

EXHAUST NOTES

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JUNE MEETING

A record number of 173 people attended the Glendale June 4th meeting at which members of the newly appointed Santa Monica branch were entertained. A mild panic preceded the meeting when it was discovered that the Jr. Democrats were using our regular hall! The sportsmen bowed to the politicians and through the kindness and hard work of Ralph Davis we were able to use the adjoining Cub Scout Hall. It was a bit of a tight squeeze but a full program of briefing, talks movies and refreshments was enjoyed by everyone.

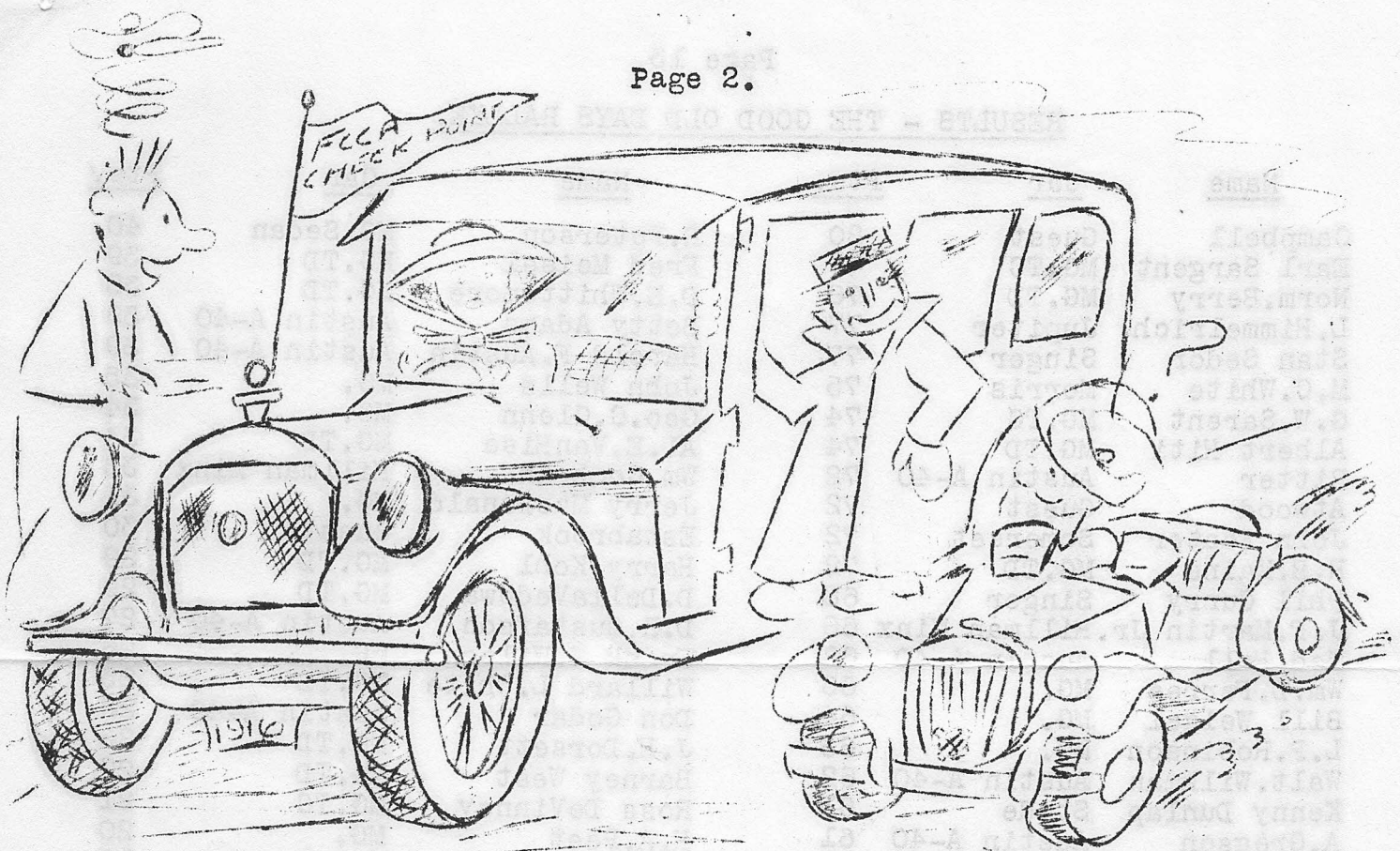
Members were briefed by Curt Parker for the 'Back to the good old days' rally and Geo. Montrose on the '2nd Annual Scotchmens Drag Rally'. Guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Herbert D. Ivey of the Lubrication Co. of America who spoke briefly and expertly on the most important subject of oils. His accompanying sound movie on the part that oil plays in this country today was most interesting and entertaining. I had hoped that Mr. Ivey would have talked a little on his pet subject of Ivey friction proof oil. Maybe he thought that a little too commercial, but I have hopes that he will expound his theories to us at some future meeting. Walker Edmiston's very short but sweet colour movie on the antique

