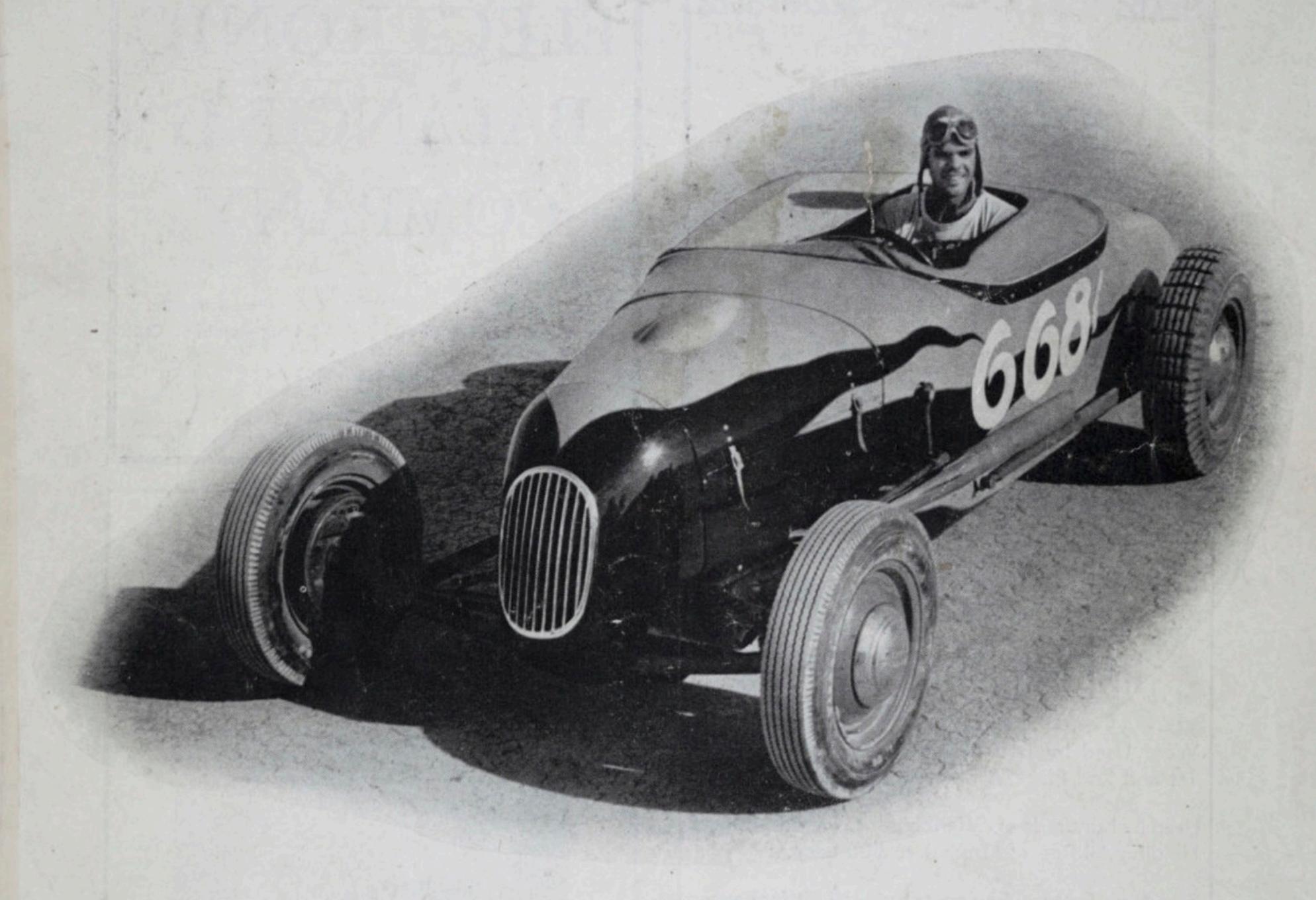
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Sitting in the driver's seat is Eddie Hulse, who, a few moments after this picture was taken, drove number 668, to set a new SCTA record for Class C roadsters. Hulse, a native Californian, nosed out Randy Shinn, a long-time top honor holder for the RC Class. Shinn's old record was 129.40 in a channeled Mercury T.

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Editor's Column

Hot rod is published to inform and entertain those interested in automobiles whose bodies and engines have been rebuilt in the quest for better performance and appearance.

In this publication readers will find a chance to air their views, ask questions (and get the answers), read about racing and timing meets and automobile shows, see the latest in engine and body designs, enjoy entertaining fiction and see engine parts displayed with what we call "the feminine touch."

Getting off to a good start, HRM wants the readers to meet Regg Schlemmer, owner and builder of our cover car. Some of our readers may know him already. Others will recognize his picture. Everyone will want to read about the roadster of which Regg is proud. Our feature story appears on page 5.

The center page (12 & 13) carries 16 pictures of hot rodders and their cars. These shots were taken at the tracks, the dry lakes, in garages, wherever the roadsters and streamliners are to be found. Readers will spot many familiar names and faces there.

A special spot has been devoted to an unusual picture and story about a fuel pump. The photo has been given a touch of leg art, which we feel our readers won't mind. This feature is on page 15.

George Riley, one of the fathers of hot rods as they are known today, gives us a better understanding of the problems of a race mechanic with his article, "KEEPING THE CAR OUT FRONT." This is the same Mr. R. who designed and built the famous two-port and four-port Riley racing heads.

Richard Lane Bernstein has written a stand Me, which begins on page 6. In the past, Bernstein has been noted as editor of the Los Angeles City College magazine, POINT.

From page 21 to the inside back cover are results and standings from the tracks and dry lakes where the hot rods do their stuff.

HRM aims to please its readers. Let us know of your likes and dislikes and we'll do our utmost to comply with

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ED. .(P.S.-Interesting news and photos from our readers throughout the world will be welcomed.)

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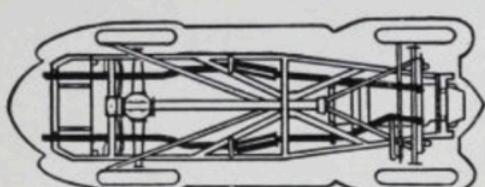
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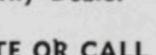
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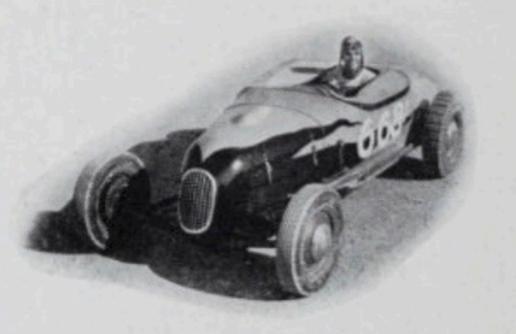
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Regg Schlemmer SPEED SHOP



Record Holders

Roadster Average 136.05 m.p.h. and Boat Class F. Service Runabout

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HOT ROD OF THE MONTH

On October 19 the last official Southern California Timing Association meet was held at El Mirage Dry Lake. As could be expected of the final meet of the season, the turnout was good and entries were in top running order. The crowd numbered about four thousand. Spectators and entrants alike were keyed to the importance of the meet. They hoped for some new and surprising hot rods to turn out and for some old records to be shattered. In neither case ere they disappointed.

