



# Valve Chatter



JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER, Volume 20, Issue No. 7

## The Palomar Mountain V-8's

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

### SORRY, JUNE TOUR conflict.

President Cal Westra sent out an Email on June 11th about the June 20th tour to the Antique Gas & Steam Museum. There were options to join the RG#11 OR of course you can go "on your own" on June 20th or 27th. The museum will be open again in October for 2 weekends. (Some members wanted to attend the LA Roadster show the same day.)



## JULY TOUR IS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS

We will have more info at our next meeting. We know the "summer months" are busy for many of our members, but we will try to develop some fun trips for July coming up. Call President Cal with your ideas!!

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(Note: Jay Harris is working on a tour for August. More info later.)

## Accessories Update

### CONGRATULATIONS & A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PURCHASED THE TOTE BAGS!!!!



We reached the magic number of 40 and the order has been placed. Scheduling I received said they should be ready before the next meeting so if all goes as planned I will have them there. The order was for a total of 50 so if any of you (maybe you weren't there or just decided that you could not live without another one) there will be a few extras. We still have a few travel mugs for \$8.00 each—they would look good on your golf cart and a great advertisement for the Palomar Mtn. Early Ford V-8 Club. And, they make an inexpensive gift for the regular stuck in traffic driver.

I'm still getting quotes on men's and ladies denim shirts (they have been so popular in the past and we haven't had any new ones for at least 7 years ago and they were with the 75th anniversary logo). Has yours worn out yet? I know the fabric is almost indestructible but perhaps it's time to get a fresh one with a current logo.

Thanks again for your cooperation and patience.

Sincerely, Irene Griffin



### MONTHLY CLUB BUSINESS & BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

First Tuesday Monthly  
(January thru November)

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

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**July 7th** Regular Business Meeting  
Broken Yolk Café, Temecula

**Aug 4th** Regular Business Meeting  
Broken Yolk Café, Temecula

### REGULAR MEETING PLACE

#### BROKEN YOLK CAFE

26495 Ynez Rd., Temecula  
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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.



Various known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later

its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. (Happy Fourth !! Above info from the internet) EDITOR

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# 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

- **Ready for your 1940 Ford Coupe or any 1935 to 40 car or pickup, and that includes a 41 PU.** – Complete drive line, Transmission, Flywheel, Clutch, throwout brg., Shorten 1948 Torque tube with Laycock J Type electric overdrive with electronics (Gear Vendor style), 1948 Rear end with new brakes, wheel cylinders, new bearings and 3:54 gears, rear spring with panard bar. Just bolt it in and enjoy cruising at 70-75 mph @ approx 2200 rpm. Still in my 40 coupe for your inspection.  
\$3000.00 ..... a lot less then a Columbia.  
Contact Norm Petrucci Hm 951 600-1266 Cell 714 323-0750 [1]
- 1940 Coupe, Dearborn; '32 Roadster all Henry Steel chevy motor. Contact Dave Louzek for more info 858-682-8585 [1]
- **59AB FLATHEAD.** Lowering price Now \$300 OBO  
Contact Jerry Otteson 909-518-5496 [1]
- 1953-1955 F100 Parts doors \$125; rear end with springs, brakes \$50; other misc. 4-F350 wheels with poor tires 215/75-16 \$80 Call Ted Thompson 619-507-8535 [1]
- 1940 Ford front brakes, back plates shoes, new cyliders & hoses, no drums. \$100, contact Nick Cacci 619-548-4416 Hemet [1]
- 1941 Ford Rear Bumper super Deluxe show chrome \$350, Dave Louzek 858-682-8585 [2]
- 15 old car radios for sale. Mostly 60's and 70's \$100 for the lot, call Dan Krehbiel @ 951-302-5922 [2]
- 1951 Ford Tudor 302 AOD auto; AC, PS, PB contact Gary Potts at 818-319-8200 [3]

## WANTED

- 1949-50 3-speed with O/D trans. Call Dave Louzek 858-682-8585 [1]
- Need 1951 square bumper bolts (car). Call Ted 619-507-8535 [3]
- Overdrive Transmission for 1949 Ford.; 1941 Ford Rear, call Dave Louzek At 858-682-8585 [2]
- Fuel Tank, 1933 Ford; Bumper 1933 Ford Call Tom Hamlin [2]  
Tom @ 760-743-5099



ABOVE: Photo from a regular club meeting in October 2010. Wonder who these cars belong to ???

# Thank-You-Volunteers

## The Palomar Mountain V-8's

Regional Group of the

Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Inc.

