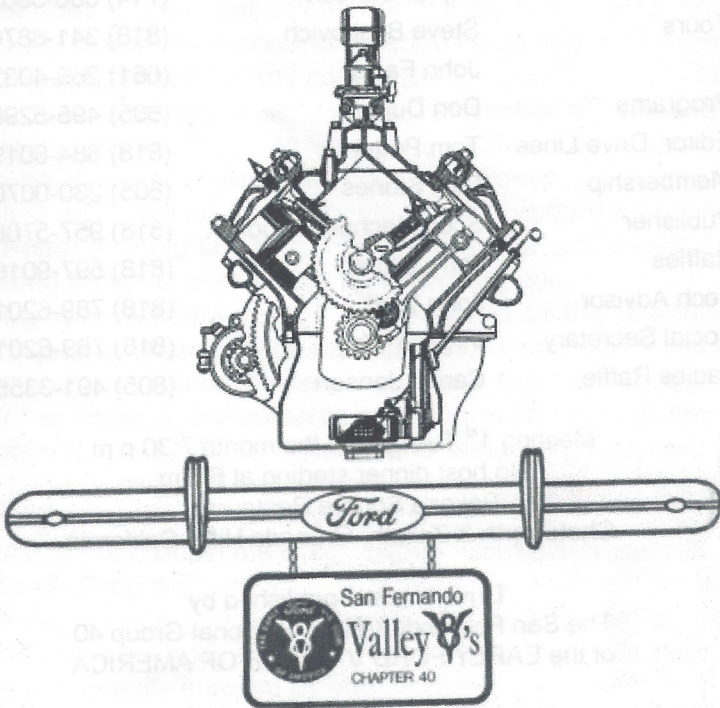




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President Joe's Message

— November 2003 —

"We have seen so much !!"

On October 7th, we saw a recall election and the vote for a new California Governor....Arnold Schwarzenegger! Looking back throughout our lives and the past 60 or 70 years, we have seen much history ... we could print a few volumes of history books just from our own recollections!! So, parents and grandparents...write your memories and your stories for your kids. You all know that I have collections of things but, I also collect newsworthy newspapers and this election issue and my Drivelines will be an important part of my collection.

Speaking of elections... at our November 4th meeting we will have a slate of officers to vote for in 2004. Again, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to hold an office in the Valley V-8 Club. Just you – we do things together. Hop aboard and contact Wendi Potter if you'd like to run for an office or just speak up at the meeting on an idea you have for improving our club.

My wife, Marsha says, " Joe, you live on the telephone!" Well, it's just another one of my hobbies!! I call our members, especially when I haven't seen them or if they are "under the weather," or upset about something. I do my darndest to find out the problem. I've been blessed and helped throughout the years...had my share of heartaches and good times... it's a good feeling to give back to your community and friends.

At the October meeting, Steve Boskovich shared his "Americana Program" with us... thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. I hope you have enjoyed my enthusiasm as being president and enjoyed the Krispy Kreme donuts too. It's been fun for me and hopefully enjoyed by you.

The weather is finally becoming cooler and we need to take the time to drive our classics. A few of you have shared with me about what is needed to get your Ford on the road. As I suggested in the beginning of my article...history is in the making... just make your own history!!!

President Joe

Next Meeting: November 4, 2003 7:30 PM Baker's Square

Corner of Zelzah and Chatsworth in Granada Hills

Come at 6 PM and have dinner with V-8 Friends. Have you noticed how big the 50/50 prizes have been recently? Someone won \$92 at the last meeting. WOW! Unless the weather is bad, bring that Ford V-8 that wants to be driven. Let's get past that 12-16 car count we got at most of our recent meetings. The parking lot action at break time is half the fun! Let's try to line the cars up in the first two rows next to the restaurant. Suggestion for those who get there early and hang out in the parking lot for a while: Maybe someone could bring some cones so that if a non- flathead leaves one of the "close in" spots, we could put a cone in the space until a Flathead comes along to take the space. We need to "borrow" the spaces for the evening. Just thinking out loud.....

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 4th MEETING PROGRAM. Don't miss this one! Our speaker is **Tom Sparks** and we've heard that he is a great presenter. This talk is about his days as an old hot-rod and drag racing champ. Rumor has it that he did really well. Since the truth in these matters is always a little elusive, it would be good to come and find out for yourself. Be there for sure at 7:30!