SCTA NEWCOMER

The man of the hour was a relative newcomer to the SCTA and to The Gaters, the club which he represented. He was Regg Schlemmer, whose class C roadster, number 668, smashed past records with its initial competitive run at the lakes. The car stepped out ahead of all others in its class to lay a new average of 136.05 mph. Eddie Hulse of Compton, California, piloted 668 to that

Behind the record of this car are 20 years engine experience and six weeks of relentless day and night work on the part of owner-builder Schlemmer. The Mercury engine, Navarro Heads, Evans Manifold and a Smith Cam and running 3.27-1 gears. For ignition he is running two four-cylinder Wico mags. 668's body is 27 "T" channeled over a special built tubular frame. Body work on the car, done by El Slaven, is a job of which any body man would be proud.

Regg's car is built up with a gear box and quick-change locked rear end as he plans to enter it in track competition at a later date.

Schlemmer came west from his birthplace, Louisville, Kentucky, some twenty-five years ago. At the age of thirteen he started to putter around with automobile engines, buying old cars to experiment with and even finding time to repair his neighbors' autos. He completed his schooling at Muir in Pasadena, California.

Although new to the SCTA, Regg has had previous experience in record breaking. Last year, while taking to the waterways, he entered the "Patsy Dee," a Class F runabout, in the five mile competitive and the mile straightaway walking away with a new speed record of 43 mph. This was done with a V-8 "85"

In the near future Regg Schlemmer will open his new speed shop at the corner of Wright and Imperial Road in South Gate, California, where he will build both boat and auto engines for speed enthusiasts.

MARRIED BETWEEN RACES

Back in 1933, while running cars at Muroc Dry Lake, Regg drove a Winfield flathead, number 21, clocking 117 mph. This was the third fastest time run in his class at Muroc. In '33, of course, there were no classes as they are known today. Cars were classified in the ninety to one hundred mile an hour group, the one hundred to one-ten group and the one-ten to unlimited group. Regg was entered in the later class.

It was in that same year that he took time out from his racing activities to marry a young California girl named Dolores. "We had to squeeze the marriage in between a couple of Regg's races," claims Mrs. Schlemmer. Today they are the proud parents of three children; an eleven-year-old boy and two daughters, aged six and eight.

Regg's fans will not be particularly surprised if next year he enters a V-8 roadster in the Bendix races . . . and WINS! Regg, however, denies that he will. "I like airplanes, but the Mrs. doesn't want me to get into flying. Therefore, I won't."

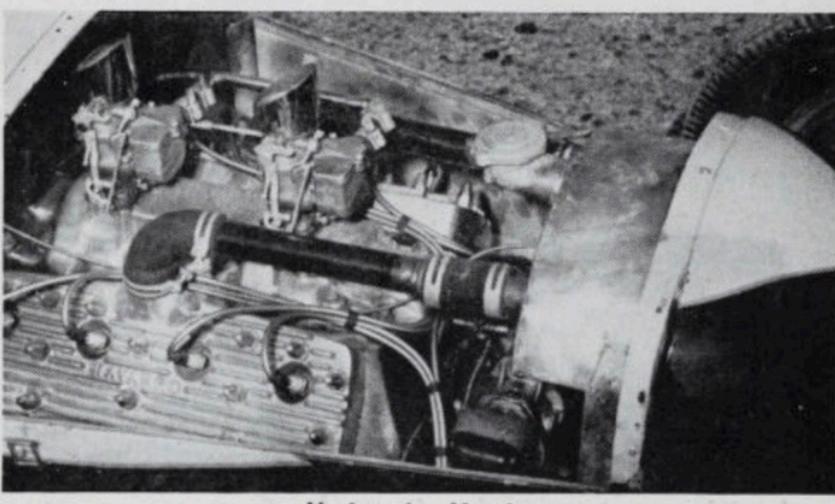
roadster checked in at El Mirage with swarmed around Schlemmer and number this issue.



REGG SCHLEMMER

All of this just goes to show that you never know what will happen when a new car clears the starting line and speeds down the measured strip.

Following his El Mirage victory doz- HRM is happy to be able to introens of spectators and drivers alike duce Regg Schlemmer to its readers in



Under the Hood

668 to congratulate the new record holder and to get a good look at his mechanical masterpiece. The roadster is one of the smoothest looking cars runing on the lakes today. It has a rounded grille extending from the front of the hood and the body has been completely smoothed out with all cracks and ridges filled in. The entire underside is encased in a belly pan.

During all of the excitement which ensued the timing of this car, Schlemmer wore one of the widest grins on record the smile of a man who can be proud of his own accomplishment. Asked about his hobbies and outside sports, Regg retorted, "I'm strictly an engine man. They are by business, my hobby and my sport."

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SCTA—Southern California Timing Association

CRA - California Roadster Assn. American Sports Car

R—roadster

S-streamliner (any car not conforming to contour of stock roadster body)

Classes for dry lakes entrants-SCTA

A-0-150 cubic inches

B-150-250 cubic inches

C-250-350 cubic inches

D-350 and over.



Somehow he didn't want to kiss her, he wanted to get the car started and get home where he could think by himself.

Someone to Understand Me

by Richard Lane Bernstein

Conners could see people laughing at and figures. A girl with a good figure you. Say, that's a scream." him everytime he parked his hot rod soon learns the facts."

thought that his engagement to Eve. Eve. A woman who appealed to him. was there and he took Myrna Cum-Bogardus was some sort of a gag. He Then he had met Byron Foster at the mings. Myra was sort of an eyeful. She could see their faces when he told them. Speed Show. He watched Foster almost liked to talk and she continually pep-Curly Winthrop was the first to hear choke on his bridgework when he told pered him with conversation while they it. He could still vision that bewildered him the news. "Eve Bogardus! Not the were dancing. lock on Curly's tomato red kisser. "You tiny one with the glasses that make her must be kidding, Jerry. You're the look like an owl. Surely April Fool's ductor said, 'You're fare", and I said to

somebody like Myra Cummings, who Come to think of it, Eve wasn't laughed at her own joke. He had known has as many curves as Bobby Feller beautiful, but her face was different. It Myra a long time. They had been all can pitch. Eve looks like the result of had a serene look. Calm. Peaceful. over together. Weenie bakes. Shows. an unhappy marriage and her figure is Then when he walked into the snack Hc got so that he knew which way the just like a washboard. It's a gag, isn't shop he'd seen Corky Rogers munching breeze would blow her hair when they

It was the talk of the town. Jerry it, Jerry? Women are wise about facts on a burger. Corky beamed, "Eve and

It had all started at the Toppers and went somewhere. Everybody A gag to get engaged to a girl like Dance at the Ridgeway Club. The gang

"So when I got on the bus the conlady killer in this town. You're for Day isn't here again so soon, Conners." him, 'You're not so hot yourself'. Myra took a ride in his car. Or what she would say when he told her about his roadster.

