



Check Point

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DO YOU JUST BELONG?



Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed -
Or are you quite contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock -
Or do you stay at home, to criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along -
Or are you quite satisfied to only just belong?

Do you ever take a stand for things you think are right -
Or leave the work to just a few, and talk instead of fight?

Think it over friend, you know what's right and wrong -
Are you an active member, or do you "just belong"?

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, November 25, 1959, 8:00 p.m., Joslyn Hall, 7th & Wilshire, Santa Monica. All members are strongly urged to attend, as this is **ELECTION** Night! This month we will have Turkeys as door prizes.

NEXT RALLYE:

"Jan's Jaunt Rallye" Nov. 22, 1959. A simple 4½hr. navigational rallye. Approx. 115 miles. Starts at "Flagg's by the Sea Restaurant" 15145 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. First car out at 9:01 a.m. Entry fee \$2.00. See details about this rallye on inside page.

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SM FCCA CALENDAR

Nov. 22: JAN'S JAUNT
Nov. 25: SM FCCA General Meeting
Dec. 4 : SM FCCA Christmas Party
Jan. 8 : SM FCCA Board Meeting

The SM FCCA regular meetings
are held at 8:00 PM on the 4th
Wednesday of each month in
Joslyn Hall, just north of Wil-
shire Blvd. on 7th Street in
Santa Monica. The monthly
event takes place the follow-
ing weekend, unless otherwise
announced (see above).

COVER BRIEF

We hope the cover this month
stimulates you enough to attend
the November meeting and at
least vote!, even though you
don't run for any office.

We realize this poem was used
in Check Point a few months
ago, but this seems to be a
more appropriate time to re-
publish it and use it in a
prominent place.

Most people join a club to
have fun, to meet others with
the same common interest, to
devote spare time to its cause
and purpose.

This "spare time" is what you
are asked to give when volun-
teering for an office. It is
true that some have more lei-
sure time than others and,
quite often these people per-
form the greater majority of
the work in the club, but we
do feel that everyone can con-
tribute some time.

We hope the message on this
month's cover will reach you,
that it will stir you a little.
Come to the November meeting
and let your actions show that
"you belong".

GIFTS GALORE!

Our Door Prize Chairman, Bill
Doyle, has some pleasant sur-
prises in store for us.

At the November 25th general
meeting which is one day before
Thanksgiving, Bill plans to
have 3 or 4 turkeys as door
prizes instead of the usual mer-
chandise. You'll have to admit
turkey will taste better on
Thanksgiving knowing that you
didn't have to pay for it!
How about throwing in a few
cranberries, Bill?

As many of you know, we have
had some excellent door prizes
throughout the year, but the
crowning achievement will be
.....(Cont. on next page).....

JAN'S JAUNT RALLYE

Originally Santa Monica had planned to put on a rallye November 22nd entitled "How Green was my Rallye". Due to conflicting dates with the Hughes Employees Assoc. Sports Car Club (HEASCC), our club will make "Jan's Jaunt" our rallye of the month.

Details for distribution of trophies are being negotiated and will be arranged prior to the date of the rallye.

Members from Santa Monica who still have not checked their second rallye for the year can contact B&B Sweet (OR 2-8511). This will be your last chance to do so if you are competing for club points.

Applications for those who plan to run the rallye may be obtained by calling Helen Bluestein (OR 3-2338). Post entries may be made at no extra charge.

To quote the words of the rallymistress, "This will be a very simple navigational rallye. There will be absolutely no attempt to trick, confuse, or lose the contestants. It will probably be called a 'hand holder', a 'gravy lick', and a 'rocking chair' rallye, because that is exactly what we have tried to make it. Both driver & navigator will enjoy themselves."

NOTE

Our club's roster is usually printed up only once a year and you'd be amazed how obsolete it is by this time when the end of the year rolls by.

This would be an excellent time to get in touch with Jack Virden (FR 9-7547) if your telephone or address number has changed, as the new club roster will soon be forthcoming.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Jack Virden

NEW MEMBERS:

Harold Pearce
2447 Granville Ave.
L.A. 64
Drives Corvette

Chuck Rogers
911 S. Kingsley Dr.
L.A. 6
DU 9-4352
Drives an MG

James & Polly Sawers
1453 Brockton, Apt. 4
L. A.
GR 9-5792
Drives a V.W.

Marilyn G. Spratt
8641 Hatillo Ave.
Canoga Park
DI 8-5274
Drives an MG Mark II

RENEWALS:

Ralph Acosta
Bill Alexander
Bob Hallinan
Stan Hinds
Jim Kingham
Ed Lynch
Terry Martindale

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seen at our annual X-mas party on December 4th at the Santa Ynez Inn where Bill will have many wonderful prizes to give away without the purchase of a single ticket.

To make this possible, Bill cleverly arranged to save a certain amount of money from the sale of tickets at each general meeting; with this he plans to buy these door prizes.