NOVEMBER TOUR: Old Sacramento. Thursday – Sunday, November 6 – 9, 2003. Fall tour Blackwell style. Explore and experience Old Sacramento including the fabulous Towe Auto Museum. Contact Gerry Blackwell, (661) 268-0040. **PLEASE CALL GERRY IF YOU PLAN TO GO ON THIS TOUR BUT ARE NOT STAYING AT THE DELTA KING.** She needs to give you additional instructions on where and when to meet. **THIS WILL BE A BIG AND EXCITING EVENT.** For info.call Gerry Blackwell (661) 268-0040.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. THE V-8s do it up BIG. Reserve Sunday, December 7, at 6 PM at Encino Glen Banquet Center, 16821 Burbank Bl., Encino. This is the date for our favorite Holiday activity of the year. This is a **DO NOT MISS** event! There will be a five-piece band. This is the Big Band era at it's best. If you like a hot alto sax, great trumpets and drums playing '30s and 40's music, this is for you. Also, you get prizes and superb food.

Bring your dancing shoes and dress in period costume. (See more details in this issue) Call Wendi for info. 818-884-8019.

Christmas Party at the Boskovich's. PLEASE NOTE! THIS IS A DATE CHANGE! Steve and Sue Boskovich invite club members to a Christmas Party at their home on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11** from 6 PM to ?. Last year we understand that Steve and Sue had 104 boxes of Christmas ornaments up in their beautiful home. Will this year's box count be higher? Our guess is that it will, but we'll have to wait and see. A light dinner will be served. Sign up to bring a dessert at the November meeting. Modern Holiday attire is in order. Let's all bring our Flatheads and line the streets around Steve and Sue's house with the best early Fords in the Valley. For information call Steve or Sue Boskovich at (818) 363-2849.

MARCH TOUR: March 26 – 28, 2004. LAUGHLIN. The Colorado Belle Hotel and Casino. Depart 10:00 AM by bus for Laughlin. Rest stop at Barstow. Arrive 4 PM

Mar. 27 Saturday. Enjoy a full day of Laughlin FUN on your own.

Mar. 28 Depart by bus from Laughlin 12 noon. Arrive home 6 PM.

\$85 / person (double occupancy) includes transportation with morning donuts (of course) and juice, two nights lodging, 1 choice buffet, 1 breakfast buffet and baggage handling. **This, folks, is a deal!** Watch for more details For information, call Steve Boskovich (818) 341-6876.



Dick Colarossi

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We heard, from our local Elvis connections, that the Blackwells and the Kemmerers were seen in Nashville and, yes, even at Graceland. Perhaps, they went to honor the King.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY! THE BIG EVENT OF THE YEAR IS COMING DECEMBER 7TH

This date is not far away. HOW WILL YOU GET READY FOR THE BIG EVENING? Here are some suggestions:

- A. Plan your period costume, 1919 – 1946.
- B. Watch **It's a Wonderful Life** starring Jimmy Stewart on video
- C. Get your meal order and \$25 per person to Wendi

To plan your **period costume**. You may want to look in the attic or the garage for that thirties or forties jacket, hat or shoes. If it is not there, we have had some pretty good luck at costume shops. You may want to try Costumes by Magic World, 10122 Topanga Cyn. Blvd. in Chatsworth (near Lassen), (818) 700-8100. Also, Noblitt's, 12511 Burbank Bl. at Whitsett, in N. Hollywood, (818) 769-4737. This could be fun!

"It's a Wonderful Life" is available on tape in most video rental stores. It is available for rent at many Block Buster or Hollywood Video locations and is for sale at Target. This is a good one for the kids and has a strong holiday message. Viewing this tape is a relaxing way to spend an evening. Please see it before the party, as there will be a trivia quiz. (Remember Wendi is a teacher.) For example, what are the first names of the characters? The film even features a scoundrel named Potter!

Please get your **meal choices and money** in soon. Wendi needs to plan the meals and table lay-out at the party venue. You will help her a lot, if you can get your meal order and the \$25 / person to her at the November meeting. Thanks!

RAFFLE. This raffle is not about brake fluid and carb cleaner! There are really nice items of clothing, V-8 accessories and classy household furnishings to be given away to lucky ticket holders.

*Above all, **be there!** Share the holiday spirit with your V-8 friends. TP*

On the Mend

We are happy to say that **Mary Durkee** is doing much better. She has been recovering from severe bronchial asthma and is now able to walk, talk and actually catch her breath. She wants to say a special "Thank you!" to those who have sent get-well-soon calls and letters to her. She has appreciated all the support and love coming her way from the club. Mary will soon be back to normal and that is good news for us all. Go Mary!

