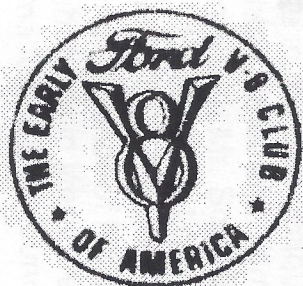
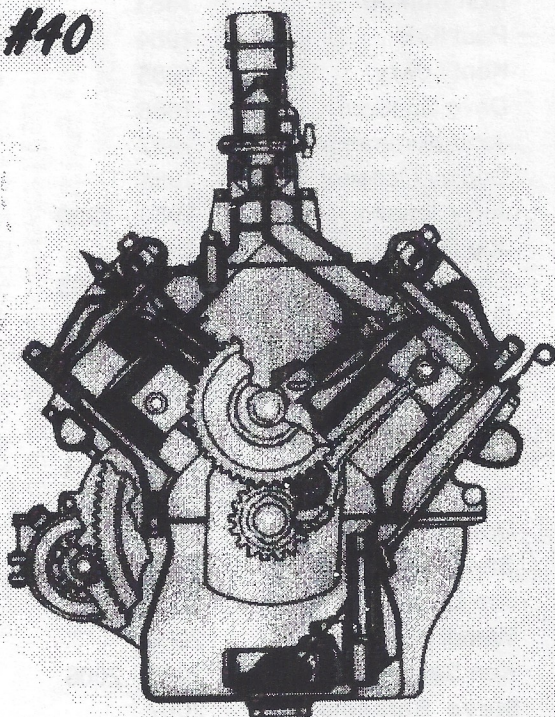


Drive Lines



Our 39th Year

Chapter #40



April 6, 2010

Happy Spring Valley VS'ers!

Greetings everyone! I hope you have sprung forward and remembered to set those clocks ahead one hour. Now we have more daylight to keep up the work on our flatheads. We all should have plenty of motivation now after hearing our March guest speaker, Jimmy Weldon. Jimmy an American voice actor, motivational speaker and author, delighted us all with his character voice of duck puppet, Webster Webfoot and Yakky Doodle Duck from the Yogi Bear cartoon series. Jimmy's book entitled Go Get 'Em Tiger features a step by step formula to success and has sold 30,000 copies via the internet.

I enjoyed Jimmy's powerful presentation and left the meeting pondering over three things that Jimmy says never happen.

1. Save time? ...Time just keeps clicking away no matter what. Therefore you cannot save it.
2. Opposites attract? ... You are only attracted to those that share similar interests. You are not attracted to someone that possesses characteristics that drive you nuts.
3. "If you think you can't, you never will" Most would never try to attempt something they think they could never do. Thus, they never would add that something to their list of accomplishments.

"You know what Jimmy?" "You're right!"

Many thanks to Dave Sanborn for setting up such an awesome guest speaker!

Well all of you Laughlin travelers... How was your Laughlin weekend getaway? Unfortunately, my family and I were not able to make the trip this time around but hope that you had a grand time. I look forward to hearing those stories at our next meeting.

Guess who's conning to town? Harrison I. Scott the author of Ridge Route The Road That United California and President of the Ridge Route Preservation Organization will be visiting us at our meeting on April 6, 2010. Harrison gave a very informative talk a few years ago and I was fortunate to be able to pick up an autographed copy of his book. I hope to see everyone at Coco's for our meeting and to catch our wonderful guest speaker.

Now that we have squeezed out some more daylight, we can get a head start on some tire kickin' of our flatheads and look forward to more of those upcoming tours that George Richards has been planning for us.

See You There!

Dave

PS Uh Oh I almost forgot our Valley street name trivia fun. So here it is... What is the name of a major street that runs west to east or east to west through the San Fernando Valley that was named after this Northern California County and it's also where this National Park is located.

The answer will be elsewhere in the Drive Lines so have fun and look for it!

