



Valve Chatter

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The Palomar Mountain V-8's

Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Inc.

From the President . . .

Sometimes you just need to pinch yourself. It's not because you forgot to wear something green on St. Patrick's Day (of which I did forget), it's because of where we live. Where else in this the USA can you drive your convertible Early Ford V8 in March and get a tan while wearing a short sleeved shirt?



I'm thanking the Thompsons for their hospitality opening their newly built garage to the club. I met a lot of members from other clubs as well. Just how do they do it? All those meetings wow.

I guess I'm still in recovery from the Big 3 in San Diego. With a couple of our members selling parts, I found a few parts that I didn't need. Cheryl was happy that I left them behind.

Checked out the National Web Site and under current news, the 2015 National Driving Tour was announced and it will be through the Black Hills September 13th thru the 18th. Last year Cheryl and I spent a week there with our two wheeled vehicle. Riding the Harley through the rolling Black Hills was a joy. If you are planning on attending please let me know. The club needs a roaming reporter to represent us.

April 15th is always a bad day for some. I'm all taxed out by then and just want to forget about it. So, let's forget about it together and go on a secret mission, a mission to the Mission Inn in Riverside. Jay Harris is putting a back roads tour that will take us through the Temescal Canyon. Parking will be inside a covered garage. Jay has a great day planned. Signups will be at our monthly meeting. Check out the article on the right for more details.

So, with the garden planted and snow-geden a thing of the past. Let's get those Early Ford V8's out and about. See you on the tour?

Happy Driving, Cal Westra RG#148 President, 2015

APRIL TOUR . . .

MISSION INN in Riverside, CA

Wednesday, April 15th

Just a reminder to everyone, the date is Wednesday, the 15th. We will be treated to a guided tour of the Inn, followed by lunch in the mall next door. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at April's meeting. If you wish to join the group but can't attend the meeting, please contact me at 760-310-9530, or email me with the number of people in your group. The cost is \$12.00 per person - senior rate.

Drive classic V8 or drive modern. Join us!

Jay and Janet Harris



The Mission Inn
HOTEL & SPA
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MONTHLY CLUB BUSINESS & BOARD/DIRECTOR MEETINGS

*First Tuesday Monthly
(January thru November)*

Breakfast @ 8:30am
Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING PLACE

BROKEN YOLK CAFE

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\$7.00 per person Breakfast
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Each person attending pays . . .

It is the cost of our utilizing the space.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

APR 7TH REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING/BOD MEETING AT
BROKEN YOLK CAFÉ, TEMECULA (SEE ABOVE)

MAY 5TH REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING/BOD MEETING AT
BROKEN YOLK CAFÉ, TEMECULA (SEE ABOVE)

JUNE 2ND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING/BOD MEETING AT
BROKEN YOLK CAFÉ, TEMECULA (SEE ABOVE)

FOR SALE & WANTED

If your ad has a "{3}" beside it, it will be removed from the next newsletter, unless renewed.

Member's free ad will appear for 3 issues, then will be dropped unless notified otherwise.

FOR SALE

- 1934 Ford Deluxe 2 Dr Sedan. Can drive anywhere. No over heating & No Leaking of any oil or fluids. Call for details 928-639-0770 before 9pm or Email to E-Mail: gailbangiola@msn.com [1]
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- 1936-39 Rear View Mirror, still in Bob Drake box: Set of 2 \$50, Contact Ken Magers 760-751-1760 [1]
- 1946 Ford Woodie; 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe Dearborn; 1932 Roadster (all Henry steel) 5mc/R700; 1941 Super Deluxe with show chrome, contact Dave Louzek at 858-682-8585 [1]
- 1950 Tudor 351, C4, new glass; 1951 Tudor 302, AOD, AC, PS, PB, contact Gary at 818-319-8200 [1]
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- 1947 Ford Clock, and 1938 Ford Dlx Speedometer, please call Dan Krehbiel 951-302-5922 [2]
- 1933 Bumper. Contact Tom Hamlin 760-743-5099 [2]

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Initiation Fee: \$15.00 (includes two Regional Group Name Tags to wear to meetings & events.)
Annual dues: \$25 per year (Jan. thru December 31)

Nat'l Membership also required

Nat'l Dues: \$35/yr + \$3 spouse
Or optional \$10/yr no magazine

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UPCOMING EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

We try our best to list these dates correctly. If we made an error please let us know in writing. Contact Margaret Connelly at jconnellysr@earthlink.net THANK YOU !!

