



**EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL GROUP #4
CLUTCH CHATTER**



APRIL 2011

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MEETING

Our next meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the Sheriff's Sub-Station at 2500 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA. on WEDNESDAY, April 6th. Tire Kicking at 7:00 PM and the Meeting at 7:30 PM Sharp. Parking is available in the front parking lot. We hope that you all can attend our next meeting and guests are always welcome. Ted Johnson is bringing snacks !

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MAY 7th, FLATHEAD FORDS TO THE FOOTHILLS !

At our April Regular Meeting we will be finalizing our plans and setting up members to work at the various areas as needed. This should be a great Publicity Adventure and show the community how our club works to have an outreach in the Sacramento area. We will be using the proceeds to award a local youth with Scholarship funds to advance their mechanical schooling. Bev Davis and Russ Broyles will be compiling a list of suggested goals the winning youth should be aspiring to, in order to win the Scholarship

Redhawk Casino is hosting a V-8 car May 7th in their parking lot ! Dan Schwartz and Alma Thompson have been in negotiations with Redhawk and have settled on a deal with them. Car show location will be in first floor parking lot out side of covered area where the buses park.

Redhawk will supply trophies for the various V-8 winners attending the Car Show, do some advertising, and supply goodie bags for the show cars. This should be a very good public relations for our club !

REMEMBER: Our RG #4 members will not be eligible for awards. :o)Charlotte



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Minutes of the 521ST regular meeting held Wednesday, March 2., 2011, in the Conference Room of the Sheriff's Substation, 2500 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA. was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mr. Dan Schwartz.. Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.



There were 25 Members present with no guests.

Mr. Ray Valero gave a very informative talk on Flathead engines, including discussions about rebuilding, types of rings, cooling , and many more topics.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Discussed the upcoming car show, flyers were available for all to take and share. Show is open to all Fords, with emphasis on '32 - '53 Flatheads.

Submitted by Stand-In Secretary,

Steve Chapman



Thank you for all your work. Sign up for working Volunteers for the car show so far are:

Russ Broyles

Ted Johnson

Bob Kane

Le Roy Van Connett

Linda & Andy Nantz

Dan & Gerry Schwartz

We need more sign ups. Lots of jobs to go around.

Members need to send in their registration forms in for the car show.



FOR SALE



I have four large-center-opening wheels that fit (at least) 1937-39 Fords. I will give them to anyone who may be interested. I could bring them to the next Club meeting. For more info call me at 916-337-6230. Thanks. Steve Veirs

1994 Chevy Silverado1500 Pickup. V-8 with short bed, Tuff Stuff bed liner. Good condition with a good muffler and good cloth seats. Some pain is peeling, Especially on the passenger side. Blue Books for \$2,900 Lynda at 530-878-7665



DATE	EVENTS '11	PLACE
APRIL 6 WEDNESDAY	REGULAR MEETING 7:30 PM	SHERIFF'S SUBSTATION SACRAMENTO, CA
APRIL 24 SUNDAY	EASTER	
MAY 4 WEDNESDAY	VINTAGE FORD 4:30 PM	REGULAR MEETING- RANCHO CORDOVA, CA
MAY 7 SATURDAY	FLATHEAD FORDS TO THE FOOTHILLS REDHAWLK CASINO	REDHAWK CASINO
MAY 15 SUNDAY	PETALUMA SWAP MEET ~20X20 \$25 ENTRY & PARKING FREE	FAIRGROUNDS PETALUMA
JUNE 8 WEDNESDAY	WM POND PARK 5 PM CASPER HOT DOGS ~ POT LUCK	SACRAMENTO, CA
JULY 9 SATURDAY	OLD AIRPLANES & OLD FORDS BBQ & POT LUCK 10 AM -MEET EXECUTIVE AIRPORT	CLARKSBURG, CA
AUG 5 TUESDAY	REGULAR MEETING 7:30 PM	SHERIFF'S SUBSTATION SACRAMENTO, CA
AUG 20 SATURDAY	ICE CREAM SOCIAL- THE THOMPSON'S ALMA & GARY THOMPSON'S - 11 AM BROOKFIELD'S	LOOMIS, CA
SEPT 1	LABOR DAY	
SEPT 10 - 11	SWAP MEET 2 PARKING SPACES = \$20	CONSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE
SEPT 15 THURSDAY	REGULAR MEETING - 5 - 8:30 PM PIZZA & SALAD	CAM SACRAMENTO, CA
OCT 8 SATURDAY	POKER RUN & SOUP AT KANE'S 9-9:30 BROOKFIELD'S	WILTON, CA



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WEIRD & WEIRDER

The Picnic Tour to Coloma had to be cancelled, due to rain & the picnic grounds are under water. So much snow this year means a lot of water has to fall off the mountains. The rivers have spilled over their banks in places.

This set up Steve Walker and I to have a running dialogue by E-mail. He's been in this club since he was a little boy and he remembers things from a long time ago. He is looking forward to going to Coloma again because the "Steak Fry" use to be held there. Then, somewhere along the line, people thought it was too far to drive for the "Steak Fry." When Pat & I joined the Club, it was held at Steve's Dad's home on the river, across from the International Airport. Beautiful home, beautiful park-like setting next to the river.

Then, after Kent Walker passed, it moved around to a few other places. Bill & Sue Macaulay had access to a nice park out near Roseville and we went there, too. Then Bruce Woodward, also in this club since he was a little boy, got with the Clarksburg Antique Airplane Club and arranged a joint BBQ on their property, under their big airplane carport. (What else would you call it ?) This has been so



very successful and enjoyed by both the old airplane & the old car people ! This year the BBQ will be on Saturday, July 9th.

