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Palomar Mountain V-8's



Regional Group of the EarlyFord V-8 Club of America



MONTHLY CLUB BUSINESS & BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

First Tuesday Monthly
(January thru November) Breakfast @
8:00 am Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

JAN. 5TH Regular Business Meeting

FEB. 2ND Regular Business Meeting

MAR. 1ST Regular Business Meeting

JANUARY ACCESSORY UPDATE!

Hello and a hearty WOW and thank you for the response for the shirts, caps and other items that were ordered. We made the quota of 12 items and the ORDER HAS BEEN PLACED. I should have all the items for the January 5, 2016 meeting. Hope you all had an especially extra special Christmas and looking forward to 2016. Irene

Reminder: It is time to Renew Your Membership (APPLICATION ON PAGE 11)

Annual Membership applications are due to be completed and returned **by Jan. 1st**, delinquent Feb. 1st. The sooner the better.

It helps us to have more time to complete our roster update. See Dory for a renewal form or go online to our website.

Remember it is also time to renew your National membership.

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SPECIAL OCCASIONS JANUARY 2016

January Birthdays

- 1 – Peggy Petrucci
- 2 - Phil Spaid
- 6 – Ted Thompson
- 6 – Jim Wells
- 8 – Roxie Otteson
- 20 – Susan Hull
- 23 – Lois Pierson
- 24 – Jerry Otteson
- 26 – Mary Cacci
- 27 - Kate Cutsinger



January Anniversaries

- 8 – Robert & Yvonne Labonte
- 15 – Wayne & Zee Dunham
- 20 - Victor & Stephanie Terrell



January tour sign-ups will be at the January 5th Meeting The tour will take us to San Diego!

The plans are in place for our tour in January. The date will be Saturday, the 16th. We will be treated to a docent lead tour of the 110 year old Marston House, which is located at the north end of Balboa Park. Special arrangements have been made to park our Early V-8s under the portico and along the driveway of this 8500 square foot mansion for picture taking. (No modern cars will be allowed). Following our mansion tour we will proceed to Hob Nob Hill restaurant, a San Diego landmark since 1944, for lunch. After lunch a special treat is in store. More information later, including tour meeting place and time. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the January meeting. If you wish to join the tour, but may not be at the next meeting to sign up, you can call me at 760-310-9530 or email me.

Jay and Janet Harris

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !! JANUARY 2015

JAN. 5 Monthly Breakfast Meeting of Members, RG #148 Broken Yolk
Restaurant 8:00Am

JAN. 16TH -Tour to the San Diego area!

JAN. 17 Pomona - Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show at the Fairplex 5:00AM-2:00

JAN.29-31 Pomona - The Grand National Roadster Show - LA Fairplex

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A SPECIAL THANKS From Frank & Irene

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the concern expressed by all the members of the Palomar Mountain Early Ford V-8 Club members about Frank's recent fall. We still don't have a clear picture of what happened, but it did, but as a result, broke his right arm just below the shoulder and his left wrist in three places right at the bend. **BUT, HE IS DOING GREAT!** and with a little time and patience will have a full recovery and use of both arms again. This group of friends is very special to us so thank you again for your support. Sincerely, Frank and Irene Griffin

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Presidents Message



Ladies and Gentlemen, Start your engines! Or should I say Happy New Year!!

It's the beginning of 2016 and living in Southern California provides us with some great driving adventures in January. No snow to shovel or salt to worry about. Black ice is what the ice maker first makes when you change the filter. And, instead of divots in the roadway we have bumps from reflectors.

Last year you may remember Ladies calling your relatives back east and telling them of the snow you were dealing with. December 30th marked the first year anniversary of snowmageddon. Within a week it was all melted and it was all a memory except for the sound of chainsaws and chippers.

I want to seriously thank the Holiday Luncheon committee for all their work in making our luncheon so enjoyable. Food was great, atmosphere was amazing and all I saw were smiles as I table jumped during the event. There was some stealing during our annual gift exchange however never once did I even think of grabbing the cell phone and dialing 911. We played the rules a little different and I am wondering how you liked it. Let me know.

Looking into 2016, Jay Harris has our tour planned for January. (see page 2 for details). February is open if you want to share something with your club. The Big 3 in San Diego is celebrating 50 years the last weekend of February. As for March and the rest of the year we are always looking to a member to step-up and take the lead.

