

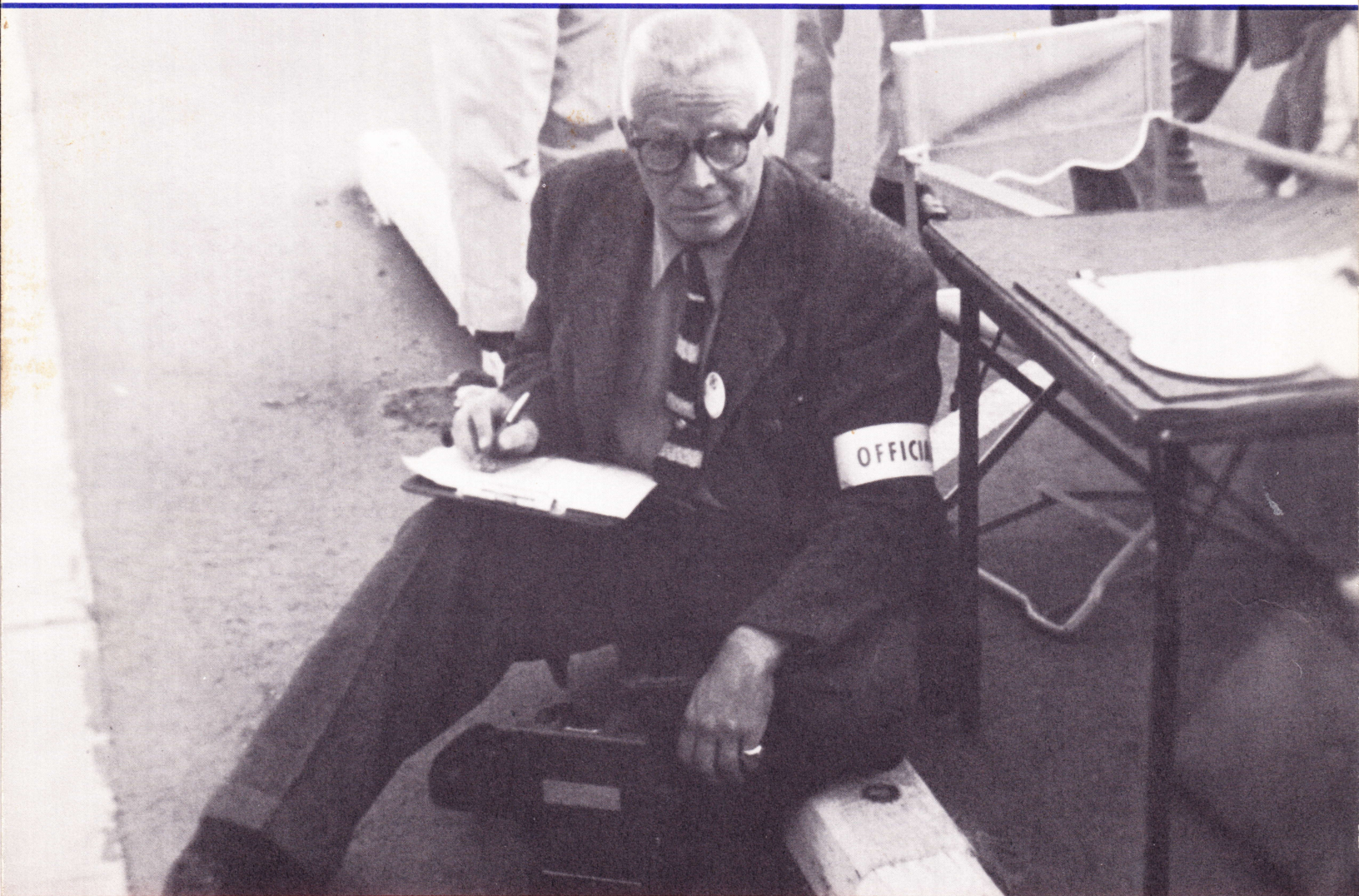


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Where's the last 3 cars?

Next Meeting:

January 25, 8:00 p.m.
Joslyn Hall, 7th and Wilshire, Santa Monica, California

Next Rallye:

SUNSET RALLYE. Saturday, January 28. Start: Beach parking lot on coast highway at foot of Wilshire. 1200 Roosevelt Highway (U.S. 101). Drivers meeting 3:30 p.m. Dinner at Santa Ynez Inn.

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EDITORIAL

It was brought to my attention at the last meeting that there is dissatisfaction with the club's Checkpoint. This was the first I had heard of it and it came as quite a shock.

Unless someone criticizes something, one is led to believe that everything is going along just fine. It has been brought to my attention that some have harbored grievances about the paper for a long time. It would appear very sensible to tell those responsible for the paper about these grievances so that they could be corrected. Very little can be accomplished by keeping it to yourself or discussing it with others not working on the paper.

