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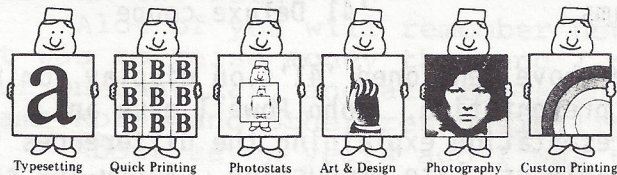
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SECRETARY SEZ

Early Fords driven to the August 2nd meeting were as follows:

Bob Rose	'41 Super Deluxe convertible
Bill Woods	'40 Merc coupe
Paul Kirk	'40 coupe
Harold Selson	'36 5W coupe
Bill Culp	'29 Roadster
Don Durkee	'40 Convertible
Bill Boyer	'34 Phaeton
Ed Konecko	'35 Convertible sedan
John Powell	'41 Special coupe
Frank Williams	'41 Deluxe coupe

We had three above mentioned '41's on display for the parking lot presentation. John Powell gave an excellent presentation explaining the differences in models and early vs. late production. Forty-one saw marked increase in size and weight (114 inch wheel base and a 3 inch wider body) plus the introduction of the flat 6 (whose long stroke could beat the V-8's coming off the starting line). Early production '41's had 3 piece front fenders and '40 style bumpers. Later cars had a V-8 emblem on the nose piece, crank out vent windows, stainless window trim and ridge type bumpers. Will anyone be able to find a '42 for the next meeting?

We finally had a winner in the name tag drawing. Paul Kirk was the lucky stiff who found himself \$35 richer - next week back to \$5, ho-hum, but it was exciting for a while. Meeting tid bits went like this: Plans are being made for the Sidlow collection tour and Don Durkee is still pushing those jackets. Cal Auto and Canoga Auto contributed, as usual, to our raffle and Ed Konecko supplied the snack goodies for the break time. Bill Culp says there's over \$300 in the treasury (but that was before Kirk hit the jackpot).

My Roadster Story

When I was in High School 49-50-51 my first car was a 32 Ford Victoria chopped 2" a very nice little car. Then one day I saw a 34 Roadster in a used car lot on Brand Blvd. in Glendale. It was a Street Rod all fresh running gear, black paint, white top and maroon nauga hide. You get the picture. Well needless to say I whipped home and started to motivate my dad. We came back to the lot, but my dad thought that \$450.00 was way too much for a car that was very good in the rain.

A lot of you will remember how tough it was to raise money then and I missed out on that car, and all too soon, along came Korea and other responsibilities.

About seven years ago I was talking to a high school friend and told him that story. He said he thought one might be for sale right next to our old high school and told me the address. I probably set a new speed record between Canoga and Marshall High School. I knocked and the man answered the door, I asked if he had a 34 Roadster and he said yes, would I like to see it? It was all painted and straight as a string. I said you wouldn't happen to want to sell it would you and he said my timing was perfect. That he and his wife had decided to sell it that morning. He was taking his doctors advice and moving to a smog free area as soon as possible. I paid him his full asking price of \$2000.00 and towed it home right then. He said he did not think the Roadster was worth it but I said it was probably worth more and I promised it a good home. It had no interior and no top or dash, but, it was still fun to drive it sitting on a bean bag chair. My long awaited dream finally came true

JOHN BUSK

NATIONAL SCENE

The National Meets are in full-swing as I write this. I attended the Eastern Meet in Rochester, N.Y. It was great - everyone had a lot of fun. I'm also attending the Central Meet in Indianapolis and the Western Meet in San Mateo.

The National Meets are a great part of our club and our hobby. They are an excellent place to see lots of early Fords, meet old and new friends, share information or find a needed part

The Western National Meet in 1982 will be in Olympia, Washington. The dates are July 26-30 and we will celebrate the Fiftieth anniversary of the Ford V8.

Speaking of parties...we're going to have a Christmas party at the Skytrails Restaurant on December 4. Mark it on your calendar. More details later.

Ed Warnock.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer is almost over, which means that our annual back-to-school Pizza Night must be near. John Busk has accepted the responsibility of organizing Pizza Night, and it will be held September 14th at the Round Table in Platt Village. See flyer in this issue. Please come - and bring a friend. This is our last fund raiser for 1981.

We will not have a regular September meeting due to the conflict with the Labor Day weekend and the Western National Meet in San Mateo.

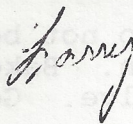
I understand that a large number of Valley V-8 members are planning to drive their Early V-8s to this meet and compete in the Concourse D'Elegance judging. I wonder how many cars from our group will win awards?? We will try to publish these results in our next newsletter.

Judging from the large number of cars driving to San Mateo, our group includes many believers in the now famous phrase, "Ford Made Cars to Sell - - and to drive."

Our meeting speakers this year have been outstanding. I must admit that it has been a real challenge to search out this talent - - but it has been well worth the effort. As an example, Ed Warnock, our August speaker, arrived with an armful of Early Ford V-8 literature to illustrate techniques for researching restorations. Hopefully, we will have equally informative (and entertaining) speakers at our future meetings.

At this time we are planning a return trip to Sidlow's Early V-8 collection for our October meeting. Look for your October newsletter to confirm this meeting location.

See you on Pizza Night - -



REMEMBER! NO VALLEY V-8 REGULAR MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 1-5 Early Ford V-8 Western National Meet,
San Mateo, Calif.
- Sept. 13 Swap Meet. Los Angeles City College
Parking Lot.
Vermont Ave. between Sunset and Hollywood
Fwy.
Info: (213) 342-1678
- Sept. 14 Valley V-8s Annual Pizza Night
(See flyer in this issue.)
- No Valley V-8 Regular Meeting for September.

We haven't had a recipe in our Drivelines
for quite a while. I tried this recently
and wait till you try them.

BEER BISQUITS

2 cups Bisquick Mix
2 tablespoons sugar
8 ounces beer

Mix but do not beat. Spoon into buttered
muffin pan. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.
Makes twelve. Good hot or cold.

John Busk

John Busk is working on the details for Pizza night and Frank Williams says a 48 seat bus to Reno would cost \$1900. Ed Warnock gave both the National Club report and the program presentation on authenticity of V-8 restoration. Ed piloted us as usual on another interesting flight through the various "Bibles" that have been used over the years by Ford restorers. He had on hand a stack of literature to show us for example Ford Life, Fordiana Series, parts manuals, color chips etc. Ed pointed out some pit falls such as: Ford Archive photos are sometimes pre-production proto-types, Color chips from Ditzler and others aren't always identical to Ford's own chips, Ford parts catalogues produced long after the year of interest (the green Bible) often shows replacement parts rather than the original.

Also, the '32 judging manual is now available from the National for \$7.50.

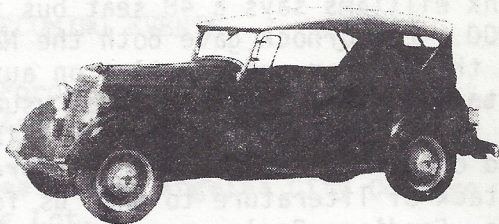
See you at the Western National - most of us are driving up Monday.

SHEL HARRIMAN



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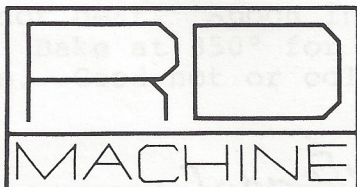
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