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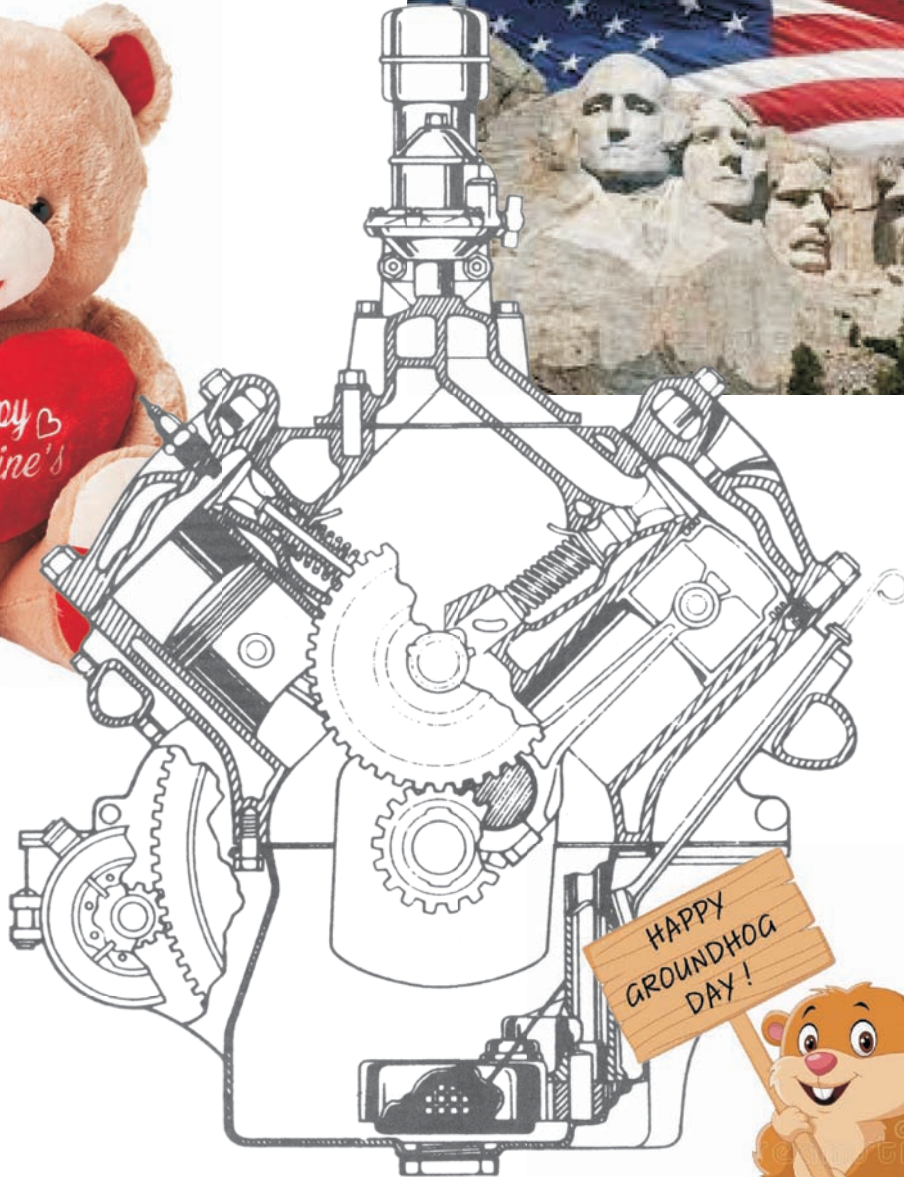
Chapter #40

Feb 23

Our 52nd Year

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The Valley V8's
9700 Farralone, Chatsworth, Ca. 91311



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2023

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

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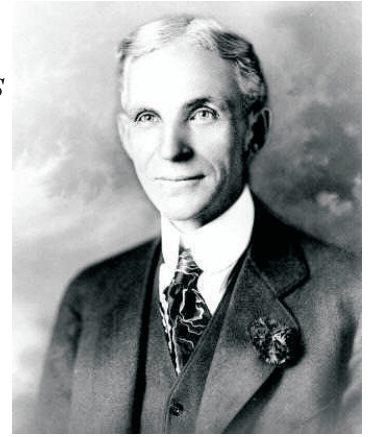
**Our Next Meeting
7 Feb 23**