Instead of Ft. Tejon: The Wolfs and the Smiths in Bishop

John and Virginia Wolf did not go on the Ft Tejon tour as they had signed up to do. THEY DID LET US KNOW AHEAD OF TIME! Instead, they drove to Bishop where they met Dick and Patti Smith. They report that Dick is doing well and is definitely around and about. We are all glad to hear that he is up to a drive of that distance and wish him the very best. Redding to Bishop is a long drive even in a modern car.

Did you know that it was under Dick Smith's presidency in 1996 that many of the Women's activities which are now a part of our club calendar, came into being? Perhaps that was the year, more than any other, in which we became a "family" club, one in which grease under the fingernails was not a requirement for membership. OK, it still helps, but hey! There are a lot of our gals that know a thing or two about Flatheads too and can swing a wrench to prove it. Anyway we try to plan a lot of family activities that center around the enjoyment of driving our V-8s to places of interest. Then, we spend a lot of time on the car's restoration as well as.

By the way, did you know that Dick Smith and John Wolf were also behind our popular 50/50 raffle? It started about three years ago and has really taken off in recent months. Now, that's a family affair! *Thanks, Dick, for starting us down this happy road and good health to you! TP*

November BIRTHDAYS! Congratulations to:

1st Jerry Trapp

3rd David Gott

4th Ruth Spencer

5th Virginia Keene

9th Joan Sapper

9th Allan Franklin

12th Wendy D'Virgilio

12th Ann Miles

13th Sheila Gambino

19th Robert Zecher

21st Kathy Piscpo

24th Jerry Case

25th Ernie Bailly

30th Harold "Zip" Updike

The Believer

by Virginia Wolf

We all use different language when we talk about what is important to us. How do we "say it" when we think about a '40 Ford coupe? How is that different from the way we tell a woman

that she matters? Here's one perspective that seems to tell the story beautifully. WP

It seems I have always had an interest in cars. As a young teen I remember sitting on the curb watching the cars go by. I recognized all makes, models, and could even identify the year the cars were built. These were those hazy days before WWII, before things got complicated and life got real.

John and I met through an old boyfriend of mine. He and John had been good friends. Well, John and I started dating, and the rest, as they say, is history. We were sixteen years old at the time. John was into drag racing and street racing in a big way.



Our "dating years" were not spent in the average teenage way. We didn't spend lots of time at the drive-in burger joint, the movies and in the back seat. Instead, we spent our time in his garage rebuilding engines for drag racing. He raced every

weekend. I watched and sometimes prayed. Often we went to Bonneville for a weekend of racing, and testing the engines we had built. I do mean "we." I was lucky to go out for a cup of coffee and a donut after I got the grease off. Racing and cars was his thing. It's a good thing I could get into it, or John and I might never have lasted.

We "dated" in this way for four years. Of course, all the time, I was eagerly awaiting my engagement ring. I didn't want to

wait any longer, because it was clear that his upholstery was to come first, so I made a deal with him. I would give him the upholstery to go in the '40 coupe for Christmas, if he would give me the ring. It was a deal!



We were engaged for two years, then John was called into the service for the Korean War and he was gone for two more years. He served as an Airplane & Engine mechanic, working on helicopters in Korea. After he put them together he had to go up for the test

ride. That one was the scariest part, to say the least.

While in the service, his nice little racer, which was a '36 coupe, was wrecked by some buddies while they were racing it. So, I bought him a perfect little '36, a red toy model race car from Thrifty's. I put money in it so he could buy a new race car when he returned home. He found a car for \$35. He took the engine out of it and sold that for \$25, then he built his racer. It worked well.

Before John left for Korea, he left his '40 Ford coupe with me. There was no room in his father's garage and John wanted the car safe. He really cared about that car. I even had to send him a picture to prove it was really being kept in the garage, next to my father's.

That '40 was a lot of fun. I drove it all over. I even raced it. Some hot shot would pull up next to me and rev his engine. I showed him. I went from low to second and pulled ahead every time. I only went a quarter of a mile at most, but I wanted to show him that that little coupe wasn't exactly stock under that hood. Didn't he think a woman could drive?

John and I had a unique relationship from the start. In my heart of hearts I knew he cared for me deeply. The ring on my finger meant nothing really, because when he left me his car, I knew it was love!

Editor's Grille: FOR DRIVE LINES, THESE ARE THE RULES!

