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The evening started promptly with an overflow crowd of **100 members** already gathered by 5:00. The SD Auto Museum curator, Pandora gave the National BOD members and spouses a personalized tour of the museum. Thereafter, drinks flowed with Ric Bonnoront providing two cases of his personally grown and bottled varietals. And Walter Anderson generously augmenting with another nine bottles of fine wine. As the wine flowed, so did the shared stories of cars and life's adventures.

Liz and Mike P were busy vying for the coffee barista position. It ended in a tie with Mike scooping 34 shots of coffee which met Liz's "fill to the line" mantra. A few tense moments during the evening when Bill D was asked, "did you bring the salad dressing?" Out the door Dorr ran, off to the local 7-11 where he cleaned out the shelves of Ranch and Spicy Italian. Back to the venue in 20 minutes. His picture will hang with Andretti's in the Hall of Fame Room. Jerry Windle did a masterful job with the guests during the week with tours of San Diego sites, meetings, hospitality rooms and an all around great time. The

national Board and their guests seem to truly enjoy their experience. Jerry also provided honorary membership to the San Diego Chapter along with the prized 50 year anniversary hats which regular members have yet to receive. In return, the San Diego Chapter was recognized by the National Board. The President (not recall his name but very young guy) presented Joey V with a 50 year plaque for the club. He was genuinely appreciative of the time and effort put in to make the National representatives welcome. He honored Jerry Windle for his 23 plus years spearheading the V-8 Times publication and the indebtedness of thousands of members for his contribution.

Toerig, our Norwegian club member, was recognized by National Club?? Steve Kroeger for something.

Sue Dorr, and Judy Grobble did a great job creating festive roadways to grace the dining tables, including hot wheel cars for members to take home to their grandchildren.

Joey V, after a brief scare on Sunday when Costco could not find his order, arrived on time with 25 giant pizzas, bags of salad and a couple of huge cakes to feed the masses. Everything was delicious with outstanding food service provided by Susan Graves, Liz Dow, Judy Grobble and Sue Dorr.

A big thanks to Herb Johnson, SD Museum CEO, Patrick Heffernan, Facilities Manager and Pandora the Curator for all the help and generosity they showed the club throughout the preparation and execution of this event. - Bill Dorr

### PREZ Joe SEZ

Greetings to all Early Ford V8ers! It was a very rainy February, but that will make us all appreciate more the beautiful Southern California weather that lies before us. Bob Brown and his team have several outstanding cruises lined up for us in the upcoming months. Of course, ALL members, no mat-

ter the make and model vehicle you drive, are welcome and encouraged to join the cruises. Check out the list of cruises listed in this FAN.

In February San Diego hosted the Early Ford V8 Club's National Board of Directors' Face-to-Face Board of Director's meeting. Jerry Windle's management of the National Directors' accommodations and activities while in San Diego was outstanding. The Board was very appreciative of Jerry and his actions reflected very positively on our Club. Thank you, Jerry!

I attended the Board meetings, and it was encouraging to witness the commitment and energy with which the Board is dedicated to the Club's core values, financial solvency, outreach to new members (especially youth), and desire to fund new educational scholarship programs. It was a pleasure to meet our National President, Michael Driskell who is calm, steady, and focused on making the club viable for another 50 years. Based on lifespan actuary charts, Michael could be President for the next 50 years to ensure that happens! It was also a pleasure to meet our representative on the National Board, Connie Hall, who is knowledgeable of the Board's purpose and function. Her husband, Phil, has previously served as President and Board member.

Our Club's February General meeting had a wonderful turnout of 75 or more attendees. In attendance were National Board Members, visitors from other Regional Clubs, Museum personnel and others. There was plenty of food, dessert, and drink. Most of all it was a wonderful opportunity for members to chat, joke, swap stories and get to know one another better. It was a great event! We are so fortunate to have a supportive host facility, the San Diego Automotive Museum, and its staff (Herb Johnson (CEO), Patrick Heffernan, Pandora Paul & Sally Hansen). A huge thanks to them!