HELLO FELLOW MEMBERS

We would like to know more about You, Your Car...
So, What I would like from our members is a picture of you
with your car, with a small story. (1 Paragraph)
That way, We get to learn more about our members, & we
can put a face to a name & car
Please make all submissions to ether
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Rob Glucksman, DL Editor

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From The President

Jim Ellerbrock our new President



Message from Prez Jim Ellerbrock

Thanks to all who attended the January 10th Meeting. It was a little different as we had some key people out. The 50/50 and main Raffles will return for the February Meeting.

The Secretary position is still open. Rex and Joe DiFatta will be sharing tasks for the next couple of months. If anyone is slightly interested, please let us know.

Cruise Director Ernie Baily has put together a trip to an Antique Store in Ventura on Sunday January 29th. A flyer with details will be coming out shortly.

A thank you goes out to Jerry Littner for keeping us up to date on the latest from the National Club. He is our representative to the National. It looks like they will be enforcing the rules on being a member of the National Club as well as our Regional one. Please contact Jerry as there are a few options to join, or if you have any questions in general.

Phil Hall was also in attendance at our January 10th meeting. Phil has been past National President and is currently President of the Ventura Chapter. His wife Connie is National Secretary. Phil's opinion is that the National Club is now becoming more open to new ideas for change. The national membership has dropped from 12 thousand to 8 thousand in the last 2 years. There will be a National Board meeting next month (Feb. 7th and 8th) in San Diego which will be open to all club members to attend and hopefully voice our opinions. If anyone has issues and ideas that would apply to the National Club, please let Jerry or myself know.

If interested in attending, also let us know as we are currently making plans.

See you next meeting

Pres. Jim

Tour Director, Ernie Baily



Valley V8 Club January Tour



Sunday 29 Jan. 2023 / 9:00a

Location: Antique Adventures LLC
6587 Ventura Blvd, Ventura, Ca
info@antiqueadventuresllc.com
805-815-2400

Time: Meet at the Ride & Drive parking lot on Stearns
off of 118 Fwy

Tour: Starts at 9:30am. Map & Details to follow

Lunch: Black Bear Diner on 2400 E. Harbor Blvd.



**PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Ernie, @
1-805-433-5540 by 26 Jan 23**



Chapter 40 -- San Fernando Valley V-8 Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday Jan. 10

7:10 pm – Meeting called to order

Our new President Jim Ellerbrock launched the meeting, opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Announcements/Comments

1. There was no raffle or 50/50 tonight.
2. Joe DiFatta mentioned he left the US Navy this month, January 1960, 63 years ago. Then in March, 1960 he and Marsha got married. Congrats, Joe, and thanks for your service.
3. Phil Hall, former President, V-8 Club National Level, was introduced.
4. Al & Jerry made it into the latest issue of the V-8 National magazine. *(Joe, we need more info on this)*
5. New VP Bill Greene asked for input about the Christmas party: All agree the present place, Woodland Hills Country Club, is good.
6. February Club Meeting: Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday in February 7.
However Lulu's scheduled another group for that night, so a change may need to be made. The Board will discuss and send an email out advising us of the next February meeting date.

Board members reports:

Treasurer: Joan Sapper -- not here, no report.

Secretary: Still looking for a replacement. In the meantime, Joe DiFatta will fill in for two months.

Membership: Howard Brown – 1) Howard plans some changes to the Club Directory design. 2). Club dues must be submitted by all Members before Feb. 15.

National Representative: Jerry Littner -- Encouraged us to pay our dues and join the National membership. The most important reason is insurance coverage during club events. National will be stricter this upcoming year about national membership.

Tour Director: Ernie Baily, 1) Will be setting up a cruise / visitation of a large antique store in Ventura.

'Antique Adventures' is a huge antique business worth seeing.

2) Earl's donuts Thursday mornings.

3) Bob's Big Boy in Northridge, Friday nights.

4) Grand National Roadster Show February 3 through 5: Application forms are available online for parking between buildings.