Then came the tag dance. Myra slipped out of his arms and another girl whirled him out on the dance floor. She ashamed of looking into them too much. He felt as if he were looking inside her. He heard her talking. Her voice was low and yet sounded like the ripples of a waterfall. Cool words. Refreshing. He could feel her in his arms and yet it was as if she were floating.

"I've seen you around," the girl said softly. "You're Jerry Conners. One of my girl friends told me."

"And who are you?" he asked innocently.

"Eve Bogardus. This is such a nice dance. I like dancing and music and laughing."

And so they stood there talking about little things, everyday things. He was standing there holding her in his arms not noticing that it was intermission.

"Am I interrupting something? Is this a private game or can anybody play?" It was Myra. Her tone was sarcastic. It seemed as if she were speaking from faraway.

"Oh, I'm sorry," said Jerry, "Eve Bogardus, this is Myra Cummings. We were just getting acquainted, Myra."

"Keep it up. You're doing okay," Myra smiled. "By the way, if you want me I'll be dancing with Cary Jones. Be careful, Eve, he bites."

back of a retreating mule.

"Sure, Myra gets sore at the dance. Gals are like that. Reminds me of a dance I went to. I used to be quite a gay dog, very hep on the repartee. No babe could outtalk me. One girl was sitting surrounded by a score of admirers. Her beauty was beyond description. When the music started I walked up to her. 'Pardon me, Miss, may I have this dance?' Then she said, 'I'm sorry, but I never dance with children.' I grinned your condition'."

with a story to illustrate a point. But ing on your car. I'll bet her idea of She was a redhead. He liked red hair. when he brought Eve around Spike wasn't too enthusiastic.

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Pop had the same verdict and Jerry

"She's okay, but I seen a lot better. was puzzled when he and Eve left the To hear you rave, I'd think that you house. Maybe he was on a foul ball. Yet need glasses."

porch he felt as if he couldn't stand it idea? any more. He'd show them. He'd get wasn't a good looking girl. Just ordin- their goats. He kept thinking about ary with big, wide blue eyes. Orchid Wendy. Wendy was the girl that he blue eyes that seemed to fascinate him. niet at the beach. She was a pretty He gazed at her eyes and they made him blonde. Somehow he'd stop seeing her feel funny. They were sad looking. when he met Verna. Verna was a red- a stray dog. He thought about Breezy. Deep, like a crystal ball. He was head with green eyes that had done absolutely nothing to him compared with Eve's blue orchid ones.

> Then he figured out the solution. He would invite her home to meet the folks. They understood him. They would know what there was about Eve that made him fall for her. Sure, she was a funny kind of girl. She would sit and listen to all he had to say. She would smile when he told her about his days as a kid. The time he beat up Harry Connelly for swiping his lunch. The time that he and Larry Corbett stole watermelons at Mr. Jones' when they spent their vacation in the country. About how sore he got when his Mother washed the white shirt he had cribbed all the answers to the math questions on during final exams. Eve's eyes always twinkled with understanding.

> His Mother was pretty happy to hear that he was bringing a girl home for dinner. Especially Eve. He had talked so much about her. She wanted to see her. She had seen Myra and liked her and she was curious to see this girl who had bowled over her boy and made him stop going with Myra.

The dinner party was about as successful as a panhandler in a police station. Eve sat there through dinner, toying with the food in her plate and talk-Somehow or other, there was some- ing about as much as a blues singer with ing about her. He took her to the laryngitis. Pop asked her questions, fights. He even told Spike Bradley about which she answered with a plain "Yes" her. Spike was his boss. Spike had been or "No". Mom was friendly, too, but in the garage business for years. Jerry it was apparent that Eve wasn't going worked there as a mechanic. He liked over too well. Jerry started to kid the job, mostly because Spike was such around and cover up, but no dice. The a character. He was a dumpy little guy smiles were gone. Eve had erased their tuilt like a fireplug with soulful brown smiles as if their faces were blackboards. eyes and a baldpate that looked like the No, his eyes hadn't been playing tricks

They didn't like Eve. He was surprised. Yet, what had he expected? The world looked dreary. He needed someone to understand him. The world by himself. was full of "theys" laughing at him. After dinner he went into the kitchen. Mom was in there washing the dishes. was a little kid visiting his grandmoth-

were kind of surprised to meet this girl went out on dates and he had to stay you've been going around with. This home. He felt hurt that time because Eve. She isn't the right one for you. he didn't have a girl. But no one unback, 'Oh pardon me, I didn't know She's too quiet. You like the outside too derstood. He had no one to talk to. much. You are always around peppy Then he remembered his first girl. Bon-Spike was like that. Always there things. Interesting things, like work- nie. They had met at a birthday party. excitement is curling up with a book." It was like flame. He used to tell her

she understood him. She listened to all When he sat with her on her front he had to say. Was that the wrong

> "Let's go for a ride," he suggested. Eve nodded, "Let's."

Jerry watched his car eat up the black asphalt highway like a lion chewing up some licorice. His mind wandered like Breezy was his buddy in the Tank Corps. Breezy had a philosophy about women. He didn't like girls. All they wanted to do, he kept telling Jerry, was hook some guy, then quit their jobs so they could sit around the house and eat all day. Breezy believed that a guy chased a girl until she caught him.

He looked sideways at Eve. Her hair was flowing in the wind like a floating cape. It was a mousy brown. She was watching the road. She seemed to enjoy the ride like a little girl frolicking over a game.

When they got to the top of Heaven's Ridge, he parked alongside a bunch of other cars. Below, etched in a maze of white lights and vari-colored neon, was the city. The lights looked like pinpoints in the darkness.

"Just think, Eve, behind each of those lights are people doing all kinds of things. People living and tasting life. Life if a great thing. I learned that in the service. You really won't suspect how important and swell being alive and breathing is until you come close to wearing a wooden overcoat." His voice was low and hoarse. He looked strange in the glimmer of the stars. His blonde hair looked silvery and his gray eyes looked colorless.