car racing at Pomona, complete with sound effects and commentary by Walker, was most enjoyable, both forward and in reverse!

Following refreshments was the hour long motion picture we had all waited so anxiously to see, the FCCA's own production movie of the Palm Springs Road Races. To those of us who know the many hours of labor on the part of the photographic committee and the tremendous cost involved, the film is a masterpiece. To the laymen, it was 1600 ft of action packed thrills and a permanent record of every incident of the 3rd Annual Palm Springs Road Race. This film is now available in four 400-ft 16mm spools to the clubs who wish to show it, for a nominal sum of \$15.00 towards the cost.

It has been suggested that at future meetings procedure will get underway prompt at 8.00 pm with the business on hand. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting at which time members can enjoy their visiting and make any purchases, hand in applications, etc.

Don't miss the next meeting - presentation of Austin engine!



"BACK TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS RALLY!"
CHECK POINT NO 2

S.D.

"BACK TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS RALLY"

Curt Parker had every reason to worry over the number of entries on his annual rally, as this run received so much word of mouth publicity, a fully expected 90 cars turned up.

The run was only 55 miles long, but scenic and interesting, through the lesser known roads of Griffith Park and Hollywood Hills, liberally sprinkled with checkers asking navigators awkward questions. Big surprise was seeing Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Davis, complete in dusters, at check point No.2 atop Hollywood Observatory Hill with their gorgeous 1916 Pierce Arrow a most appropriate checkpoint for this happy rally.

Thoughtful check point No.3 was Bobs Drive-In at Toluca Lake for a 45 minute breakfast stop. The club wishes to extend its very sincere thanks to Bob Wian of Bobs, 'Home of the Big Boy', for kindly donating a trophy for this rally.

The run ended in Reseda Park with a slow driving test (feet flat on the floor) and spare tires were checked. After a picnic lunch the group was split into separate convoys who made their way to Lindley Bothwells Ranch in Woodland Hills, where the Horseless Carriage Club had met for their annual spring 'Buy, Barter and Auction Sale'. A wonderful time was had by both young and old admiring and reminiscing over his fabulous collection of over 100 rare and antique cars. We are deeply grateful to Mr.Bothwell for this courtesy extended to us.

Interesting Points on the Rally

1. Overall winner was a GUEST!
2. 1st place in the club was won by Earl Sargent with his wife Katherine navigating - but Earl is an astro-navigational instructor!
3. 2nd place was won by Norman Berry - with NO navigator!
4. 3rd place was won by Lew Himmelrich with his father-in-law, Mr.E.J. Coldwell visiting from Boston, who couldn't answer any local questions, didn't look at a map or watch, but simply enjoyed a leisurely drive!
5. Six pilots had no driver's licence on them!
6. Only 33 people out of 80 competitors knew their licence numbers!
7. There were actually 11 flat spare tires!
8. Six navigators couldn't read their own watches!
9. Two cars had no watches or maps (on a rally yet!).
10. One car had no pen or pencil aboard!
11. 19 cars were dead on at the 1st check point; 11 at the 2nd check point 8 at the 3rd check point, and so on!
12. Most fun was had by car No.19 whose check times on check sheets ran - "who cares" - "having fun" - "this is great" - "wheeeee" etc!

