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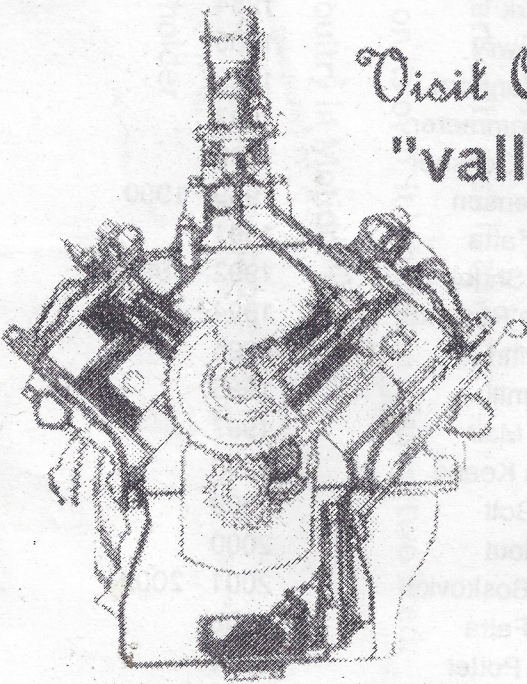
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Chapter #40

Our 40th Year

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Sept. 6, 2011

Valley V8s

President's Message

September, 2011

When I wrote the title above, it grabbed my attention and surprised me.

It's September! Where did summer go?

It seems like just last week that I was surprised by the arrival of Summer, 2011. The telltale signs of the fall season seem to arrive sooner every year. And some of those signs actually **are** arriving sooner. Many students have already been in school for two weeks, and some for three weeks, by the arrival of Labor Day. We have grandkids already in school. When I was a student, we never had a formal day of classes prior to Labor Day. So some things actually are happening sooner. But I suspect that the primary reason that the seasons seem to arrive sooner is that time itself seems to accelerate as we get older. More things I want to do; Less time to do them.

One of the things always on my list to accomplish is work (play?) to handle issues desired, or required, on one or more of the vehicles at our house, whether current drivers or vintage. And I regret not having made much of a "dent" (poor terminology perhaps?) in my list of required or desired tasks on the vehicles during this past summer. I suspect many of you experience similar results with your "to do" lists. The several unexpected things that have required much of my time were, and continue to be more important at the moment, especially family matters.

But I still have the ability to take spare moments, however short, to retreat to a vehicle and putter around in the vicinity of the flathead Ford. Such moments can be a rejuvenator which prepares me to face again the "fire hose" of life and successfully take a sip. This does not, however, take the place of regular communication with my maker.

The point of this discussion is that, in contrast with the thought I presented in an earlier column that our cars can help bring people together, it is also true that a period alone with a car can provide a respite to prepare us for another period of daily activities which seem to move faster and faster.

Moving to another matter, our next meeting will be a **celebration of the 40th anniversary** of the receipt of our charter as **San Fernando Valley V8s, Regional Group # 40**, of The Early Ford V8 Club of America, dated August 8, 1971. The celebration will include comments from each of the former presidents of the Valley V8s who can attend, all of whom have been invited. We expect to hear some very interesting things from our former presidents. In order to provide adequate time for the comments of each, the **meeting will start at 6:30 pm.**

I'll see you and your Ford at our **next membership meeting:**

September 6, 2011, *6:30 PM*** at Coco's**

Let's Drive!

Randy

Donut Flatheads.

Don Stouts Pit stop. Scoot by the **First Saturday of the month 8:30 AM.**

22401 Itasca St. Chatsworth. West of Shoup, between Lassen and Plummer. Look down the street for good looking cars, Coffee and Donuts and Camaraderie.

Every Thursday-8:30 AM: Earl's Donuts Shop visit. If it is your first visit with an old car, That nice fellow Steve Boskovich will pay for your goodies.

Location: Behind the ARCO Station at Devonshire and Mason Streets.

Tours on the books:

Sep. 18 Going to World War 11. Air Show. At Camarillo

Airport . Meet at Denny's at 9:30 AM at Burbank and Topanga Canyon. Proceed to Bru^hch at the Airport and kicking propellers.

November 12: going to Pratt and Whitney: You may

remember it as **Rocketdyne.** Limit of 25 people so, get your name on the list now. You must get cleared in advance.