BTW: I'm the one who changed the name from "Steak Fry" to "BBQ" !

The Car Club use to buy great steaks for our Club members to BBQ. But the steaks, much like paying for part of each family's Christmas Dinner, have gone away.



WEIRD & WEIRDER CONT.

Now we get to weirder ! Charles & Catherine Visser have had to temporarily move out of their home and move into a long term place in Lodi. They found they have Mexican Sharp Tailed BATS in their attic ! We've always known Charles had a few Bats in his Belfry, but we had no idea it was official !

The Bats have created quite a mess, so:
EVERYTHING HAD TO BE MOVED OUT OF THEIR WHOLE HOUSE !
That's why they had to move. The whole ceiling had to be removed, the mess cleaned up, and then the ceiling has to be replaced and the whole house fixed back !

I just talked to Charles, and he says the ceiling is gone and they are testing to see if all the mess is removed & everything is clean. Charles sounds like he's holding up very well. At this time, you can only reach him at his Cell Phone #209-712-1355.

After the Japanese earthquake, I remembered Daniel Paige's wife, Alma Paige, was in the Orient someplace teaching English. I sent him an E & he wrote back she is in Bannock, a long way from Japan. So She is Safe. Well, as safe as the whole world is from radiation from the leaking water in Japan. Reminds me of the book I read a few years ago, "On the Beach". A story about life after a nuclear war in the Northern hemisphere. Rather, a story about the end of life on this earth.

Dr. Oz on coffee: 1. Use a paper filter when making coffee instead of just the gold colored filter basket. Coffee has a chemical in it that will make your cloistral rise if you don't use a paper filter. The gold colored basket filter can't filter this chemical out, but the paper filter does.

I used a paper filter in the coffee pot at the last meeting, inside the gold basket. I used the only one I had, but bought appropriate paper filters to use inside the gold basket.

2. Drinking caffeine helps prevent a person from developing diabetes.



3. Dark roasted coffee will help you look younger because of the antioxidants in it.

Discontinued But Not Forgotten

Bob & Lorraine Kane's 1953 Mercury Monterey Special Custom Coupe

By Bev Davis

Back in 1939 the Ford Motor Company proudly introduced the latest addition to its stable of unsurpassable flathead V-8 powered vehicles - the **Mercury**, equipped with the venerable Ford designed flathead V-8 engine. The Mercury delivered 95 hp with a 239 cu.in. displacement due to a 1/8" larger cylinder bore than the then current Ford V-8 automobile with an 85 hp, 221 cu.in. engine.



Ten years later with competition introducing the overhead valve (OHV) V-8 engines (i.e.: the Olds 88), Ford introduced its last flathead V-8 upgrades. The Mercury's new model 8CM 255 cu.in. engine was rated at 110 hp @ 3800 rpm (due to a 1/4" longer stroke than the 100 hp @ 3800 rpm model 8BA 239 cu.in. used in the new Fords.) By 1953, the last year Ford produced flathead V-8's, the Ford 8BA was rated at 110 hp at 3800 rpm and the Mercury 8CM was rated at 125 hp at 3800 rpm.

Bob Kane's passion for Fords started when at 17 he obtained a 1934 Ford Tudor which he replaced with a 1937 slant back Ford. Along came WWII and Bob is now married and stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi and yep, the family car is another 1934 Ford Tudor. When Bob received orders that he was being transferred to Denver, Colorado he decided he and Lorraine would drive their durable and fast (at least Bonnie and Clyde thought so) 1934 Ford to Denver. Sixty miles out of Biloxi the rods started knocking. Time to check the oil and what do you know...the dip stick was dry. Anticipating this need, Bob had brought along a supply of oil which was exhausted faster than he had planned.

The rods were getting noisier as they were passing through a town with an all night garage and a quick fix was then accomplished with the instruction to not drive the car over 30 mph. The rest of the trip was driven at 30 miles an hour with the outside temperature reaching 110 degrees.



We move ahead to 2005 and while visiting with Dave March at his home in Lincoln, CA Bob noticed a 1953 Mercury Monterey parked outside behind one of the buildings. Bob took one look at the Mercury and he envisioned a project which he could repair and restore. The last of the flatheads, with a 1953 suspension, would make a very dependable driver. Dave was open to negotiating and an agreement was reached. The 1953 Mercury was Bob's.

The engine was rebuilt by Jerry Bearry, who added a modified cam to increase the horsepower. Dual exhausts were also added to enhance that flathead tone. MAACO did the painting and matched the original color. The upholstery was redone matching the original. The front bumper was rechromed.



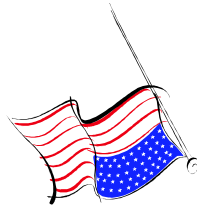
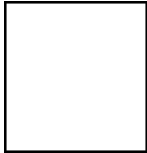
Radial tires were mounted on the original wheels which were designed for bias tires. The resultant flexing had a tendency to eject wheel covers...not good. Stockton Wheel was found to make wheels which will not flex with radial tires...problem solved.

Bob drove the Mercury from California to the 2006 Western National Early Ford V-8 meet in Tacoma, WA. The Mercury performed well with a little carburetor problem in Tacoma. He and Lorraine trailered the Mercury to Saint George, Utah for the 2010 Western National Early Ford V-8 meet where it received a Touring Award. There were only 76,119 1953 Mercury Monterey Special Custom Coupes produced so Bob is still looking for an original rebuilt "fish bowl" carburetor and the correct running lights for his front bumper.



Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 6

LOOK!



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**GUESS WHO'S AWARD WINNING CAR
IS FEATURED THIS MONTH !**