A huge thank you and appreciation needs to be given to those whose time and effort made the event successful. Those names, not in any particular order: Bill Dorr, Sue Dorr, Mike Petermann, Susan Graves, Judy Grobbel, Liz Dow, Rick Carlton, Ric Bonnoront, Walter Andersen, Susan Valentino and the Museum Staff. Thank You all! We have some fantastic events on the horizon.

The All-Ford Picnic on May 5th at Santee Lakes Park. This is a fun family event every year!

The San Diego Early Ford V8 Clubs 50th Anniversary celebration / "Drive your V8 Day" on June 15, at the San Diego Automotive Museum, in the area behind the Museum. Attendees will also have access to the inside of the Museum on that date. More information will be made available as the event planning progresses.

There will be sign up sheets for volunteers to support these events ant the next General meeting.

I look forward to our next adventures! Your President - Joe Valentino President: Joe Valentino - 619-275-1255 V.P. Dennis Bailey - 619-954-8646 Secretary: Bob Hargrave - 619-283-4111 Treasurer: Ken Burke - 619-469-7350

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Lady 8ers: TBD

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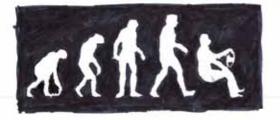
#### Wear Your Name Tag-Mar pot is \$100 Bucks

All current member names are in pot.

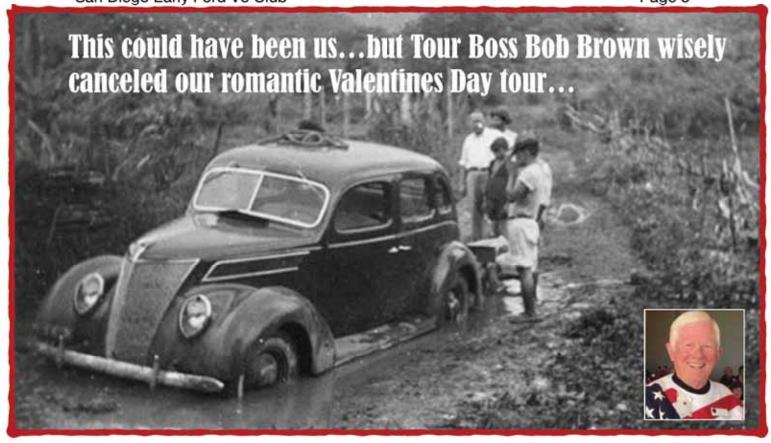
If your name is drawn and you are at the meeting, wearing your name tag,
YOU WIN!

PULLES: Pot starts a \$25, Increases Fa. Mo.

RULES: Pot starts a \$25. Increases Ea. Mo. until \$100. At \$100, we Draw 'til we have a a winner.



Ford Evolution Explained



## The Valentine's Day storm was packed with enough rain to fill 3 million swimming pools in greater San Diego.

The gigantic plume of sub-tropical moisture that flowed through Southern California on Wednesday and Thursday, unleashed heavy rains that caused floods and mudslides.

Tour Boss, Bob Brown made the right call, cancelling the Valentines Day Ride over the mountains to Viejas

The plume that was pulled into the state is the same low pressure system that buried Seattle in snow earlier in the week. The system — known as an Atmospheric River — was roughly as wide as California and had a core that moved ashore in central California. Palomar Mountain received 8 to 10 inches of rain between late Wednesday and early Friday, while Julian got 4 to 6 inches, and Escondido and Ramona got 2 to 3 inches. Oceanside - 1.5 to 2 inches, and San Diego 1 to 2 inches.

The storm also produced 35 to 45 mph wind gusts across much of the county.

"The heaviest moisture was in the upper part of the atmospheric river, which is why the mountains will get the most rain," said Julie Kalansky, operations manager at UC San Diego's Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes.

