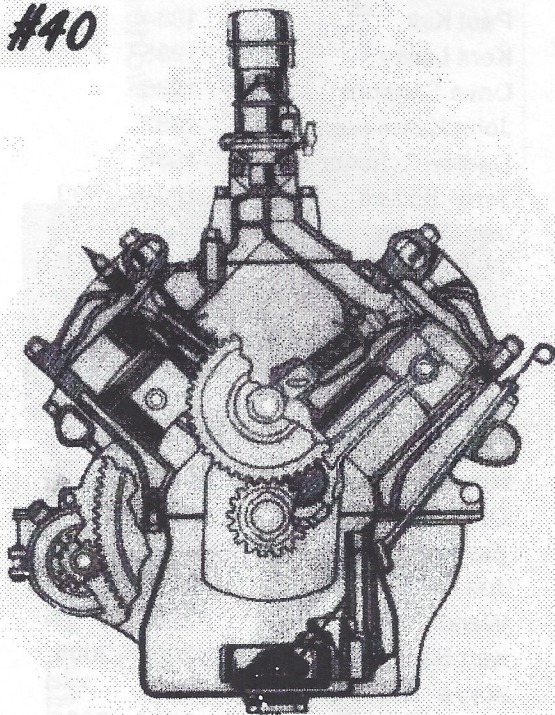


Drive Lines



Our 39th Year

Chapter #40



May 4, 2010

Editors Notes:

The tour to the Van Nyes airport fire stations was a great success. The weather could not have been better. When I got to the Woodley Park rendezvous there was 200 cars lined up and I thought, boy does that Blacky know how to throw a party. That wasn't it at all, there was a car show in the big parking lot and so we showed our flexibility and moved on to a better spot for our flatheads. Upon caravanning to the airport we had to wait a bit so the lads could get the place shipshape, which gave us a real good chance to see a P-51 and a B-17 take off (yes really! I have pictures). Our first tour was the facility that handles the water drops and rescue missions as their first priority. The tour group that I was in was led by Mr. Como. It seems that Mr. Como had served and trained under Captain Blacky Blackwell. Needless to say that added a lot of joshing and old stories popping up. Our second tour was to the other side of the airport to a more traditional, I mean fire trucks, not helicopters. These two facilities work together as one unit on airport emergencies, but have two different profiles as to what the training and actions are at the scene. It would be remiss of me if I did not mention that there were questions about, why they had a stripper dance poles in the fire department buildings.

Log for pictures L to R

1 That red helicopter pilot has to land that helo on that trailer each time, so they can roll it into the hanger. And I thought parking a Flathead without power steering was tough. 2 P-51 through the fence. 3 The daily line up. 4 Is there a tailor in your group (Blue shirt-Mr. Como.) 5 same old fellows. 6 there was supposed to be a B-17 in this picture but he got away. 7 Blackys Back. 8 Helos for every job. 9 same as above, only now he is saying why didn't you tell that was a B-17 taking off.

The topping for the day was lunch at the 94th Squadron Restaurant. We had our own area set aside and good service and even better food. And all the time watching the action on the runway. (Almost sounds like we are back to the stripper poles conversation.) In fear that Gerry will do an encore, I have had to

buy a new letter B for this next bit. Blacky received two very special **B** ricks to add to his collection. It was great to see Blacky out and about and driving the 40 Convertible. It was a good day, no one had a flat tire and no one got a ticket.

Just to put you in proper focus, consider that, children born in 1980 will be starting college this fall.

1980	2010
Passing the driver's test.	Passing the vision test
Disco	Costco
Moving to Cal. because it is cool	Moving to Arizona because it warm.
Acid rock	Acid reflux
Long hair	Longing for hair

Do you realize that in thirty years, we'll have millions of old people running around with tattoos and pierced navels and shaved heads. (now that is really scary)

After a certain age, If you don't wake up with a pain here or there, you may already be dead.

When the market crashed, I called my financial council and told him that they were going to repossess my Rolls Royce. What should I do? His very expensive advice was "Don't park your car in front of your house."

Most stress is caused by three things: money, family, and family with no money. The secret to successful happiness is a good is a good sense of humor and a bad memory.

Luck is what is left over after you've given 100%.

Hello Valley V8'ers!

What an awesome meeting in April. Steve Boskovich reported that there were 30 participants in the tour to Laughlin and that everyone had a great time. April also marked the return of Blacky Blackwell. It was so wonderful to see "Blacky" We were glad to see him back again and sure did miss him. "Welcome back Blacky."