"I like it up here," Eve replied, "It's high and away from everybody. When I was a kid I used to like to come home and find the house empty. When I was by myself I was curiously alive. I always thought about understanding. If I could find somebody that I could understand and who would understand

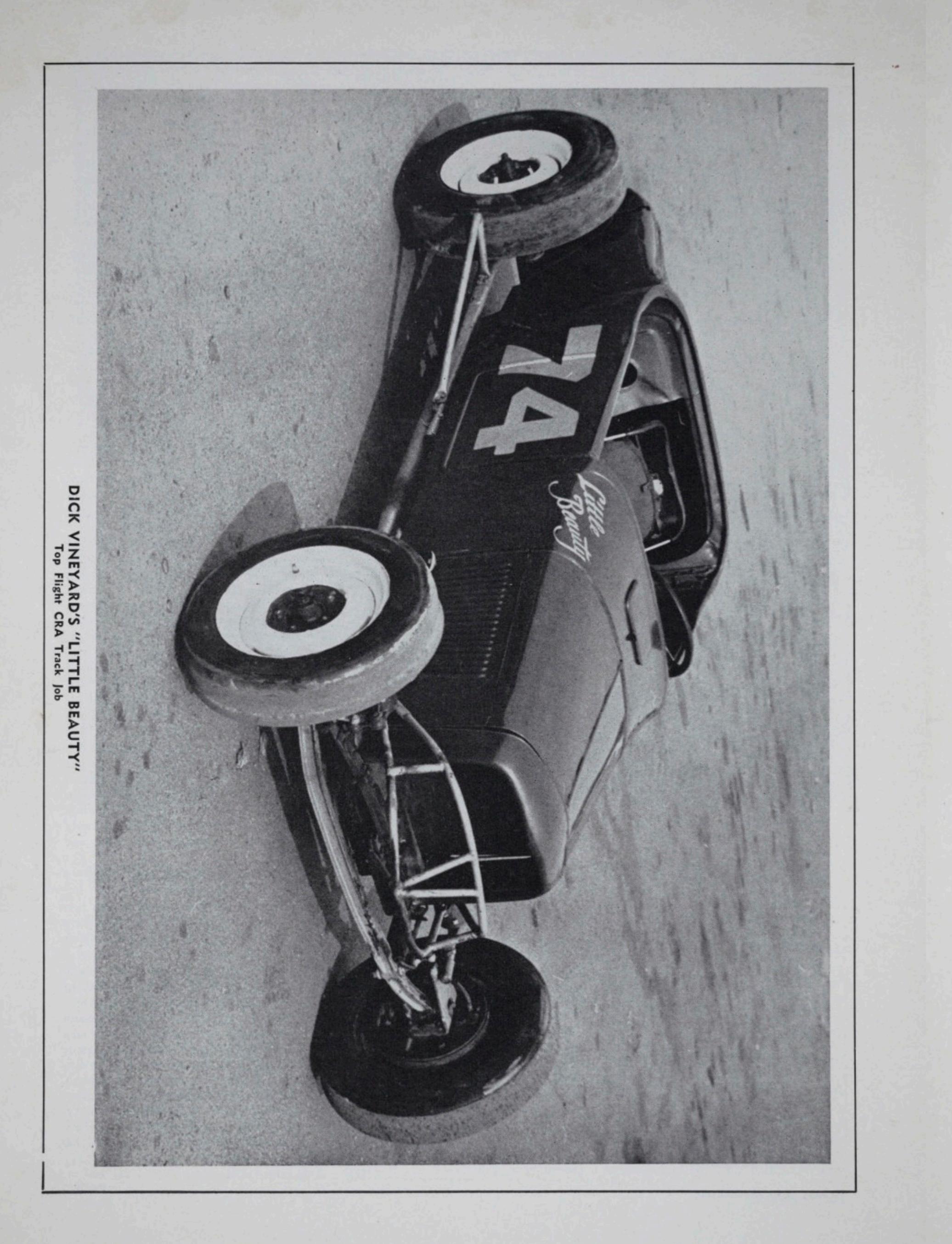
Jerry looked over at her. "You're a funny kid," he said.

Somehow he didn't want to kiss her. He wanted to get the car out of there and get home where he could think

That night he tossed in his sleep. He dreamed about the time when he "Jerry, Dad and I know you and we er and his big brother, and his cousin

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KEEPING THE CAR OUT FRONT

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Experienced racing mechanics generally agree that the small, apparently unimportant details which are frequently overlooked cause the largest percentage of racing failures.

Upon the driver's return to the pit, immediately following an event, the top racing mechanic asks the oil pressure on both turn and straightaway, checks on oil and water temperature and wants to know if there was any unusual noise or roughness of the engine. Spark plugs are inspected to check carburetor mixture and if heat range of plug is correct. Evidence of extreme temperature may be noted when porcelain shows very brown or burned, or by electrodes partially melted across the spark gap. The latter should be examined with a magnifying glass. Too rich a fuel mixture will show soot on end of plug. Too much oil coming up will show by oiliness on end of porcelain. When using alcohol fuel an extremely rich carburetor mixture will show as a very wet plug end. Faulty ignition or a fouled plug may be indicated by the

gap between electrodes showing black or dirty. A properly firing plug will be clean and bright between electrodes.

The mechanic checks with driver as to tachometer reading to determine whether or not gear ratio is correct. Experienced mechanics watch carefully while the car is on the track in an effort to arrive at correct gear ratio.

Mechanics know that tires and wheels are of utmost importance as no car can be expected to perform properly without traction. Both mechanics and track officials watch closely for oil or water leaks as many serious accidents are caused by oil or water on the tracks.

During competition good mechanics, even in a short race, give signals to the driver and receive signals from him. In a longer race signals from the pit showing the lap, the position, the lap success in racing.

As early as possible following each

race the race mechanic checks not only the engine but every part of the chassis: steering, spindles, axles, wheels, tires, tubes, hubs, shocks, brakes, wheel alignment, balance, fuel and oil tanks, the valves and lines. He also checks the air pump when used or the fuel pump. He looks for cracks which may develop in the frame or for loose cross members, makes sure the foot throttle is working properly, being particular to see that the return spring closes the throttles rapidly and fully to the stop. The carburetor float bowls should be drained and a small amount of fuel flushed through to remove sediment.

The rear end assembly must have plenty of attention as the power developed by modern racing engines is perhaps three times the amount used in highway driving.

A top racing mechanic who keeps a time, etc., are of utmost importance for car under a winning driver is a comteam work is absolutely essential for petent, studious person and is entitled to and receives the respect of his competitors who know well the effort required to keep a car out front.