Kalansky's office estimates that about 59.5 billion gallons of rain

water will fall in the San Diego River watershed, which drains about 440 square miles of San Diego County. The water is roughly the equivalent of what it would take to fill 2.9 million swimming pools that are 16 feet by 32 feet, and five feet deep.

So... we spent Valentines sneak ing Girl Scout cookies and binging on old Oscar-winning movies...





### **Tours & Things to Come**

Sat. Mar 23 Madison HS Car Show Info Bob Brown 619-890-6988

> Mar 27 Lake Elsinore Drag Race Museum Lunch after. RSVP Mike Petermann 916-479-3665

Sun, April 28 -Cars on Main st, Coronado. Tour & show Info-Tim Shortt 619-851-8927

Sun, May 5- All Ford Picnic Santee Lakes Park Info- Dennis Bailey 619-954-8646

#### May 6-11 Hwy One Jay Harris Tour

Sat, June 15 -V8 Club-50th BDAY Picnic with Yer Ford-Auto Museum back yard. Free BDAY Lunch. Info Joe Valentino 619-300-4280.

July-Edlebrock Factory Tour, Torrence, Ca RSVP Ray Brock 619-993-9190

March Anniversaries 3/11 Rick & Sheryl Carlton

March Birthdays 3/04 Diane Thomas 3/13 Louise Croff 3/15 Sue Houlihan 3/19 Jim Miller 3/20 Tom Cook 3/23 David Cuzick 3/25 Bob Hargrave 3/25 Carl Atkinson 3/28 Chris Cook 3/29 Ric Bonnoront

50th Club 50th Birthday Party Coming Up in June. Gird your Loins

Membership- Paula says- 135 Members Sunshine Judy - Shortt's out sick. Tom Cook is ill. Fan is coming along. Thanks for asking...

Bill and Sue Houlihan had a Valentines date in Palm Springs to make. So they ventured forth into the Atmospheric River- Gale force winds, white outs driving rain and all... Sue emailed, "...I can't tell you how much fun this drive is, a real white knuckle adventure... this is crazy..."

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SAN DIEGO EARLY FORD V8 CLUB -General Meeting Feb 27

At 6pm, prior to the meeting, the club hosted a dinner to honor the Natl Board members here in SD for their annual meeting. Prez Joe and the Pres of the Auto Museum, Herb Johnson, welcomed the Natl Board and some members from The Palomar group. Joe thanked Jerry Windle and all the members that helped put this program together. The Natl Board, Mike Driscall said a few words and presented a plaque for hosting. Pres Report: To celebrate the clubs 50th birthday, there will be a park picnic behind the museum on June 15th. VP Dennis Bailey reported the fiasco is over. Maureen got her green card! Then awarded Joe Valentino the Hard Luck Trophy for having an electrical problem on the last tour. Secretary Report: Bob Hargrave asked for approval of the minutes as seen in the Fan for the month of January. They were accepted and approved. Treasurer Report: None given. Membership Report: Paula Pifer reported 73 members with 44 joint and. She also explained the origin and success of the Ford Asset Scholarship Program. Sunshine Report: Tim and Sandy Shortt and Tom Cook are all under the weather. FAN Editor: In the absent of Tim Shortt, Joe Valentino Valentino reported, "The FAN is coming along just fine". Accessories: No report.

Car Club Council: Susan Valentino announced the "Over The Hill Gang STREAK will be held May 10th and 11th. Programs: Bill Dorr reported Jay Harris will be the featured Speaker for the March General Meeting. Tours: Bob Brown reported on the Madison High School Car Show. Motor Cars on Main Street, Coronado, and The Mike Petermann led tour to the Drag Racing Museum on Mar 27at Lake Elsinor. Dennis Bailey touted the All Ford Picnic and the Jay Harris Tour. Bill Lewis announced the Mar 18 Soap Box Derby at Viejas Casino.