P.O. Box 891354, Temecula, CA 92589-1354

**Organized November 8, 1996**

**Chartered January 18, 1997 RG 148**

**Incorporated August 7, 2001**

### 2015 Board of Directors & Officers

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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

[www.efv8.org](http://www.efv8.org)



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . . July, 2015



Here is hoping that all had a Happy Father's Day and for those who went to the LA Roadsters Show & Swap, I'm wondering who will have the biggest treasure to report at our next monthly meeting. Speaking of that, our next monthly meeting is on July 7<sup>th</sup>. It's the first Tuesday of the month and this month it's the farthest out.

I want to say a huge thank-you to Officer Mike Lassig from the California Highway Patrol and Senior Volunteer Ed Brodin for coming to last month's meeting and answering a few questions but mainly to highlight the Senior Volunteer program of the CHP. For more info contact our local Temecula CHP office or click on the link. [CHP Senior Volunteer](#)

I must say that when Officer Lassig started his opener, there were a few heads wrenched to view the parking lot. Officer Mike said "He wanted to thank everyone for attending the free vehicle inspection that was currently going on the parking lot by other officers. Only one car was impounded." OK, so he was joking but not about opportunities to serve our community as he explained the Senior volunteer program.

July is Independence Day and highlights the freedom that we have in this country. Freedom to serve, freedom to drive our Early V8's in any direction we care to. I do remember driving in the 60's across the desert making our yearly trip to Wisconsin to visit

family. Leaving before the dawn of the day, crawling into the back seat, laying on the floor with my head on the hump. It was the hum of the driveline that always put me back to sleep. Only waking up to hear the car slow down turning into Love's Café just past Barstow. Spark any memories of yours? Take a moment and write a short story about it. Our Editor always has room in our Valve Chatter!

Summer was also hot traveling! Take lots of water. Not just for you and those in the car but always remember to check your radiator. How many of us remember the canvas bags that were placed in front of the radiator. I've done some work on my 36 lately and will be doing a little driving testing out my new cooling system. Thanks to a few members who walked with me, I'm curious as to what the results will be.

Speaking of hot news, check out your Board, News and Notes below for the latest Board news.

## Board News & Notes by Cal Westra

Your board of directors met in June to discuss the business of the Palomar Mountain Early V8 Club. We passed a resolution that provides better guidelines of membership renewals and aids in the timely publication of our annual roster. Dues are due and payable on January 1st and become delinquent February 1st. Members who have not paid by the regular monthly meeting in March of each year will be dropped.

- Our **Christmas committee** is being formulated and will begin planning for our yearly luncheon.
- There enough sales of our **Tote bags** so that the order can go through. After selling 40 bags we will have an inventory of 10 bags on hand. A huge thankyou goes to our accessory Chair Irene Griffin.



When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in Thomas Paine's bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published in early 1776. On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—

to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade... Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." On July 4th, the Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

**Interesting Fact:** John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826--the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

ABOVE INFO FROM THE INTERNET

# 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](mailto:jconnellysr@earthlink.net) THANK YOU !!



## Member's Special JULY Celebrations !

### JULY Birthdays !!

- |                      |                      |                     |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 5 – Sylvia Harwick   | 17 – Ronald Prentice | 29 – Cal Westra     |
| 6 – Jim Spanier      | 18 – Tom Hamlin      | 31 – Janet Chambers |
| 6 – Jackie Ouellette | 19 – Nanci Radcliffe | 31– Diane Detwiler  |
| 7 – Howard Dague     | 22 – Richard Hecker  | 31 – James Hoeffs   |
| 8 – Joyce Curwin     | 20 – Ron Hull        |                     |
| 9 – Gloria Foote     | 25 – Letrice Davis   |                     |
| 12 – Jane Alling     | 26 – Mona Fucci      |                     |
| 16 – John Hecker     | 28 - Bonnie Bell     |                     |



### JULY Anniversary !! Congratulations

- 8 – Gary & Karen Walcher  
20 - Roger & Bonnie Bell



## Mark your Calendar !



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

2015 (check out [www.socalcarculture.com](http://www.socalcarculture.com) OR [www.goodoleboyssandiego.com/events](http://www.goodoleboyssandiego.com/events))