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Secretary's Minutes

Date: March 2, 2010

Meeting Place: CoCo's

Meeting Leader: Dave Bergman

Start time: 7:02pm Adjournment time: 9:00pm

Introduction of guests: Ken Sapper introduced Ed Bresnick and Randy Bresnick.

Steve's guests were Glenn De Fehryver and Sue Levine. Good to see Dick Colarossi with us tonight.

Treasurer: We are in the black.

Tours: We are off to Laughlin 3/19 - 3/21. George Richards upcoming tour in May is a brunch in Malibu, details to follow. Gerry sent around a sign up sheet for Blackie's tour to Van Nuys airport, to visit two fire stations on Sat. April 17. We will depart from

Woodley Park at 8:30 am. We will go to the 94th Aero Squadron for lunch. Blackie update - No more kemo but he still does not eat or drink but he is getting better.

Announcements: Dick Stones said everyone has paid their dues. Joe DiFatta said there is a write-up about Ron Main's car in Old Car Weekly magazine.

Carl's car count: 6

Car of the month: Lyle Steinmill '41 pick-up

Drive prize [for bringing your V8 to the meeting]: Joe DiFatta '46 Ford 4 dr. He had sold it to Tom Potter, but just bought it back.

Raffle winners:

Ladies: Debbie Bergman and Virginia Wolf

Name badge: Shirley Richards

50/50 drawing: \$81 Bruce Hutchinson

Program for the evening: Don Durkee told about his trip to Australia and New Zealand for his and Mary's 50th wedding anniversary. Dave Sanborn introduced our speaker for the evening, Jimmy Weldon. Jimmy was the voice for Webster Webfoot and Yakky Doodle. He is now a motivational speaker. What you tell yourself is very important. If you believe you can, YOU CAN. Set goals, spent your time wisely. GO GET' UM TIGER, <http://iimrnyweldon.com/>

Karen

Ever hear this before?

Til tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible To buy a week's groceries for \$20.00.

'Have you seen the new cars coming out next year?

It won't be long before \$2,000.00 will only buy a used one.

'If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous.

'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?

'When I first started driving, Who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon.. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

'I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN

in GONE WITH THE WIND, It seems every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it.

'I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas .

Editors Notes:

It is funny how little things make a special little notch in the brain and then years later pop up to fit another situation. My notch goes like this . On Sunday we would go to Grandmothers house for supper, when it came to clear, grandmother would wink and say "*Save your fork*". We kids would get all excited because we know something special was about to happen. Well I just had one of those eye opening experiences which i am about to lay on you. Now as editor of this wonderful missile on Flathead Ford V8s I know that we sometimes must acknowledge that there might be life north of the 118. At this junction I am about to invoke that good old concept that goes like this "*What is good for bull moose is good for the world*". (meaning ifin I liked it your sure to like it too ---or not.) Well in the recent past at the meeting I spoke about a fine tool that made really outstanding single or double flares in brake line or fuel line tubing. At that time my son was building a all factory steel 1934 Ford Phaeton. (please he is the younger generation and its OK if its a Hotrod, that way I can still use his tools.) good old dad seemed to show a Flare for making stainless brake lines and so I was allowed to add small contributions here and there mostly moral support. ~~We~~ He took this car to the Roadster Show at Pomona in January (yes the paint was still drying) and while at this show a very nice man named Blacky Gejiaen was talking to my son. *Time to Save your Fork*. One of the better things I have learned while gaining maturity, is that, don't ever forget to laugh at your self and your nativity, as to what life exists north of the 118. Gejiaen invited my son to bring his car to the 51st Fresno Autorama on March 19-21. Editors note: That kid was not going to an invitation only car show in Fresno without his old DAD riding shotgun. Dumb me, I never herd of this show. Really how many people would drive all the way to Fresno to a everyday car show? I have been to more than my share of car shows including Pebble Beech three times, but I was not prepared for what I was about to witness at this show for *Hotrods and Custom cars*. If you think of Pebble Beach you know the cars are brought back to as close to their original splendor with no modifications, and presented on the grass on the golf course. Well it is time to "*SAVE YOUR FORK*". Here is how Mr. Gejiaen would set up his shows for the last 50 years. Like that man said "*WE get no respect*". So Blacky set up a show to recognize the great talent that goes into a Custom made one of a kind car.(really, that's what a hotrod is you know). He would travel from coast to coast to car shows to pick just the right top quality cars for his show. That means each year he would present 200/300 absolutely the most beautiful cars, that you and I would never know existed, and put them in his show year after year and add the new ones he found and eliminate the lesser. Some cars even came in from Hawaii. Presentation: Each car could request a 20x20 area for carpet and low fences and lighting, (several carpets actually were dyed with patterns to exactly match the paint motif of the car.). Now this is where this writer thinks these cars were alot more pazzzzzzzi than Pebble Beach. The bodies of the cars and the painting would make Renoir' proud. The paint

