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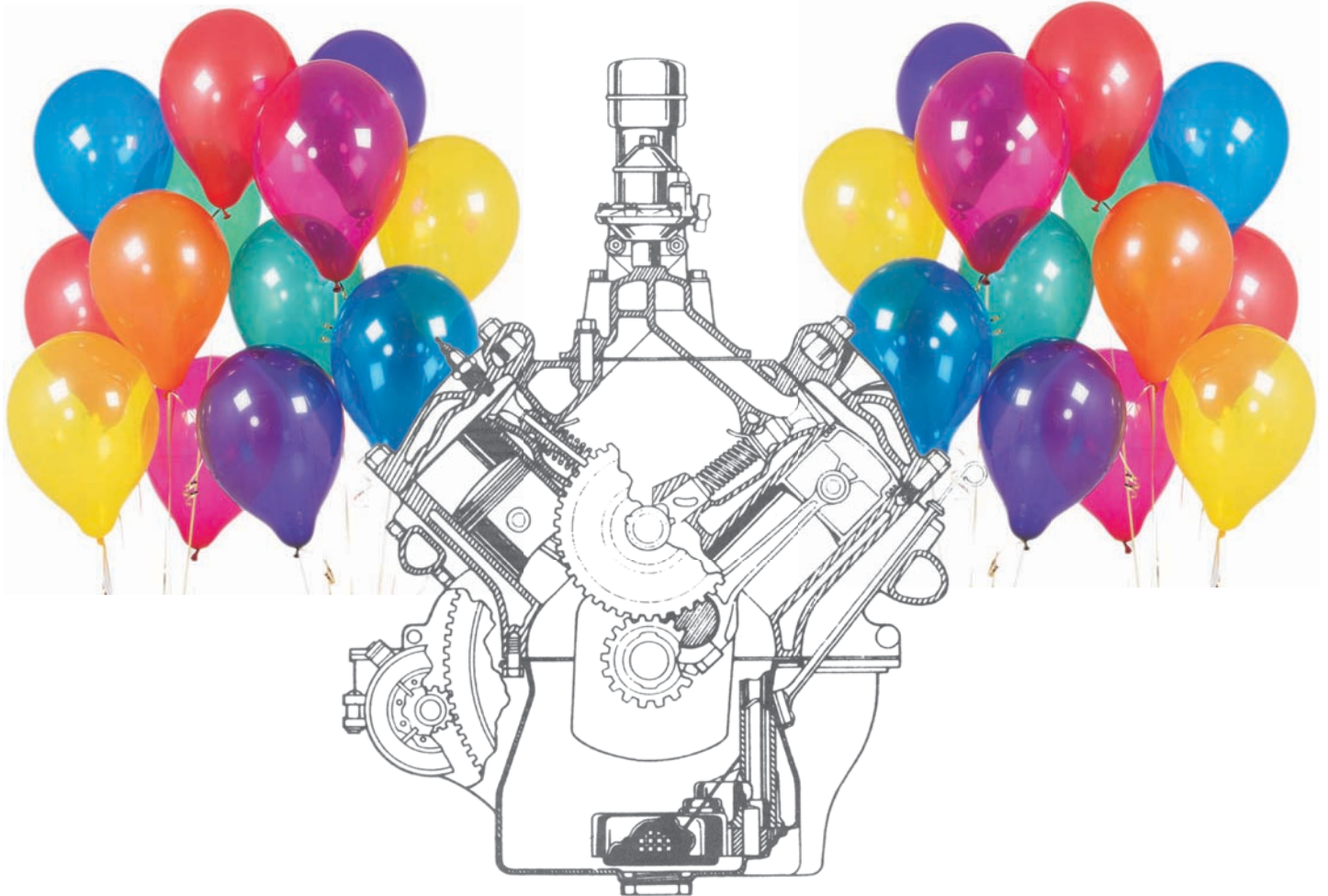
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9700 Farralone, Chatsworth, Ca. 91311

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Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the Month, 6:00p

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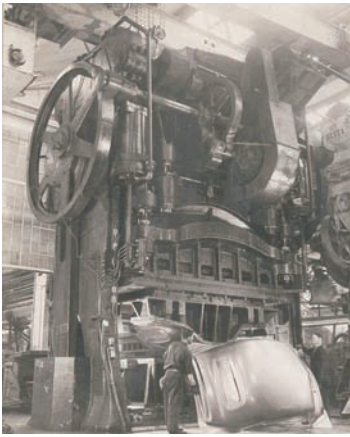
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Ernie Baily	2019-????

