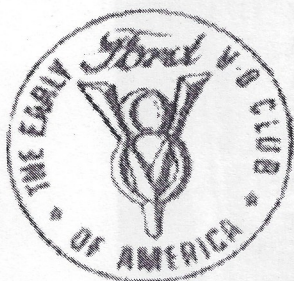
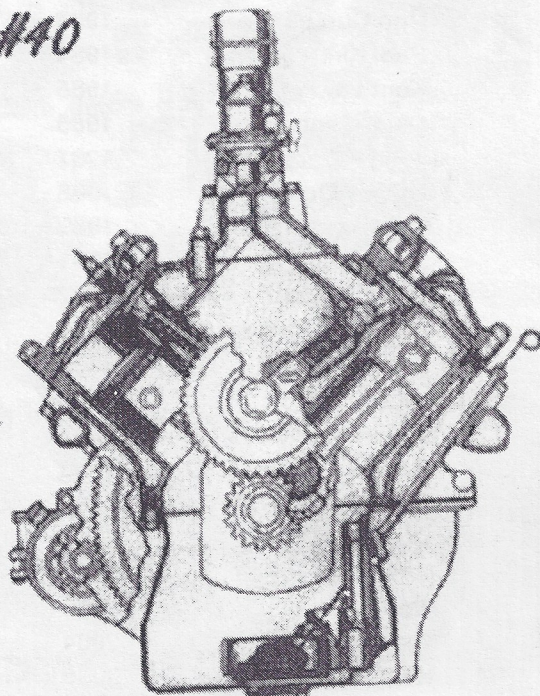


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Our 39th Year

Chapter #40



August 3, 2010

Hi Valley VS'ers!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far...minus the heat of course. I hope everyone's flatheads are running cool!!! As the dog days of summer are upon us, there are still many car shows and events worth attending. I hope all can enjoy them wherever you go. Look forward to seeing all of you at the Durkee's for the BBQ scheduled on July 31st at 1:00pm.

The club auction is coming up soon so look through your stuff for any items that you might want to donate to help raise money for our club.

I still have plenty of raffle tickets available to help support the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum, to win the rebuilt flathead. The winner will be drawn at the Hershey Fall meet. See me either at the BBQ or at our next meeting on August 3rd at Coco's to get your tickets.

Continue to enjoy your summer!

Dave

Editors Notes:

The united States Senate voted to make July 9, 2010 , **National Car Collectors Day**. To celebrate this, all the political oriented car owners had a car show to support the U.S. Senate action. So about 1000 a car arrived at Chuy's and proceeded party. Of course it did not hurt that it was Friday night and the weather was prefect and they were going to have a show anyhow. Our Valley V8 Club had a more than above average turn out. If you look in the upper picture of the show, you can see Boskovich's pretty brown convertible. Just west of there was the rowdy bunch of V8er tailgating and fixing sandwiches, squeezing grapes, and having a good time. The Bakers brought the off-road 4x4 group and added a whole new interest and enlightenment to the efforts to save public lands for use by the public and not be taken over by the government restrictions without some public input. A terrific show.

Don't forget the El Segundo car Museum Tour has been changed to August 28, 2010

For Sale

1951 Ford Pickup: STOCK EXCEPT 12 VOLT (HAVE 6 VOLT PARTS IF YOU WANT THEM)----
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tail pipe \$175.00 Call Dennis Keene-- 323-665-1363

I think I'm getting this **Granddad Babysitter** thing under control. My baby voice is not much
different from my pet voice, and the cat is really confused. But on the plus side I have the kid
doing his thing in a sand box in the basement. I think that's progress don't you?

Just when I think I have a good grasp on things, the handle goes and breaks.

Secretary's Minutes

Date: July 6, 2010

Meeting Place: CoCo's

Meeting Leader: Dave Bergman

Start time: 7:00pm Adjournment time: 9:26pm

Introduction of guests: Carl is here tonight. Wow, has he grown. Jerry Case is back.