- June 27th Murrieta, 3rd Annual Murrieta "Ram: Rod Rally. Murrieta Mesa High School. 8a-1pm 1st 100 get covered parking. \$35 registration fee. More info: [www.merboosters.com](http://www.merboosters.com)
- June 28th Anaheim 39th Annual Ford Fort Day at La Palma Park, Harbor & LaPalma 7a-3pm Pre 1972. For more info, call 714-968-6440
- June 28th San Diego: Car Classic on the Bay at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. 10a-2pm [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)
- July 3-5 Scandinavian V8 Meet, Denmark RG#136
- July 4 Rancho Bernardo Wheels of Freedom Car Show 9am Webb Park Info 858-354-9238
- JULY 7th Tuesday. Monthly Breakfast Meeting of members, RG#148 @ Broken Yolk restaurant** 9am See page 1.
- July 12-16 Central National EFV8 Meet, Brainerd, MN RG#46
- July 12th Temecula: Mad Madelines Car Shows Old Town Front Street 9am-2pm 951-699-3776
- July 22-25 Fallbrook Nash Club Grand NASHional at Pala Mesa Resort. Sponsored by SoCal Region and the Northern California Region. Registration form, [www.socalcarculture.com](http://www.socalcarculture.com) Questions call Gary Marchetti 760-207-0049
- July 24th Escondido; Cruizin Grand: Old Farts Racing & C-10 Trucks [www.cruisingrand.com](http://www.cruisingrand.com)
- July 31st Escondido; Cruizin Grand: Corvairs & Broncos (on Juniper) [www.cruisingrand.com](http://www.cruisingrand.com)
- August 4 **Tuesday. Monthly Breakfast Meeting of members, RG#148 @ Broken Yolk restaurant** 9am
- Aug. 4-9 Reno/Sparks, NV Hot August Nights [www.hotaugustnights.net](http://www.hotaugustnights.net)
- Aug 7-9 Big Bear Lake: Annual Fun Run [www.anticquecarclub.org](http://www.anticquecarclub.org)
- Aug. 28th Escondido; Cruizin Grand: Woodies of San Diego & T-Birds
- Sept. 4-5 Paso Robles Golden State Classics Cruise & Car Show [www.goldenstateclassics.org](http://www.goldenstateclassics.org)
- Sept. 12th Ramona: 3rd Annual Rod Roundup 10am Calvary Chapel 114 14th St. #D info 760-787-9432
- Sept 13-18 Black Hills of So. Dakota National Tour 2015. Sponsored by RG#166 SD. go to [www.efv8.org](http://www.efv8.org)
- Sept. 19th Encinitas WAVECREST Moonlight State Beach [www.sandiegowoodies.com](http://www.sandiegowoodies.com)
- 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](http://www.efv8.org)



Above: Members cars shown at the June 2, 2015 monthly business meeting and breakfast.

# June 2nd Monthly Meeting Photos



**Rudy Perez**



**Carolyn & Clark Mears**



**Dave Louzek & Gary Potts**



**Sylvia & Don Harwick**



**John C. & Sam J.**



**Lyle Christensen**



**Jim & Leona Spanier**



**Jackie & Ray Oullette**

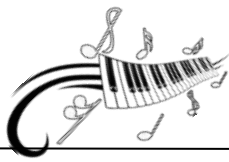


**Ed Mike**



**Mary & Nick Cacci**

Ed Brodingave, Sr. Volunteer & on the right, CHP Officer Mike Glassic



# Getting to Know You . . .

## OUR FORTY 2 DOOR DELUX BUSINESS COUPE -----Frank and Irene Griffin



*Some cars seem to be destined to be owned by someone who will want them restored to their original condition. To be appreciated for what they were when new.*



**This is our '40 Ford.** Owned by a relative who inherited it from his father (so basically a one-owner car) with original 47,000 miles on the flat head. This car had seen some rough years, being used as a 'destination' car. That is, kept at one location to provide transportation for an overnight stay before the owner returned to the other end of his route and another car. Left to the elements over the years, sun and rain did damage to the interior. At one point the car had received a coat of grey primer. Fortunately, there was little to no rust on the body. It was in this condition that it was passed on.



For ten years the car languished in the relative's garage and nothing was done. Frank tried to buy it then but no luck. Fast forward another 15 years and still in the garage, untouched. Too many projects and children getting married prompted a call, "Do you still want this car?" Who wouldn't jump at the chance and on July 4, 2012 it found its way to our garage and the beginning it's restoration.

Another twist of fate brought us to **Hot Rod Restorations** in San Jacinto. We stripped the car of all its trim, washed off the dust and had it transported to San Jacinto to start the process of bringing it back to life.