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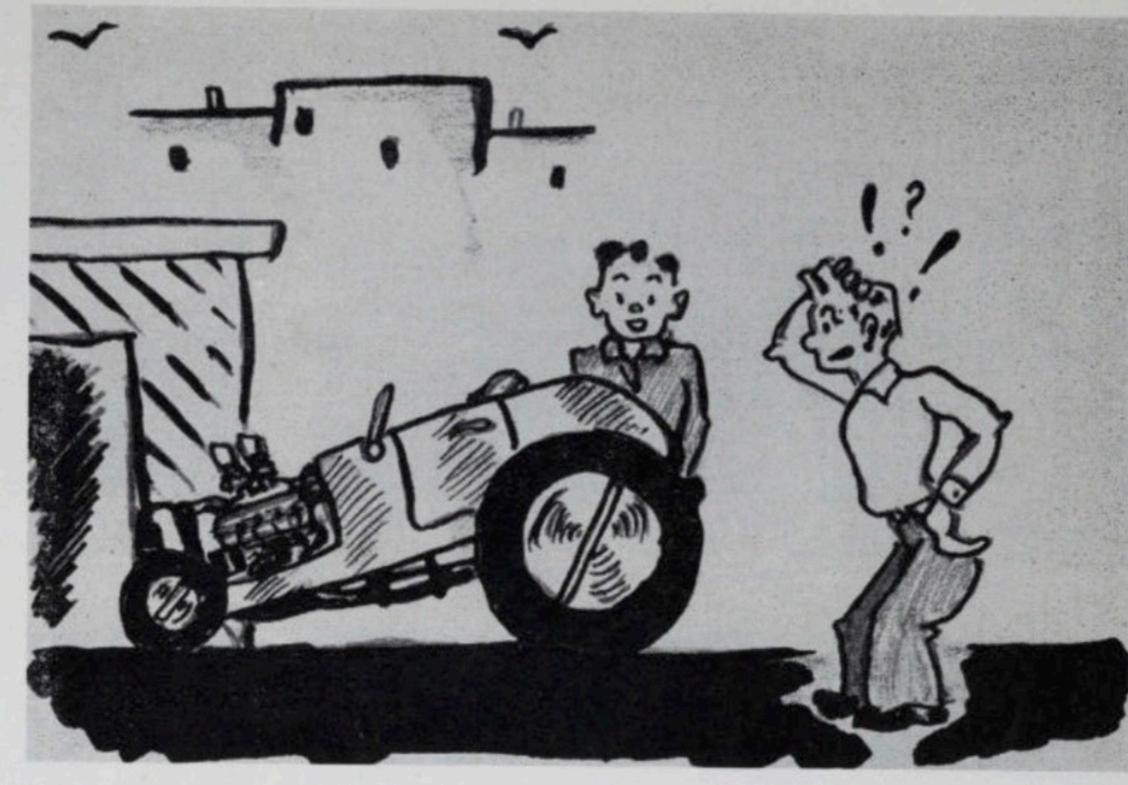
A woman trying to maneuver her sedan out of a parking space banged into the car ahead, then into the car behind, and finally, pulling into the street, struck a passing delivery truck. A policeman who had been watching, approached her:

"Let's see your license," he demanded. "Don't be silly, officer," she said archly, "who's give me a license?"

Montreal Star

A prominent member and officer of a Southern California hot rod group was invited to visit the home of a British author who was doing an article on hot rods and their drivers. The visit took cur friend to Pasadena where he looked forward to learning a great deal about British cars and engines. As this young man was very interested in everything mechanical, he could hardly wait to hear what his host had to say about the foreign autos.

Upon arrivel at the author's home, the young man received a friendly welcome, a cup of tea and a generous share of and in no way could our friend turn the 'Well, now, this is more like it.' conversation to British automobiles.



"Certainly I understand the principle, Joe

Finally, when the roadster enthusiast was about to leave in utter disgust, the me." author's wife ventured to ask, "Would you care to see our Cheetah run?"

Remembering that a Cheetah is an conversation about California's "lovely English car built along the same lines weather." Minutes and hours rolled by, as our Chevrolet, our friend thought,

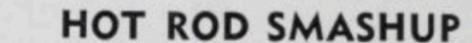
"Of course!" he replied.

"Good," said the hostess. "Just follow

but isn't this overdoing it just a bit?"

She led the visitor through the back door into the yard, where she switched on the yard lights. "There!" she said.

There, before the astounded gaze of the young man, was the cheetah . . . a type of hunting leopard from India.



When you're reading in the paper That a fellow cut a caper With a hopped-up cut-down Ford of '29 You'd better think about it And perhaps you ought to doubt it Or you may mislay the blame along the

Now the caption says it's "hopped-up" That's because the engine's propped up To prevent its falling out into the road There's the line that reads "it's speedy" That's the truth, bud. Yes, indeedy! It made thirty miles per hour . . . with-

out a load And when it says the car is cut-down Then the writers hit a rut down At the local office of the Star Gazette For the body's strictly stock No more cut down than a clock And I'll lay you odds on that for any

But the part that brings a gripe Is where reporters add the tripe That the "hot rod" driver thought he as so bold

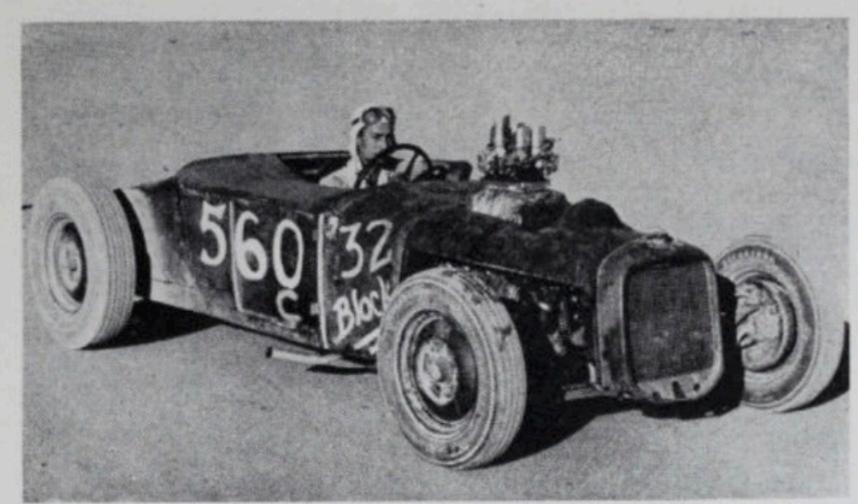
When the car was really "junk" And the driver just a punk Only seventeen or eighteen summers old Someday you'll read the story Of the hot rods in their glory When they're legal and accepted in their

By then you'll have forgotten All the items that were rotten (I mean

written) By the "hopped up" news reporters who've lost face.