Meeting at
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Our Next Meeting

5 Oct 21



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From The President

Hello everyone,

I have a couple of things to address. First is to remind everyone to bring your various parts and items to our annual Parts Auction. Bring money to buy these treasures.

The second thing is that Jerry Littner is going to give a short tribute to our good friend and Club Technical Advisor John Wolf who recently passed.

On a personal note I just finally fixed all the gauges on my brothers 1956 Packard 400. I can now start to drive it to local car events. I also got my Dodges A/C system back together so now I can get it charged. Just in time for the end of summer. As far as Car shows goes, the up coming Chevy Car show at Rancho San Antonio Boys town in Chatsworth on October 3rd is a very nice show in a great setting.

Hope to see you there! Well that's all I have for now. See you all at the meeting! One last thing is that our next meeting in November is for us all to be thinking about electing next years officers.

See you at the meeting.

Prez Ernie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Party

The new date for the Holiday Brunch will be
Sunday November 28th from 11:00 to 2:00 at the
Woodland Hills Country Club..
(This will be the best for most of the members).

Thanks Jim

OCTOBER AUCTION

Hello to all bakers and cooks of our Ford Club! Since we're having our annual live auction at our next October meeting, how about cooking up your favorite goodies to add to our sale? Cookies, pies, jams always bring in big money. See you there!

Joanie Sapper

With Deep Sadness

It is with deep sadness, We have lost a great friend to the Valley V8's
Mr. John Wolf passed away early this month
These are some of the comments posted

In talking to Steve this AM....He received a call for John's Daughter on his passing....He joined the club in 1982!!!! JoeD

For the Oct newsletter.... The program will be "Ford Members talking about the memories in knowing John Wolf " Hope all is well We will talk more on Thursday AM!!! JoeD

We received a call from Diana Larios, John Wolf's daughter, letting us know that her dad passed away this morning. Currently, there is no information to share regarding service, etc.

John was extremely knowledgeable and a talented mechanic, à a genius when it came to flatheads, as well as a good friend. He will be missed.

Our prayers are with, Jan, Diana and the family.

May your yoke be easy and your burden light

John Kemmerer

So sorry to hear about John's passing. Truly, one of a kind early hot rodder and engine builder. He will be missed.

Rich and Lynn Carter

Chapter 40 -- San Fernando Valley V-8's Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday Sept. 7, 2021

7 pm – Meeting called to order. President Ernie Baily started the meeting by welcoming everyone. He then led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Words from our President: Guests: Steve & Lisa McDiffett joined us as guests tonight. Welcome, you two!

Car activities:

Every Thursday morning: ‘Steve Boskovich Donut Run’ at Earle’s Donuts. 25 cars showed up last Thursday!

Every Friday night: Cruise-in, Bob’s Big Boy, Northridge, also Bob’s Big Boy, Toluca Lake (Burbank).

3rd Saturday of the month:
Old Town Cruz: Rock ‘n Roll café, Simi Valley.

1st Saturday
of every month: Coachmen Cruise-in, Rock ‘n Roll café, Simi Valley.

Other car shows: September 25, Studebaker National Zone Meet, La Palma Park, Anaheim.

October 3, Classic
Chevys, Rancho San Antonio Boys Town, Chatsworth.

October 9 & 10:
Solvang Fall Classics Car Show.

October 17,
Classic & Custom Car Show & Street Fair, Thousand Oaks.

October 17: 10th annual Cool Classic Car Show, Spanish Landing West, San Diego.

October 23: Fall Fling 25, Mopar Event, Woodley Park.

Nov 7: 55th Annual Model A Ford Club
Car Show & Swap Meet: Rancho San Antonio Boys Town, Chatsworth.