Programs: Bill Door played two videos, one featured Tim Shortt's Grand Niece's final college project, and expose' of the Southern California Car Culture including the garages of Walter Andersen, Ray Brock, Calvin King, Tim Shortt and Gordon Menzie. And a second video featuring several members talking about their car hobby/obsession. Old Business: No Report. 50/50 Drawing: \$110 won by Susan Valentino.

Name Tag Drawing: No Drawing. Meeting adj 8:10pm-Minutes submitted by Bob Hargrave, Secretary



Another President Joe?
Yep. Joe Pifer has become the President of Over The Hill Gang. A large Club with many loud opinions. Fortunately, Joe can rely on his former rank of Master Chief to keep things in Order. And don't worry, he's still a Life Member of SDEFV8. (He says he comes here to relax). First Lady Paula, will also stay around as our former President, life long Membership Manager and staunch defender of the Asset Student

Scholarship Program.









We want to know what has happened to you...

Send me photos. You just may Win the monthly Hard Luck Trophy!















Jan, 2019 Tour— At first Joe couldn't get it started, then, couldn't shut it off...

Prez Joe wins Jan Hard Luck Trophy





### Our 1956 Mercury Raffle Continues!

Tickets are selling well on this unique, low mileage, original 1956 Mercury. Here it is running in front of our newly Expanded Museum in Auburn, IN. All the funds generated from this raffle will benefit the Museum 100%



See more photos and learn more about this beautiful car by visiting http://fordv8foundation.org

Zip:

### Tickets are \$10 each; \$50 for 6 tickets; \$100 for 15 tickets.

### Win this 1956 Mercury Monterey or \$10,000

\$10 per Ticket

\$50-6 tickets

\$100-15 tickets

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2nd prize \$3,000 3rd prize \$1,000

Drawing Aug. 27, 2019

Need not be present to win

Proceeds benefit the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum

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V-8 Museum, P.O. Box 284, Auburn, IN 46706. Indicate how many tickets you want. Include a SASE if you want your stubs mailed to you. DRAWING IS ON AUGUST 27, 2019

at the Central National Meet Banquet in Auburn. License #148609

#### 2019 National Meet Schedule:

Eastern Meet - Morgan Town PA. June 15 - 16

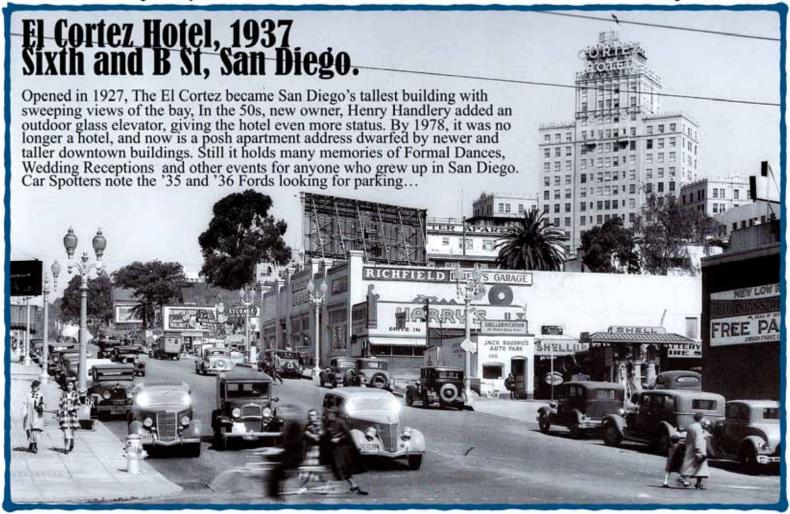
Central Meet - Auburn IN August 24 - 27

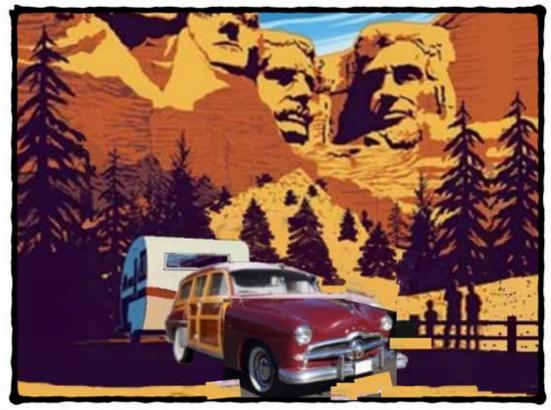
Western Meet - Alamosa Co September 21 -24