"You say we're going to the lakes? That's swell. Then I won't have to change my clothes'



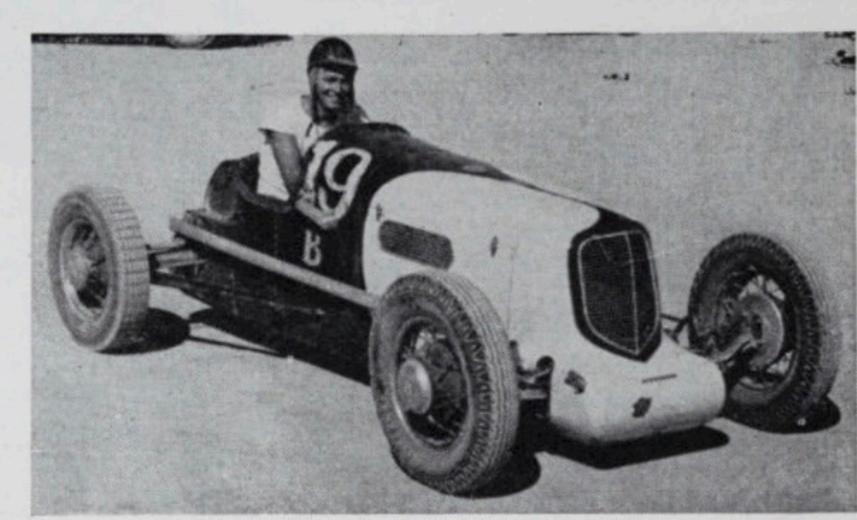
Tom Beatty turned up at El Mirage Dry Lake with four Stromberg carbs on a GMC blower.



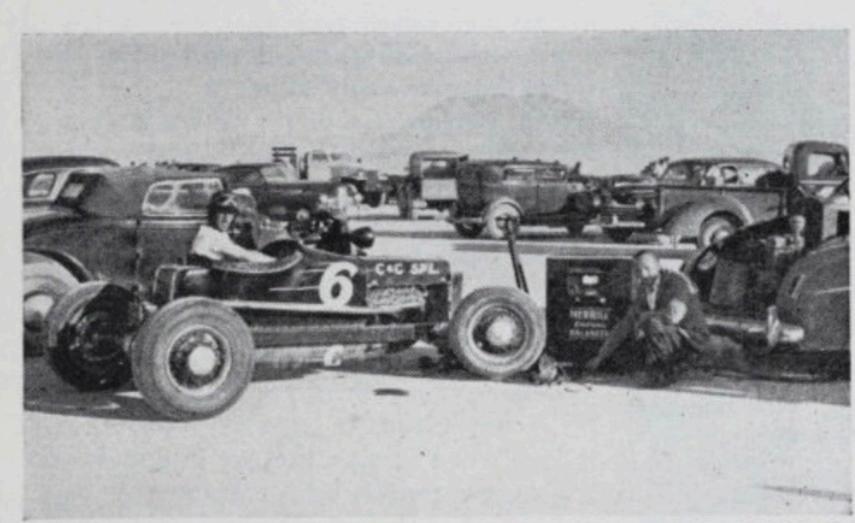
Even the drivers pitch in to "ready" this track job for qualifying at Gardena, California. Owner Phil Weiand (striped shirt) looks on.



Chauncey Crist in his midget Class AS which turned 117.49 at the final SCTA lake meet of the season.



Phil Remington in the cockpit of his consistently fast Class BS. Phil, a member of The Low Flyers, prides himself on his car's beautiful body work.

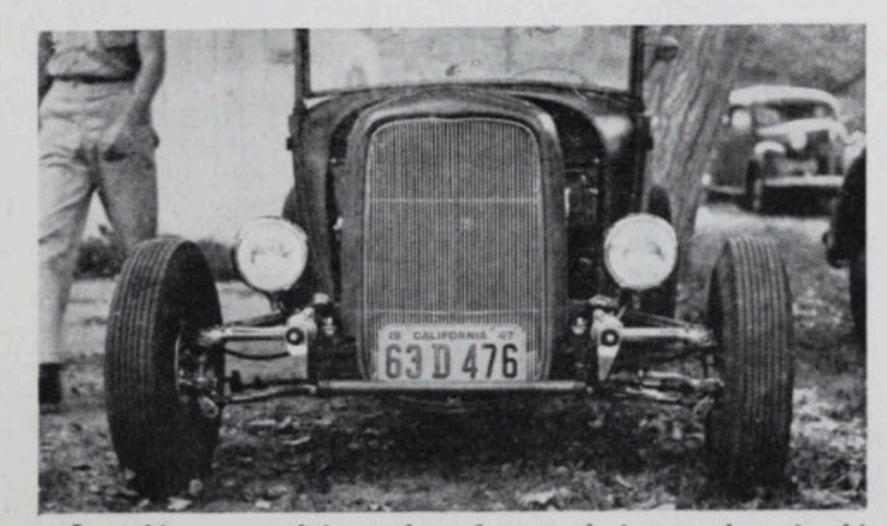


Johnson-Caruthers lake entry now holds BS record of 136.39.

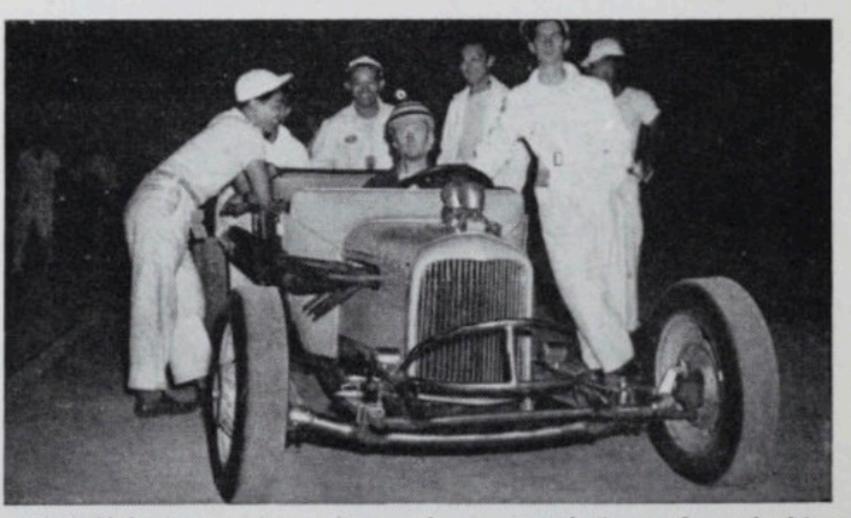
Shown here is Doug Caruthers getting his wheel balance checked.