Our Member's Special APRIL Celebrations !

Happy Birthday APRIL

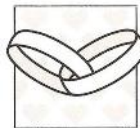
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Happy APRIL Anniversary !!

- 1 - Clyde & Gail Bangiola
- 3 - Tom & Barbara Keck
- 20 - Norm & Peggy Petrucci
- 23 - Howard & Jane Dague




Congratulations



Mark your Calendar !

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of 1940 Ford vehicles !!! 2015



- April 3 Cruisin Grand begins new season!! 5p-9p Every Friday night April thru September
- April 4 Poway In-n-Out Burger 11am—2pm 12890 Gregg Court
- April 7 Tuesday. **Monthly Breakfast Meeting of members, RG#148 @ Broken Yolk restaurant** 9am See page 1. 
- April 10-12 42nd Annual Texas Tour, Abilene RG #122 325-672-5774
- April 10-12 Del Mar 15th Goodguys Del Mar Nationals , Del Mar Fairgrounds
- April 12 LaJolla Concourse at EllenBrowning Scripps Park 9a-4p
- April 15th **Back roads TOUR to Riverside to visit the MISSION INN, which is on the Registry of Historic Inns and has a fascinating history. More info at the April 7th meeting.** 
- April 15-17 15th Early Ford V8 Club Nationals, Australia
- April 19 El Cajon 30th Annual Hot Rods Galore Celebration. 210 W. Bradley Avenue 8am-2pm
- April 25 Menifee 3rd Annual Big Barn Classic Car Show 9am-2pm 28380 Hwy 74 #15 registration sold out.
- April 26 Valley Center Heartbeat Happening XXVII 15954 Woods Valley Rd., 9am-4pm
- May 3 Perris 30th Annual Antique Truck Show @ Orange Empire Railway Museum 9am-3pm 
- May 5 Tuesday. **Monthly Breakfast Meeting of members, RG#148 @ Broken Yolk restaurant** 9am See page 1.
- May 5th Tuesday . . . **Ladie's Spring into Fashion Event.** Chico's clothing store. Promenade Mall, Temecula. See below.
- May 17th 41st Petaluma Swap Meet, Redwood Empire RG#27
707-527-9183
- May 17th SoCal RG#11 in Anaheim has scheduled their annual SWAP MEET (car parts only). 3855 E. LaPalma Ave, Anaheim, CA, contact Joe Lipuma at 714-961-8468
- May 24th **50th Annual Fallbrook Car Show.** Sunday, May 24th: Register by postmark date of May 16th.
Fallbrookvintagecarclub.org On the Grass at Pala Mesa Resort, 2001 Old Hwy 395, Fallbrook, CA
- June 8-11 Eastern National V-8 Meet, Concord NC RG#52
- July 3-5 Scandinavian V8 Meet, Denmark RG#136
- July 12-16 Central National Meet, Brainerd, MN RG#46
- October 17th **C&G Annual Open House.** Saturday. More info to come. Mark your calendar!!
- For more info on National or International Meets, go to our national website www.efv8.org

chico's

LADIES SPRING INTO FASHION EVENT . . . And Fundraiser. Tuesday, May 5th

On May 5th the ladies have a great opportunity to attend an event at the local CHICO'S at the Promenade Mall in Temecula. (This store is located sort of near PF Changs at the outside of the Mall.)

Chico's is a woman's clothing store that for over 30 years have helped millions of women look as great as they feel.

We get to preview some wonderful outfits modeled by some of our very own club ladies!! Chico's will open up at 9AM for us. They will provide coffee, juice and some pastry for us to enjoy as we shop. Being we are a nonprofit organization, our club will receive 10% of what we purchase. In return we will need to donate the money to a good cause... I'm suggesting to use it to buy TOYS FOR TOTS or Send it to the V8 FOUNDATION!!

We will discuss again at the next meeting. Thanks, Cheryl Westra

Ted & Dory's Open House



Hosts, Ted & Dory



Lettrice Davis; Cheryl & Cal Westra were there !!