Treasurer: We are in the black

Tours: Mary Ds Bar-B-Q at the Durkee's on Sat. July 31 at 1pm. A - M bring salad, M - Z bring desserts. George Richards set up a tour to the 132 car El Segundo Driving Museum on Sat. Aug. 28. Meet at Woodley Park at 10am.

Announcements: Darryl Thomas told us that Pat Gise fell and hurt her shoulder and Richard Gise is ill and is recovering at Brighton Gardens on White Oak. Gerry Blackwell told us that Blackys recovery has slowed a bit. He had an operation to open his throat because nothing will go down. Next they will go up from stomach to throat. They may have to do that 2 or 3 times. Blackie is working on the '40 pick-up with Larry Kaplan. Aug. 9, 2011 is the 40th anniversary of the chapter. Ideas needed to celebrate.

Chairman and committee needed. Dennis Keene and Don Durkee volunteered to co-chair. Ken Sapper gave a NASCAR report. Dave Bergman was selling \$1 raffle tickets for a rebuilt Ford flathead engine. Proceeds go to the Early Ford Foundation Museum. Rich and Lynn Carter send greetings to all, they will be back in September. The club purchased a new projector for our programs. Helen Baker announced that the Senate voted 99 to 0 to make July 9 National Car Collectors Day.

Carl's car count: 9

Car of the month: '36 Ford 3 window - Don Durkee

Drive prize [for bringing your V8 to the meeting]:

Raffle winners:


Ladies: Christine Varney and Helen Hutchinson

Name badge: Steve Boskovich

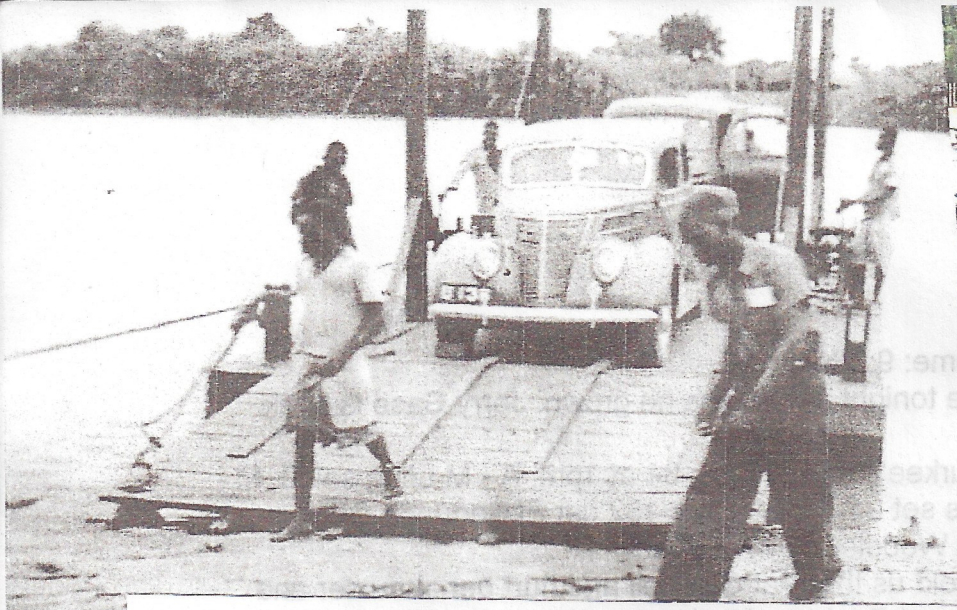
50/50 drawing: \$79 Blacky Blackwell

Program for the evening: Sal Piscopo introduced Ralph Hubbard who is an appraiser of autos, both collectable and modern. He is a member of the National Appraiser and chairman of many appraiser boards, and judged many concourse shows. Ralph talked about the Western National Meet Oct. 18 - 20 in Utah this year. They need a host for 2011 / most everything can be done on the computer. He told some appraisal stories about the Nixon car, Reagan's '67 Ford, and Jerry Fords 1979 easy-go golf cart. Nick Alexander's collection went for 3% higher than appraised. There are 150 old cars in junk yards within 100 miles of here.