For Sale:

Need a new 40 head light bezel call Larry Ofria Valley Head Service 818-993-7000

41 Ford hood- free you take it or out in the trash it goes. Call Sandy Norris or Blake Wilcox 818-248-3640

1965 T-Boid good condition completely restored, Call Karen Lehman 818-885-6538.

Wanted:

40 Ford Deluxe Hood Call Craig Lapair 818-893-1640

600x16 and 550x16 tires. Can be old. Call Daryl Thomas 818-363-6914

Secretary's Minutes

Date: Aug. 2, 2011

Meeting Place: CoCo's

Meeting Leader: Randy Watson

Start time: 7:00pm

Adjournment time: 8:30pm

Introduction of guests: none

Treasurer: We are in the black.

Tours: George Richards - September we will go to the Murphy Museum and Camarillo Air Show. On Nov. 12 we will go to Boeing Santa Susana field lab. Only 25 people can be admitted.

Announcements: Don and Mary Durkee's son passed away. The club will send a card. More information will follow by e-mail. Secretary's job is available. It has been fun but after 6 years it is time to let someone else have some fun. Larry Caplan and Jerry Jensen are working on the Sept. meeting. It will honor the past presidents. It is our chapters 40th anniversary. The meeting will start at 6:30pm.

Car of the month: David Dwyhalo, '35 Cabriolet

Raffle winners:

Ladies: Karen Lehman

Name badge: David Horsford

50/50 drawing: John Fredricks \$58

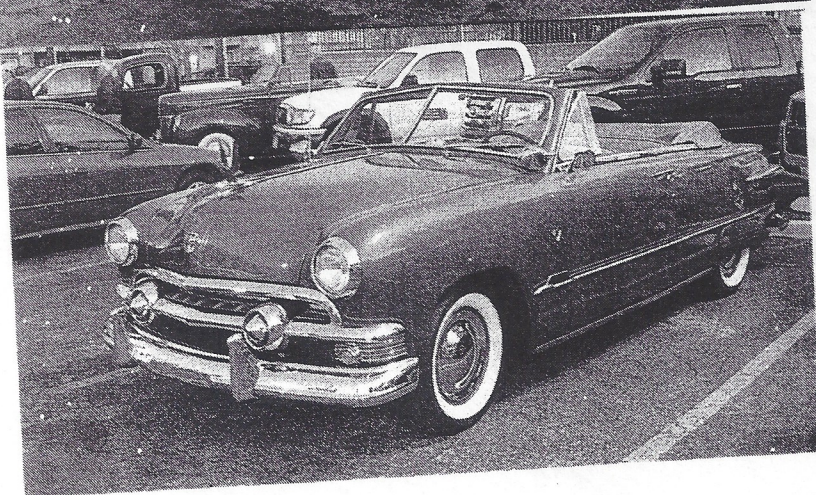
Program for the evening: The program was presented by Dick Stones and Jerry Jenson. The topic was Optima batteries. http://www.optimabatteries.com/product_support/faqs.php If you type in this web address, it will tell you so much more than I possibly could. You can order an Optima battery from C & G Auto Reproduction Parts. Never let it lose all of its charge. In the 1970's they changed the way they rate the batteries.

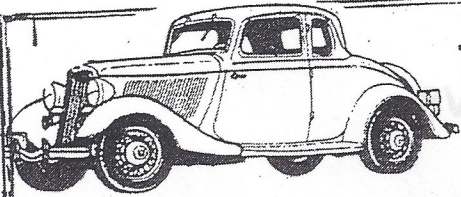
Valley V-8
The Durkees, Haile, Hensley and
Burke families want to express
their thanks for your thoughts,
prayers and generous acts of
food and flowers. Your love
and appearance all were greatly
appreciated, Thanks.
Don & Mary Durkee Family

Remember September meeting starts at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting will be the gathering of past presidents. These are the hard workers that made our club what it is today. We are going to celebrate 40 years of Early Ford V8s, Chapter 40, from start to present, with many old stories and even some modern updates on good friends.