Lori Perez & her collection



STEVE & KIMRY WELLS



SWAP MEET area

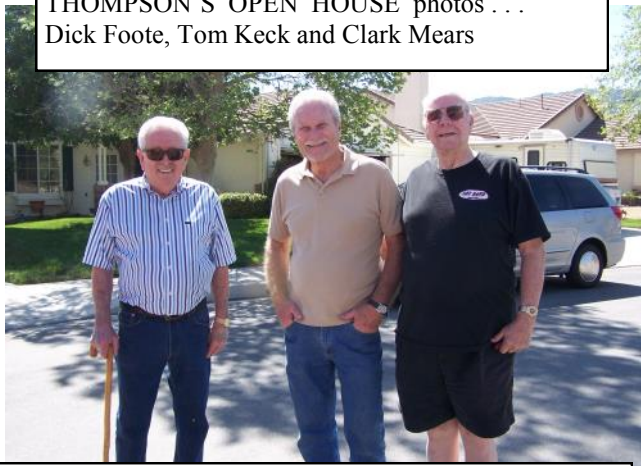


Bob McClelland and his grandson Kyle!!



Tom and Gale Anderson had a fun time !

THOMPSON'S OPEN HOUSE photos . . .
Dick Foote, Tom Keck and Clark Mears



BELOW: Barb Keck; Dory T. & Gloria Foote



BELOW: Norm Petrucci & Bob Davis



Patsy & Tom



David Graham



Irene & Frank



Margaret & Carolyn



Theresa & Gary

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. Thanks Ted & Dory !!!!!

On Second Thought



By Carolyn Mears
(on an idea borrowed from the Press Enterprise)
"Getting to know you . . ."

When I was thinking about sharing my idea about how members decided to join our V-8 club, it occurred to me that other members would find similarities or perhaps mutual friends when reading others stories . . . That kind of thing. I thought they would enjoy sharing these common things, but so far, no dice. So, as I said a year ago, Let me go First!

When Cal and Cheryl Westra joined our club, I told Clark that name seemed familiar. Then I heard Cal say once his Dad purchased the Phaeton, it was used for parades in the City of LaPalma, and his Dad was the Mayor. Eureka! We lived in the City of LaPalma for thirty years and raised our eight children there. So of course, the name Westra was familiar.

This is what I expected to happen upon hearing other members stories and thought the club would be interested in hearing this.

But wait, there is more. Remember their story about changing vocations from cows to renting rooms on lake Almanor at a place called "The Dorado Inn"? My grandfather lived to be 100 and the last 20 years of his life he spent his summers at Lake Almanor taking his travel trailer to the RV Park so he could fish all summer. Where did we stay when we took our kids to visit him? Why, The Dorado Inn, of course.

One last thing. We attended the "All Ford Show" at Knotts Berry Farm every year we lived in Orange County. We can only hope we were two of the smiling faces that convinced Cal and Cheryl to join our club.

One Last Thought. The decision they made turned out to be a very lucky turn of events for our club. Carolyn Mears

OPEN HOUSE March 21

Board of Director's & Business Meeting of the Members of
the Palomar Mountain V-8's Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8
Club of America, Inc.
a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

A regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Directors and Members of the Palomar Mountain V-8's Regional Group of the Early Ford Club of America, Inc. a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation, was held on March 3, 2015 at the meeting place of the members, the Broken Yolk Café, 26495 Ynez Road, Temecula, California.

Directors Present: Cal Westra, John Connelly, Gregg Lowry, Janice Gustin and Rudy Perez.

Members Present & Cars Driven: Cliff & Janice Gustin, Gregg & Linda Lowry, Roger Bell, Bob & Letrice Davis, Dave Louzek - 49 Ford Deluxe, Bob McClelland, Gary Potts, Tom & Patsy Hamlin, Dory & Ted Thompson- 36 Ford, Jay Harris, Steve Wells, Dave & Lisa Graham, John & Margaret Connelly, Chuck & Marilyn Rounds, Frank & Irene Griffin, Dan Krehbiel - 49 Ford conv., Gary Huckins, Gary Walcher, Jim & Leona Spanier, Ray & Jackie Ouellette-46 Mercury, Zip & Ruth Zepede, Cal & Cheryl Westra, Ron & Kathy Shedd, Clark & Carolyn Mears - 56 Pickup, Ken & Merleen Magers, Rudy Perez, Peggy & Norm Petrucci.

Guests: Sam Jermoine, Kyle McClelland, Kimber Kristensen, Gunnar Kristensen and Brianna Kristensen.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. President Cal opened the meeting and asked Bob McClelland to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and John Connelly in prayer.