Special guest: Jerry Littner introduced Phil Hall, former President of The Early Ford V-8 Club of America. Phil and Jerry shared information from the National Level:

1. Open meetings: Anyone can attend the National meetings: in person or online using 'Zoom'. The next Meeting will be held in Old Town San Diego in February.
2. National Level Membership: Presently, dues are \$35/year for National membership and magazine. \$5 for membership only, no magazine. *(Joe please make sure this is right. I think Howard Brown can clarify)*
3. Individuals can run for regional positions that are outside the area where they live.
4. Phil encouraged us to consider joining the board at the National Level.

Break called: 7:40

Meeting reconvened: 7:50

Program for the Evening: Mecum Auction, Las Vegas, November 2 through 4, 2022:

Jim Ellerbrock and Howard Brown participated as drivers at this Auction. They showed interesting slides and movie clips of their activities. They were each paid \$100 a day to do this. They were issued special shirts and credentials and mixed among attendees and guests at the Auction. Prior to the actual auction, they answered questions/opened doors and hoods, and showed the cars to potential buyers. During the Auction they drove cars from storage up to the main auction 'block', then sat in the cars as they were being auctioned. After the auction sale (or not), they drove the cars back to storage. Most cars ran OK, however Jim said he drove a 1950 Oldsmobile that was hard to keep under control: The engine idle was too high. Thanks, Jim and Howard for a most excellent presentation.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40

This is a story from the National V8 Club that has ties with our President Jim Ellerbrock
Enjoy, Rob, DLE



TIE TO THE PAN AMERICAN RACE ARTICLE IN THE V8 TIMES



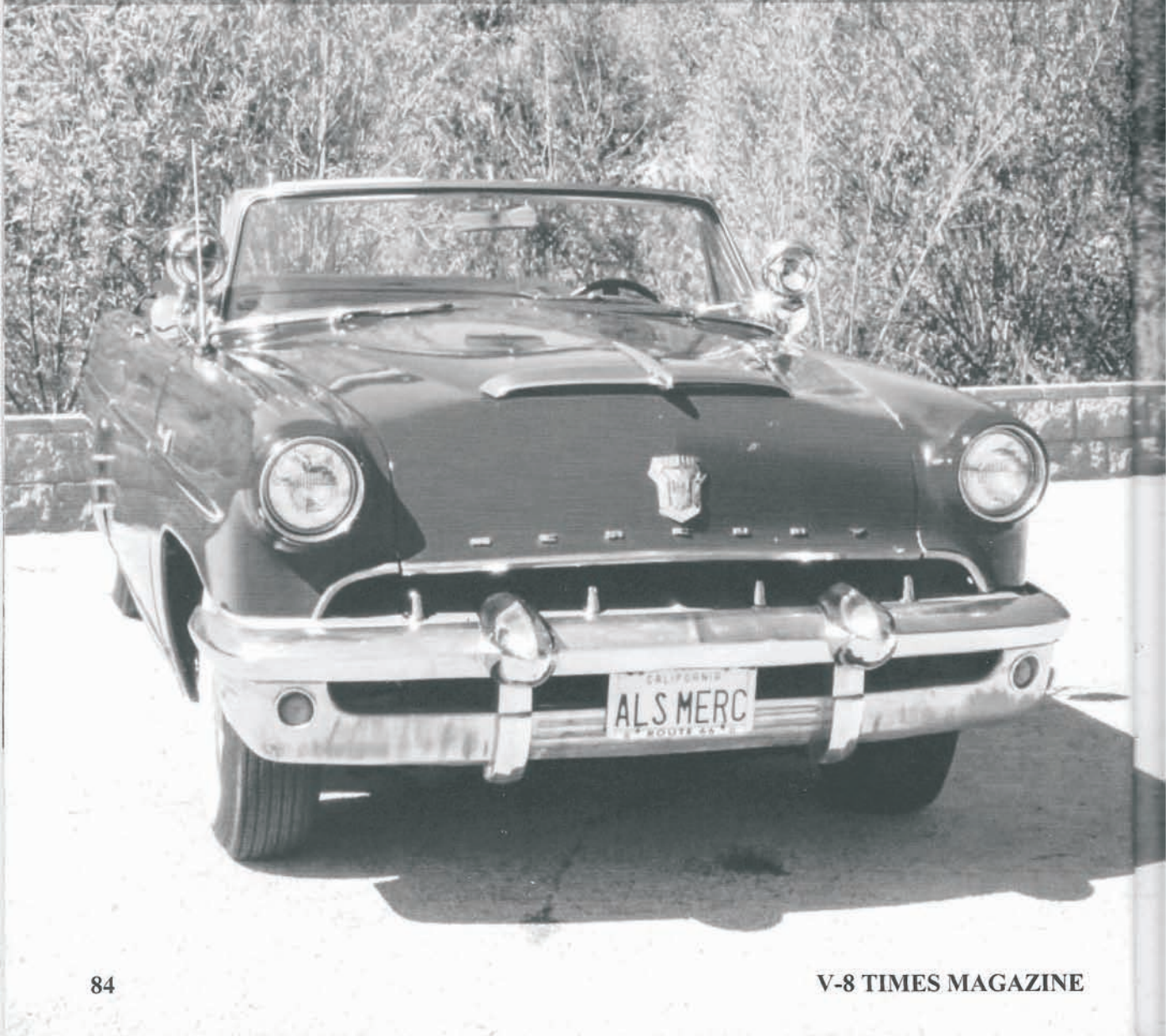
This is the License Plate Frame that was originally on my 1965 Mercury Colony Park station wagon before I bought it. About 20 years ago, the car was turned in to be scrapped on the Chevron Gas Guzzler program. The requirement was that the license plates be removed and destroyed. One of the workers saved the front plate by hiding it under the seat, A couple of the more desirable clean cars were put aside and sold privately before the date to be scrapped, I bought the Colony Park from a collector in Orange County who had purchased it from Chevron.