Natl Members at our Club Meeting:

Michael Driskell (President ) & Jane - Central Area

- > Bruce Nelson (Vice President) & Mary Hyberg North Central
  - Steve Kroeger (Secretary) & Judy Midwest
    - John Caldwell & Carolyn- South East
    - Rick Claybaugh & Marisa South Central
      - Dave Collette & Nancy Mid Atlantic
    - Ruben Doggett California Southwest 1
    - Connie Hall & Phill California Southwest 3
      - Gene Napoliello & Lucille North East
        - ▶ Joseph Reger & Melba North West
  - Mark Strohecker & Andrea California / Southwest 2





Happy traveling on President's Day 2019



# What I Saw...







Set Up Feb 21, SWAP 22, 23

For a full SWAP Selling Day, the whole event was pretty quiet. The Car Corral was set in a larger lot near the gate, but only had a few cars for sale.

By my lights new owner, Todd Harding, got a raw deal from the city. - first they scheduled a football game on Sunday, forcing him to change the event days and then gave the bus parking lot to the PD and FD to test emergency equipment, when normally the SWAP would be able to use that space to line up Venders. And to top it off, Mother Nature dropped a massive rain storm on the set up day. Some vehicles from up the mountains were seen with snow on top.

At our FREE Hot Dogs Space I spotted Jerry Windle in charge, Dan Prager, Frank Swedberg and Jim Hurlbert doing the cooking, and handing out drinks and cookies.

Former Prez Gary Walcher came all the way from the southern states for a free dog. Prez Joe and First Lady Susan were seen shopping in the empty aisles. The free food made up for the new \$15 parking and admission charge. The rain storm on the

set up day was gone, so on Thurs, the sun was out, skies were clear and temps were in the 50s - perfect shopping weather, but nobody around... TS







This story was spotted in a newsletter from a Regional V-8 Club in Norway. At first, it seemed almost unbelievable, but apparently some members did a wide search on the internet and were able to verify what you are about to read. We had to use an online service to translate the Norwegian to English for a portion of this fascinating story:

explosive charge. The subs were designed in 1943 and prototypes were made in 1944 and ordered in the number of 760. But only 213 were finalized before the surrender, and no one had missions in combat.

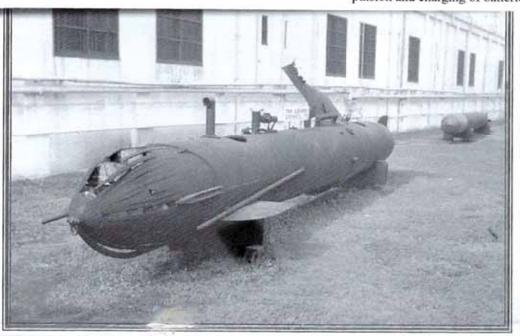
Then comes the interesting technical details: for surface propulsion and charging of batteries, a Ford 85hp flathead-V8

was used in the sub! See the bottom photo. It's a 21 stud engine.

But where did this V-8 come from? Japan did not have any license production of the V-8 there, but Japan and Germany were allies and had from 1935 an agreement to exchange expertise, including small submarines.

It is speculated that in Germany they had a great Ford factory [Cologne] and the engines from there may have found their way to Japan and these kamikaze subs.

It must possibly have made double the pain for American sailors to be hit by a Kamikaze submarine powered by a Bord flathead V-8.