All this, and he still managed to turn over \$10 to the Santa Monica Treasury each month! Here is a man who has given his best to each office he has held every year for the past five years.

PALM SPRINGS RALLYE V

Date, Oct. 24th, Time 5:30 AM, & fifty not too sleepy people; This was the start of what proved to be a real fun weekend, the Palm Springs over night rallye. This rallye has been put on for the fifth year & everyone who has ever been on this particular event has had a ball.

The Rallymasters were not sure until Thursday night, Oct. 22nd, that they had a complete rallye. After spending many weekends in laying out & putting the finishing touches to the rallye, it was completed the weekend before the American International Rally. Then off to Las Vegas go the rallymasters to work the International Rally. Just about that time, some fool had to start a fire that closed about a third of the rallye route, to say nothing of burning out some very beautiful countryside. The rallymasters were lucky when, with the hard work of the fire fighters, the route was opened up two nights before the start of the rallye.

This rallye was laid out to be a hand holder and to be won with about ten seconds, we thought! The third leg was a nice drive with the early morning sun hitting both driver and navigator in the eyes - this makes speed changes easy to find. The same leg continued after a breakfast stop, that really had the driver going some to maintain the speeds through the winding roads before they hit check point #3. On the last leg we lost about half of the cars for awhile, when they went down the shute on HWY 111 instead of staying on HWY 99. Those that didn't make the wrong turn missed a SRIP FREEWAY sign and this fouled up their time. The hand holder ended up with a winning time turned in by the Bransons of 1.78 minutes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

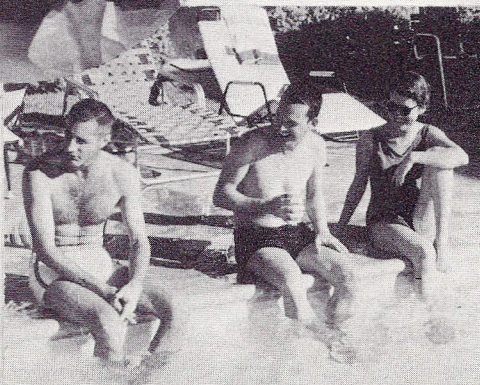
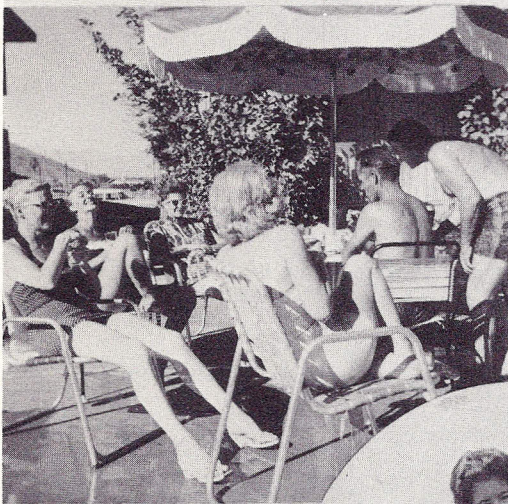
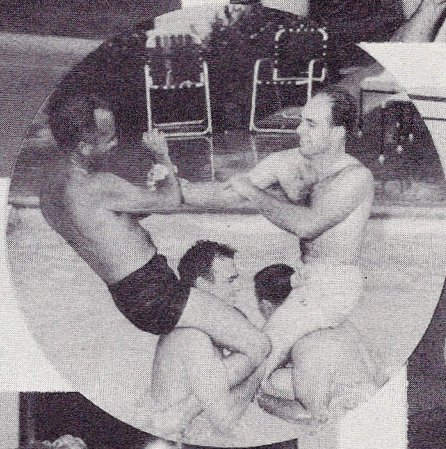
- 11-15: STL "Rallye de Simplex"
- 11-15: SGFCCA - Navigational Rallye
- 11-15: PSCC - Championship Slalom
- 11-22: HEASCC - "Jan's Jaunt" (SMFCCA Club Event)
- 11-22: GGFCCA - "Mille Miglia" Rally
- 11-29: SAFCCA - Annual Tralom
- 11-29: LB-Douglas "Last Chance II" Rally (Open Event)
- 12-4 : SM FCCA - Annual Christmas Party

The contestants started coming in about 12:30 pm and then the festivities started. The weather was beautiful & so were all the women in their swim suits. Dinner was at eight o'clock with a short cocktail party before dinner which started promptly at 1:00 pm. (We didn't dally around waiting for those who may have gotten lost in the desert.) Trophies for the rallye were presented after dinner; with this out of the way, we went back to partying.

The next day, Sunday, was spent relaxing around the pool nursing our hangovers. Check out time was 6:00 pm & the weekend was over, except for the drive home.

We don't think a weekend like this can be beat for \$25.00 per couple. Those of you who did not make it this year shall always be sorry, but we do hope you can make next year's Palm Springs Rallye VI.