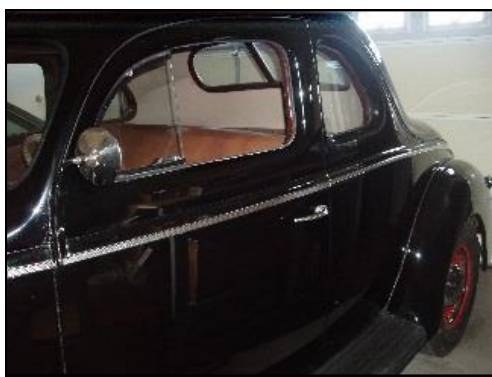
It took over a year for the black lacquer paint job to be completed and then home for the interior.



# Griffin's 1940 2 Door Deluxe Business Coupe . . . continued



As I had done some furniture upholstery, I decided to tackle the interior, headliner the exception. Using the '1940 Ford Book' published by The Early Ford V-8 Club of America as a guide, I selected a kit from Le Baron Bonney that matched the description for a leather interior appropriate to our car. Le Baron Bonney is a wonderful source and they even made special seat parts for me. . .



Back and forth to Hot Rod Restorations for one thing and another until now we feel the '40 is done as much as any 65 year old car can be. Now safe in our garage, a dream fulfilled. We enjoy driving to selected events.

*Article by Frank & Irene Griffin*



***END of article.***

***WOW !***

***A BIG thank you to the Griffins for this great article & photos !!!***

***We hope to see your beautiful car at our upcoming meetings!***

***Margaret Connelly  
EDITOR***

## June 2, 2015 MINUTES

### Board of Director's & Business Meeting of the Members of the Palomar Mountain V-8's Regional Group of the Early Ford V8 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 V-8 Club of America, Inc. and a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation was held on June 2, 2105 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, Ray & Jackie Ouellette, 46 Merc., Jim & Leona Spanier, Dan Krehbiel-39 Tudor, John & Margaret Connelly-47 Deluxe 2 dr., Gregg & Linda Lowry, Ron Shedd, Cal Westra, Tom & Patsy Hamlin, Jerry & Roxie Otteson, Rudy Perez, Dory & Ted Thompson - 36 Slant Back, Lyle Christensen, Nick & Mary Cucci, Frank & Irene Griffin, Bob Payne, Sam Jeromin, Ken & Merleen Magers - 35-3 window, Ron Hull - 31 Model A, Don & Sylvia Harwick-33 Delivery Sedan, Dave Louzek-40 Ford Deluxe-4 dr., Gary Potts, Chuck & Marilyn Rounds, Clark & Carolyn Mears.

Guests: Mike Glassic and Ed Brodin.

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

#### Officer & Committee Reports were accepted:

President: Cal Westra welcomed everyone and acknowledged the June birthdays and anniversaries. Cal mentioned that Tom Hamlin has advised that if anyone orders and pays for parts from C & G that he can pick up the parts for them and deliver them to the next meeting. Cal went over the upcoming car shows in Chula Vista on June 26th and August 2nd. Cal also mentioned that C & G is looking for a part time counter person.

Vice-President: John Connelly advised that everything is running smoothly.

Treasurer: Gregg Lowry reported a club balance of \$7,642.41.

Secretary: Janice presented the May minutes. Motion to accept made by Jackie Ouellette and seconded by Dory Thompson. Motion passed.

Director: Rudy Perez mentioned that business cards will be available at the next meeting. He is selling tickets to win a neon light being given away by the Mohawk Group of New York to benefit the Ford Foundation. Tickets are 1 for \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00 or 8 for \$10.00. Shipping is free to the winner.

Accessories: Irene Griffin advised that we need more orders for the tote bags and she will pass around another sign up sheet for same.

Advertising: Bob Davis not present but Cal advised that we have 22 advertisers and Bob is contacting 3 possible advertisers.

Historian: Peggy Petrucci not present.

Membership & Club Badges: Dory Thompson greeted new members, Don & Sylvia Harwick and advised we now have 140 members.

Sunshine: Carolyn Mears advised that everyone has been healthy and she is running out of reasons to send cards. Cheryl Westra has the flu.

Tours: Jay Harris not present. Cal Westra advised that the tour to the Steam engine Museum has been cancelled since it falls on the weekend of the Pomona Roadster show and Father's Day. No tour planned for June.

Newsletter & Web Site: Margaret Connelly thanked everyone for the articles and has submitted a group picture to the Ford V -8 Times for possible publication in their magazine.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Cal announced that there is a Board meeting today after the regular meeting.

