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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 16 Seventh Point - Turkey Rallye - J. Crenshaw
Nov 20 Meeting - Nominations
Dec 14 Eighth Point - Christmas Rallye - W. Fitch
Dec 18 Meeting - Elections
Jan 3 Annual Banquet

NEXT EVENT

CHRISTMAS RALLYE
December 14
Willard Fitch, O. D.

Start - Southside Plaza Shopping Center - First Car Out - 1:00 p.m. - interesting rallye - all hard-surfaced roads - get-together afterwards for dinner at a restaurant - Christmas gift for each entrant!

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SNOW RALLYE TIME

The first time that there are two inches or more of snow on the ground in Richmond on Sunday, there will be a Snow Rallye run by Bill Harding. If you would like to participate, send or give Bill a card with your name and telephone numbers where you could possibly be reached Saturday night or Sunday morning. When the snow comes, he will call and notify you. Low speeds, short course.

NEW

Frisky with Berkeley 3 cylinders in rear - rumored.

The first Grand Prix of the U. S. - Sebring, Florida, the day after the 12-hour endurance - a very big weekend - 21 and 22 March.

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If you
can
read
this,
you
are
doing
just
fine.

To the Tune of the Marine's Hymn

From the floors of sports car sales
To Danville's asphalt track
We will race our little cars
Painted red and white and black
See us sliding round the hairpins
Gaily waving to the crowd
We are drivers of SCCA
And boy, are we proud!

This space
reserved for
the coffee break.



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EDITORIAL

We are sorry that this issue is the same as the others and not the Lithiographical magazine that had been promised, but, due to a lack of material, it was decided to save money and publish the first photo issue in January.

Banquet time will soon be here; so, make sure you have your reservations in early. There will be fun and prizes for all, dancing, joke telling, cocktails, food and prizes that won't affect your amateur standing. Entry blank is around here someplace.

HALLOWEEN RALLYE

Moan again - Fred Johnson absconded to Carolina with all the results, ergo, he go, we no go, sorry.

GRAMPA BUCKETBUTT'S BANALITIES #3

Once there was a couple who decided to go rallying. They did and decided that this was a fun thing. They then bought some equipment and began to go to every rally within reach. It wasn't too long before the husband was beginning to try very hard to win each event. This led to nerves. His wife, poor misguided soul, still thought that they were having FUN. Her husband soon began to correct this delusion by yelling and swearing and generally giving the impression that he was out to WIN, not just to have FUN. His wife was amazed. She had never yelled at him and he had never yelled at her before in all their married life. Well! She knew just what to do about that! She looked around the club and found another couple who were having the same difficulty, it wasn't really too hard to find one, and convinced the wife that they ought to get together and have FUN and let the men WIN. They switched around and the men and their wives each pursued their own bent, the former grimly, the latter chuckling, all the while. Well, at the end of the year, when the points were added up, the wives beat the men by a comfortably embarrassing margin.

Moral: When you yell at your wife, make sure you know what you're yelling about.

.Grampa has spoke.

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I understand that Ed Wright tried to take home a 20lb. turkey in the Berkeley. He was last seen heading west - at 1,500 feet, yelling, "You put me down!"

A young man crossed a parakeet with a tiger. He still doesn't know what he's got, but when it talks he listens.

COLD WEATHER STARTING

by "Happy" Batchelor

If you were to enter a race you would not expect to win if your car were not in a state of top tune; likewise top tune is essential in cold weather starting. Spark plugs, distributor points and condenser must be up to snuff, also carburetors, battery and the balance of the electrical system.

Your battery should test, with a hydrometer, 1.260 to 1.280 on all cells with a difference of no more than 0.020 between cells. If the difference between cells exceeds this amount, the battery is probably on the verge of collapse. Even if it may seem to be working now, it can be expected to drop dead on one of these real cold mornings. If the state of charge is below 1.250, it should be slow charged overnight or so. "Fast" charging is considered an emergency measure only and can be dangerous to the battery life. It goes without saying that the battery exterior and environs should be clean. Cleaning can be effectively done by washing with a soda-water solution (1 quart warm water and 2 tablespoons baking soda).

Assuming all is mechanically and electrically well, here are a few "kinks" that may help: use one range hotter plugs set .002 closer, set ignition points .002 closer and retard ignition about 2°. These three steps will reduce performance but will increase starting ability considerably.

If your car is still stubborn about starting, consider the possibility of adding heat under the hood during the night - a 100-watt bulb placed under the hood near (but not touching) the carburetor(s).

Then if you like to live dangerously, try this - caution, I said "dangerously": With someone inside the car to operate the starter, place an unlit propane blowtorch against the air cleaner; turn on the propane gas and then push the start; be ready to remove the torch quickly in case of backfire; when the engine catches (not afire, I hope) keep feeding the propane gas for several seconds, so that the gasoline will take over smoothly.

Another method: If your car has a mesh type air cleaner, place about one teaspoon of either ether, chloroform, lighter fuel or lacquer thinner on the mesh prior to pushing the starter button. This method is not so dangerous as the above but on the other hand not so effective either.

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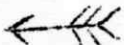
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3	M. Thornton	2045
4	Bev West	1872
5	Ed Jett	1745
6	Stuart Jenks	1650
7	Bob Cook	1640
	Mary Jenks	1640
8	Ann Cook	1630
9	Allen Fine	1555
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12	Tom Rennie	1330

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16	Wade Norton	1090
17	Willard Fitch	1075
18	Ed Wright	1055
19	Marvin Donger	1045
20	Stan Clark	1030

A woman carefully rolled up her windows, locked all the doors, put the keys in her purse, then walked off-leaving the top down.

What ever happened to Chlorophyll ?

ENTRY FORM - ANNUAL BANQUET

Place - Downtown Club - Raleigh Hotel, 9th and Bank Streets
 When - 3 January 1959
 Time - Starting Event (production), 6:30 p.m., Cocktail Party
 Second Event (all modified), Dinner and Awards
 Third Event (endurance), 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m., Dance
 Entry Fee - \$10.00 per crew - singles \$5.00

Entries MUST be in by the 19th of December; there will be NO late entries.

Fill in the blank below and mail it, with money, to Len Winslow, 1927 N. Hamilton, or bring it to the next meeting.