For Sale or Wanted

1-For sale 1939 Ford Deluxe 4 door frame off Resto--Red gv stock 100 hp
Merc. Motor. \$17000.00 Ray Clark 818-361-8924

2- Two(2) 39-40 Motors 1-good used 40 \$1200.00- 1-new 39 \$3000.00
Don Durkee 805-495-5298

3- Old Bumper Jack \$75.00 Jerry 818-632-9017

4- Parts for Forty Ford or Mercury Larry 818-993-7000

Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

By the time man is wise enough to watch his step, he won't be able to see what his foot is stepping in.

Newest Cardiologist 's diet--If it tastes good spit it out.

Money can't buy you happiness--But it sure could fill you up with fine memories.

Florida-- Gods waiting room.

The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly , and lie about your age.

Tower to Delta 351, you have traffic at 10:00 o'clock 6 miles out. Pilot to tower : could you give us another hint! we only have digital watches.

A student pilot became lost during a solo flight. while attempting to locate the air craft on radar , ATC asked, What was your last known position?
Student: When I was number one for take off at your field.

I think I had amnesia once or twice I can't remember

Oh! Boy a free gift. Aren't all gifts free?

jobs were spectacular, but it didn't stop there, unlike PB, the under side of the cars were gleaming and shiny. The drive train would be all chrome plated and polished to eye blinding perfection and the parts not chromed were powder coated in colors to complement the paint on top side of the car. It would be a major blunder if I did not mention the interior of these cars. I have never seen such craftsmanship and imagination, even in the trunk area. Yes of course there were some that had the stereos that cost more than what Steve B lost in Laughlin. Staging was on Thursday early A.M. Blacky would personally position each car, you were watching a true artist at work. Colors did not conflict with the cars sitting next to it, and each car was positioned just so, a bit off angle, to the next car so they did not look lined up. Where were the Flatheads? Oh! yes how could you have a Hotrod Convention without flatheads. I stopped counting after 11. Some just stock looking some had superchargers, there was one so big, I think he could rent out rooms. For you Diehards. Yes, these cars were mostly trailer queens. (still snow in Minnesota, and big rain New Jersey) Me thinks only 5/6 local boys drove in. The little nubs on the tires still showed on most of the wheels, no burnouts as yet on these babies. The public turnout was great and no dogs and no skateboards. If this is your type thing there are three different sets of photos on the net for this show. Trophies were presented at 6:30 Sunday. Oh! yes I almost forgot the best of show winner was a pickup truck he received a 8 foot trophy that took 2 people to carry and \$1000.00, not bad. Would I go again? When anyone now says "SAVE YOUR FORK", I will think of this show and what we could have done to Grandma's old Lincoln.

You want good gun control? Use both hands.

The more I learn about terrorism, the better I understand the credit card company.

The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population.