Program: CHP Officer Mike Glassic and CHP Senior Volunteer, Ed Brodingave a speech regarding the duties of a CHP Officer and how much help the volunteers give the officers. They also advised that more volunteers are needed and they have flyers with them. Officer Mike advised that the CHP does childcar seat installations and can give cars new and/or verify vin numbers. The speeches were very informative and interesting.

Being no further business to come before the meeting and on motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10 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: June 4, 2015 Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Gustin - Secretary Corporate Minutes

#### RAFFLE:

Raffle \$90.00 won by new member,  
Sylvia Harwick.  
\$90.00 was deposited into  
our club account.

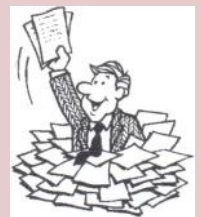


### **Resignation as Newsletter Editor . . .**

I regret to announce that I will be resigning as Newsletter Editor as of September 1, 2015. My life is just plain too busy these days to continue with this responsibility. I will produce the August and September issues, and then your President Cal will need to arrange for someone else to be the newsletter editor starting with the October issue. It needs to be printed the last week of September.

I have always enjoyed working on the newsletter and have volunteered to do this job for over 9 years in total. However, I need to ask for someone to step forward and take on this task.

Thank you! Margaret Connelly





# “A Pipe Dream”

By Dave Graham



Growing up on a farm provided a lot of work and chores that needed to be done but went unrewarded. There was not much opportunity to make any money like a city kid could with a paper route, mowing lawns, etc.

I would pour over the “Sears” and “Montgomery Ward” catalogs and dream about what I wanted to buy. I knew the page numbers and descriptions by heart on the shotguns, bicycles and baseball gloves.

I made a little money working in the hay fields, selling black walnuts and trapping rabbits, which I could sell for 25 cents, but it was not much.

Missouri is famous for its “corn cob” pipes and the “hill billy” image, especially in the resort areas.

I saw an ad in a farm magazine where you could grow a special type of corn and sell the corn cobs to the manufacturer of corn cob pipes. This sounds like it was “tailor made” for a ten year old boy looking to make some easy money. According to the ad, you had to be sixteen years old to qualify for the free seed corn and become a supplier of the special corn cobs used for the corn cob pipes.

I “became sixteen years old” when I sent in my letter to get the free seed corn and become a supplier, how would they know I was only ten?

The more I thought about this arrangement, the better it seemed. I would start off small and every year get bigger and bigger. We had plenty of land to plant and this could be big!

This all came about in the fall of the year, so I had all winter to get things ready for spring planting. I counted the number of seed corns they sent me and tried to determine how large an area to prepare.

I plowed by “special corn field” in the fall and hauled in manure from the barn. I would plow it again in the spring before planting. Well, spring time rolled around and I was ready to plant my special seeds. I followed their directions and planted two seeds in each hill, about twelve inches apart.

It did not take long for some corn to appear and I was out there every day hoeing weeds. I did not know what to expect, but the corn grew like “Jack and the Beanstalk!”

After a couple of months, the corn reached sixteen feet tall and the new ears were over six feet high. I could not believe the size of the corn that was setting on—it was hugs! I picked one just to check it out and it was white kernals with little blisters of corn, almost all cob!

I had to use a corn knife and cut down the stalk to reach the ears of corn. The directions stated that it was necessary to take off all the husks and put them into burlap bags. I was careful to use only the perfect ones and was able to fill nine large burlap bags that I could barely lift.

The corn cob pipe manufacturer was about sixty miles from our farm and I wrote them and stated how much I had and asked what to do with it. Our neighbor hauled livestock to St. Louis and he was willing to drop it off for me at no charge.

I received a receipt in the mail stating they received my corn cobs and I would be getting a check shortly. I had no idea how much to expect but it should be quite a lot! A couple more weeks went by and my long awaited check arrived. I about fell over when I saw the amount: \$2.33.

After countless hours of work, my hopes, dreams, and schemes were all gone. This was a scam and they played me perfectly, a lesson that would remain with me for over 50 years.

The next summer, I went to work for a neighbor driving a tractor with a side delivery rake to bale hay. I had to wait a couple more years until I was twelve, and had enough money to buy my first ford, a 1925 Model T Roadster. I think this experience caused me to keep this very car, which I have now owned over sixty years!

Article by Dave Graham  
RG #148 Member



RIGHT: Famous photo of General MacArthur with his corn cob pipe.



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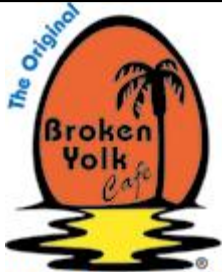
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