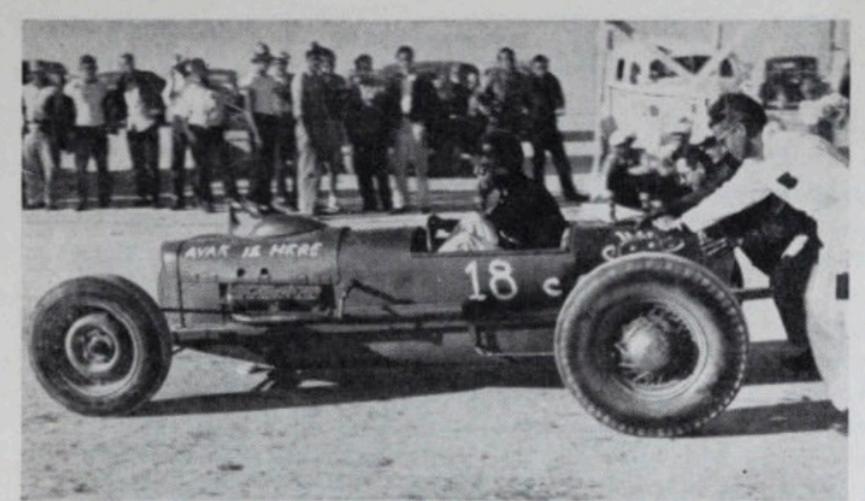
Homer Farnum waiting at the starting line to try out his boat engine in Manuel Ayulo's chassis.



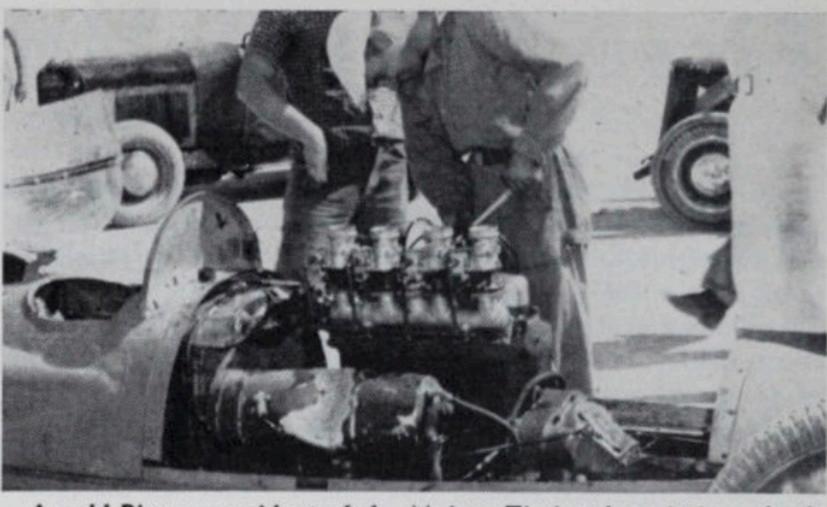
Something unusual in roadster front ends is seen here in this '40 Studebaker setup mounted on a V-8 A.



Pat Flaherty receives pit crew's congratulations after clocking a fast qualifying time at Huntington Beach Speedway in California. The car runs a four-barrelled rocker arm setup on a '25 T body.



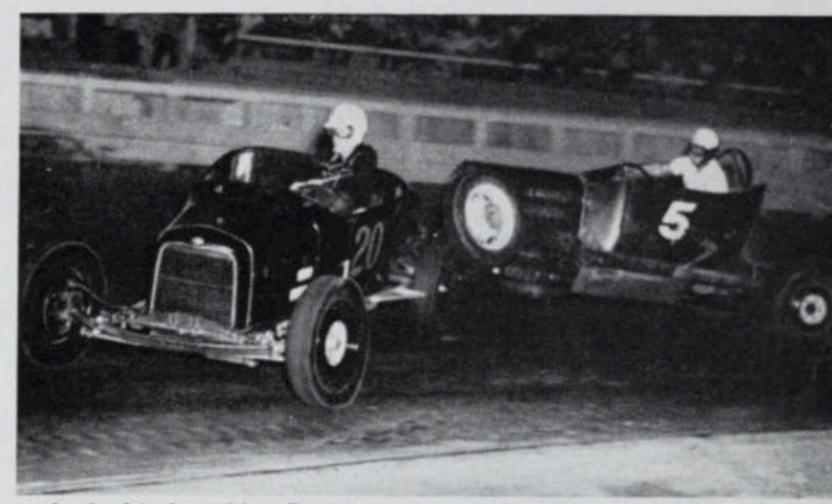
Dick Craft gets a push at the lakes starting line. He showed up sporting a goatee to match his announcement, "Avak is here."



Arnold Birner, president of the Mojave Timing Association, checks the plugs on his model B-4 cyl. belly tank. Arnold plans to convert to an alcohol-burning setup next season.



CRA's Dick Rathman brought his track job to this Russetta Timing meet at El Mirage. Here he is clocking 126 plus.



Andy Linden, No. 5, tries to pass Troy Ruttman the hard way during night racing at Bonnelli Stadium in Saugus, California.



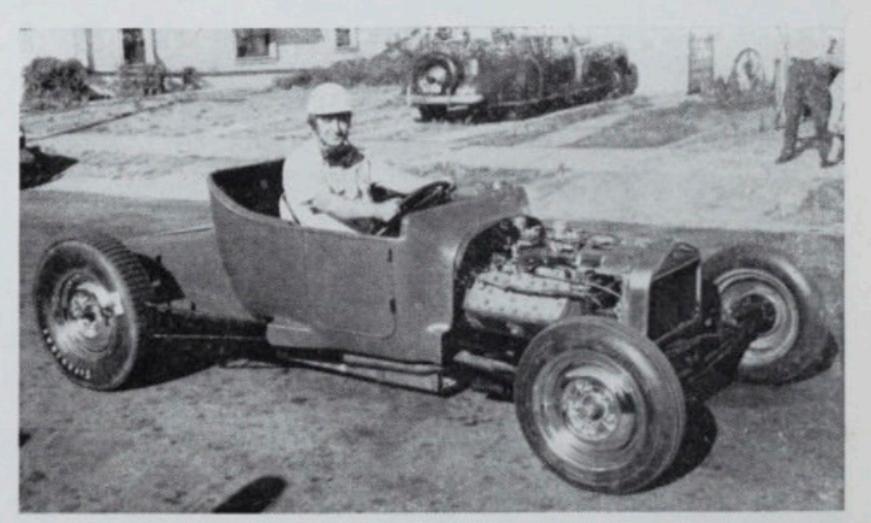
Manuel Ayulo's garage buzzes with activity as CRA mechanics and drivers soup up for the next race. Manuel's car is on the left, Jack McGrath's on the right.