The Mercury was originally purchased at the Bob Estes dealership in Inglewood. This ties into the Pan-American Race article that is currently in the latest issue of the Ford V8 Times where Bob Estes through his dealership sponsored a race team.

MY 1953 MERCURY

MONTEREY CONVERTIBLE

*By Al Mooney
Photos by Jerry Luttner*



I bought my first car, a black 4-door 1939 Oldsmobile, when I was 15 years old. I got my License on my 16th birthday and have been an avid old car fan and mechanic ever since.

I have owned over 120 cars so far and still have eight classics, all licensed and insured. I am a member of three vintage car clubs (my favorite being the Valley V-8s) and I really miss our regular meetings. They are temporarily halted due to Covid-19, with which I spent seven weeks in the hospital about one year ago. As near death as I have ever been.

I won't refer to most of my cars but, will spend this time talking about my favorite car. The '53 Mercury Convertible. I have had eight Mercurys - a '49, two '50s, a '51, two '53s, a '59 and a 2003. The '53s came out while I was in high school and I fell in love with a red convertible at that time. When I was 53, I found an advertisement in a national magazine for the car, located in Chicago. It was yellow at that time and came with a green 4-door parts car. I called about it on a Thursday and was told that someone was coming to look at it on Saturday. I said I will be there tomorrow and went to the bank, withdrew the cash, flew from California, rented a car, drove to the owner's house and bought both cars immediately.

I trailered the parts car to St. Louis, Missouri and parked it there for a month. Next, I drove the convertible to California, leaving St. Louis during the biggest snowstorm the area had seen in 27 years. I drove mostly on what was left of old Route 66, stopped at a couple of country fairs and other points of interest. The only problem I had was in Flagstaff, Arizona. It was six degrees below zero and the 6-volt battery just wouldn't start the car. AAA got it going and I was off again. Later, I flew back to St. Louis and trailered the parts car home.

I put an automatic transmission in the convertible, painted the car red, had red and black upholstery and a white top installed and converted it to 12-volts. Aside from that, it is still bone stock. Both cars have been in some movies and I have driven the red convertible in the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade 16 times, each time with a local dignitary. The most attention was given to Ronald McDonald. I think this car will be with me until the Lord takes me home.

My thanks to Jerry Littner for the photos of my car.