7:25 pm: Break called

7:40 pm: Meeting resumed.

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Continued

Report from Officers:

Secretary: Rex Jaramillo -- all OK.

Treasurer: Joan Sapper gave the treasurers report. All OK.

Tours: Ken Sapper – All OK.

Drive Lines Editor: Rob Glucksman – All OK.

Membership: Howard Brown – At Studebaker meet. However, all is OK.

50/50 raffle: Handled by Ken Sapper, won by Jerry ‘Comfortable’ Case.

Name badge: Handled by Karen Lehman, won by Steve ‘Loaded’ Lehman.

Ladies raffle: Handled by Bobbie Searl. Beautiful plants were won by green thumbs Bobbie Searl and Karen Lehman.

Program: Harold Osmer, a friend of Ken and Joan Sapper, is an author and automotive historian. He provided to us a most excellent historical account of automotive race track history in California.

Prize Raffle: Handled by Steve Lehman. Raffle gifts were won by many happy V-8’ers, filling them with happiness and joy. Well done, Steve.

8:30 pm: Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by Rex Jaramillo

COTM

This month's Car of the Month was awarded to

Monty Goff

1946 Ford Woody

468 cu. in. Big Block Chevy

400 T/H Trans

4 WDB & Power Steering

9" Ford Rear End

The car has a lot of Bitchin Products on it

All of the wood has been refinished

GREAT LOOKIN RIDE



Speaker

Harold Osmer, a friend of Ken and Joan Sapper, is an author and automotive historian. He provided to us a most excellent historical account of automotive race track history in California.

In the early 1900's, Los Angeles was home to the early back garage racing movement along with a legion of race fans, so had many automotive racing venues. The first automobile race track in Southern California was actually a horse race track. In Beverly Hills and Culver City, the auto race tracks were made of wood.

For a time, Long Beach and Santa Monica used city surface streets. Ascot Speedway in Lincoln Heights and Saugus had dirt tracks. And even during the depression, as many as 75,000 spectators filled the grandstands at a race track where LAX now stands, called Mines Field Speedway.

An interesting bit of trivia about the early race tracks: They didn't leave a 'footprint' when they closed. The grandstands, the tracks, whether wood or dirt, the fuel, the cars, parts, etc. were all taken away with very little to mark that they had been there.

And city streets were improved, widened by racing promoters. Harold said that in Southern California, there were over 170 auto race tracks from the early 1900's to the present day. However, over the years, race tracks have dwindled.

The big ones, Riverside, and Ontario are gone. Lyon's Dragstrip closed down because the Port of Los Angeles needed the land for a rail and container depot.

The first generation Irwindale Drag strip closed because of land values. Even Saugus Speedway closed in 1995. And sadly, not one of the old race tracks has a historical marker.

So with the 'new generation' it appears that NASCAR is now somewhat king of automotive racing nationwide. However, locally, Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, has drag racing, and a two-mile oval track for NASCAR, soon to be reduced to 1/2 mile, also Autocross racing. And Irwindale Speedway is going strong as 'gen 2', with 1/8-mile drag racing, drifting, and NASCAR Camping World West Series' events.

Yep, racing is still alive and well in Southern California on a reduced scale.

So Harold has one of the most interesting lives in the land. How did he get into this dream lifestyle? Well, it started 25 years ago when he did his Masters' thesis on '...What Effect Race Tracks Have on the Land', and, low and behold, that thesis grew into a career!

Some of the books Harold has authored are *Where They Raced Turn 3*, and *Auto Racing Venues in Southern California, 1900 – 2020*. He also wrote two additional racing history books, *Saugus Speedway Scrapbook*, and *Real Road Racing*. Additionally, he published *Miss Information's Automotive Calendar of Events*. And he's had a bunch of other interesting opportunities: He was Regional Director for Society of Automotive Historians, he's announced at the Bonneville Sat Flats events, also at Irwindale Speedway. Back in the day, Harold served our country aboard a nuclear submarine.

In summary, Harold has lived and continues to live a most interesting life. Thanks, Harold, for your swell presentation to our group.