There is enough "car stuff" to keep a small army busy recording, digesting, photographing and editing everything that comes along. So, we use some pretty simple guidelines to try to limit and focus the content of Drive Lines.

These guideline / questions include:

- 1. Is it powered by a Flathead Ford V-8? That's what National (The Early Ford V-8 Club of America) is all about. We're Regional Group #40 of National. Ford products are of great interest to our membership.***
- 2. Is it directly related to The Valley V-8 members and their families?***
- 3. Is the function / activity/ in our geographic area and related to numbers 1 and / or 2 above?***

In short, if it's a Ford product, were interested. If it's Flathead V-8 Ford powered, were very interested. If it's all of the above, in our area and it involves the club members and their families, you've got a winner.

OK, the rules are pretty sound and have guided our editorial decisions for the last several years.

Maybe there needs to be an exception that proves the rule.... We don't normally do this, but here is a fascinating exception: One is the Mustang owned by Mr. Brad Batesole.

The '68 Mustang, "California Special"

By Brad Batesole



With my 16th birthday approaching, I decided to search for a classic car that both my dad and I could spend the summer of '03 restoring. It was a lot of swap meets, car shows, and internet searches to determine the type of vehicle I

wanted. After a few months of research I found an ad on a large website for a "Mustang GT/CS - Call". No pictures, no price...Well the vehicle ended up being in Long Beach, CA where I went and looked at it.

At the time it was red, with many essentials missing and/or damaged (wrong hood, removed air conditioning, wrong tires, distressed interior, damaged roof, etc.). I had no clue what a California Special was, but the car drove beautifully, looked beautiful and we bought it right then and there.

I did a lot of research and verified the vehicle as a California Special by using a "Marti Report" - which is basically a report from Ford files that tells the specifics for the vehicle that matches a certain vin number.

I learned these fun facts about my car:

1. The California Special was produced ONLY in 1968, as Ford's response to the popular Camaro. Ford developed and produced 4012 of these up-scale Mustangs. Each car came with unique features:

Fiberglass trunk lid and quarter extensions

1965 Thunderbird tail lights

Pop-off gas cap

Fiberglass side scoops

Chrome quarter panel script - "California Special"

Unique body striping Blacked out front grille
Fog lights (Marchal or Lucas)
Quarter turn hood locks

2. Only coupes were used for the CS. No convertibles or fastbacks
3. Any regular Mustang engine, option or color available
4. Built only at San Jose plant

A hidden fact about the cars is the well known fog light situation. The vehicles rolled out of the factory with the Marchal fog light option, which is a "floating" fog light (no obvious support from the lamp to the upper or lower grille bar) that mounts directly to the blacked out front grille. It was only a short time later that these lights were deemed illegal due to the extremely bright light they produced. Ford recalled all of the Marchal foglights and installed Lucas fog lights...which sat on a round pedestal attached to the lower grill bar, instead of "floating".

My vehicle still has the VERY rare Marchal Fog Light option and was never drilled out for the Lucas recall.

My particular California Special underwent a three month restoration to factory stock condition. It now has the factory a/c reinstalled, all the dents and dings are gone, correct factory hood with turn signal indicators mounted on the active scoops, new factory wheels, and a restored interior. The greatest part of the vehicle: It is now the original Gulfstream Aqua color, which, mind you, is a rather different color itself. It definitely adds the "uniqueness" to this already very rare vehicle.

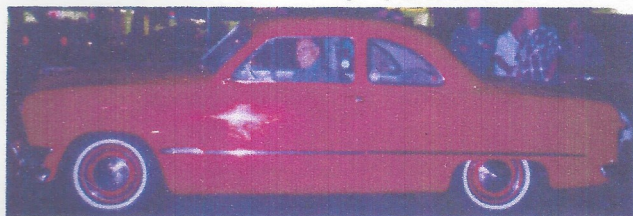
Brad's car received much well deserved attention at the Foothill Meet In La Crescenta. He and his dad worked very hard to create a superb car that, though not a Flathead, is probably the dream of many young men.