Officer & Committee Reports were accepted:

President: Cal went over birthdays and anniversaries. He wants to get more members and wants advice from current members on same. He advised we have a new Vice-President on the National Board. April 19th - Murrieta Fire Department tour - Ted & Dory on March 21st and Southern Calif. Club at March Air Force Base on March 28th.

Vice-President: John advised that he became a great grandfather yesterday. Also, reminded us that the Regional group annual swap meet is in May along with Fallbrook in May. He also reminded members that Daylight Savings Time is this week-end.

Treasurer: Gregg reported a club balance of \$6,953.46 with deposit of \$1040 (\$560 from advertising- \$340 from membership-\$40 from accessories and \$100 from raffle) with expenses of \$305.91 paid.

Secretary: Janice presented the February minutes. Motion to accept made by Merleen Magers and seconded by Jackie Ouellette. Motion passed.

Director: Rudy Perez has no report.

Accessories: Irene Griffin has a tote bag example she is passing around - it has two colors and two logos and will cost under \$10.00. She still has 1 small ladies jacket and old mugs for \$8.00 each. She will need to order 50 bags at a minimum and 12 on the caps for \$25.00 each. Coffee mugs will cost under \$4.00 each.

Advertising: Bob Davis advised we have 19 advertisers and a few more potential in the works. We just got 3 new advertisers- American Material, Sam's Upholstery and Grease Monkey.

Historian: Peggy Petrucci has no report.

Membership & Club Badges: Dory Thompson is sending around a list of members who have and have not paid to date. We have 150 members.

Sunshine: Carolyn Mears advised that no one has notified her of anything happening.

Tours: Jay Harris advised that on the Mission Inn tour there is parking in the garage for our members.

Newsletter & Website: Margaret Connelly advised that she has quite a few articles for the "Getting to Know You" section of the newsletter. Also, she pointed out that we need to take the control of the website back. Also, she wanted to know if Carolyn Mears had sent herself a get well card as she has had pains in her neck.

Old Business: None

New Business: Cal advised we will have a Board meeting today. Also, he needs information from members on expanding our membership.

Announcements: Members should be getting a red envelope in the mail with an invite for the 85th birthday for Bud on April 11th. Cheryl Westra stated she is planning an outing for the ladies to Chico's with 10% of monies spent going back to the club.

Program: Margaret Connelly showed slides of Siggys tour before the meet. **Ted Thompson** spoke about fabrication on his 1951 Woody

Being no further business to come before the meeting and on motion duly made by Jay Harris, seconded by John Connelly and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

It is directed that this action be filed in the Minute Book of the Corporation. This action is executed pursuant to the Corporation Code of the State of California, which requires accurate minutes of any meeting of the Board be maintained.

Dated: March 5, 2015
Respectfully submitted,
Janice Gustin - Secretary
Corporate Minutes

RAFFLE:
Special Coffee Mug with
candy donated by Irene &
Frank Griffin, won by:
Gunnar Kristensen
(Cal's grandson) won
the coffee mug filled
with goodies.

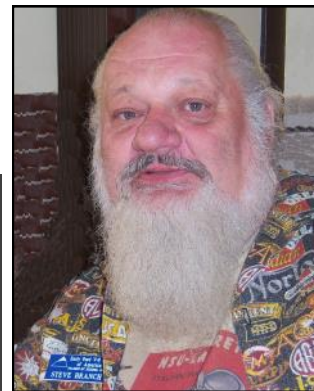
Dan Krehbiel won the
\$100.00.. 50/50
And \$100 went to the
club treasury.
Thank you to the Grif-
fins for the donation!



Gunnar came up to claim the prize! Siblings Kimber & Brianna were at the meeting with grandpa & gramma too.

MY FIRST REAL FORD V-8 . . .

By Steve Branch, RG#148



FROM THE EDITOR: Steve has been involved in the car hobby for many years and he recently volunteered to write a column for the newsletter. Well, of course I think that is GREAT. So, periodically Steve will be submitting articles for our newsletter. He has a little different perspective because he is from Canada and has had some very different experiences than most of us from the lower 48. We look forward to Steve's submissions . . . Thank you Steve! Note: Steve and Georgina are snowbirds and live down here in southern California 6 months of the year! They have recently gone back to Canada for the spring and summer. Margaret Connelly, Editor

It was Saturday morning I was sitting in my kitchen reading the paper. I'd been looking for a Chevy motor for my every day driver, an old '67 Chevy van, 6 cylinder that had seen better days. That's when another ad popped out at me. A 1941 Ford panel truck for \$175 - call this local number! I looked at the ad, while I sipped my coffee and read it again and had a little conversation with myself... "How am I going to introduce this idea to my wife of 8 weeks?" Yes, I was a newlywed and wanting to but this truck was something that might get the marriage off on the wrong foot.