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13. There is nothing like a stretch of dirt road to save a rally master's hide, eg. wheel slippage - inter-rally races - four wheel slides and 'this jerk won't pass me if I have to blow it up'!
14. 22 checkers did a bang up job to keep pile-ups at check points at a minimum, get correct times, etc.
15. Walker Edmiston was pushed off the road in his 3-wheel Morgan by a 'juggernaut' who failed to see him. Luckily following members were able to drag him back on the road.

The club wishes to also thank most gratefully Snap-on-Tools for their beautiful gift of a torque wrench and container to the club winner and to the Parkers, not only for a swell rally, but for the beautiful horseless carriage glasses donated by them to the winning navigators.

COMING EVENTS

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| June 29 - S.Anita diabolical rally. | July 27 - FCCA Ivey Oil Rally. |
| July 2 - FCCA S.Monica meeting 8pm. | July 26-27 - 24 hr.Rally |
| " 12 - FCCA S.Monica nite rally 9pm. | (Box 1295 Hollywood). |
| July 9 - FCCA Glendale meeting | Aug. 3 - Rally Don Diego. |
| Wednesday 8pm sharp. | Aug.10 - 2nd Annual Scotsmans |
| July 13 - Semana Nautica. | Drag Rally - Mobilgas. |
| July 19-20 - Torrey Pines R.Races. | |

MOTORAMA

Many of you will recall the big Motorama Exposition held in Pan Pacific last fall and the terrific displays of everything interesting in the auto world. This year an even bigger one is planned for PanPacific in November and the management have offered F.C.C.A. a booth and space for display of any outstanding cars. We would sure like to take up this fine offer, we need a Motorama Committee to plan an exhibit and maintain it at the show. Members interested are asked to contact John Foster at HQ as soon as possible so that plans can be made and Motorama's fine offer accepted.

RALLY DON DIEGO

San Diego Sports Car Club have cooked up a dilly of European type Rally, for Aug.3rd. The run covers all the interesting roads way down in that interesting corner of California. Application blanks are on hand at HQ Glendale for this event, they must be mailed in by July 24th - so decide now!

SEMANA NAUTICA RALLY

The FCCA Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce invite all club members and their friends to attend a Rally and Monte Carlo type finish on the Promenade of S.Barbara on Sunday July 13th. This event is being run in conjunction with the annual Semana Nautica Celebrations and the Rally and finish is expected to draw a tremendous number of spectators. There is no entry fee, 10 awards will be donated by the city, results will be known at the finish. It is hoped that our club will turn out in force to ensure the success of this event. The Rally will be short but tricky and finish in town about 4 pm. Entry forms are on hand at Glendale HQ.

COMPETITION CAR

The FCCA's Competition Car is looking more like a little gem every

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week. If it were never to run a mile, a whole host of eager young engineers would still have had a lot of fun and learned a lot about the intricacies of auto design and building. But our 'baby' will run - and the day that she runs her first race I think a lot of us will die with enthusiasm or anticipation - or just plain nerves. A cable from Alan Hess led us to expect the engine when the 'Gratin' arrived (an appropriate name for the ship carrying our gift!). But alas she docked and disgorged English cars and Scotch whiskey by the ton - but no motor. We were disappointed as the arrival would have coincided nicely with the anniversary of Alan Hess's 'Round The World in 21 days in an A-40 Sports'. But work on the little monster is proceeding nicely using our stock A-40 motor as a power plant until the new one arrives. Mel White, our prominent design engineer has taken under his experienced wing the job of designing and building a fibre glass body and first sketches of the finished job look terrific. The race committee decided against the aluminum body in favour of this because of the much finer finished product without sacrificing any weight. If the new engine arrives before July 9th a formal presentation will be made by Austin's West Coast Representative at the regular monthly club meeting.

T.C. PARTS

Bob Menefee, V.P. of our Glendale Chapter has a number of T.C. parts left over after various modification jobs on his car. For sale to club members he offers: 2 front fenders, 2 rear fenders, gas tank, full hood (bonnet), bumpers front and rear, one pair of S.U. carbs with manifold. This equipment is all in swell condition. For local enquiries call Bob at 3738 Verdugo Road, Montrose, Calif., CH-91128.