Thanks for sharing the history and background on your car, Brad. Your enthusaism and interest is a good indication that your life is headed in some exciting directions in the near future including Fords and a lot of fun projects. Keep it up! You're on the right track. TP

Car of the Month

Dick Stones' '50 Custom Coupe is one that you see coming. Bright red and beautiful! This body style is one of the best of the post war flat heads. In my opinion, Ford V-8 coupes have been classics, including the '32 through '36 three window, the '39-40 coupes, the '41-'48 short door and the '49 -'51 coupe. The

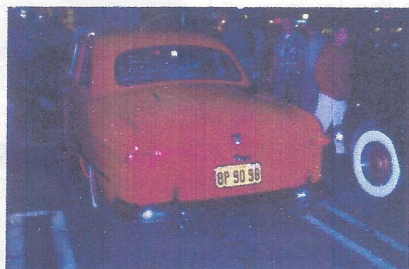
champ of this line might be the '37 - 41 Lincoln Zephyr three window coupe. They are long, low and beautifully sculpted. It's an Edsel Ford - E.T. Gregory classic.



Dick's coupe has an interesting history. The car belonged to Elwood Williams. Then,

Don Durkee restored it to Dearborn status, which he won at the Western Regional in Oregon. At this point it was stock, of course, and black with the original interior. Dick Smith then bought it and got a Dearborn in Rhonert Park. While at the meet, it got keyed so he had to paint it.

At this point, the car started down a different road. It got a storker engine, three carbs, a C-4 automatic transmission, an 8" read end, disc brakes and a 12 volt electrical system. The paint turned out to be the bright red you see today. Dick then



wanted to sell it and Durkee bought it back. Stones traded his '39 convertible for the car. Now the car got a new stereo and the Coker Tires, that had been giving trouble were replaced. That's the car as you see it in these photos. It is a beauty!

It's definitely a great car in the touring class. The body is still has all the beauty it did in 1950 and deserves to be Car of the Month. Congratulations Dick! TP



I don't know how it happened but.... On P.5 of the October issue of DriveLines we indicated that Steve Batesole used his Sun 504 distributor machine to "work on Art Bans'." What we left out was what he was working

on..... it was Art's '39 Deluxe Fordor. It's running fine, thank you, as you can see in this photo. The editor may need to get new points. There is a wire shorting out somewhere in his ignition.

San Fernando Valley V8's

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 7, 2003

Encino Glen, 16821 Burbank Blvd., Encino

Ample parking available!

It's a Wonderful Life

Social Hour: 6:00pm * Dinner 6:45pm
\$25.00 per person

Please bring a donation of an unwrapped toy
for a needy youngster. ('Tis the season of giving!)

5-piece combo will play your favorite tunes
Come dance the night away

*Awards * Raffle * Gifts
Optional: Dress in Period Costume: 1919-1946

Questions? Call Wendi at (818) 884-8019

San Fernando Valley V8's

Holiday Party

Tear off page and return no later than November 25

along with checks payable to Valley V8's:

Mail to: Wendi Potter 21545 Erwin St.#107
Woodland Hills, 91367

Name(s) of party goers _____

Phone # _____

\$25.00 per person

Total enclosed: _____

Meal(s) choice of:

No. of Meals

☐ Chicken Parmigiana _____

☐ Broiled Salmon _____

☐ Prime Rib au jus _____



The Great Annual Di Fatta Fall BBQ



On Saturday morning, September 27, a few of us met in Joe's back yard to set up tables and chairs under one of the biggest oak trees around. The day was bright and beautiful. Then Joe and I got greasy working on a car, and before you knew it, it was time to clean up and have a different kind of fun.

Club members, family and friends showed up. Don Stout was helping everyone with parking so that each car could be seen and appreciated. There were 66 people gathered when all the engines were shut down and the car talk-and-look got serious which is one of the two reasons we come to the Annual Fall BBQ. Then Steve Boskovich fired up the BBQ and started the cooking for which he is famous. Then the eating started to get serious which is the other reason we come to the Annual Fall BBQ. The gals brought in those fabulous salads, sides, fixin's and desserts which, made the whole affair a total success. After we were really full (and a little bit more), we settled back for a BINGO game, which was ably led by Julie Blackwell. My only question was why did

Gambino get two BINGOS when so many didn't win any? That's a lot of bucks! This one is in the same category with Durkee winning two 50/50 raffles in a row back in the Spring and Summer.

We all had a great time and we will look forward to next year's Fall BBQ which, if we are really lucky, will be held in the same back yard again!



Thanks Joe and Marsha for a great party. As hosts, you two are among the best and we all appreciate it. A BIG V-8 Thanks to all those who brought a Flathead Ford or Mercury V-8, helped with set-up and clean up, brought great food and managed to eat it too.
-TP



The October Program, Steve Boskovich's "Americana"

The flags of America and items of patriotic interest fill many museums. Yet, we are privileged to have, among our members, one who is a serious collector of "Americana," especially flags. As I sat taking notes at our meeting, I realized how much information Steve has and how exciting and historic this collection is.

