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MEMO TO: Joe Mayer

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Here are a few things I think of that you have ^{probably} already remembered for inclusion in your February issue of Exhaust Notes. This is not a Letter from the RE, just a personal note ~~XXX~~ to the Editor.

1. Nominations for possible recipients of the Woody Dunn Memorial Trophy were taken at the January event, from those 1956 members in attendance. All other Nebraska Region members are urged to submit their nominations also, by mail. They should be sent to Rolly Styskal, 1302 Madison Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Since the trophy will be awarded at the February event, and since the selection committee must meet prior to that ~~XXX~~ time, perhaps you should state a nomination mailing deadline of no later than February 7. Please be sure to ~~XXXX~~ check this deadline suggestion with Rolly in advance of your publication date, as it may conflict with plans he has already made. If the deadline should be the 7th, however, it seems to me that the newsletter should be prepared and mailed at the earliest possible date (even before February 1, if possible) so those wishing to make nominations will have the greatest amount of time possible.

To refresh everyone's memory, you might like to include in your publication a brief outline of what the trophy is for, and how the winner is decided upon, and by whom. Stressed should be the fact that this is no popularity contest! It is to select the Region's most valuable member for the preceding year. This is to be decided upon in light of each nominee's part in Region activities for the preceding year only -- ~~XXX~~ it is not to take into consideration his "life time batting average," as it were.

Among the tests to which each nominee will be put, are the following:

- A. What has he done to foster interest in sports cars during the preceding year?
- B. To what extent has he participated in Region events? (With what degree of regularity, not how many times has he won. We already award a trophy for the high point activity winner.)
- C. Has he worked on Region committees -- how many and how well?
- D. How does he stack up when it comes to sportsmanship?

The nominees, ~~XXXXXX~~ whose names are submitted by the general membership, are evaluated by a special committee. This year it will be composed of Rolly Styskal and Dave Hollenbaugh (whose ideas and generosity have made the award possible), and the past three Region Activities Directors: Cy Dieter, Joe Mayer, and Loyal Katskee. In following years, the Committee will be composed of the ~~the~~ present and past two Activities Directors, with the Present Activities Director serving as Chairman. In future years, ~~the~~ trophy will be awarded at the Annual Meeting. Nominees for the award will always ~~be~~ come from the membership-at-large.

The man nominated by the largest number of members will not necessarily win the award. The performance in all the above categories of each nominee will be carefully evaluated by the committee. The committee will make the final decision as to who was "most valuable" throughout the preceding year.