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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George Richards did a fine job running the July meeting. I believe he will be a good president for next year. While on the subject, the V-8's need a few good men to serve on the board next year. If you are interested, please contact myself or one of the other board members.

We will have no tour in August. In September, we will have the Peppermill Brunch. This is historically a well attended event, and you will get a chance to see some of the fine cars belonging to members of our sister chapters.

If anyone is interested in the plaques telling about our cars, I will have a sign-up list at the meeting. We will talk about the different options.

If there are enough people interested, we can get a special club discount.

Again I remind you to make your suggestions and give us your ideas on how we can improve the quality of our club.

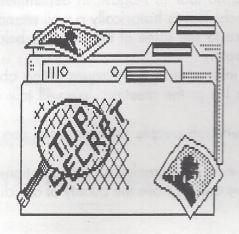
Chuck



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## SEE YOU THERE! SUN.-AUGUST 1ST REGULAR MEETING



PROGRAM: ???

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TIRE KICKING:7 P.M./7:30 MEETING

#### MERLE NORMAN/SAN SYLMAR TOUR JUNE 26, 1993

We had a good turn out, consisting of 30 people from the Valley V-8s and the Ventura V-8s. Ventura supplying the majority.

Richard Valleroy, in his '36 Cabriolet, and Doug Peterson, in his '34 pickup, were the only Valley V-8ers that drove their early V-8s.

Byron Matson, was our tour director who was assisted by Susie.

We were taken through the "Great Doors" that lead into the Grand Salon. The Great Doors are of solid bronze, weighing in at 3,000 pounds each. They are replicas of the 1801 doors to the town library of Gretna Green, Scotland.

The San Sylmar building was started in 1969 and completed in 1973, and the tours started in 1974.

Once inside the Grand Salon, we had the opportunity to view 35 magnificent automobiles.

We learned that the automobiles are NOT rolled in and out of the Grand Salon on their tires, because the tires would damage the marble floors. What they use is a cushion of air to lift the automobiles, similar to a hover craft.

On the mezzanine we saw a great collection of hood ornaments. Some were made of Lalique crystal.

From the mezzanine we took the "Stairway to the Stars", which leads to the music room. The Stairway to the Stars is, also, the theme song for Merle Norman and the staircase is decorated with musical notes going up the stair case.

Once inside the music room we were greeted with an extensive collection of automated musical instruments, from a Banjo to the Wurlitzer Theatre Organ.

Thank goodness that women use cosmetics or these tours may not have been possible. Thanks ladies!!!

We were told that there is a theatre organ at the Old Towne Music Hall in El Segundo. We may have to set up a tour to see and listen to it.

Thanks to all of you who were able to make this event and for those of you who missed it and if you have NEVER been, it is a must see.

With kindest regards, I am Jim Winnett

## Chuck Mair's SECRETARY'S VIEWPOINT

Vice President George Richards brought the meeting to order, with forty members present and thirteen old cars driven.

One guest was introduced by Bill Toensing, who is moving to Grass Valley, California.

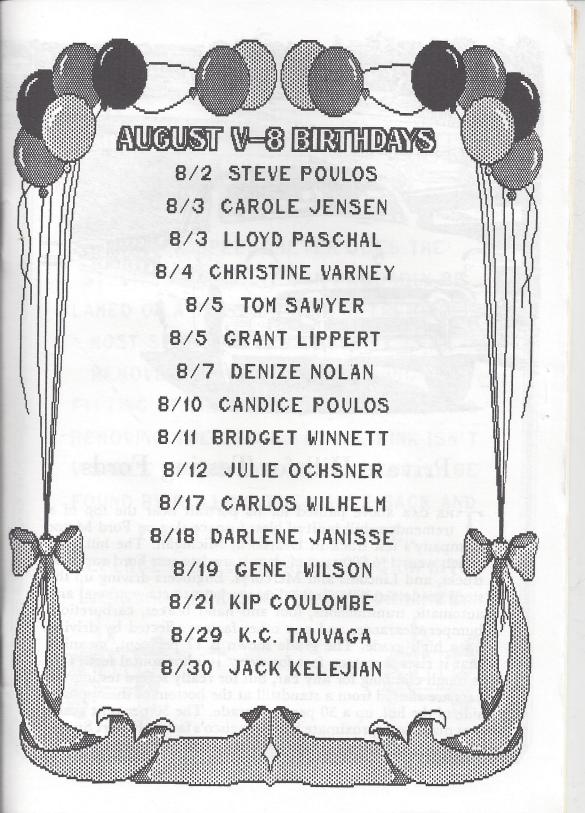
Tom Sawyer was recognized for the three cases of oil he donates each month.

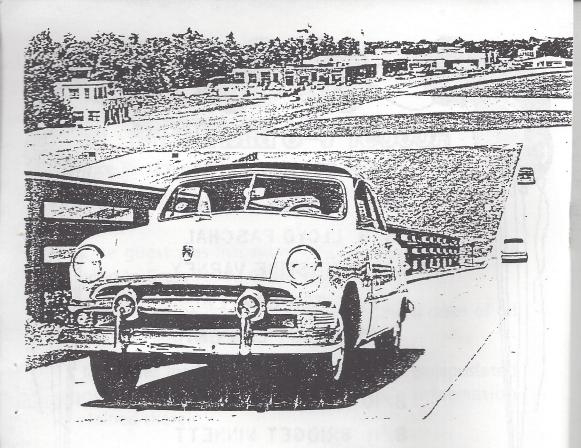
Mike was introduced. He manufactures encapuslated signs for auto shows with all your car's information contained therein.