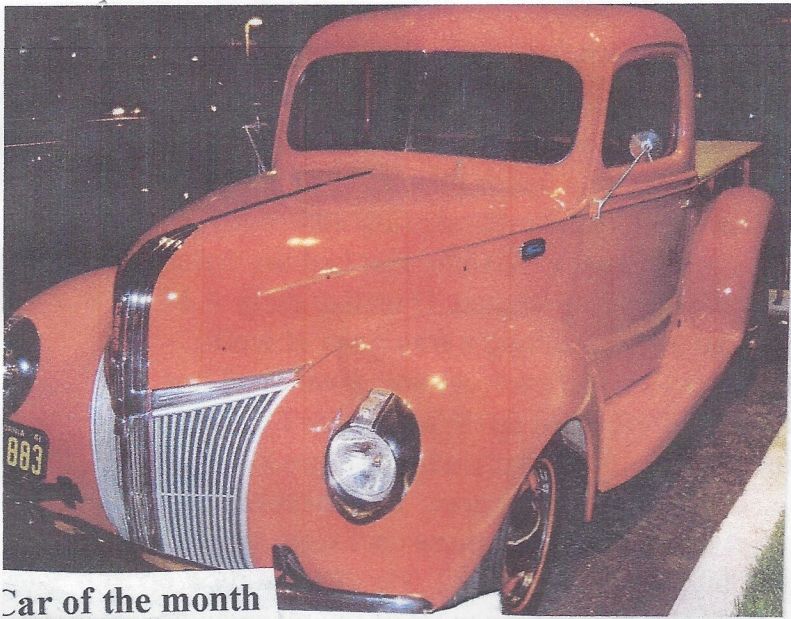
If you find yourself in a hole, best to stop your digging.

Everything seems to slow down when we get older. The one exception is the time it takes the cake and ice cream to reach our hips.

A sure way to double your money today, is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

If you feel you need a shoulder to cry on, you can find one on the right side of the freeway.

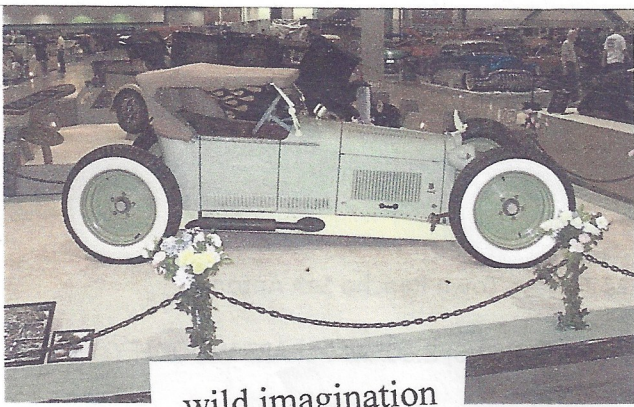
Be more concerned about your character than your reputation. Your character is what you are. Your reputation is merely what you are perceived to be.



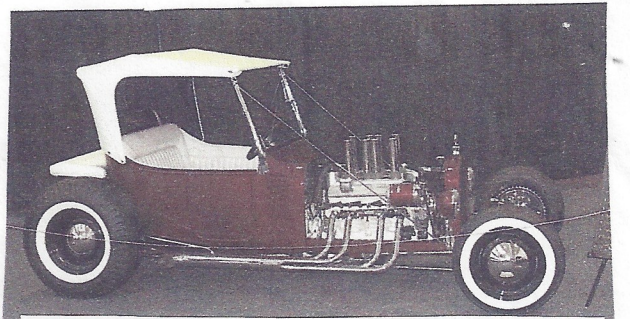
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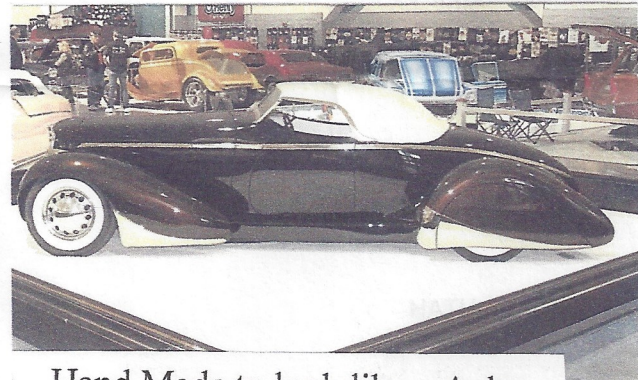
It is spring, if you do not change your oil, you may be inviting impending doom



