



Editor's Notes

We had a very busy social month and lots of pictures. Perhaps there may be some confusion as to which location is which. The best solution I can offer is if, the picture you are looking at has people smiling and there are trees in the background and there is a cup in their hand, well they are at the Fabulous Durkee BBQ, the others are some where else. I took editors license to add special focus on the race car. (I likem) just to show that Don Durkee has many facets we still haven't seen. I always thought he just did **Flat Head Fords cars** with an occasional chev thrown in just for luck. Well just goes to show ya.

The big message that stuck in my head after the meeting was the statement that the guest speaker Leland Tang dropped on us. **REMEMBER** "If your on the Freeway and your leading the pack and you want to know what is an acceptable speed, today? Look in your mirror, there is more than likely a flashing red light, and a nice person in uniform, about to answer that question for you."

Change is inevitable, except when your dealing with a vending machine.

If you think nobody really cares, try missing a couple of payments.

Life is not like a bowl of cherries, it's more like a jar of Jalapenos, what you say today will burn you in the butt tomorrow.

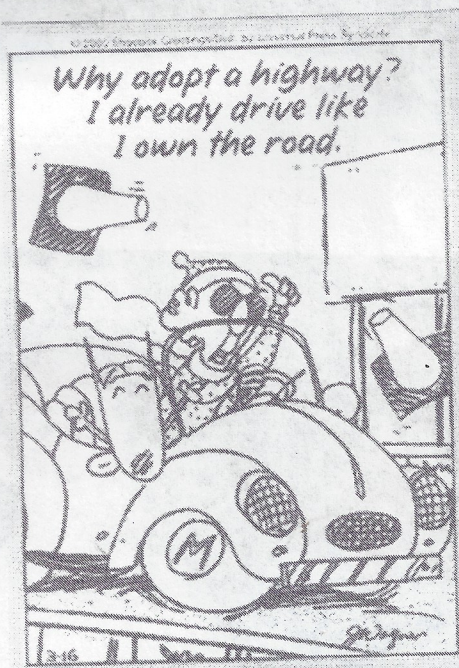
Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now

Greatest Hits

I believe that everything happens for a reason. Usually, the reason is that somebody screwed up.



Apparently, windshield washer fluid works better than spit on a mitten.





1947 Kurtis - Shilala Midget s.n. #154

Originally built by Frank Kurtis in 1947. This midget was brought to George Shilala's shop in Burbank in 1957 for major crash repairs. Owen (Bud) Herron who was working at Shilala's shop acquired this midget, added Shilala's upgrades and ran in So Cal & Santa Rosa indoors running out of B & D Automotive (Burbank) & Norden Steering (Culver City) until selling to Nevt Garrett in 1971. Nevt ran it until 1980. Some of the drivers to race this midget:

Bud Herron owned 1957-1971

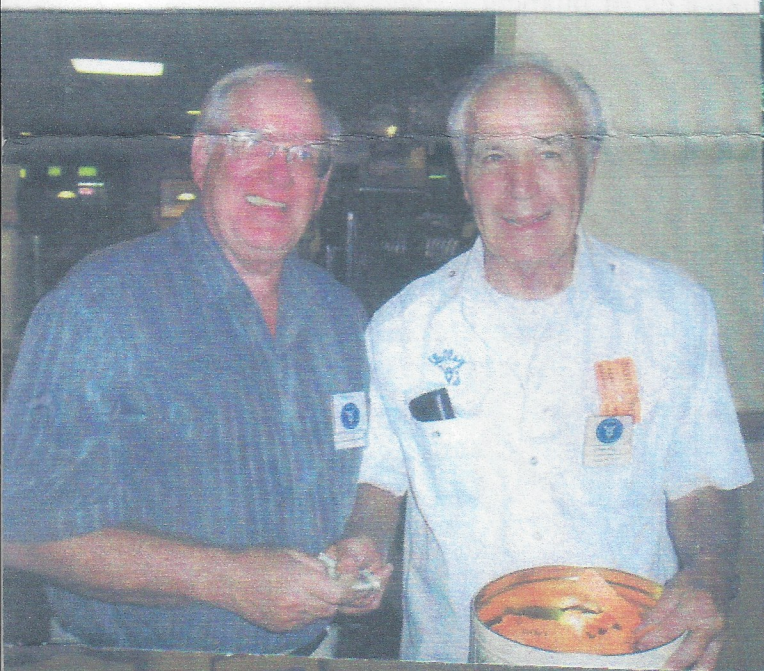
- Wille Swift 1957-1958
- Wayne Douglas 1959
- Jack Sachs - Santa Rosa, Turkey Night
- Johnny Wood - Fresno
- Gene Gurney - Oakland
- Don Standinger - Turkey Night
- Dan Miller - Ascot
- Larry Minnis - Stockton
- Chuck Arnold - Turkey Night '69
- Bob Berkens - San Jose
- Johnny Parsons Jr. - 1st Midget Ride, Turkey Night '66, '67, '68
- Steve Stapp