ENGLISH NUMBER PLATES

A popular fad at the moment amongst our members is to sport an English license plate on the front of the car made up of initials, birthdays, interesting phone nos., etc - a perfectly illegal practice but no-one seems to mind providing the appropriate state licenses are shown also. Some interesting combinations can be seen like one I saw on a Morris Minor circa.1930, that had DO 100 on the front and the owner had politely followed it with an !... A very pukka job in cast aluminum (!) can be obtained in any combination of three letters followed by three figures (or two letters and four figures) can be obtained by writing HILLS HOUSE, CHENIES MEWS, LONDON, W.C.1, ENGLAND. The cost is approx. \$8.00. Now I'm waiting to see one of our wee small snuff boxes roll in with ACH 000! on the front.

NEW JUNIOR MEMBER

The Four-winged Stork made a decidedly good landing at the home of the Chuck Smiths the other day and deposited a brand new 9½ lbs spare navigator. We fully expect to see little Charles James Smith beating his gums on the next rally. Eleanore and Junior are fine and send a big 'Thanks a Million' to the club for the wizard bouquet of flowers.

F.C.C.A. SANTA MONICA

The first meeting of this Chapter of FCCA was held on June 18th at the showrooms of Brentwood Motors. Over 20 eager Fourcylinderites attended and under the expert hand of Sportsman E. Forbes-Robinson a very successful meeting was enjoyed. Many problems were discussed with a great majority of them solved there and then. The co-operation between the members and officers should ensure a very popular and successful branch.

The next meeting will be at Brentwood Motors, 2610 Wilshire Blvd., S. Monica @ 8pm Wed, July 2nd. Briefing will be given for the Night Rally scheduled to leave HQ @ 9pm on Saturday July 12th.

F.C.C.A. SANTA ANITA

May 18th brought out 25 bright and shiny cars for the first Rally for the Santa Anita Chapter. Cars left HQ in Monrovia at one minute intervals for a secret destination that turned out to be Laguna Beach about 100 miles distant. Route chosen was a perfect rally course through winding roads of scenic Orange County, by way of Lake Mathews, some nice long straightaways here; to Lake Elsinore over the breathtaking mountain road thru Ortega Pass to the coast. One point was taken off for every 30 secs. ahead or behind at each of 4 secret check points, from a perfect score of 100. Rally Master was Paul Garber Jr. Winners were Jim & Gloria Bradeson in a Riley. Second place was taken by J.J. & Mrs. Old in their MG.TC and third spot was filled by Paul Miller and Herb Lindwell in an MG.TD.

The club has planned a Diabolical Rally for June 29th with McDaniels and Elliott acting as Rally Masters. Rally leaves HQ @ 1002 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia @ 8.30 am for points unknown.

F.C.C.A. OAKLAND

Twenty-seven year old Rus Bucholz of Berkeley, Calif. in his first major entrance into a nationally recognized Concours d'Elegance held at Golden Gate Park in conjunction with the Golden Gate Road Races, placed second in his class (passenger cars under \$2,000.). Bucholz, with an exceptional, shiny, black 1951 Hillman-Minx Mark 4, drophead convertible with 18,000 miles on the speedometer and shaved engine head, represented the Four Cylinder Club of America (Oakland Region) in the event.

Winners of Class Passenger Cars under \$2,000.:

1. Cecil Whitebone - San Francisco, Calif., with a British Ford Consul 1952 Model Sedan.
2. Rus Bucholz - Berkeley, Calif., with a Hillman-Minx Mark 4, Convertible, 1951 Model.
3. Peter Campbell - San Francisco, Calif., with a Mark 4 Hillman - Minx Sedan, 1952 Model.

In co-operation with Tom O'Toole of the San Francisco Park Commission and Chester Dennis of the Grardsmen, C.S. Berry, Publicity Director of the Four Cylinder Club of America, Oakland Region, worked as Chairman of the Parking Committee for the purpose of providing parking for 13 Northern California sports car clubs at the recent Road Races held in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

Parking for representatives of the Northern regions of sports car clubs served a two-fold purpose: that of helping to provide additional campership funds for our underprivileged youth; and to give additional parking space for the general public.