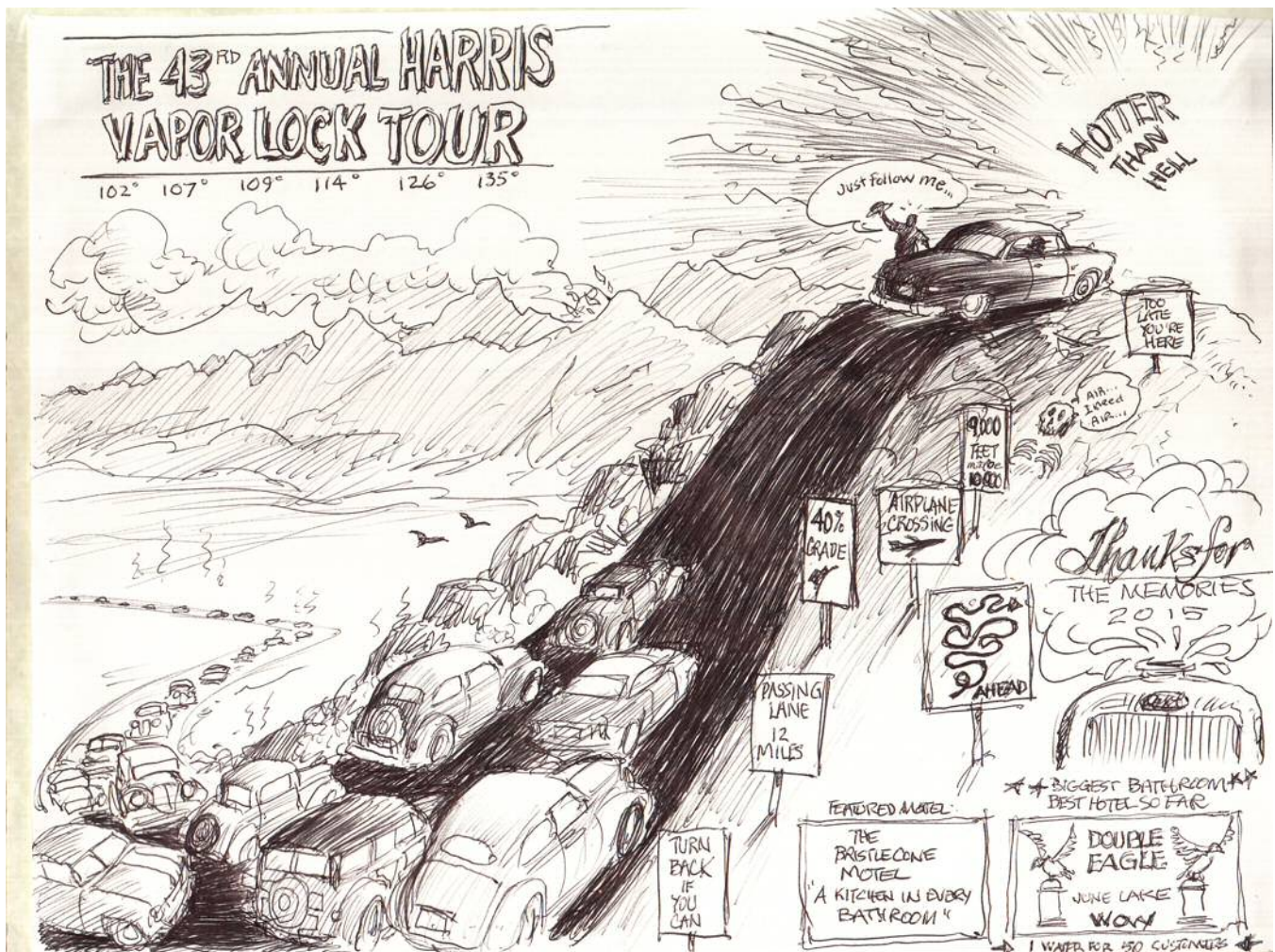
I heard rumors of some members considering the Central National Meet in Tulsa, Oklahoma. "Together Again in Tulsa" runs the week of June 12th thru the 16th. This will be the fifth meet hosted by The Tulsa Regional Group #39. I am sure that it will be very organized and everyone will have a great time.

Have you renewed your membership for 2016 yet? The Board placed some new guidelines last year so get that check off to your membership chair ASAP. We all look forward to receiving an up to date Roster early in the year.

We will be thanking the Broken Yolk Restaurant in January with something they can place on their wall. With a great staff and always a hot cup of coffee standing by there isn't a better place in Temecula. I do enjoy the having the TV's in the room allowing me to show the old commercials and tech videos that were produced in the early years of Ford. I will have some more.