RALLYMASTERS,
Dick "NEMOC"
Lloyd "MAHNUD"



Members Enjoy A Week End In Palm Springs

FOR WOMEN ONLY.....
by Betty Venable

Lloyd Dunham must have had some bad luck at the gaming tables in Las Vegas during the International Rally. Rumor has it that Pat went to work up there serving drinks in a bar! The bartender told her she wasn't very good at it though, because when someone left her a big tip, she ran after him and told him he forgot his change!

Doesn't it seem odd that Dick Coulter left his swim trunks in Nina Barnes Room? Evidently Jim wasn't too upset about it, for he presented them, gift wrapped, at the last meeting. Gee, did that Dick ever blush!

The Palm Springs rally was the same old riotous affair. The Hotel management pulled a big switch and changed the warm water pool to a cold water pool. Phyllis Dildine was so shocked when thrown in, that she turned blue ... and black, and hasn't recovered yet! Clyde Thigpen was saddened when the doctor told him he didn't break any bones in his foot, and therefore didn't need to borrow my lovely jeweled cast (left over from Palm Springs IV).

Since Charlotte Nesbitt couldn't make Palm Springs this year, the marchers had quite a time finding someone to "march on". Finally selected Harry Peterzell and his new bride, but they were busy practicing for the chess tournament and wouldn't let anyone in ... not even to collect the trophy they won on the rally.

Ray Moyer was the wettest man in Palm Springs and he never even went near the pool!

No one has figured out why Pennie Worthy did page three of

PLEASE NOTE:

That the General meeting this month of November will take place on the usual 4th Wednesday of the month. We were unable to obtain the use of Joslyn Hall to hold our meeting one week earlier as discussed and voted on at our last meeting.

We hope this last minute change does not spoil too many plans. Remember - the meeting will be held at 8:00 pm on November 25th.

the instructions before she did page 2. How come Pennie?

Ed Venable is quite mad at Austin Dunham for chewing his birthday slippers up!

Mr. Blandings dream house will have nothing on the Doyles when they get all done with the remodeling. The ironic part of the whole thing though, is that Audrey has to serve dinner on paper plates, cook on a hot plate, and wash dishes in the bathtub, while her gorgeous new appliances sit in the garage til the plasterers get through.

Stan Johnson will be led to the altar by his charming young fiancée, Alice, come December 11th. He was so anxious to get home to her after running the Polamar rallye, that he didn't even stay long enough to be presented with the 1st place trophy.

Did you know we now have a literary celebrity in our midst? When Prissy Comen returned from Palm Springs she found a big fat check waiting in her mailbox. She had sold one of her stories to a national magazine. Dick said that she couldn't make the last meeting because she was home working on the next Pulitzer prize.

NATIONAL NEWS
by Austin Dunham

It is too early to report on the results of the special ballot that was submitted to you with the last issue of 'Dash Plaque'.

Although seven changes are involved, the one change that should be given quite a bit of thought is a change in Section I - Classifications, which states, "Second sentence to read: 'THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE LIMITED TO OWNERS OF FOUR CYLINDER AUTOMOBILES, OR AS HEREINAFTER STATED'. Insert after the fourth sentence: 'AFTER TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP ANY PAID MEMBER SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER'. While this proposed change would have little effect at chapter level, it would be noticed in the National Board of Directors, since the present FCCA by-laws state that you must own a four cylinder car to participate on the National Board. So think it over carefully if you have not already voted.

There have been many, many issues during the year that I have voted upon for you, because I did not always have the opportunity to consult with you before-hand. I hope that at least most of you have been satisfied with my representation, and I hope for all of you, as well as for myself, that our new representative next year is at least as conscientious.

I am going to limit my comments on the Second Annual Riverside Field Day because there were few of us that were greatly interested. However, I do feel that we owe our committee representative a real debt of gratitude, and I would like to so express it, here and now, on behalf of everyone. I

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

The October issue of Check Point carried a list of names of the people who would be running for various offices in the club at our November meeting of elections.

I regret to say this list has not grown much; so nominations from the floor will be in order on the 25th.

The opportunity to serve as one of the officers of the club or as a Board Member affords a real appreciation of the inner workings of the club. Don't pass it up if you are nominated from the floor.

Here again are the names of those who have volunteered.

Dick Raitt - Vice President
Bob Sweet - Treasurer

BOARD

Lloyd Dunham
Herb Schwarz
Doug Worthy
Jim Kingham
Chuck Rodgers
Austin Dunham
Clyde Thigpen

OTHER OFFICERS

Joe Walmsley - Sergeant at Arms

don't know why Santa Monica does not show a greater interest in 'National Events', but there isn't room for criticism, it being simply a matter of personal choice.

It will soon be time for election of a National President. However, we don't yet have the names of the nominees, so I cannot give you a rundown on the choices, but I will let you know in next month's issue.