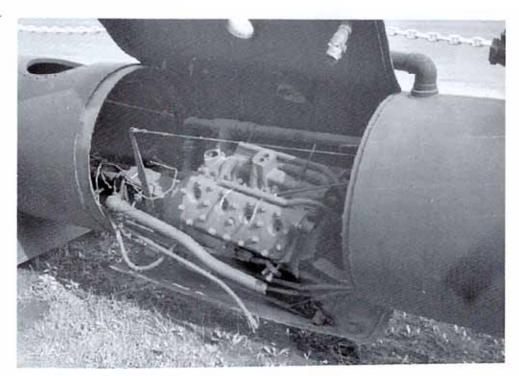
EARLY FORD V8 CLUB - NORWAY - Nr. 2/2018

This is a mini Japanese submarine, with room for one sailor. It was captured after WWII.

This story was printed in "Gasoline" [a Swedish publication] with more information posted on a Swedish club's website.

As we all know, the Japanese had a kamikaze program with soldiers willing to sacrifice themselves for the emperor through suicide missions during WWII. Japanese suicide pilots became famously equipped with single planes to plunge into enemy materiel with a cargo explosive on board. Small submarines-like torpedoes would likewise be steered into enemy ships. These submarines were called Kairyu (Drake) and were initially designed as mini subs with 2 torpedoes.

However, due to the lack of torpedoes, these mini subs were equipped with a 600 kg





# Michael Paul Smith, 67; Inspired Millions to Visit **A Tiny Imaginary Town**

Michael Paul Smith in 2010 with a model bungalow and model cars in Elgin Park, the miniature imaginary town he created and photographed. -The New York Times

One of the assorted jobs Michael Paul Smith had on his way to unexpected fame was as a mail carrier.

"Everything you do, you will learn from it," he said, "and you will use it later on

The delivery rounds he made proved useful when, years later, he became founder, chief architect and mayor of

Elgin Park, surely the most visited fake town in the United States. The town, frozen in a mid-20thcentury haze, exists only in the carefully staged photographs that Mr. Smith made with a cheap camera, vintage model miniature cars, tiny hand-built sets and a keen sense of perspective.

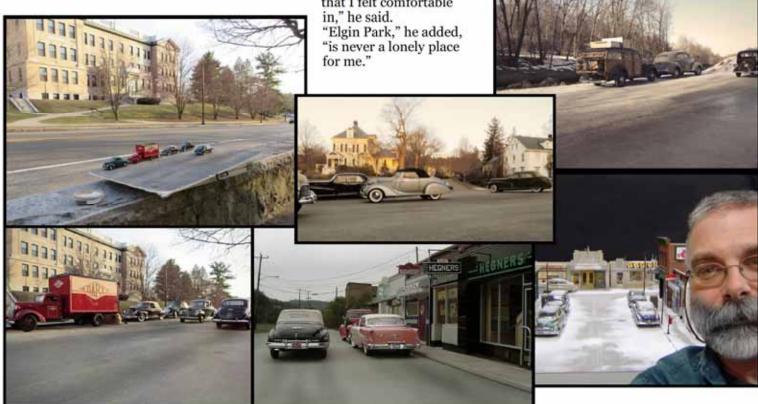
In 2010, the Flickr site where he displayed those pictures went viral, and within four years 74 million virtual visitors had spent time in Elgin Park. His letter-delivering experience, he said, helped make his imaginary town as close to real as something nonexistent can be.

"When I was mailman," he said in "Elgin Park," a brief 2015 documentary by Danny Yourd, "it made me aware of how streets are laid out. My photographs read well because there is a logic to it."

A few weeks ago, visitors to the Flickr site encountered a posting saying that Mr. Smith had "moved

permanently to Elgin Park," words he himself had chosen for the announcement. He died on Nov. 19 in Reading, Mass., at 67. Mr. Smith reflected on why he created Elgin Park." I needed a place

that I felt comfortable in," he said.



Send Rick Carlton your email addressif you want to receive FAN by email.

Next Gen. Meeting-Feb 20 2019-7pm Auto Museum, Balboa Park. pm.