Looking over the membership we all seem to be aging. Yes, I too am starting to feel those forever hurt, "I guess that's a pain that I will need to live with" I heard myself say. Our cars can be repaired; it's the knowledge of what we know that we need to pass along. Henry Ford said "I don't know anybody so old he can't do something useful. Just give them a chance and see." October 27, 1935.

Drive safe!



A BEAR ATE MY CAR... and other intriguing happenings on the 2015 Harris Tour.

Sept 20, 2015. Twenty five vintage Fords took a 1,200 mile fall cruise - spectacular mountains, lakes, old mining towns, and top of the world views - a beautiful old fashioned scenic ride through the Eastern Sierras courtesy of tour planners Jay and Janet Harris.

Forever known as the **'Vapor Lock Tour'** because most of the old Fords struggled in the high heat (107 degrees) and higher elevations (10,000 feet) and steep hair-pin turn roads (26% grades).

Right off the bat, before the day even warmed up, Dan Prager's coupe stumbled and quit. Vapor locked and leaking, it cost us an hour, to get it going again and that was only with the back up electric fuel pump. He and Gary put the Merc on a AAA hook for home. Later they caught up with the tour in a modern van, (with AC, I might add).

Two-time loser: Steve Bento's '42 Coupe, tossed it's fan through the radiator, causing him to truck it back home and return that night in a late model mini van. Steve then had to leave the tour early for a medical emergency, but is now ok.

Our goal for Sunday the 20th was to conquer Cajon Pass and meet up in the little known town of Hesperia, Ca., located smack on the San Andreas Fault line, a town on a strict Water Restriction plan, leading some to believe we would all be showering together.

The old Fords rolled in all afternoon--one little reunion after another from past Harris Tours. Jay's been organizing these trips for forty-three years - they must be good, because folks keep coming back. (CONTINUE)

Monday, Jay held a 8am briefing in the hotel conference room where we all traded jokes and he introduced a couple that had been on his first tour four decades ago. Turns out Ralph Hubbard, was a CHP at the time and talked another cop out of a ticket for Jay after he had been pulled over for speeding--speeding in his '39 Ford leading a bunch of even older, even slower Fords?

We saddled up and headed north on 395 to our first off-the-highway stop, Randsberg, "A living Ghost Town". A dusty western place surviving on memories and borrowed time - framed against a mountain of played-out gold and tungsten mines. A local self-appointed historian filled in the sordid realities of crowded man-camps, wide open bars, gun fights in the streets, Chicken Ranches and hookers mixing with intolerant townies. A perfect place for old hot rodders and biker gangs to relax and reminisce with the grandkids. Next stop: The Manzanar Internment Camp in the Owens Valley. Established in the wake of Pearl Harbor and the fear of a west coast attack - Japanese American citizens were unfairly rounded up and imprisoned for the duration of the war. A shameful chapter in US history.

Now feeling completely guilty, we moved on to the Historic Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery near Independence. This place was so beautiful our spirits brightened with a delightful tour of the imposing 1917 structure. A European design with walls of local stone, walls two to three feet thick, rising three stories and surrounded by old growth trees and fish ponds. Twenty years ago, after a damaging landslide, the state didn't want to shell out money to get the facility back in shape. It was nearly lost to budget cuts and more modern hatcheries. It was only saved by donations and volunteers. So here it is - the perfect backdrop for photos of old Fords. On to Big Pine for the night, we filled the only Motel--the one with "a kitchen in every bathroom" and check-in at the gas station next door.

After a restful night we heard the call of Jay's horn, lined up and proceeded up SR 168 into the White Mountains some 10,000 feet into thin air. The old Fords struggled in the heat and altitude - same with the drivers. At the top, nearly all the flatheads were left to rest with their hoods open, gasping for air. We were there to see the oldest living thing on the planet - no, not Jay Harris - the Bristlecone Pine tree of Schulman Grove. This ancient high-altitude tree, ravaged by harsh winds, bad soil and sparse water has survived by growing slowly, adapting to changing conditions and preserving itself by creating strips of bark to it's twisted extremities. The tree has become a standing witness of weather patterns and human development as chronicled in it's growth rings. The oldest tree found so far is named Methuselah - 5,062 years old. A very enthusiastic woman Ranger nearly talked our ears off, imploring us to hike the fourteen miles to see the gnarly old Methuselah tree up close, but luckily Jay had a schedule and we were able to excuse ourselves gracefully. Down the mountain we came, the smell of exhaust going up, replaced by the smell of burning brakes going down. Back on 395 we topped off the tanks in Bishop, sniffed the pastries at Schots Bakery and continued to Convict Lake for a picnic lunch in a shady grove overlooking the lake named for a police manhunt of an escaped prisoner long ago.

