



EXHAUST NOTES

Nebraska Region of S.C.C.A.

October, 1961

QUARTERLY MEETING

September 16, 1961, marked the date of the quarterly meeting of the Nebraska Region, which was held at the Gourmet Restaurant in Omaha. The cocktail hour gave us an opportunity to meet a few of the people in the Club whom we should have met months ago, and talk over experiences and cars and generally drink a few. After dinner, Mike Lemmers brought the meeting to order, even though Mason Steinberg wasn't through with his lobster yet.

The meeting began with a Secretary's Report from Secretary Wil Mead, who reported that he really had nothing to report. The Treasurer wasn't present to give his report, but Al Bebout helped out the treasury a little by circulating a basket to collect the quarters from all those who forgot their red Nebraska Region badges. A few alert souls got by without paying, but most of us put the money in the pot, one Tolman doing so after making a trip all the way out to the parking lot, only to discover that his badge wasn't in the car. Jerry Venger said that he could get more badges to pass out to those who couldn't get one before.

The Golden Rod Rally was next on the agenda. Mike extended the thanks of the Committee to all the folks who worked so hard to put on the biggest event of the year for our Region. After the tumult died down, the good comments began coming in, a certain magazine article notwithstanding. Even with the protests and the geography, Nebraska has won some friends through our efforts. Many comments

were heard about the geniality of the people, and the good check point detail.

The calendar for the coming events was discussed, and the next rally was slated for Sunday, September 24, 1961, to start at Nebraska City. You will find more about this one elsewhere in this issue.

Mike said that the Economart Gymkhana is still in the works. The difficulty is that the Economart is now staying open on Sundays, and while we may still be able to hold an event there, the area open to us in the parking lot would be a lot smaller than last year, when we had the whole thing to ourselves. However, they are trying to work things out for us, as the Economart wants us back. Here's hoping. How's your sense of balance?

Although a Photo Rally had been scheduled for November, things just didn't work out, and Mike had to ask for a new chairman for the November event. Since the time is getting short, it was suggested that the Photo Rally be changed to another gimmick rally - perhaps a Hare and Hounds. At this John Carter was heard to mutter something about not having had a road race for two years now. Al Bebout will be chairman for this event.

Mike explained about the Woody Dunn trophy, and you will find more about that elsewhere in this issue.

After that, Mike turned the meeting over to Al Bebout, who proceeded with the nominations for officers for next year. If you read the special issue of Exhaust Notes, you know all about that - if you didn't read it, all you

can do now is vote when the time comes. Nominations closed as of September 26, 1961.

Mike announced with regret that we couldn't pass out any trophies for the race at Grand Island. For obvious reasons.

Gene Sailey provided the silver lining however, and told of the possibility of a race at Alliance, Nebraska, on October 28 and 29. This race would be in co-sponsorship with the Denver Region, who will probably put on the race anyway. Although this is not exactly what we had in mind at the beginning, it was mentioned that this would be an ice breaker for races to be staged in the future. There probably wouldn't be any money received from a venture such as this, but the name of the Nebraska Region would be on it, and we could then point back to it when we start negotiating again for another race on our own. Gene will probably have more information on this race after returning from a race at Norman, Oklahoma, on September 29 and 30.

After all the business was discussed the meeting was closed and Jerry Venger and Mason Steinberg showed a movie in color about the history of automobile racing. Very good movie.

THE WOODY DUNN TROPHY

This trophy was donated to the Nebraska Region of the S.C.C.A. by the ~~parents~~ of Woody Dunn, a member of the Club who met with death in an automobile accident. It is given each year to the member in this Region who has done the most for the Region. It is a travelling trophy, held for a year by the person deemed worthy. The original practice was for members to nominate other members to receive the trophy. Although this practice has fallen by the wayside in recent years, the officers would like to resume it. Therefore, if you would like to nominate someone for this honor, please write a letter to Mike Lemmers, 8705 Shamrock Road, Omaha, Nebraska,

*Don't know
if Jim Boyd*

stating your reasons why that person should be considered. The Committee will then decide which of the nominees should receive the trophy, and it will be awarded at the annual dinner. Give this some thought, and write those letters to Mike before it slips your mind. This is a wonderful memorial to Woody Dunn, and anyone would be proud to receive it.

SEPTEMBER EXTRA EVENT
by John Porter

It pays to check the course the day before an event! The September Extra Event had originally been laid out in May. Al Bebout and John Porter decided to check the course out as some of the instructions involved detour routes that might have been changed in the intervening months. The detours were still there, but one of the back dirt roads had turned to mud for the top inch or so. After two hours getting the car out of the mud -- in the middle of the road, mind you -- a slight change of course was made. As a result only one car got stuck. They wandered into a farmers' yard, as it was told later. Another change occurred when the normally sleepy town of Brownsville decided to have a festival in the middle of our rally route. Luckily this was during the break. At least two cars are known to have arrived at the start after the appointed starting time, and were disappointed.

RESULTS: In the Novice Class, Dale Flesher and Don Lamphere in their Porsche Coupe. Second went to Matt Clark and Pete Renz in a red 1600 Speedster Porsche. New member (in process) Carolyn Heaton and Ken Hansen of Lincoln were third.

Advanced was taken by Ralph Tolman and a navigator/driver whom he neglected to identify. Second were Chuck and Dawn Vest in a blue TR-3. Hans and Ruta Zimmerman in their red Sprite were third in the advanced class.

Has everyone heard that George Gunther bought a 4.4 Ferrari? We're looking forward to some remarkable competition driving, George.

Your attention is called to the Witches Ryde Rally, to be put on by the Wichita Region on October 14 and 15. This is a local rally of national calibre, without the national pressure. Catchy name.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

I'm rather new at this sort of thing, but so far it has been lots of fun getting this copy of Exhaust Notes off to the press. Everyone has been most cooperative, and even grateful when I called them to ask for news. Consequently, we made it on time, and I'm patting myself on the back.

You will note that we have returned to the mimeograph method, rather than having the Notes printed. I want it on record right at the first that I am very much in favor of the printed version of the notes, but at the moment I feel that it is more than one person can be expected to do. Few people realize the amount of work that goes into putting out a "professional" paper. However, if at some time in the future, and I hope it will be in the near future, the Club would see fit to set up a committee to take care of the securing of ads and monies necessary, I would be delighted to change the format and make our paper one of the nicer in the country. The Michigan Region has a paper that is really fine, and it has given me something to shoot for. If anyone is interested, you are invited to see a

copy of theirs which I have at home. In the meantime, I hope you will be satisfied with the mimeographed Notes you'll be receiving.

I intend to make it my policy to print letters, or at least parts of letters sent to the Notes by members of the S.C.C.A. If you have a complaint and can't get anyone to listen to you, write me a letter and if it is at all reasonable, I'll print it. Of course, all such letters must be signed. Also, of course, letters of thanks or compliments will be printed as well. If you have something to say, say it! All I ask is that you get your letters to me by the last week of the month so that they can be included in the current issue.

Anyway, I want to thank everyone who has helped get this issue out, by contributing and by giving advice. And I appreciate your confidence. Hope we can keep you all well informed.

Just a note about returning the ballots in the coming election. Although you will not sign the ballot itself, please be sure to put your name on the return of the envelope, so that they can be checked against the membership roster before the ballot is opened. Any ballot that does not have this return address cannot be counted, as we would have no way of knowing that it came from a bona fide member of the Region. The ballots will be sent out in November.

IT ISN'T THAT YOU WON OR LOST --
BUT WHETHER YOUR CAR WILL STILL RUN.