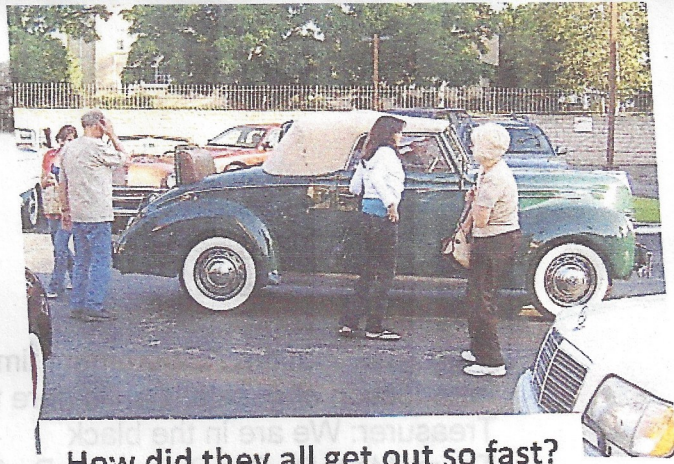
They should auction instead of crush. He passed out a list of what to look for when buying a collectable car.

 Karen

Guest Speaker for August will be introduced by Don Stout. (member since 1990). A film maker Faith Granger, is also the Producer and Director of her own movie. Her new movie title is **DUECE of SPADES**. Of course, the star of the movie is no less a 1932 Ford "Duece". She will show highlights and tell us about making this movie.



For those that like a Flathead tour with a challenge I wish to submit the above for consideration.-- A 1937 Ford V8 and a 1948- ¾ ton Pickum up, crossing the Pungwe River in South Africa on a pontoon ferry.



How did they all get out so fast?



National Car Collectors Day



Dick Gise(the good lookin guy in the middle) Has been ill and is recovering in Brightens Gardens on White Oak.



Chuy's in the twilight



Car of the month with working head lites



Aw! Come on honey it'll be an adventure

2010 Calendar

- *July 31 **Mary Ds Annual Club BBQ** at the Durkee's 1:00 pm till?
- September 11 **Street Rods Forever Hot Rod and Custom Car Show** – Historic downtown Monrovia
210 Fwy Exit Myrtle avenue north to downtown 9:00am to 3:00pm
- September 12 **Ventura Vintage Rods Presents HARBOR RUN TWENTY CAR SHOW**
Channel Islands Harbor, Oxnard 8:00am to 3:00pm
www.VenturaVintageRods.org/events.htm
- September 18 **California Car Cover's Fall Parts Exchange & Sale** 9525 De Soto Ave. Chatsworth
7:00am to 2:00pm - for more info: 818-998-2100 ext.165 tony@calcarcover.com
- September 19 **Pasadena CRUZ'N FOR ROSES Hot Rod & Classic Car Show 2010** On mission street
(Route 66) From Fair Oaks to the Gold Line Mission Station 10:00am to 3:00pm
For more info-626-799-7813 Entry flyer download: www.SPTOR.com
- October 3 **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL GROUP #11 ALL FORD PICNIC & CAR SHOW**
La Palma Park, Anaheim 8:00am to 3:00pm -- for more info check out -
www.socalefv8.org
- *October 5 **October Club Auction** don't forget to bring your goodies and lets have some
run!!!!