Nevt Garrett owned 1971-1980

- Carl Davis - Santa Rosa, Cow Palace
- Dick Smith '72-'73
- Bob Yuhre '73
- Jack Thompson - Vallejo, Fremont, Medford
- Chuck Ross - Santa Rosa '74
- Bruce Thurson - Beck Area '74
- Dave Kelly - Stockton '75
- Jack Walker - Petaluma, Fremont, Medford
- Charlie Hays - Santa Rosa '76
- Dan Deird '80

History: Fred Chapman, Jim Chiel, Bill & Jimmy Montgomery
 Engine: Ron Williams
 Restoration: Pat Long, Jack Walker
 Driver: Jack Walker & (Good friend)
 Owner: Pat Long

Special Thanks to all that have helped on this midget!



San Fernando Valley V8's Holiday Party

When Sunday, December 7, 2008

Monterey at Encino 16821 Burbank Blvd. Encino, CA.

Ample parking

Social Hour 6:00 PM **Dinner:** 6:45 PM

Cost: \$25.00 per person \$30.00 for non members

Hello One and all time favorites is here. Join us as we spread some holiday cheer. Let's laugh, and sing and have lots of fun, because winter time has just begun!

Buy an arms length of tickets for only \$10.00

Enjoy our very special entertainment

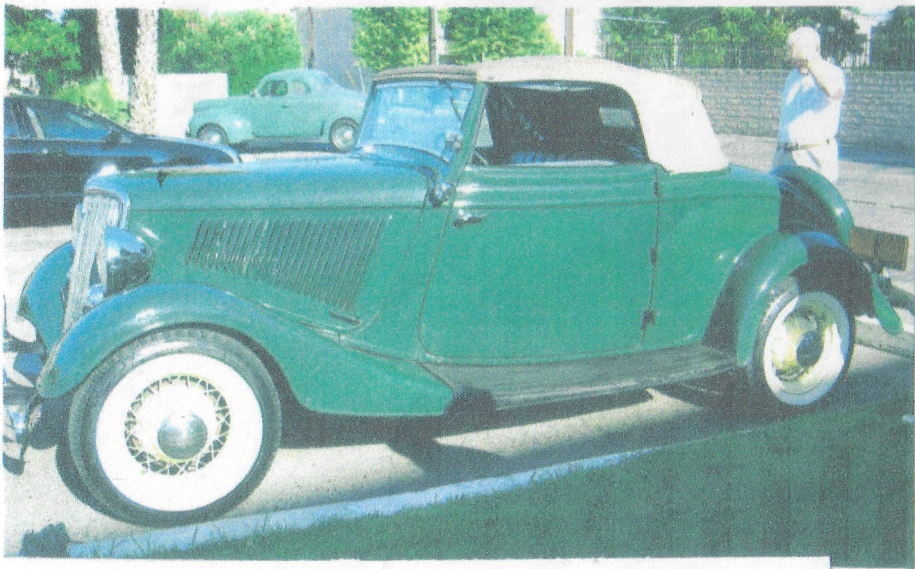
***Please bring a donation of an unwrapped toy for a child in need ('Tis the season to bring joy to a child by giving.)

Have a question? Call Dave Bergman 818-703-0756





**Hosts Extraordinaire
Mary and Don Durkee**



**Car of the month for Sept. Bob Zecher's
pretty 34 Cabriolet**



San Fernando Valley V8's
Holiday Party
Return this sheet no later than November 26, 2008

Along with your check payable to: Valley V8's

Mail to: Dave Bergman
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West Hills, CA 91307

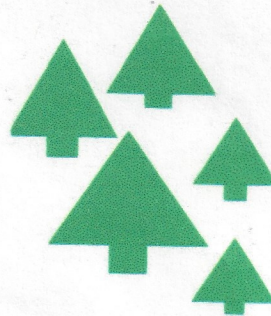
Name(s) of party goers _____

Phone # _____

\$25.00 per person
\$30.00 Non V8 members per person Total enclosed \$ _____

Meal(s) choice of:
No. of Meals

- Chicken Marsala _____
- Broiled Salmon _____
- Prime Rib au jus _____



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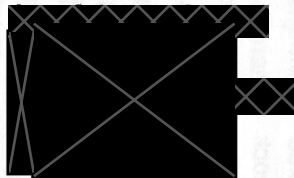
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