



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



CLUTCH CHATTER

November 2012

Board Member Election

At the November 3rd meeting the ballot will include these names:

Russ Broyles	Bev Davis
Bob Kane	Dave Peterson
Dale Simpson	Alma Thompson
Gary Thompson	Steve Wahab

November Meeting

***** CHANGE OF PLANS *****

The November meeting will be held on **SATURDAY, November 3rd, 11:30 AM** for lunch on the Club at Vintage Ford
A hot dog, chips and a soft drink will be served followed by a short meeting and tire kicking
Let Dan know if you plan to attend
DnlSchwrt@aol.com or 916-962-3521

Poker Run and Lunch, October 6, 2012

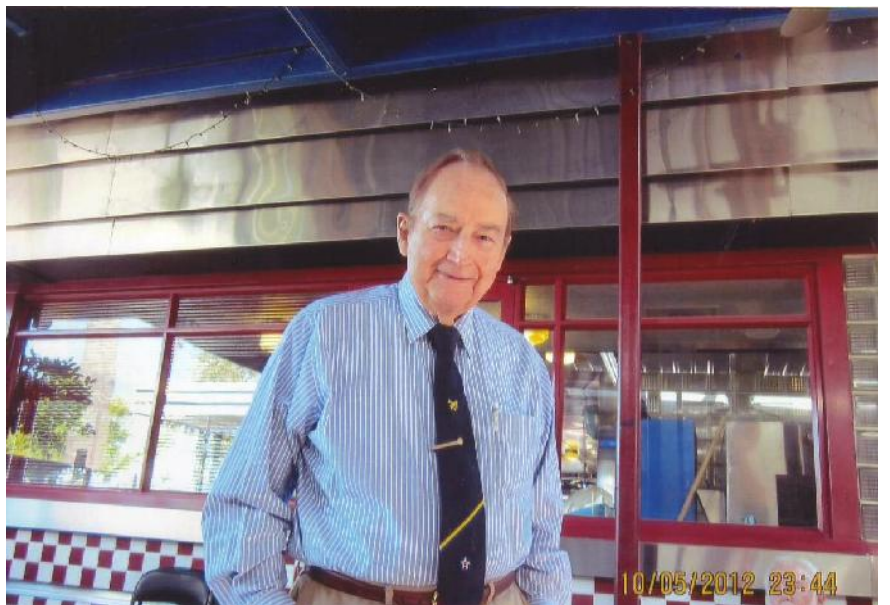
Hey everybody,

The poker-run tour was a great success according to the winners! Just kidding, everybody had a real good time on this Hotrod parts supplier tour... that's right, we went by American Pastimes on Fair Oaks Blvd. then to Tognottis on Fulton Ave. From there it was off to North Sacramento and SoCal Speed Shop on Del Paso Blvd. where we stopped and shopped (window and real) and just enjoyed all the cool stuff that SoCal is famous for. From there we worked our way to Burt's Diner on Grant Line Road where we had a great lunch. It was also where we determined our winners, sad to say I didn't win this time. The big winner was Russ (don't look at my cards) Broyles, followed by the sly Judi Fibush riding in that cool 49. (I had to give a plug to a fellow shoebox owner). Last, but certainly not least, the Petersen's in their most beautiful 48 Mercury convertible. It was a beautiful day and the eleven cars and owners had a smooth tour.

Your Poker-Run tour guide, Steve Wahab



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Fire in the Hold

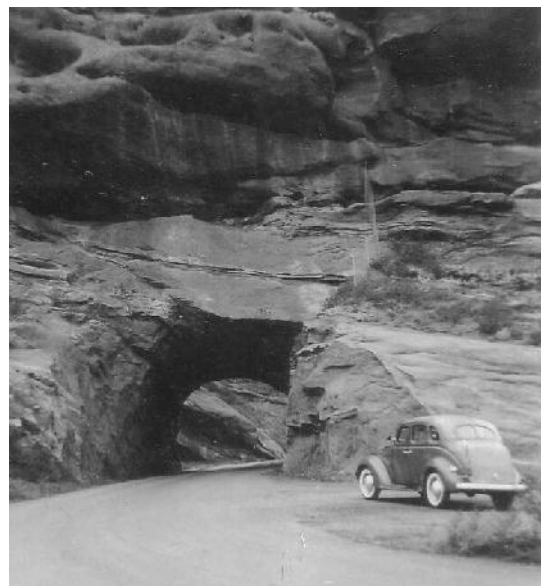
One of the humorous experiences of Bob and Lorraine Kane in our Ford V-8
by Bob Kane

The year was 1946. I was a 2nd Lt. in the US Air Force. We were in Denver at Lowary Airbase where I was attending school in Photo Interpretation. Our 34 Ford Tudor was in terrible shape, smoked badly and usually ran on less than eight cylinders. We found a nice (in those days) 37 Ford 4-door in a used car lot. I had to stop a block away from the car lot and clean the spark plugs on the 34 so it would run on all eight cylinders. The deal was made and we proudly drove out our 37 Ford. It seems like we received a \$150 trade in. We paid around \$350 for the 37. It was getting along toward winter and the 37 didn't have a heater.