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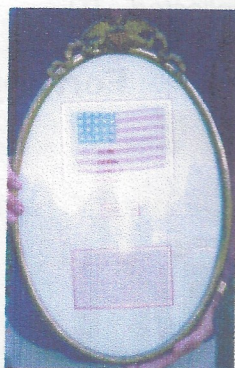
were staffed" (Public Law 829, approved by Congress, Dec. 22, 1942)



We all know that the original flag had 13 stars and stripes representing the original 13 colonies. Then the flag, Steve tells us, went to 15 Stars and Stripes. After that point, it was 13 stripes and as many stars as we had states. Steve's earliest flag is an 18 star, 13 stripe from 1818 when Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana and

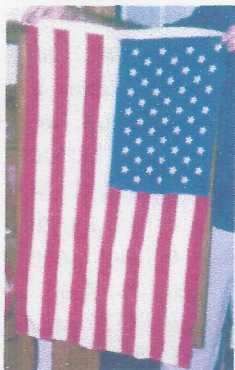
Mississippi were added. The list goes on and on and with each we can get a feeling for the growth of our country and the patterns of growth that lead to the country we have today.

I taught the NEW 50 star flag when I was a beginning teacher in Santa Barbara in 1960. We had a 48 star flag in my class at the beginning of the year as the school hadn't the funds to buy the new 49-star banner. Then, Hawaii came in and the school bought new 50s for each room. The School Flag Pole got the first one. It was about 3' x 4', which was almost as big as some of the kids who helped run it up to the top of the pole which had been lowered and painted for the occasion. I made a huge deal of it with my students when we put the new 50 up in our classroom for the first time. We stood very tall and proud. I can imagine that few forget that day or the speeches they made in our class about our country.



Remember, many were the children of WWII vets, of whom we all were very proud. One flag Steve described was the little banner many of us had in our front windows during WWII showing that we had family members serving in the armed forces. We had one in my home as my dad was in the Army. Of course, he came home and started a new career using the GI Bill for his education and a good life for us. Like millions of other GIs, he gave his kid

(me) a new understanding of the meaning of patriotism that I will never forget.



Steve's collection includes a 38 star flag 1876; 45 star, 1896; 46 star 1908; and a 48 star 1912. The latter became the official flag of the United States when New Mexico and Arizona, the last of the "lower 48," came into the union. There were other items in the collection too numerous to mention. Some items that stood out in my mind, included fans, plates and an Atlas. We also saw the readers used in schools at the end of the 19th century. What a moving display! These bits of history are certainly symbols of our country that we

can all be proud of, standing for a history that is unique in the world.

Thanks Steve. We are the richer for your interests and most especially your willingness to share the treasures you have collected. TP

Fort Tejon Story, The October Tour



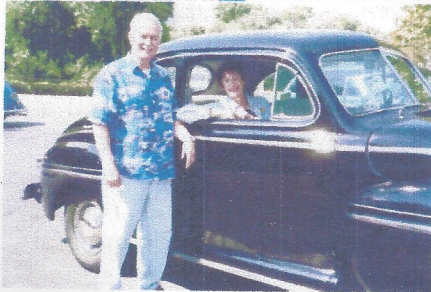
We all arrived at McDonald's on Lake Hughes Rd at the 5 Fwy, by 9:00 AM in beautiful weather. We were on the way up the grapevine by 9:30. This grade, as many know, is quite a pull for a stock flathead. Art reported that the temp got up "to the top" of the gage but it didn't boil while the Ewing's '46 Merc was "in the middle" all the way. Wendi's '53 Ford didn't overheat, but we were down to 50 mph on some of the steeper parts of the grade. Mike, who followed us most of the way, pointed out that the '53 "went 70 mph down hill." Thanks Mike!



Once at the Fort, the reinactors were found to be in great form. They seemed well versed on the characters they played and were especially knowledgeable about the history of the period. We "interviewed" a Lt. Colonel, who commanded the Fort in 1854 and a Sergeant who knew the Mountain Howitzer well. This little beauty represented the heaviest firepower at the Fort. It was actually packed on mules, taken across the rough, roadless mountain passes and assembled on the battlefield before being fired. The ammunition from this devil seemed well designed and was especially deadly given 19th century aiming technology. Scott Doudrick tells us that some of the swords he was swinging, which were thought to be the genuine articles, were surprisingly light and easy to handle. Scott, if you've got the arm for it, they are all easy.