Parking area allocated to the Northern California sports car clubs found the largest group of foreign vehicles seen in one place in the short history of sport car races in the Bay Area with 13 clubs present and approximately 250 cars of various makes.

Those members of the Oakland Four Cylinder Club working on the committee were President Geo. Sisson, Robt. Hagin, Geo. Arnold, Elwood Soanes, Glen St. Louis, James Ellis, William Hemphill, Rus Bucholz and Wesley Hansen.

Clubs represented were Sports Cars Unlimited of Modesto; Kings Highway Motor Club; Four Cylinder Club, Los Angeles; F.C.C.A. Salinas; Peninsula Car Club, Los Catos; Marin Sports Car Club, Fairfax; Redwood Empire Club, Ukiah; British Car Club, Sacramento; Sports Cars Unlimited, Oakland; Sports Cars Unlimited, Sacramento; Sports Car Club of Stockton; Stockton Foreign Car Club; and the F.C.C.A. Oakland.

Elwood Soanes, Vice-President & Chairman of Activities Committee of Oakland's Four Cylinder Club of America, announced today that a successful rally and family-style picnic was held at Lodi Lake near Lodi, Calif. Distance covered on the rally was 186 miles which wound thru beautiful and scenic viewpoints of interest on route thru Orinda, Walnut Creek, along the Marsh Creek Road thru the foothills of Mt. Diablo, along the

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scenic Stockton River to Lodi Lake and return.

Club members in attendance were Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Sisson, Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Soanes, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Berry, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Schmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Foxcroft; Mr. & Mrs. Del Enzminger, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Arnold, Lieut. & Mrs. William Hemphill, Mr. & Mrs. Glen St. Louis, Mr. & Mrs. James Ellis, Mr. & Mrs. T. Williams and Mr. Robert Hagin.

POINTS SCORING

Many enquiries come to us regarding the methods of awarding points on monthly rallies and here outlined briefly are two methods worth considering. Your own ideas on this subject are most welcome as the harrassed score keepers in all clubs are always on the lookout for new ideas. The Glendale Chapter are using this method -

Rally Masters are volunteers and the schedule of rallies is kept booked ahead for about 3 months giving members a chance to go over the course a few times and work out all the details. If 50 contestants turn up for a Rally - the rally master gets 50 points - one point for each contestant his rally has attracted. Checkers get 50% of this or 25 points in this case. The winner gets 50 points (for beating 49 others), second gets 49, third 48, etc. and last man gets 1 point for showing up. Missing a check point completely rewards the contestant with only 1 point as he never did complete the run. First three places receive awards - cups donated by very kind and interested sponsors - inscribed plaques for the dash panel donated by the club. All points are recorded for the year - Jan. to Dec. - and at the end of the year wall plaques or cups awarded the first three in the annual points standing.

"The Well's Method"

1. Rally originators get 100 points.
2. Participants get 100 points to start & lose one point for every minute (plus or minus) off assigned times at each checkpoint. Their final score is 100 minus total lost points.
3. A missed checkpoint disqualifies participant who will be awarded 5 points for attendance.
4. All checkpoints must be made in proper sequence. Participants who knowingly violate this rule are disqualified without receiving the five points for attendance.
5. Checkers get 50 points.
6. A rally may not be of more than 8 hours duration to count toward the yearly accumulation of points.

ANNUAL POINTS STANDING - AT HALFWAY MARK

1. John Foster	225	9. Perry Peron	159
2. G.W. Sargent	216	10. Stan Sedor	155
3. Duane Alan	208	11. M.C. White	154.
4. Curt Parker	203	12. Hunter Hackney	153
5. Phil Curry	170	13. Steve Geraghty	151
6. Norm Berry	167	14. Earl Sargent	149
7. James Gillette	161	15. Jim Martin	134
7. Jerry McDonald	161		

LAND'S END (GRAND MESA) HILL CLIMB

Ever been on a Hill Climb that runs for 11½ miles over gravelled road that starts @ 6,000 ft and ends @ 10,000 ft along the breathtaking rim of a giant canyon? One such is scheduled for July 4th by the very progressive Rocky Mountain Sports Car Club at Grand Junction, Colorado: a mere hop of 1500 miles from here. The RMSCC have been kind enough to send us beautiful literature & application blanks for this great annual event & club members interested are requested to pick up all data pronto at HQ Glendale. Barney West & Johnny Orlando have already planned to attend this big event, others are invited to join them.