So, I sat there and looked at the ad some more - put a pen mark beside it, then left the paper on the kitchen table, folded back up, as if no one had read it. I headed out the back door, to the rough & tumble down, but yet still usable garage I spent most Saturdays in, working on that van. Seemed something would break each week that needed fixing to keep the old girl running.

About 2 hours later my wife, Mary, emerged from the back door to enquire as to what and how I was doing? We kissed and hugged as newlyweds do and she sat down in an old chair I had in the garage we talked about all kinds of things that morning. Then she said to me I noticed you put a pen mark beside an ad in the paper. My heart stopped. I thought, "Oh no! She knows!". So I played the card that would tell me what she was thinking. I said "yeah, its just another old truck". Mary looked at me and said "It doesn't seem like just any old truck to me". My head spun around to look right at her and told her "It sounds like more work that could be fun down the road for us". She said "Call the guy and see if we can at least go look at it". So we both walked back in the house where she had left the paper folded right on the phone number. The guy who owned the truck, Terry, said "Yes, you could meet me where the truck is stored in the back alley behind the nearby hospital". So we had another quick hug and a kiss and out the door we went.

Finding the alley proved easy enough, but there were no real addresses or numbers on the garage, so we just cruised down the lane until we came to the garage one with an open door. Inside was the panel truck we came to see, sitting side by side with a 1934 Ford Woody. The woody was rough. The top had fallen in year before. But it was a Woody and would I ever have liked to cruise the streets in that machine! I introduced my wife, and Terry was very talkative and we had a long, friendly conversation about cars. Next thing I heard from Terry was "I will only sell this truck to some one who will restore it". Well, that dashed my hopes of making a street rod out of it, however I went to listening to Terry tell the story of where the truck had come from. Seems it was in a back field near a farm of some relative of his, and had been sitting for many years. Although basically complete, the motor would not turn. Turned out when I worked on it later on, that the cam shaft had seized, which was an easy fix.

But we were still listening to Terry his story about making a deal for the truck from the lady of the house one day. Deal was, he had to remove it under cover of darkness, so her son, who worked midnights would not interfere with the sale. My wife and I stepped back from Terry for a quick discussion, and I received her blessing to purchase it. So we did buy the truck that morning. Also happened to have just enough money in my pocket to pay cash, which did not leave me the funds for a tow truck, and this was the time of Monday to Friday banking, long before banking machines, and instant cash.

While we stood there trying to think of how we could get it home, a tow truck came down the laneway. We chatted while I went out to move my van, which was blocking his way. He noticed the panel truck in the garage and asked me about it. I told him we had just bought it, but that the bank did not open until Monday and there was no money to pay for a tow. The driver asked how far we had to take it. When I said, "just 8 blocks". He offered to do the tow, and said I could pay him on Monday, right after work.

So the large Ford panel truck with 4 flat tires got pulled slowly out of the garage and into the alley, which plugged it off! Turned out the 2 back tires looked like they had come off of a tractor judging by the tread pattern. We jacked up the back end and slipped under the dolly wheels and then the driver was positioned himself to load the truck. That's when I remembered my wife was sitting in the front seat of the van. She asked me how much longer we were going to be? Not long, I told her. She said, "I hope not, 'cause I really have to pee!" So I gave the tow driver our address and told him I had to take my wife home right away. He agreed to finish up loading and would be right over with the truck.

I drove home very quickly and got my wife back to our house - she was very relieved. Jack was there before I could even use the bathroom myself. We jockeyed the vehicles around so he could get our "new" panel truck down my driveway. Did I mention that besides my old garage, that in the older part of town we lived in, the driveway was very narrow? So much so, that we could not make it through the opening with the panel truck on the dollies. While I ran to find wood to make a quick ramp for the wheels, the old lady next door came out and told us we'd better keep off of her grass. She watched from the front window, but the tow truck had to angle right over her side lawn to make things happen. She stormed out with a scowl, hollering "you'd better fix that!". I assured repairs would be made. But now the panel truck was in my yard! Jack and I made arrangements for the payment.