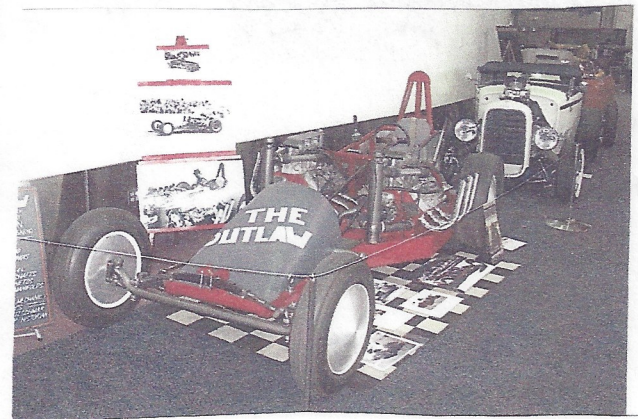
wild imagination



With a little dreaming this could be Steve Lehman's Bucket



Hand Made to look like a Auburn absolutely gorgeous



Just so you don't think I neglected the flatheads here is one with two engines (we get double coupons) by Jim(Jazzy) Nelson did 145 MPH



34 Phaeton



you said you likum low



Could this be Bob Zecher's old La Salle?

I think I even saw Ken Sappers rear end under a car.

Valley street name trivia fun answer is: Lassen Street

2010 CALENDAR

- April 11 **SPRING "FUN" CAR SHOW** 10:00AM-2:00PM @ Boys Town Rancho San Antonio
- *April 17 **BLACKY IS BACK TOUR** (A visit to 2 LA CITY FIRE STATIONS) 8:30AM DEPART WOODLEY PARK
- April 25 **25th ANNUAL FABULOUS FORDS FOREVER @ KNOTT'S BERRY FARM**
- April 25 **BURBANK KIWANIS CAR SHOW & PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
@ JOHNNY CARSON PARK 9:30AM-3:30PM
- *May **PARADISE COVE BRUNCH** TBD
- May 2 **CLASSIC CHEVYS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CAR SHOW**
(All makes and models welcome) @ RANCHO SAN ANTONIO BOYS TOWN
- May 23 **CALIFORNIA CAR COVER CAR SHOW & OPEN HOUSE @ CALIFORNIA CAR COVER IN CHATSWORTH** 8:00am-2:00PM
- June 20 **L.A. ROADSTERS SHOW & SWAP MEET @ the POMONA FAIRPLEX**
- June 23-26 - **EASTERN NATIONAL MEET-- TO CAROLINA AGAIN IN 2010** Charlotte-Concord, North Carolina
- *July **Annual Club BBQ** TBD
- *Sept **October Club Auction** TBD
- October 18-20 **Western Nat'l Meet FRIENDS & FORDS, 2010, ST. GEORGE UTAH**
- *December 5- **Holiday Party**

Ongoing events

Bob's Big Boy - Every Friday night at Toluca Lake and Northridge

Van Nuys Blvd. Cruise Nite 2nd Wednesday of every month- Rain or shine

*Denotes club event

Guest Speaker for April is Harrison Scott author of Ridge Route The Road That United California.

In the preface to his book, Ridge Route The Road That United California, author Harrison (Scotty) Scott, states, "It's strange how your direction in life changes when you least expect it." Scotty's changed dramatically, when in 1991, while traveling to visit his parents in Visalia, he took a detour and found a friend from his youth.

That the friend was a long forgotten highway, makes his story even more strange. You see, after spending 32 years with Pacific Bell and another 10 with the American Red Cross, Scotty was looking forward to retirement. But as he says, "Little did I realize how the old forgotten Ridge Route would replace the proverbial rocking chair we envision when we retire." Scotty goes on to say, "Here I am, not even a member of a historical society, and I've decided to save the old Ridge Route. I look back now and realize how naïve I was."