October 18-20 **Western Nat'l Meet FRIENDS & FORDS, 2010, ST. GEORGE UTAH**

- October 24 **31st Annual ROAM'N RELICS CAR SHOW** Old Town Moorpark on High Street
7:00am to 3:00pm for all the info, check out www.ROAMNRELICS.COM or 24 hr
Hot line 8052-583-2965
- *December 5 **Holiday Party at the Monterey at Encino** Look for more upcoming information

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

Drop by Don Stout's for Coffee & Kicks -1st Sat. of each month 8:30am-1:00pm
22401 Itasca Av twm Lassen & Plummer west of Shoup

* denotes Club Event

Subj: **Fw: THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING !!!!**
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From: Gerry Blackwell
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 Subject: THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING !!!!

HI ALL,

BETCHA THOUGHT I WAS THROUGH!!! NOPE !!! BLACKY HAS HAD A VERY DIFFICULT 2 MONTHS. IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS GOING BACKWARDS. HE COULDN'T SWALLOW ANYTHING. WE KEPT WORKING WITH THERAPY AND THE BOOGIE BUT EVERYTIME HE WOULD TRY TO PUSH THAT THROUGH HE WOULD GAG, GAG, GAG. ABOUT 3 WEEKS AGO THEY DECIDED TO DO A ESOPHOGLIAL (SP) DIALATION WHICH MEANT INTO SURGERY, KNOCK HIM OUT AND TRY TO GO IN THROUGH THE MOUTH OR NOSE A INTO THE ESOPHOGLUS. NO SUCH LUCK! DOCTOR COULDN'T EVEN FIND THE OPENING FOR THE ESOPHOGLUS. NEXT ALTERNATIVE WAS TO GO UP THROUGH GRACE, THE FEEDING TUBE, WITH A VERY LONG SLIM WIRE AND COME OUT THE MOUTH. THIS PROCEDURE WAS DONE YESTERDAY. THERE HAD TO BE A GASTRO SURGEON DOING THIS UNTIL IT GOT TO THE THROAT AND THEN OUR HEAD GUY TOOK OVER. WELL, THANK GOD IT WORKED! BECAUSE OF RADIATION SCAR TISSUE KEEPS FORMING AND BLACKY HAD DEVELOPED A MEMBRANE OCCLUDING HIS ESOPHOGLUS. THE INSTRUMENT THEY USED HAD A TINY CAMERA SO THEY COULD SEE THIS AND PUSHED THROUGH IT. THEY THEN PUT AN NG TUBE DOWN HIS NOSE INTO HIS ESOPHOGLUS WHICH WAS TO STAY THERE FOR A WEEK. VERY PAINFUL. DOCTOR CAME INTO RECOVERY AND SAID TUBE HAD TO COME OUT BECAUSE THEY MISSED THE ESOPHOGLUS AND THE TUBE WAS IN HIS LUNGS. ALSO PAINFUL COMING OUT. MORPHINE WAS CALLED FOR !!! THEY STILL CAN'T SEE THE OPENING FOR THE ESOPHOGLUS FROM HIS MOUTH SO PASS ON THE NG TUBE ! WE ARE BACK TO THERAPY TOMORROW AND THEIR JOB IS TO KEEP THIS THING OPEN. HE MAY HAVE TO DO THIS A FEW MORE TIMES. WE SPENT THE NIGHT AT USC HOSPITAL, WHAT AN EXPERIENCE ! THEY WERE SO FULL THAT HE HAD TO SHARE A ROOM. I HAD PLANNED ON STAYING WITH HIM SO I LET HIS ROOMMATE KNOW I WAS "SLEEPING OVER". HE SAID NO PROBLEM. I SAID, I SNORE. HE SAID THAT'S OK !!!! THIS POOR GUY IS REALLY SICK BUT KIND OF FUNNY. HE IS A PHYSCOLOGIST SO I CALLED HIM DR. RICHARD. I TRIED TO BE QUIET, NOT EASY, HE REALLY PUT THE NURSES THROUGH THEIR PACES. AT ABOUT 2 AM HE CALLED FOR THE NURSE THAT HE HAD S--T HIS PANTS. I WILL SAY NO MORE. I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF NEW RESPECT FOR THE NURSING PROFESSION. THESE GALS JUST KEEP SMILING AND HELPING. WE ARE HOPING FOR ALOT OF PROGRESS THIS NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. LOVE TO ALL, GERRY