Paula actually rode a military horse and lived to tell about it. She's good at it! We saw the blacksmith at work making the anvil ring. He had help in the form of a couple of young boys who completed the picture of 19th century metallurgy. The carpenter, who had two boys helping him as well, showed us some 19th century wood working tools. There were no



Craftsman power tools in sight.

Some of Wendi's students who knew that she would be at the Fort for the day, convinced their parents to bring them up the mountain and added to the kid-friendly atmosphere of the State Park



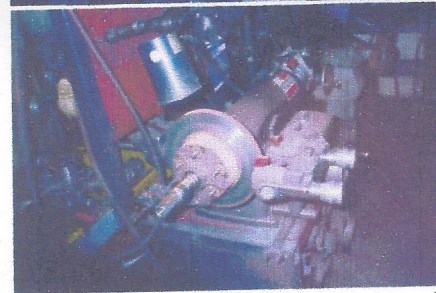
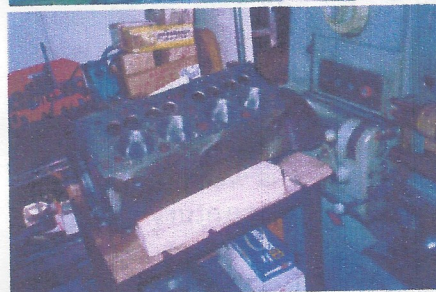
Program being presented. Since she is teaching them American History, those who showed up may be in line for extra credit!

It was a great tour. We were small in numbers, but the quality made up for it. Next year, we may go up to see the actual reenactment of a battle of the Civil War from about ten years later (1864) than the period represented this time. Stay tuned. TP



If You Need The Right Part or a Really Good Machine Shop.....

Club member and long time contributor to our raffle prizes, Dick Colarossi is your man.



Way back in 1969, "Mr. C" (Dick) and his then partner, "Mr. Q" started a parts business on Devonshire St. in Chatsworth. If you want new parts for your flathead or you want the engine bored or the flywheel surfaced, one very

good possibility is CQ Auto.

Dick's history is an interesting one. He worked at Rocketdyne for many years in the 1960's as a lead engine tester on the J-2 rocket engines which were an integral part of the American space

program. Dick started CQ Auto in '69 and, on the strength of personal calls on garages and filling stations around the valley, he got the business up and running. It was touch and go for a few years, but the emphasis on

quality and dependability made his line of American Auto Parts popular.



The street trade was pretty slow at first. "I didn't know that you were here!" was a common saying in the early '70s. But when people found the place and the friendly service that went with it, they kept coming back. In 1972 Dick, who bought out his partner, moved from the small store next door, into the location where you find him today.

In the last 34 years, the business has grown dramatically and it has moved, well sort of....next door. Dick married his high school sweet heart and six kids later he is where you find him today.



In 1975, he expanded into the machine shop business. The back end of the location, is a maze of heavy machines and the steel they work on. It smells great. White gloves won't last long. It's a place in which one can spend a lot of time.

He services all automotive applications and engines for almost everything else. He machines Ski-Do motors at one end of the scale. At the other, I saw a three cylinder diesel tractor engine in his shop ready to go out the door.



Quality is central to Dick's thinking in the parts and overhaul business. If something comes back for any reason, the first question is "Why?". He will replace the part, then take the old one apart to see what's wrong and correct the problem with his supplier. Errors in design, materials or workmanship occur. We are all human. But an understanding of how it can be prevented in the future is important and Dick likes to see that it is done right.

In 1985, he bought the auto paint inventory of a store in Palmdale and added paint mixing and matching service to his store. Bring Dick the formula from the manufacturer or a gas cap



cover (1941-48, 50-51 Fords) and he will match the paint to perfection.

There is a really strange coincidence in the name of the store. CQ does NOT stand for Car Quest. A few years ago, American Auto Parts became Car Quest through a series of mergers and acquisitions, and CQ Auto

Parts which had been in business for about 30 years at the time became a retailer for Car Quest.

From The Right Seat

Date: October 7, 2003

Meeting Place: Baker's Square

Meeting Leader: Joe DiFatta, Prez

Car Count: 8

Start Time: 7:30

Adjournment Time: 9:15

Introduction of Guests: Welcome!

AJ Robicheau, a new member tonight, '36 Coupe, red

Erin Potter and her friend, Alex. Erin is the daughter of Tom Potter. Erin drives a Nissan, but Alex just got a new Mustang!