The course I was taking was completed in mid-November. Denver had already experienced an early snow fall of 31 inches which paralyzed the city for 3 days. My orders were to report to the Pentagon in Washington D.C. with a 30 day delay in route. Snow was on the road. No heater or tire chains. Lorraine was wrapped up in a blanket and I had on a heavy jacket. We slid off the road on ice at Limon Colorado; the rest of the trip to Kansas City was uneventful. The temperature was much warmer in Kansas. We stayed with my mother, visited friends and generally had a nice time. The 37 Ford was running well except for using oil (a quart every 300 miles).



This particular day we visited friends from our High School days. There is a long hill in town – 14th Street. Since the Ford had mechanical brakes I had a habit of shifting to 2nd gear going down long hills. We were about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down the hill when Lorraine said “I smell smoke.” I looked at her and said rather smugly “it always does that on a long hill”. By this time there was a strong smell of gasoline. As we reached the bottom on the hill, Lorraine said “I see fire coming out from the hood”. I also looked at my floor pedals. Flames were coming up through the brake and clutch pedals. I quickly pulled over to the curb, jumped out and opened the hood. A mistake – flames were all over the top of the engine. I grabbed an old GI blanket that was also our back seat cover and started beating at the flames. Lorraine, who was 6 months pregnant at the time, ran up to the house we were parked in front of and beat on their door. When the startled folks came to the door, Lorraine said “I need a bucket of water, our car is on fire!” They got a bucket and filled it with water. Back at the Ford I was beating away at the flames. Lorraine came running up with the water. Between the water and the blanket the fire went out. Surveying the damage I noticed the insulation was burned off the spark plug wires but they were still connected. The hood was okay but slightly discolored. I told Lorraine “I’m going to see if it will run.” Lorraine was against it saying “It might blow up.” Anyway I pushed the starter button and the old Ford started up like there was nothing wrong.



Fire in the Hold (continued)

My mother's house was just a block away so I drove the old Ford home. We couldn't afford to buy another car. Some friends of mine ran a garage not too far away, so I drove over to their shop to see what they could do. They completely rebuilt the engine plus installed a Stewart-Warner gasoline heater. The total cost was less than \$100. That Ford ran like it was new. The new heater included a defroster which made the Ford very comfortable. We drove from Kansas City to Washington D.C. in three days. In those days there weren't many motels as there are now. We usually stayed in hotels in the cities. I worked in the Pentagon for a year and drove the Ford every day through Washington D.C. traffic. We lived in an apartment in Suitland MD, so it was quite a drive.

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During my tour in the Pentagon I was promoted to 1st Lt. I received orders to go overseas (Alaska). Our plan was to drive to Carmel, California where Lorraine would stay with my father and stepmom for the year I would be in Alaska. The folks had a small apartment over their garage, just perfect for Lorraine and Cindy, our daughter born in March 1947. One of my co-workers at the Pentagon had a one-wheel luggage trailer for sale. (\$30) It fastened to the rear bumper brackets on each side. All of our belongings were in this little trailer. It was around the 1st of December when we pulled out of D.C. The little Ford didn't even know it was pulling a trailer. While we were in Kansas City on our way to California we thought we should find a better car to drive to California and for Lorraine to have for the year I would be in Alaska. We were driving in downtown Kansas City, Missouri, looking around and went by the new Mercury dealership. We went in to see what they had in used cars. On the showroom floor was a brand new 1948 Merc, gray color with all the goodies; fog lights, spot light, back-up lights, radio, heater, etc. The price out the door was \$1725. That was a lot of money for a 1st Lt. We wanted that Merc badly, finally figured out we could handle the payments of \$75 a month, Wow! When we signed the final papers I asked the salesman, how much trade-in did I get on my old faithful Ford. "\$50" he said. I'd have gotten \$200 or more if I would have had time to advertise it. Our first new car, what a thrill. We even parked it in our neighbor's garage so it would be safe. Our trip to Carmel in our new Merc will be another story.



2012 Christmas Party

At the

Dante Club

Sunday December 2nd

A no host bar at 5:00 PM - Dinner served at 6:00 PM

After a short business meeting the installation of the new board will be held.

Menu

Half Roasted Chicken options

1. with wild mushrooms, pearl onions and pancetta in a white-wine tomato sauce
2. with roasted garlic, rosemary, and gorgonzola cheese cream sauce
3. with capers, olives, artichokes hearts, in a lemon white wine sauce
4. crusted prepared with ricotta cheese, herbs, bell peppers, olives and capers in a tomato sauce

Beef

1. Dantes Club prime rib, house classic served with au jus and creamy horse radish

Vegetarian

1. cheese filled ravioli, with capers in a cream sauce

Selections include:

salad – choice of potatoes or non-filled pasta – coffee or hot tea – dessert

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Name _____ (select one dinner per person)

Roasted Chicken with # _____

Prime Rib # _____

Vegetarian # _____

All choices \$32.00 each.

Make checks payable to: **E.F.V-8Club**

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V-8 Meeting at CAM—September 20, 2012