BY THE WAY, HE HAS A NEW FEEDING TUBE AND HE REFERS TO IT AS A CHANGE IN PLUMBING SO NEW NAME IS "BUBBA"

Howdyy----Friends of Chuck Mair....he is remarkable for the age of 85!!!!!!!!!!!! He had major surgery Tuesday on his heart....replacing a valve with a pig valve.....Nine or ten years ago he had a valve replaced AND last year had a pace maker put in!! Soooo, he is at USC Medical Group and getting out of ICU tomorrow and probably soon (early in the week) he will go to his daughter Becky's home. That's all the good news for now....Joe D

High School Memories

After seeing the above restored 1946 C.O.E., "cab over engine" at the Bakersfield Street Rod Nationals, it sure brought back high school memories.

It was the first of May 1955, I was a sophomore in high school. My father stopped at the local Ford garage in Maquoketa, Iowa to buy Ford tractor parts. The service manager asked my father "how are things were going on the farm"? My Dad answered that he had too many boys and not enough tractors. The service manager said "we can fix that; we can sell you another tractor or put one of your boys to work at the garage." We need a young lad to chase parts and do odd jobs." My Dad said, "I can't afford another tractor, but you can put the oldest boy to work for you, he is sixteen years old." Boy was I excited about going to work at a Ford dealer.

I started on May 15, 1955 and I even got out of school a couple days early, because I had a summer job to go to.

I had many jobs at the dealership such as: sweeping floors, washing windows, cleaning toilets, helping mechanics, etc... The best job was delivering farm machinery with a 1939 C.O.E. Ford truck with a 16 ft. long bed. This was a pretty long bed for a 1939 Ford truck. The old truck was hard to drive because it was a 4-speed scratch box transmission, no synchronized transmission.

When I was first driving the truck, one of the mechanics saw that I was having trouble shifting. He came out of the garage and said, "get over to the passenger seat and I will show you how to shift without scratching the gears." "You have to learn to how to double the clutch when you shift." I was so excited to learn how to shift that old truck without scratching the gears. I was able to shift up or down without scratching them that first day of driving.

One cold rainy day I was delivering a tractor to a farmer. The farmer said, "you have a bad exhaust leak right below where you are sitting." "I know, but my boss doesn't want to fix it, I just have to drive it that way." The farmer explained the exhaust leak could kill me. "Just drive over to my workshop, he said, "and I will fix it for you. He cut off the muffler and tailpipe and replaced it with a straight piece of well pipe. This fixed it, but made the truck kind of noisy. She really cackled going down the hills and this sounded kind of "kool" to me.

The same mechanic that showed me how to shift, also told me that the truck was old and the engine tired. He had me check the oil and water every day before driving it. "Don't drive it too fast," he told me. The straight tailpipe made it sound like you were going faster than you really were.

One time, some farmer told my boss that I was driving too fast on "them country roads" I had to tell my boss that "it sounds like I'm going fast, but I really wasn't."

Shortly after that, Ed, one of the salesmen, was driving the truck and he knocked the rods out of it. Of course the boss called me into his office and gave me hell for driving the old truck too fast. I said it wasn't my fault, but the salesman's fault. He didn't even know how to shift the transmission without scratching the gears. The mechanic that taught me to shift helped me convince the boss that it was not the "kid's" fault. He told the boss to find a used engine and he and I would put the engine in the C.O.E. after hours.

He said the "kid" really enjoyed driving the truck. The mechanic told the boss the reason the kid liked the truck so much is that you sit up high in it. He explained that when you pull up beside other cars, with girls in them wearing loose fitting blouses, you can sometimes get an "eye full".

So the mechanic and I put a used engine in the C.O.E. This engine was not very good and the mechanic told me, "be careful, mis engine is not going to last very long."