The Double Eagle Hotel on the June Lake Loop Road was our goal for the day. We all rolled in early, registered and relaxed. I got busy on a thank you card for Jay and Janet, Sandy went off to a Yoga class on the lawn aside a pond. We were to meet at dinner in the hotel restaurant, but the place was in complete chaos - the hotel did not staff up for our crowd. Many people dressed in costumes appropriate to their cars - 30s, 40s, 50s period costumes lent a real party atmosphere to the gathering. Steve Bento came as General Douglass McArthur in an authentic uniform, complete with medals - very convincing except for his raggedy-ass sneakers. Some folks waited over an hour and a half as the one overwhelmed waiter and a few bus boys worked at a dead run delivering what they could when it was ready. Surprisingly, the food was good, But some left in a huff before it was delivered.

I was bone-tired from the hot day and arm-twisting the old steering up and down the mountains so I fell asleep by nine.

It was about 7am when I slid back to consciousness. Sandy was calling, "Uh, oh - Tim, come look." She was at the second floor window overlooking our car parked near the trees at the back of the hotel. I was alert enough to figure something had happened during the night, but I wasn't prepared for what I saw...(cont.)



My '50 convertible was ripped wide open, it's contents mauled and spread all over the trunk and surrounding grounds. What's that broken triangular glass next to the car? Oh, that's the decapitated wind wing...

A bear had eaten my car.

When I got downstairs a small crowd was gathered around. "I'm so sorry" they said. The bears had ripped the left wind wing off the car, then climbed up on the top, crushing the main rear top bow, breaking the swivel bolt that held it up. And ripped through the canvas to get at a bag of trash and two quarts on Rice Milk in the back seat. There were big and little muddy foot prints all over the car. A Mom giving her baby a 'learning moment.' Inside bear snot, Rice Milk, granola and garbage ground into the seats and rug. Claw tears everywhere in & out. I went to breakfast.

Everyone was so concerned at the restaurant. But mine wasn't the only car damaged... Dan Prager's van was also ripped up, side mirror pulled off, door side glass broken out and signs of a bear party all over the interior. Other cars had been investigated, but the hairy perps only left footprints--that is, except for Garry and Kathie Watson's spotless '34 sedan--there the bears had paused to poop on the running board - the ultimate insult.

Unexplained were Dan and Bonnie Krehbiel's '49 convertible--unmolested. Why had the bears ignored the open cookies and crackers inside their car? Must have been full after the party in my car...who knows?

Following breakfast, a crowd surrounded my car. I had begun the cleanup and inventory of tools and supplies in my trunk. It felt like the day after a Frat party--knee-high trash and plenty of jokes and laughter, but also everyone ready to work on putting the car together so it could continue the trip. Within minutes, Norm had the rear top bow back in place using a replacement bolt donated from somebody's tool box. Cal Westra and Dan Krehbiel secured the tattered canvas with bailing wire. Rips and tears were closed with duct tape and, for a final finishing touch, a ci--we all stepped back-- "Red, White and

Blue", we exclaimed,"How patriotic!"

The line of cars looked more like a 4th of July parade with my newly decorated rag top second in line as we followed the loop road back to the 395 northbound. At Lee Vining we stopped for a ranger presentation on the checkered history of salty Mono Lake--the remnants of an ancient inland sea that LA has been sucking water from for decades - until a court order stopped the pilfering. Mono is not a dead lake, but the smaller it gets, the saltier it gets. The tiny microbes and large fly populations will not survive for much longer, which would deprive migrating birds a resting and feeding place on their long annual journeys. Interesting how the food chain operates, hey

A picnic lunch at Twin Lakes was a welcome break from the heavy driving. It's been a one-family owned property for the last hundred years and do they do a good job of managing the summer rentals, fishing boats and camp spots. A beautiful, restful spot. One note, they have built an entrance gate reminiscent of the Village gate in the King Kong movie - not to keep people in, but monsters out - any bears listening take note. (TO BE CONTINUED) *ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY TIM SHORTT!*

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C/O Cornerstone Registration Ltd., P.O. Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715

Email: registration@cornerstonereg.com Website: www.earlyfordv8.org

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Personal Liability: Applicant hereby agrees to abide by the rules set forth by the Regional & National Clubs to hold harmless the members or officers, including directors or the total group known as the Palomar Mountain V-8's Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Inc. Cars driven to any of the functions of the National or Regional Groups are required to have automobile Property Damage and Public Liability Insurance.

AGREEMENT TO THE FOREGOING

Date _____ Signature _____

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