Brad Batesole, son of Ron and Anne Marie

Carla, Al and Brianna, children and granddaughter of Frank and Lucy Coppia

Julia and Nick from Minnesota, guests of Steve Boskovich

Bill Robinson

President's Notes: Joe DiFatta

Thank you Carol Jensen and Virginia Wolf, (Krispy Kreme Prize!) for all the good things you do for us! Joe also auctioned Krispy Kreme shirts and coupons to our lucky club members.

Wendi told us about the Christmas party. The theme is "It's a Wonderful Life" Be sure to send in your reservations, from the invitation in your Drive Lines

Treasurer's Report: Ingvar Carlson

After the BBQ and Drive Lines reimbursements we are doing well.

Membership: Dick Stones

We have two new members tonight.

Tours: Steve Boskovich

Tours planned for the New Year. Laughlin, March 26-28. \$85 per person, limit 50 people, call Steve Boskovich.

Big Bear Fun Run, August 13-15. Car show, BBQ,

Announcements:

Joe D'Virgilio is selling Entertainment coupon books for City of Hope. Call him at #661-263-5995

John Farrar let us know about a quilt Raffle from Sharon Foster of the So Cal Regional Group. The quilt is a t-shirt quilt, representing cars from 1932 1953. No two alike. Sdee John Farrar for raffle tickets.

Car of the Month:

Congratulations to Dick Stones and his '50 Ford.

Program for the Evening:

Steve and Sue Boskovich's collection of Americana.

Program for the Evening:

50/50 winner: Wendi Potter

Minutes submitted by Rachael Doudrick



Coppa's granddaughter wins!

Another Ford Book!

This one was published in 1915 and measures about 4 " by 6" and contains 57 large print pages. Don't go on Amazon.com to find it, even used copies are very rare.

Funabout Fords (spelled exactly as you see it here) by J.J. White was published in Chicago by the Howel Company in six editions, all in 1915. No ISBN or LC numbers clutter up the lead pages here! This was a popular little book! The copy I borrowed belongs to Steve Boskovich and is kept in a zip lock baggie to keep the fragile old pages from deteriorating.

It's fun to read. It becomes clear that almost 80 years ago, the popular sense of humor was a little different than today. The author in the Preface says that, "The Ford must be a mighty good car to carry all the wheezes that are crowded onto it. Why the Ford is chosen for all automobile jokes I do not know, unless it is

because nobody enjoys a Ford Story more than a Ford owner and there are more Ford automobiles than any other kind." Model Ts had been on the American road for about eight years in 1915.

Example from P. 18:

"You seem to be late this morning."

"Yes, I was coming through the park this morning in my Ford and when I wasn't looking,

a squirrel sneaked up and chewed the nuts off my car."

Times have changed, but it's fun to read what went for humor in our grandparent's time. Fords are still very popular and we can smile at the what made people laugh long before most every Ford came with a CD player, fuel injection, air conditioning and many models can be ordered with a factory installed GPS from your friendly local Ford dealer. Heck, the single casting V-8 wouldn't be invented for over fifteen years!

Thanks for sharing, Steve. This little treasure is one that we can all chuckle over. It would be fun to return to those days for a while, just to listen to the woodspoked Ts bouncing down the road. By '15, they almost had electric starters! Pretty fancy! TP

For Sale or Trade

For Sale: Entertainment (Theatre and Dining) coupon book. \$20. This is a useful coupon book. The proceeds from the sale go to the City of Hope. See Joe D'Virgilio at the November meeting to buy one or contact him at (661) 263-5985.

For Sale: '51 Merc. Short block. \$2800 exchange. This block has "the best of everything". 41/8" stroke, 3 5/16" bore. The works. Jack Miles (818) 347-8617

New Members

A.J. Robicheau

17179 McKeever

Granada Hills, CA 91344

Day/Eve (818)368-8873

Joined 2003: retired

Don and Pamela Underwood

423 Ross St.

Glendale, CA

(818) 246-4560

Email: dyunderwood@earthlink.net

Joined 2003: retired

'36 5 window coupe

'32 Standard Tudor Sedan

The Valley's

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 DiFatta	1991
Chuck Shubb	1992 - 1993
George Richards	1994
Jerry Littner	1995
Dick Smith	1996
Chuck Mair	1997
Dennis Keene	1998
Rose Gott	1999
Don Stout	2000
Steve Boskovich	2001 -2002

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Car of the Month
Dick Stones' '50 Custom Club Coupe