JULY MEETING

The next meeting of FCCA Glendale is to be held on Wednesday July 9th at 8.00 pm sharp at Griffith Park Manor, 1600 block on Flower at Ruberta, near Glendale Airport. Briefing will be given for the 'Ivey Oil Rally' which takes place Sunday July 27th at 8.00 am. Movies will be shown and awards presented for the 'Good Old Days Rally'.

F.C.C.A. 'IVEY RALLY'

Sunday July 27th is the date set for this big event sponsored by the Ivey Friction Free Oil Company. There are lots of surprises in store for participants, John Foster, the Rally Master for this event promises to try to incorporate everything possible to make it a Rally everyone will enjoy. The run will leave HQ Glendale @ 8.00 am, a wide choice of average speeds will be given drivers; instead of routes, navigators will be given locations of each check point and determine his own route! Bring a good L.A. Vicinity Map, a watch, pencil and your license! Refreshments - beer - soft drinks - hot dogs at the finish will be provided courtesy of the Ivey Oil Company. A great deal of publicity and pictures will accompany this event. Bring your swimming togs!

CARRELL RACES

Saturday night June 21st saw Carrell Speedway packed with enthusiastic spectators for the Foreign Car Races and the evening was packed with thrills and excitement. Our own club members were very much in evidence in the drivers' seats, and the pits as helpers, and as lusty cheer leaders in the stands. All the papers and mags have covered the events thoroughly, but for our own part we mention with pride club members.

Bruce Mooney, who drove his wife's MG.TD in a truly inspired manner in every event stock or modified - except the one over 1500 cc event! In the Le Mans starts he was first away each time in a truly amazing short space of time. Bruce won the under 1500 cc stock event, keeping the lead position thro the whole 10 laps. He placed 4th in the up to 1500 cc Modified after leading some formidable jobs for half the race, and did a grand job of driving and running! in the relay race. In the main event against a mass of potent opposition Bruce pushed the TD from 27th position at the post to first in his class, 10th overall. Bruce we're mighty proud of you!

Jack Burkhard, sportsman supreme, entered his famous 2-JR in the modified race and driven like a bomb by equally famous Bill Stroppe took first place after a thrilling race of passing and re-passing. In the stock 10 lapper Jean Burkhard had entered her MG-Mark 2 with driver Dave Addison pulling from a position way at the back to finish well up front. In the main event Jack drove 2-JR - was screaming around fighting for the lead when the Manning Special and 2-JR were seen to hit 'midst a shower of sparks in the N turn and Jack ploughed ahead but with reduced speed. His left front wheel which was buckled and the vibration was tremendous but Jack - still enjoying the race to the full - carried on till the flag dropped with 2-JR in 5th overall position, 1st in its class! Jolly Good Show Jackson.

Robbie Robinson, President of FCCA Santa Monica thrilled us all, driving his fabulous little Cooper 500 cc lost the match race with Roger Barlow in his terrific modified Simca by about 2 secs., but came the main event with Jags, Simca, Manning Special, Siegfried Special blown MG's, etc. and Robbie grabbed the lead at the start and for 30 laps held it despite real ding dong battle driving by everyone and took 1st place. There will be much comment for a long time to come on this race, but everyone will agree the victory was due as much to Robbie's masterly driving as the very hot Cooper. I wish the Cooper was a four cylinder job! I managed to force my way through a mass of people congratulating Robbie as soon as all the tense excitement died down. Robbie looked completely unperturbed (I was like a wet rag with excitement) and when I added by 'Bravo' for the club he replied "It was a pleasure John.....".