Jerry Jensen gave a great report on the national meet at Dearborn. Larry Caplan and Blacky Blackwell made the tour of Village Industries. Around five hundred cars were judged. Next year's National will be at Steamboat, Colorado; and the following year at Bend, Oregon. Ralph Hubbard and Ed Warnock drove their convertibles to Dearborn.

After the break we all enjoyed the Ford Motor Co. video.

Chuck Mair





#### Private Hill for Testing Fords

THE CAR above paused for its portrait near the top of a I tremendous hill built of blast furnace slag on Ford Motor Company's test track in Dearborn, Michigan. The hill, into which went 116,000 tons of slag, is used to test Ford cars and trucks, and Lincolns and Mercurys. Engineers driving up the steep grade can give a revealing workout to conventional and automatic transmissions, foot and hand brakes, carburetion, bumper clearance, and any other factors affected by driving up a high grade. The grade shown is 17 per cent, meaning that it rises seventeen feet for every 100 horizontal feet. This is tough climbing for any car, but for really severe testing the cars are started from a standstill at the bottom of the opposite side of the hill, up a 30 per cent grade. The 30 per cent grade was made to approximate San Francisco's famed Filbert Street, considered the steepest thoroughfare in the country and long a favorite with test engineers.



#### DID YOU KNOW?



IF YOUR SPEEDOMETER DOES THE
ST. VITUS DANCE, IT CAN PROBABLY BE
BLAMED ON A TWIST OR KINK IN THE CABLE.
MOST SPEEDOMETER CABLES CAN BE
REMOVED SIMPLY BY UNSCREWING THE
FITTING AT THE SPEEDOMETER HEAD AND
REMOVING THE CABLE. IF THE KINK ISN'T
VISABLE TO THE EYE, IT CAN USUALLY BE
FOUND BY ROLLING THE CABLE BACK AND
FORTH ON A FLAT SURFACE

REPLACE AND LUBRICATE WITH GRAPHITE LUBRICANT FOR SMOOTH PERFORMANCE.





#### **Think Good Thoughts**

By Lesley Littner The trouble with L.A.'s bleak national image is that the people who live here are not thinking good thoughts and this creates a negative energy in the atmosphere.

We are going around grumbling all the time about smog, freeway tie-ups, random killings, inept legislators and pot-holes in the road, when we ought to be talking up the sweetness of life.

Don't think pot-holes. Think antique Fords on the pot-holes.

We who live in L.A. are afforded the luxury of being able to drive our antiques most days of the year. We could be living in the mid-west and bailing out water or scraping the mud off our cars. We could be praying that RUST sometimes does sleep – or at least cat-naps through the tough winter months.

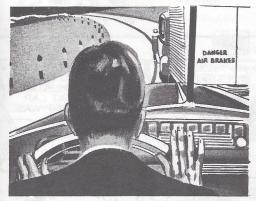
We need to remind ourselves and others that L.A. is the car capital of the nation. We love our cars. We see them as objects of beauty or even as our MISTRESSES! We spend countless hours embracing old iron and grease – and we do it all for love. Now that's positive energy.

Maybe we should give more thought to the advantages of living in Southern California – like thousands of miles of roadways adorned with beautiful scenery at our back doors, or the warm summer nights when we can hang-out at Bob's Big Boy and kick tires and drink milk shakes with our sweeties on our arms, or those perfect Sunday afternoons when we can just tinker around in the garage.

It's too pretty outside today to stay in and grumble. I think I'll take one of the cars out for a ride – and think good thoughts.

### I'd like to see them make...

Everyone has his own pet idea of some gadget he would like to see in general use. What is YOURS? Popular Science will pay \$5.00 for each one published. Use government postcards only. Contributions cannot be acknowledged or returned.



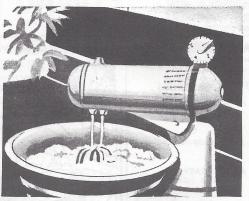
An automobile horn that would sound only a low-volume toot whenever a soft warning is required but would increase in volume the harder you pressed down on the horn button.—
K. M. Isbell, Los Angeles.



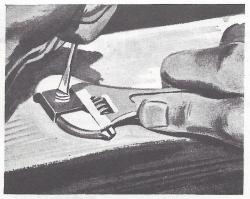
Cans for motor oil provided with a combination opener and pour-spout. This would permit motorists who carry their own oil on trips to open and pour it without spilling.—Marion L. Rhodes, Knightstown, Ind.



Disposable coveralls to carry in the car for tire changes or roadside repairs. A pliable paper garment that could be used one or more times before discarding would save cleaning bills.—
D. R. Phelps, Childersburg, Ala.



Electric mixers with built-in timers. Such mixers could be set for any desired beating time and would save standing about and timing the recommended beating interval.—M. E. Fairbanks, Lacomb, Ore.



Bolts with a slot in the threaded end. This would help you hold a bolt from turning while you snugged up or loosened the nut. And it'd also help where it's hard to get a wrench on the bolt.—Wm. G. Kessel, Terre Haute.

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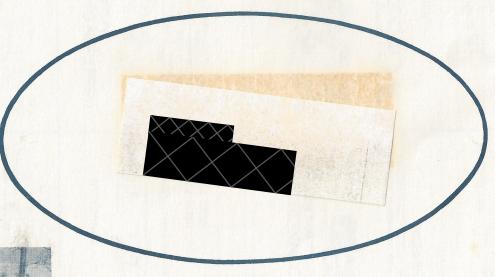
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