I have also just heard that there are those who feel the paper is run by and represents a small clique. Unfortunately, this is true. A clique, defined in Webster's, is "a small and exclusive set of persons." I have been trying to expand this clique for over two years by asking for news and articles for the paper. If our people we can count on for articles and news and pictures constitute a clique, then it is true, we have a clique and I am thankful or we would have only blank pages. I am all for enlarging the clique to approximately eighty-five (which is our membership). This can be done by receiving eighty-five articles next month, then there will be no clique.

Remember, we do not write the paper. We merely put together that which the membership submits. We will be very happy to change anything that the membership does not like but in order to do this you must tell us and not keep it to yourselves.

I would like to thank the following people for their contributions of articles and pictures to the Checkpoints of 1955. Without them we could not have had a paper. We hope to see articles from the rest of the membership next year. Our special thanks to *Bill Doyle* for making this Checkpoint possible.

Thanks to: *Mel White, Dick Worden, Prissy Comen, Gene Connell, Ed Warren, Burton Harrison, Ed Selover (SFV FCCA), Herb Schwarz, Betty Lynch, Buzz DeBardas, Ruth Nutter, Lyle Nutter, Dick Raitt, Liz and Dick Beirdneau, Sylvia McKinney, Reno Lawrence, Walt Stone, Ed Vogler, and Howard Frann.*



RANDOM RAMBLINGS

by

Burton Harrison
President

When a person is elected to office he is supposed to state his platform. My platform is very simple. Simple, that is, if you will all help. Four words will cover it, "MORE FUN FOR EVERYONE."

Those of us who hold office in the SMFCCA do so for just one reason. YOU elected us to do what YOU want done.

During the past year there has been an average of about fifteen members on each of our club rallyes. This is not a good turn out and it makes me wonder if you have been getting just the kind of entertainment that you want. SPEAK UP, those of you who have not been attending events. Let us know what you do want.

It seems to me that the whole reason for the existence of our club is that it should be a means of meeting and enjoying each other while engaged in some form of motor sport.

Rallyes have been pretty grimly competitive during the last year. I know that from the moment that I get my instructions at the start, until the finish, I am concentrating so hard that I just don't have time for anything else.

What would you think of having a long break sometime before the end of the rallye? An hour perhaps — at least long enough to be able to relax a bit, talk for a while and get to know one another.

You will notice a difference at the next meeting. Your board will be seated facing you. Each member will have a card in front of him giving his name and his job. There are two reasons for this. You will be able to hear the reports when they are made and you can see who is responsible for what and thus know to whom to direct your questions or suggestions.

Finally — PLEASE, PLEASE speak up and let us know what you do and don't like. If you will, there is bound to be, "MORE FUN FOR EVERYONE."

Election Results for '56

Below is a list of the new officers and board members for 1956 as a result of the elections held in November, 1955.

OFFICERS

Burton Harrison - President; Bill Doyle - Vice-President; Ruth De Bardas - Secretary; Chris Hines - Treasurer.

BOARD MEMBERS

Ed Vogler - Entertainment; Ed Warren - Membership; Dick Worden - National Rep.; Dick Comen - Editor "Checkpoint"; Buzz De Bardas - Publicity; Ed Lynch - Rallyes; Gayle Preston - Representative to Sport Car Counsel.

WANT AD

For Sale: two thirty (30) minute stop watches. Near new. Ten dollars each. See DICK COMEN.

A Report on Rallye Finale

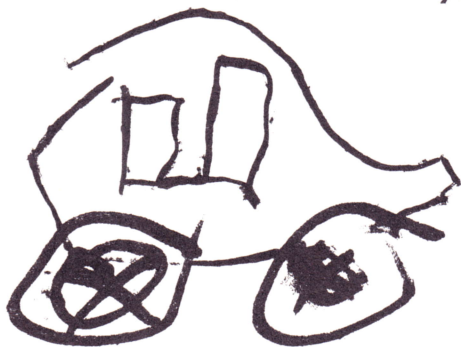
by Ed and Evvie Vogler

THEY CAME— 53 of 'em— THEY SAW— snow yet— THEY CONQUERED— all but 2.

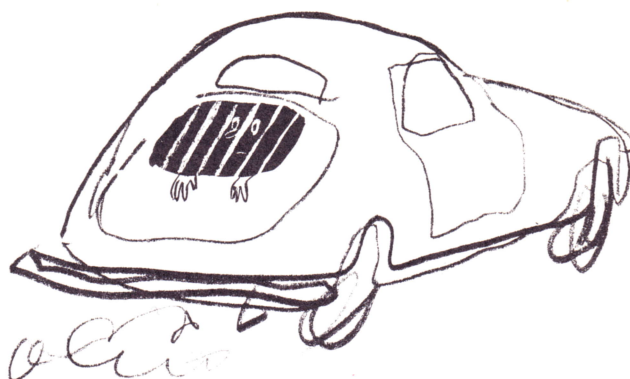
Our thanks to the Douglas and Lockheed Sports Car clubs for their nice turnout and sincerely trust that they enjoyed the rallye. Our thanks too, to the twenty-three loyal S.M.F.C.C.A. rallye-teams and checkers, *The Connells, Mary Baresel, Bob Piercy, Walt Stone, and Ed Darley*, and lastly to the *Dick Wordens* our Rallye Chairman.