It all happened in July, 1975, in a small town in Southern Ontario, Canada. That 1941 Ford panel truck had a Flat head V8 and 3 speed transmission, hydraulic brakes and a closed drive shaft.

This was vehicle restoration number 4 for me, after my '57 Pontiac stock car (Ford flat-head powered), my '65 VW Beetle and that old '67 Chevy van.

To Be continued....

END ARTICLE



Getting to Know You . . .

Gail & Clyde Bangiola

Clyde's First & Second Love,

article by Gail Bangiola

Celebrating 50 years of owning our beautiful 1940 Ford Coupe

Clyde Bangiola's life has been revolved around all types of vehicles, literally, since he was born. His dad owned a General Store with a gas station and an outside lift for minor vehicle maintenance.

Early in his childhood, one of Clyde's chores was to collect fresh eggs from their chicken farm to sell at the store. Sometimes, when his dad was waiting on gas customers, Clyde would help scoop out ice cream for customers in the store.



About the age of nine, he put an old Model A back in working order and drove it around the hay fields for quite some time. Then, when he was about fifteen, he remembers cutting up old cars to make money from the scrap metal.

However, like most guys back then, he salvaged over a dozen old Fords racing on the streets receiving many tickens for speeding and loud mufflers. What a little devil he was — and still is!

When he was 17, he would flat tow his 1940 stock car #17 to the East Coast 1/2 mile oval tracks. People under 21 were not allowed into the pit areas. He would sneak in under the fence, warm up in the car and have his driver, Whip Mulligan, do the racing.

When he turned 21, he was legally able to race the car and spent much of his time working on the race car for the Daytona Beach, Florida Beach Race.

It wasn't long before he was forced to sell the car because the Army had recruited him. Prior to joining the army, he worked for a Ford agency in Madison, New Jersey (1955-1958). Clyde started as the new car Get Ready Man, then worked his way up to Line Mechanic.

Stationed in Germany (1959-1961), he graduated with the highest top honor award from the Maintenance Wheel Vehicles Course. Returning home from the army in 1961 he was surprised to see his dad had built a cinder-block building for car repairs. Clyde's work was just beginning.



Celebrating 75 Years Of the 1940 Ford vehicles

The electricity and car lifts had to be installed to complete the Grand Opening of the service station he was to manage.

I got into the picture and met Clyde while picking up parts from my brother's business. I remember asking my brother if that "cute little guy" was married?

"You mean that little shrimp?" he answered.

"Yes, I mean it!" I replied.

My brother said no, and I asked what his name was, and where he worked.

I found out all I needed to know. Guess what? I had just purchased a 1953 Mercury for \$300 and it needed speedometer repairs. Guess who I went to?

To make a long story short, it was love at first sight. We got to talking and one thing led to another, then Clyde asked, "Would you like to go for pizza?" The next week he called and asked if I would go to the races with him and, of course, my answer was yes.

Butterflies, loud noise, crashing, fire, ambulances — you name it, I saw and heard it all! Every weekend from Memorial Day to Labor Day, with a few exceptions, we spent at the car races. I knew this was his life and if I liked him, it was time to get used to it. Within a month, we were inseparable: on June 17, 1961, we went steady; December 25, 1961, engaged; April 1, 1962, married; December 28, 1963 our first daughter, Debbie was born; and then on July 29, 1966 our second daughter, Dorothy joined us.

In February, 1965 Clyde and I were driving through the New Jersey countryside when he noticed a 1940 Ford Coupe. It was covered with snow up to the axles and up on blocks behind an old house. He said to me, "I always wanted a stock 1940 Ford Coupe, it brings back memories of when I used to race them, but I never had a stock one."

We went down the road a piece before I encouraged him to go back to see if anyone was home. Clyde went to the door and a man answered. He asked if the car was for sale.

"Yes," answered the man and down through the snow they went for a closer look. Clyde checked over the most common areas that rust out ... rocker and quarter panels, running boards and under the fender lips. He was a little shocked to find NO rust. The car was complete, recently repainted and finished off with freshly re-chromed bumpers. The interior was original with the exception of the seat covers.



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The owner got in, turned on the ignition, pulled out the choke and hit the starter button. The engine didn't like the cold weather, but after a few seconds, she finally came to life.