I look forward to a report at the May meeting on the Blacky's Back tour event. April also brought back the return of Harrison Scott, President of the Ridge Route Preservation Organization. Harrison gave an informative presentation, slide show and photo collage on the Ridge Route. I know that I enjoyed the "before and after" pictures of what the route looked like in its day and what it looks like today. Harrison is a wealth of knowledge on the history of the route. If you enjoy volunteering and are interested in preserving a piece of history, you might consider helping out at the Ridge Route on the second Saturday of the month. Check out the ridge route website www.RidgeRoute.com for details. The meeting rounded out with Steve Lehman adding a nostalgic twist with his "Let's Make a Deal" spin on the raffle. Thanks Steve for all your efforts!

Looking ahead in the month of May is our Paradise Cove tour. Many of us enjoyed a breakfast at the restaurant in the cove and a boardwalk stroll after breakfast. George Richards has brought back this popular favorite and has planned the tour for Saturday, May 8th 2010.

Well V8'ers Spring is almost gone. Have you remembered to do your spring cleaning? If you haven't there's still time to go through all the stuff you've been accumulating and get prepared for our club auction this fall. That is if you're all caught up working on those flatheads!

See you at the next meeting on May 4th

Dave

Wanted to Buy

Need good leads on a '32 5 window coupé. Must be rust free car. Motor and Tranny not necessary. Any leads would be appreciated. Make me an offer I can't refuse. Call Dennis Keene 323-665-1363

Secretary's Minutes

Date: Aprils, 2010

Meeting Place: CoCo's

Meeting Leader: Dave Bergman

Start time: 7:00pm Adjournment time: 9:10pm

Introduction of guests: Blackie is back.

Treasurer: Christine is not here tonight but sends the message that we are in the black.

Tours: Blackie's tour to the Van Nuys airport to visit Fire Station 114 and station 90 then lunch at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant on April 17. Saturday May 8 we are going to Paradise Cove. Meet at Denny's at Burbank and Topanga at 10am.

Announcements: Some corrections to the new 2010 directory - Gerry Blackwell's E-mail is gelly@global.net Pat and Richard Gise's E-mail is patgise@dslextre.me.net and their cell phone is 818-917-4946. Karen Lehman's E-mail is cal_leo_karen@yahoo.com and Steve Lehman's E-mail is flowerquvz@yahoo.com. Please make the corrections to your books. If anyone else has need of a correction, please let us know at the next meeting. Ken Sapper said the Fords are running in the top 10 at Nascar. Gerry read a funny letter from Jim Kelley to Blackie. His b was broken on his typewriter so he used p instead. The letter was all about bricks, so you get the idea.

Carl's car count: ?

Car of the month: Joe DiFatta '46 Ford 4-door

Drive prize [for bringing your V8 to the meeting]: Steve Boskovich '51 convertible

Raffle winners:

Ladies: Debbie Bergman and Lynn Carter and Ashley Bergman received the April Fool gift

Name badge: Dave Bergman

50/50 drawing: \$64 Randy Watson

Program for the evening: Harrison "Scotty" Scott presented a slide show about the Ridge Route, "The Road that united California" In 1915 the ridge route went from Castaic over the Tehachapi Mts. to Bakersfield. Many people think the Grapevine got its name because the original highway had a series of switchbacks to allow the early cars to climb the grade. Actually it came from the early wagoners who had to travel through thick grapevines and called it Canyon of the Grapes. In 1933 the 3 lane Ridge Alternate was built and is now the I-5. The State Bureau of Highways was started in 1895. In 1910 an \$18million dollar bond was approved for highway construction. There was much discussion about the best location for the new highway. Auto Club of America posted all signs on the highways until 1946 when the State of California took over. Scotty had many interesting stories and pictures from the early days. The 2nd Saturday of every month is a work day on the Ridge Route. Check this web site for more information.

<http://www.ridgeroute.com/>

Karen

"To err is human; to forgive, highly unlikely."

"The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket."

'Money can't buy happiness--but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than a Kia."



If you woke
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You have
another chance

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Car of the Month	Jerry Jensen	(805) 491-3355

Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 PM.

No host dinner starting at 6:00 PM.

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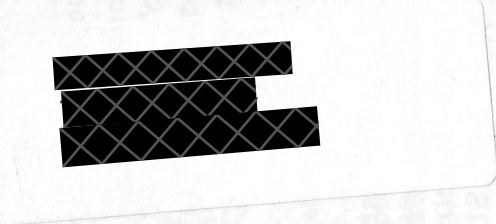
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Jim Rowe	1971
Doug Peterson	1972
Don Durkee	1973 - 1974
Ed Warnock	1975
John Busk	1976
Chip Werstein	1977
Stan Misraje	1978
Bill Culp	1979
Al Spencer	1980
Larry Caplan	1981
Bob Rose	1982
Don Durkee	1983
Paul Kirk	1984
Kent Lowry	1985
Dave Sanborn	1986
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
Dennis Keene	1998
Rose Gott	1999
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Ken Sapper	2005 - 2006
Steve Batesole	2007
Harry Baker	2008 - 2009

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