#### FORD V8 SWAP CORNER...

The Ford Fan will publish ads relating to 1932-1953 Ford

FOR SALE: Pair of '34 Ford Tudor Bucket Seats, complete springs, Need reupholstery. \$450.00 OBO. Todd, Speedo Shop 619-258-8195

Lots of New CEMENT ANCHORS-Large and Small. Call Greg Murrill 858-483-3998

'40 Deluxe Opera Coupe. Beautiful shape. Drive anywhere. Terry Johnson 303-888-8231 Englewood, Colorado.

'35-'36 Wanted - '35 Sway Bar. For Sale-Ford Rear

50 ford flathead V8 engine equipped with rebuilt 5speed trans. Also included: new water pumps, radiator, MSD ignition, 12v coil, ceramic coated headers new plugs and plug wires. The engine has good compression, no oil leaks of smoke. I drove the car from San Diego to Colorado with no problems. I have paperwork on the transmission. Asking \$2,900 OBO for all. 619 -339- 0902

Wanted- Two Wheels- 16"x 4.5" Mike Pearson 760-729-4645. m.pierson@roadrunner.com

'37 Fordor. Good shape. New V8 60 Motor, radiator & everything else under hood. Solid body, good interior, WWW. Drives great.\$29,900-OBO 619-829-1678 Tom Sysko





32 Phaeton-All Steel. All Original. Once was Dickey Smothers car, then

Harrah's Museum. Good condition. Side-mounts, Luggage Rack. Runs great. New lower price ...

s83k .Dixie, 619-677-8922



'56 Victoria HDTOP- Runs, some rust. Needs Resto. Good Potential. \$3,500. Norm Burke 619-462-8956



Sale- NOS & Used Ford Shoebox Parts- left over inventory from '49-'50-'51 Parts business.



'46 Lincoln. New motor. Factory PW and door locks, Nice interior, clean all under. . \$18,00 OBO. Atillo Petani AZ, 928-710-7566

'36 Coupe Hot Rod-

619-892-0222

\$400.

Proven Tour Car. Best Offer. Extra set new running Boards

Wanted'35-'39 Coupe-any make basket Case. Carl,

Tom Cook 619-200-8114

'37 Ford -Good Gas Tank, Radiator, Front Seat, Box of extra V8 stuff-Take All for \$300. -Joe Silva 619-224-2645

9" Ford Rear End-2.70:1 Ratio \$100-Bob Brown 619-890-6988

265 Chevy V8 Motor- Total Rebuild. Best Offer 619-247-6525

'37 Ford Tudor Fastback, All Steel Hot Rod. Beautiful. Karen Renberg 619-413-5054

Unique & Rare Tools for Sale- Joe Vidali 619-994-3357





1934 Fordor Beautiful Original \$28,000 1936 Beautiful - original Trunk back Sedan- \$18,000.

Both cars in Lake of Ozark's-Bob- 573-280-

302 v8 complete with 4 BBL & C4 Trans. 78k miles. Good shape-dry storage for 7 yrs. Turns free. \$400 obo. Dave 619-392-4545

Jay Harris wants '39-'41 Generator or parts. 760-310-9530

FORD PARTS FOR SALE: 1951 WOODY ONLY - SET OF EXTE-RIOR METAL WOOD GRAINED SIDE INSERTS - \$100.

1941 RIGHT REAR FENDER - \$ 50. 1941 HOOD - \$50. 1942-48 RIGHT REAR FENDER - \$50.

1949 - 51 WOODY RIGHT & LEFT

FRONT QUARTERS - \$50.

1949 -51 WOODY RIGHT & LEFT REAR QUARTERS - \$50.

VOLKSWAGON PARTS: FREE --- BUT MUST TAKE ALL!!!

> 1960's FENDERS: 5 EACH FRONT 3 EACH REAR

1967 ORIGINAL REAR BUMPER.

JIM HURLBURT (760) 789 - 0220





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Favorite shot from Last year's BIG 3...



Looks like Joe just got busted and everyone else is praying...