It was nice having the *Al Allees* aboard— our apologies for the slow speeds at the end of the rallye— expected Detroit Iron to louse up things— two entries got lost— one containing the *De Bardas* young son, *Tommie* (who was navigating) —like father, like son— *Poppa Buzz* and navigator *John Patterson* didn't get lost (nice going J.P.) and report that car 31, a red Healey (two E's) persisted in tailing them— inches astern for hours, obviously our guest knew not of *Buzz's* reputation — and who was the eager-beaver rallyer who doctored things by arranging with the Southern Pacific Railroad to have a freight train block the highway at the Palmdale Blvd. off Sierra Hway crossing— those sterling rallyers *Franks* and *Lynches*, among others, got hung up — the *Hines* and *Lawrences* chasing each other down the wrong road — the *Reynolds* and *Beirdneaus* could be dark horses - very quiet at the finish - contrasted by the smug and pleased look of *Drs. Comen* and *Preston*— anyone knowing of a more effective mal-demer cure than dramamine please contact *Audrey Doyle*— it seems that everyone got red-lighted just before the last checkpoint— only seven Jags entered for the Brentwood Motors Jag. Trophy— one Jag. entry was so new that he used the dashboard clock for his master time— and that left six— no escape kits so *Dick Raitt* stayed on course— very difficult too with such a charming navigator— the *Nutters* couldn't make the rallye - *Lyle* got a last minute business S.O.S. - so they didn't get lost either— ditto *Burton Harrison* looking like the Healey (are there two E's in cat) who swallowed the (Thunder)bird— the *Moyers* all smiles and speaking to each other at the finish— which is as good a note as any to end this—

Winner of Grand Prix Du Xmas Rallye



Shades of Picasso! Modern art has taken over as proven by this drawing chosen by the 3 erstwhile penpushers at our recent Christmas party. Next year *James Montgomery Flagg* will judge the drawings.



Results of Rallye Finale

| Position | Name | Member or Guest | Error |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1 | DeBardas - Patterson | Member | 1:10 |
| 2 | Fredriksen - Benson | Guest | 1:11 |
| 3 | Ewing - Ewing | Guest | 1:57 |
| 4 | Harrison - Ralf | Member | 2:13 |
| 5 | Bradley - Stewart | Guest | 2:15 |
| 6 | Edlelsen - Edlelsen | Member | 2:34 |
| 7 | Comen - Preston | Member | 2:34 |
| 8 | Frank - Stratton | Member | 2:36 |
| 9 | Pregler - Skillman | Guest | 2:39 |
| 10 | Micka - Prentice | Guest | 2:43 |
| 11 | Charney - Charney | Guest | 2:44 |
| 12 | Lynch - Lynch | Member | 2:47 |
| 13 | Fleming - McAlpine | Guest | 2:48 |
| 14 | Phillips - Phillips | Member | 3:12 |
| 15 | Baresel - Piercy | Member | 3:27 |
| 16 | Martin - Martin | Guest | 3:41 |
| 17 | Darley - Darley | Guest | 3:57 |
| 18 | Raitt - Pritchard | Member | 4:23 |
| 19 | L'Etoile - Kocke | Guest | 4:32 |
| 20 | Bierdneau - Bierdneau | Member | 5:07 |
| 21 | Means - Wortman | Guest | 5:18 |
| 22 | Gregory - Gregory | Guest | 7:10 |
| 23 | Allee - Allee | Guest | 7:11 |
| 24 | Moyer - Moyer | Member | 7:29 |
| 25 | Bowers - Herring | Guest | 8:24 |
| 26 | Adams - Adams | Guest | 8:32 |
| 27 | Yamamoto - Cleveland | Guest | 8:34 |
| 28 | Burke - Burns | Guest | 10:27 |
| 29 | Pearce - | Member | 10:42 |
| 30 | Frauchiger - Bargetzi | Guest | 11:09 |
| 31 | Hines - Hines | Member | 11:51 |
| 32 | Reynolds - Reynolds | Member | 13:16 |
| 33 | Doyle - Doyle | Member | 13:31 |
| 34 | Gilbert - Patterson | Guest | 13:31 |
| 35 | Burggraft - Lee | Guest | 13:33 |
| 36 | Motley - Hazan | Guest | 13:46 |
| 37 | Lawrence - Lawrence | Member | 13:49 |
| 38 | Hanna - McKinney | Guest | 13:50 |
| 39 | Gouldstone - Gouldstone | Guest | 14:28 |
| 40 | Carpenter - Loomer | Guest | 14:54 |
| 41 | Bonfield - | Guest | 16:01 |
| 42 | Venable - Venable | Member | 17:37 |
| 43 | Coxley - Milliken | Guest | 18:14 |
| 44 | Gutman - Herrold | Guest | 22:04 |
| 45 | Corwin - Corwin | Guest | 28:36 |
| 46 | Glenn - Glenn | Member | 35:07 |
| 47 | Rosen - Corbin | Guest | 38:25 |
| 48 | Freed - Budwig | Guest | 44:54 |
| 49 | Dean - Watson | Guest | 1:09:17 |
| 50 | Greenland - Jack | Guest | M4thC |
| 51 | Berns - DeBardas | Member | DNF |
| 52 | Wuthrich - | Guest | DNF |
| 53 | Salian - Thompson | Guest | DNF |