Well, Clyde got back in our 1955 Lincoln, where it was warm, and we talked it over. I knew he would really kick himself if he didn't buy it. I remember saying, "If that's what you want, then get it!" I told him he worked hard for his money and to ask if the owner would be willing to take a little less. I could see Clyde's eyes beaming. These were our early years and \$450 was a lot of money! I guess the owner realized how important or how badly Clyde wanted the car and dropped the price \$35. We gave the owner a deposit and told the owner we would be back the following week to tow it out of there, which we did.

Clyde did the usual maintenance on the car before we drove it every day to work. (Except when it snowed!) I remember one day when a fellow followed us home to ask if we would like an extra grill. Ours was not in the best shape so we took him up on his offer. In fact, we still have one side

of it in our car today. I wonder if he knows how much it's worth now?!

In 1968, Clyde noticed some signs of rust and decided to do a complete body-off restoration. He started in June

and it soon got to where we never saw him.

He got so involved with the car he didn't realize how much the family missed him. Every weekend and after hours were spent on the car. It was starting to get to me. It was going to be either the car, or the lawyer!

This was the time to communicate and get things worked out. Clyde cut back and didn't work on the car on Sundays, spending that time with the family. This made me feel like I wasn't his "Second Love," but his "#1 Love!"

The car was completed in October, 1970, in time for our first show at Hershey. This is when he received his first trophy award. Since that time, we have shown and toured our '40 Ford more than 200,000 miles. Hopefully, we will continue to enjoy the car and this hobby for as long as the Lord will let us.

In 1973, we attended the Early Ford V-8 Club Grand National Meet in Dearborn where Clyde won the BIG raffle price, a 1973 Ford Pinto!! Most years we would attend one if not more of the V-8 Meets, so the 1940 has well represented the Bangiolas over the years.

Clyde sold the service station in 1978. We then opened C&G Restoration Shop under the Service Station until August, 1982. Tired of the cold weather, we decided to relocate our parts business — all the way across the country!

In February, 1992 we turned the parts side of the business over to our daughter, Dorothy. Clyde retained the repair end of the business.

In 1993, we were finally able to realize another dream. We relocated C&G Early Ford to Escondido so we could live and work on the premises. It worked out that Clyde and I could work or play any hour of the day or night and enjoy what we wanted. And we did!!

In 1999 we attended a Sedona car tour with the AACA club with our '40 Ford. Never experienced this part of the country &

couldn't get this beautiful area off my mind. I mentioned to Clyde that this would be an excellent place of beauty & peace to retire. Later on in 1999 we found property to build our dream home complete with a dream shop/garage and a little acreage. It is near the Mingus Mountains in Cottonwood, AZ.

In 2001 the construction started, we came out twice to check the progress. Everything was just what we dreamed of. In June of 2002 we moved with the help of our good friends John & Margaret Connelly. We are active in the Early Ford V-8 club Phoenix and Clyde is the current President!

Clyde keeps busy with his cars, and is now restoring the 1947 Ford Convertible. He needs room and must sell our 1934 Sedan Deluxe 2 door. I have been busy volunteering as a Board Trustee Member for the Early Ford V-8 Foundation and Museum located in Auburn, Indiana. The EFV8 Foundation will have a



Clyde filling up his '40 in El Centro, California

Special Event to raise money for the 2nd addition to the Museum August 26th—29th. Get info at www.fordv8foundation.org. Please help and join us if you can. We would love to see you all!

We continue to attend many V-8 car shows and cruises with our 1940 Ford Coupe and have fun, fun, fun!!

We will be going with our '40 to the NC & MN National Meets this year . . . And dancing is our other hobby that we totally enjoy weekly here in AZ. Enjoy this hobby, we sure do. ■ END



From Your Accessories Chair

Thank you all again for your consideration of the items I presented. I was very pleased with the quality of the tote bag and I hope you were too. I thought it was a great bargain at under \$10.00. I had a few inquiries about some other items: the denim shirt, the coffee mug, and yes, the hat. With summer coming and travel plans formulated, remember the travel mugs as an inexpensive gift for someone going on a trip. We have 17 left and at \$8.00 each, a steal. Irene



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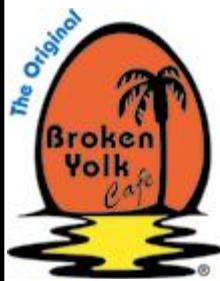
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