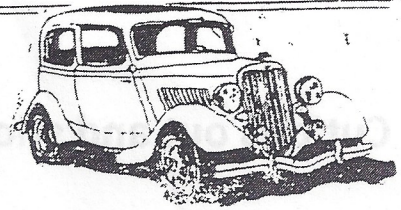
The San Fernando Early V8s Club wishes to extend our sincerest condolences to Mary and Don Durkees and extended families in the death of their son Jim.





THANK YOU, MR. FORD

BY CLIFF HELLING



Most all have heard of Charles Darwin and the theory of evolution. Few may be aware of the vital part Henry Ford played in this "survival of the fittest" theory. The theory was moving along nicely until the late 1800's when medicine and general comfort threatened to disrupt the entire process. Henry to the rescue! Due to his inventions, the development of various muscles and certain human capacities have been credited with America winning WWII, the harnessing of atomic power and the development of foam rubber, just to name a few things. How can this be, you ask? Examples:

As you know, Henry's mechanical brakes were very hard to push. The slogan should have been, "Steel from Hip to Wheel" perhaps, because in any case, strong right legs developed all over the country which of course aided in the development of our national sport of football for which few of us have thanked Henry till this time. He could have built hydraulic brakes, but shrewd, ever-thinking, ever-caring Henry didn't, ...so as to help us develop firm muscles in this soft world that we were creating. Probably the greatest benefit from this bit of Ford brake ingenuity was the development of high-wire circus acts, window washing on tall buildings, trick motorcycle riding and pure research with contagious diseases. Yes, men and women who went through Henry's unavoidable driving experiences laughed at fear. The country surged ahead as men dared anything!

Another example of that amazing man's scheme to make us better peo-

ple was the constant oil smoke which fills the cabs of all old Fords. We, the ungrateful helpes, crabbled and complained. Little did we know that the cars were designed to do just exactly what they were doing so well, giving us strong black lungs to get us ready for today's pollution.

And how about the water that filters down from around the window and under the dash whenever it rains? You thought it was bad design. Ha, ha, ha! We all were foxed, for the real reason was to attune our emotions to parenthood, something that Henry believed (and rightly so, of course) was the foundation of a strong America. Parenthood involves contact with dishwater, wet diapers, a home with a leaky basement, lawn sprinkling, and baths. Not so dumb, huh?

I could go on and on about Henry, the patriot, who helped us overcome great odds because of his foresight in making us strong enough to stand the test of time. We could go into great detail about the overheating engines, the hot mohair on our backsides, the suicide doors, the exposed (and then, significantly, unexposed) spare tires, the fuel pumps and so on and on. No need to now, of course, since all of you can at once see the relationship of the above to strong, healthy Americans and a solid society.

Now that all of this has finally come to light, all one can say is, thank you, Mr. Ford, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.

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1979

Cut this out and stick it on the dash of your V8

[I am due at the meeting]

[. Tues. the 6Th 6:30 COCO'S]

[_____]

Wisdom comes with age but unfortunately so do wrinkles.

Forget all these health foods; I need all the preservatives I can use on my body.

We could certainly slow down the aging process if it had to go through congress.

Only Irish Coffee provides all four essential food groups, caffeine, alcohol, sugar and fat.

Two Blondes are sipping coffee at Starbuck when a truck goes past loaded with pallets of sod.

" I'm going to do that when I win the lottery" said #1

"Do what " asked the second blonde

"Send my lawn out to be mowed so I won't have that mess in the yard."

Bachelors note: To reheat left over Pizza throw it into a non-stick skillet on top of the stove, set the heat at medium low until warm. This keeps the crust crispy. Not soggy like from the microwave. Thank you Martha S.

I don't suffer from insanity, I plan to enjoy every minute of it.

A journey of a thousand miles starts with cash in advance.

The reason a bicycle can't stand on its own, it is because it is just two tired.

A chicken crossing the road is, Poultry in Motion.

She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but she broke it off.

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

The Valley 's

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Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 PM
 No host dinner starting at 6:00 PM.
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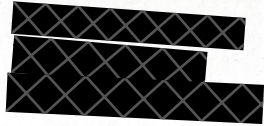
PAST PRESIDENTS

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 DiFalta	1991
Chuck Shubb	1992 - 1993
George Richards	1994
Jerry Littner	1995
Dick Smith	1996
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Dennis Keene	1998
Rose Gott	1999
Don Stout	2000
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