Scotty spent the next six years doing the research required to qualify the Ridge Route for National Register status, and on September 25, 1997, his hard work was rewarded. In fact Scotty's research was so complete and detailed that not only was the road given National Register status, but so was each historic site along the road, thus eliminating the need for additional submissions. Scotty's diligence and engineering background had paid off.

Scotty obviously still wasn't ready for that rocking chair, because in 2002, using the information from his many years of research, personal interviews, photos, and hundreds if not thousands of trips over the road, he published the book, Ridge Route The Road That United California. Not one to rest on his laurels, Scott published his second book, Lost Hotels on California's Historic Ridge Route.

Scotty says in his book, "It was never my intention to write regarding the Ridge Route. My objective from the beginning was to get the road on the National Register so it would be preserved and protected."

Scotty's grandson, Noah may well have provided the inspiration for his book. Four year old Noah's comment of, "Oh Wow!" when Scotty showed him a view from Reservoir Summit, pretty well sums up the feeling one has when traveling this wonderful old road.

As Scotty says, at the end of the book's preface, "This book is dedicated to my grandchildren. Through the eyes of a child: Oh Wow!"

Having driven the Ridge Route following along with Scotty's book, all we can say is, Oh Wow!

Please join us as we step back in time and tour California's Scenic Ridge Route with author Harrison Scott, and we can guarantee that by the end of the evening, you too will say, Oh Wow!

Scotty will sign copies of his books at the meeting.

Biography: Harrison Irving Scott
Author of Ridge Route The Road That United California and Lost Hotels
on California's Historic Ridge Route

Harrison Irving Scott is a native of Southern California residing in Torrance with his wife Marie. They have three children, John, James and Kathleen and three grandchildren, Noah, Hannah and Sophia. Harrison spent 32 years with Pacific Bell, holding various job titles from "Technical Instructor," to "Switching Engineer." He also spent 10 years with the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a member of the Conference of California Historical Societies, the National Association of Railroad Passengers, The Train Riders Association of California, Rail Pac and the Pacific Railroad Society.

After retiring in 1987, he became interested in the old Ridge Route with an objective to get it placed onto the national register. Scott worked six years with Angeles National Forest Archaeologists Douglas Milburn and Michael McIntyre in an effort to gain historic recognition for the road that was considered an engineering marvel in 1915 when it opened. Their efforts were rewarded on September 25, 1997, when 17.6 miles of the original highway were officially placed onto the National Register in Washington D. C. Prompted by Lois McDonald, former editor of the California Historian to document his research in book form, Scott spent two additional years researching the road prior to publishing his work in 2001: "Ridge Route, The Road That United California." Scott's efforts have been recognized in "Preservation magazine," the magazine of the national trust for historic preservation; in "Westways," the magazine of the Automobile Club of Southern California; in the "California Historian," a publication of the Conference of California Historical Societies, and various newspapers including the Los Angeles Times.

Scott formed the "Ridge Route Preservation Organization," (RRPO) a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving the old highway and educating the public about California's first mountain highway. Working with Assemblyman Runner, the California legislature successfully passed a resolution which allows the RRPO to place a historic monument honoring the old road along the current I-5 Ridge Route at Castaic Junction. Scott has been interviewed by the NBC affiliate in the San Joaquin Valley and the local access cable channel in Santa Clarita and Torrance. Huell Howser also taped a one hour program with Mr. Scott featuring the 1915 Ridge Route on "California Gold," for KCET in Los Angeles. Scott received the California State Assembly Certificate of Recognition presented by Assemblyman George Nakano in honor of his outstanding dedication and artistic contributions in literature to the community of Torrance. Additional information can be found at: www.RidgeRoute.com.

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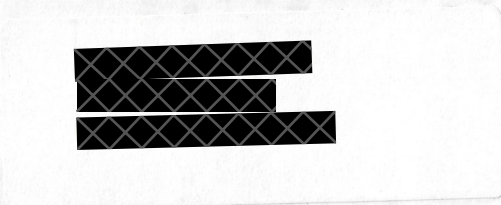
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