◀ If you would like to receive additional "Checkpoints" contact Audrey Doyle — ORchard 8-3229. ▶



For Women Only

by Ruth Nutter

Well, the Christmas party is over, and I'm happy to report it was a great success. About 165 members and guests attended and all seemed to have a good time. So now it is time to give a pat on the back to the committee for all the time and thought that went into the party.

Evvie Vogler made all the table decorations plus all the decorations in the ball room, and a beautiful job she did on them too. *Ed* and *Evvie* decorated all Friday afternoon.

The *Nutters* and *Hines* transformed the bar into a small *Ciros*.

Bill and *Audrey Doyle* knocked themselves out doing just everything until 2 a.m.

Dick Raitt also gave his time and talent.

The guests all looked wonderful and a little different than when they go rallying.

Liz Beirdneau was beautiful in a well fitted sheath.

Betty Lynch looked nice but not surprised as she walked up to receive her trophies.

Sylvia McKinney looked terrific with a new hair do.

The *Lawrences* celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Congratulations *EO* and *Reno*.

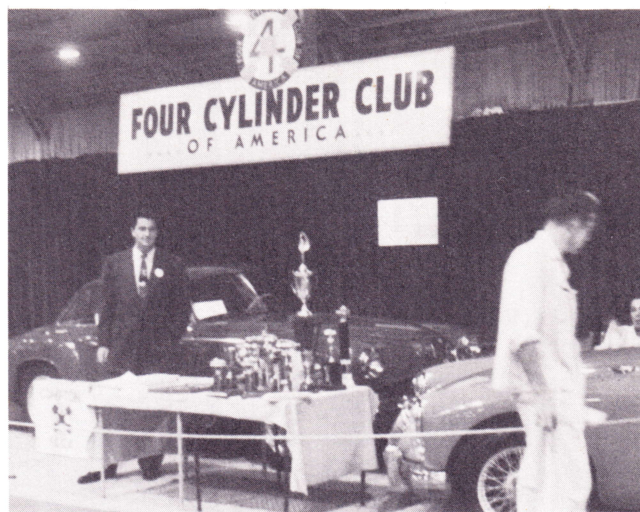
Prissy Comen was dancing and having a good time while *Father Comen* was busy taking pictures, but stopping once in a while to run and get his awards.

Ted and *Ann Edlefsen* were thrilled and happy to pick up a trophy. *Ann* looked beautiful.

The *Harrisons* were another happy looking couple with *Burton* shaking many hands.

I noticed *Ruth De Bardas*, *Sue Phillips*, *Audrey Doyle*, *Betty Warren*, *Barbara White*, and *Gayle Reynolds* all looking beautiful and having a ball.

Four Cylinder Club at Pan Pacific



The Four Cylinder Club Booth at the Pan Pacific had on display an Alfa-Romeo and an MG-A plus many trophies. Club members were on hand to tell about the activities of our organization and the fun of sports motoring.

Walt Stone had a lovely young lady on his arm. I wasn't able to get her name (or phone number, fellas).

Mr. Parker, the man who makes this paper possible, was amongst us, giving all the good looking gals the eye.

I guess that just about covers the party, but before I sign off, I would like to welcome new members: *Mr. and Mrs. Lee*, *Bill Hanna*, *Ted* and *Ann Edlefsen*, *Betty* and *Ed Venable*.

Announcing, a couple of new new members: *Jim* and *Sally Skeoch* became the proud parents of a son last month, we noticed in the newspaper. And *Dick* and *Prissy Comen* (wearing big smiles across their faces) had an adorable, lovable, healthy, cute (the editor is prejudiced and fortunate to be editor so he can add his own adjectives!) baby boy, December 31. Both mother and baby are doing beautifully. Baby's name? *Todd Comen* . . . T.C., of course!