Just a week later, the other salesman, Eldon, got it hot and cracked the block. Guess what? Yep, I got called in again to get my a__ chewed again. I told the boss I wasn't the guy causing the problems. After a long discussion, he called both salesmen and myself into his office. He told both salesmen, "if you want anything delivered, you have to have Don deliver it." During school, they would have to wait until after 4 PM when school was out.

My boss told me to take the engine with the cracked block back to the junkyard where it came from. I got to drive our wrecker to get the engine replaced. My mechanic friend told me just what to say to the junkyard man. The junkyard man told me he would give me the engine out of a rolled over '48 Merc. Now that was a real good engine with a lot of power!

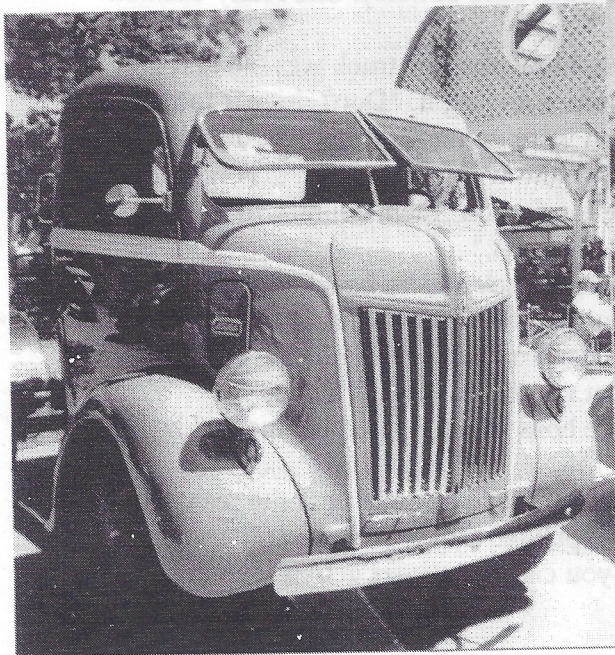
My mechanic friend helped me put the 2 engine in the C.O.E. one night after work. By now we were getting good at replacing engines in the C.O.E. We both knew just what to do. After getting this engine running the mechanic said, "This is a good engine, you can drive this truck any speed you want and you will not hurt the engine." He continued, "just remember to check the oil, water and especially the gas gauge." "You don't want to run out of gas."

I worked there until I got out of high school and joined the army. Yes I drove that C.O.E. a little fast sometimes and it would really cackle downhill. Every once in a while a farmer would tell my boss "that kid really drives that green truck up and down these country roads too fast." My boss called me into his office after working there a year. He said, "I did not call you into my office to chew you're a __ out again." "I have heard some people say you drive too fast, but you have never gotten any speeding tickets and you always take good care of the equipment." "Don, you always get the job done well". He continued, "I know you are going into the army after liigh school, but when you get out of the army, I would like you to come back to work for us." "You can be a mechanic, salesman, or you've said you would like to work in the body shop."

After the army, that is exactly what I did. hi 19601 started working in the body shop of that Maquoketa, Iowa Ford dealership. In fact, most of my life, I worked as a Ford body shop manager.

Driving that 1939 C.O.E with a good flathead convinced me that them flatheads are good engines. Today, I own 10 flathead cars. Flatheads are a way of life for me and I drive one almost every day.

The Iowa Farm Boy



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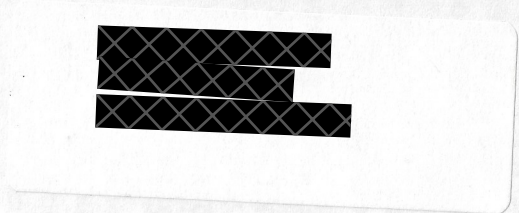
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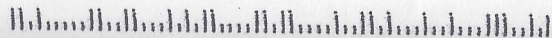
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