At Russetta Timing mee? Don Brown's '36 coupe clocked a surprising 115.97 as is—fenders and all. Don is on the right.



- Almer Vess at the wheel of his Class AS. He was a guest entrant in SCTA's last '47 meet.



Al Palamidas of the Northern California Roadster Racing Association shows off his '25 T V-8 in Oakland, California.

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First Annual Hot Rod Exposition

sion for a lot of reckless kids with more bership agreed to stage the Exposition. nerve than brains, the building and

as a healthful, beneficial avocation for thousands of motor car enthusiasts.

Taking the veil of semi-secrecy off their operations, the S.C.T.A. is sponsoring a unique and colorful Exposition at the National Guard Armory in January when the best designed and engineered cars belonging to Association members will be placed on public display.

and advantages, which accrue to scien-

Long regarded as a screwball diver- claimed generally, the S.C.T.A. mem-

There will be at least 30 Association racing of hot rods has finally come cars on exhibit at the show strategicalto be recognized as a major sport in this ly spaced among display booths for industrial exhibitors in the automotive Realizing that there is more to the field. The list of exhibitors includes sport than just an outlet for a bunch not only specialty equipment manuof young buckos to blow off steam, the facturers in the Los Angeles area but public has finally accepted this activity, many other automotive firms of na- participate in the Exposition, showing as sponsored and conducted by the tional reputation whose officers believe sound movies on traffic regulations and Southern California Timing Association that the hot rod sport should be sup- safe driving. The safety Department of ported as a contribution to automotive the Southern California Automobile advancement.

> The Exposition is being staged primarily as a public relations project for the Association and secondly as a contribution to the current safety campaign being conducted in Los Angeles to put a halt to reckless driving and the use of unsafe motor vehicles.

Throwing the full support of the tivities. In the conviction that the benefits Association's 700 members behind this campaign, the S.C.T.A. officers believe tific knowledge through the time trials that they can show the younger eleconducted by the Association, are of ment of the community that fast cars such import that they may be pro- can be safely built and safely operated.

The rules of operation and the code of conduct observed by the S.C.T.A. will be made known to the people attending the Exposition and it is hoped that through this direct contact with youthful car operators the gospel of safety may be effectively spread.

The Los Angeles Police Department, through its traffic education unit, will Club has also been invited to partici-

The Exposition itself will offer many unusual attractions aside from the technical exhibits. A program of entertainment will be presented each night with stage and screen luminaries who are hot rod enthusiasts participating in the fes-

One of the principal attractions of the show, and a feature which is expected to attract news-reel, television and national magazine and press cover-(Continued on Page 17, Col. 2)

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SOME OF THE CARS TO BE ON DISPLAY AT THE HOT ROD SHOW

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THE YOUNG LADY

For those of our readers who already have a fuel pump, here are a few important facts about the rest of the pic-

Posing with the fuel pump is nineteen-year-old Jane Norred, a Patricia Stevens model. Every bit as well-proportioned as the engine part she holds, Miss Norred hails from Culver City, California. Aside from modeling, she works as a stenographer at a local motion picture studio.

Miss Norred was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and moved west with her family in 1943. She is a graduate of Alexander Hamilton High School in Los Angeles.

Looking to the future, she hopes to become one of the nation's top photographic models. Beyond her working amitions, she looks forward to marriage and a home in her adopted state, California. Of her "dream man" she says, "He must be tall, dark, not necessarily handsome, have a fine sense of humor and enjoy most of the things I do."

Miss Norred's favorite sports are horseback riding, ice skating and tennis.

She loves to dance, enjoys movies, hot rods, hot dogs, phonograph records and beach parties. Although interested in hot rods, Miss Norred confesses an ignorance of their working parts. When handed the fuel pump she was to pose with, she revealingly asked, "What is it?" (We are still explaining.)



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was fathered by Babe Ouse. It's birthplace was the garage at Babe's home where he gathered together a group of fellows, all interested in the amateur racing game. Most of the boys had run at the lakes. Babe had set a lake record everyone. in a Marmon. The hobby was an expensive one; so, in the interest of racing and to help get the speed-happy boys off the streets, Babe, along with Bill Dehler and Emmett Malloy, encouraged the building of the track at Gardena. Babe then called the first group together to form an association for the protection of the boys. C. R. A. as the first hot rod racing organization on the Pacific Coast after the war.

The charter members of that first meeting included Babe, Johnny Walker, Gordy Reid, Chuck Leighton and his partner, Paul Cantarano, Don Freeland, Johnny McManama, Walt Bowen, Rudy Ramos and a few others. Present-day meetings call for a large hall to accommodate the attendance.

Babe conducted the meetings until elections were held when Johnny Walker was voted in as the first president. At the next election Babe was voted in as president and since then he has done a fine job of looking out for the interest of the boys.

The first race of the C. R. A. was run on Labor Day, 1946, at the completed Gardena track. At that time it was a half-mile dirt track. The drivers had only one day to practice before the race and many of the 50 cars that participated had never before been on track. Wally Pancratz was the day's winner.

By the third race 95 cars had been listed with the C.R.A. and about 85 of them were on hand to qualify.

The main consideration of the organization has been and will continue to be the safety of the drivers. Cars must fulfill all specifications before they are allowed on the track. Each new car is checked thoroughly by at least two of

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The California Roadster Association the members of the technical committee. Each driver must prove his age to be 21 or over and have a clean bill of health from a physician.

> C.R.A. worked out their own system for the payoff to assure a fair deal to

In a year's time the association has paid out approximately \$180,000 in prize money and had given the racing world a large number of top race drivers. A great many of the hot rot drivers have gone on to make names for themselves in big cars, midgets and stock cars where their fearless, hard, close driving has given the old timers something to think about. Several of the fellows have already been invited to run on the Indianapolis track next year. This, of course, is about the height of any race driver's ambition. The names of the hot rod drivers are becoming as well known as De Palma, Rex Mays or any of the other big names in racing. However, be they big shots or little, the C.R.A. makes no discrimination between them when it comes to upholding the rules. Manuel Ayulo and Troy Ruttman have both felt the whip of a hirty day suspension for tract infrac-

Mechanically the cars have gone as far in a year's time as the drivers, and the old type street job with self starters and license plates still attached is now extinct from the tracks. The cars on the C.R.A. tracks today are strictly track jobs and could not be run on the streets. They have only in-an-out gears, doing away with a clutch. They must be pushed or towed to get them started because starters, flywheels, and un- him out. neccessary machinery are all eliminated to cut down weight. The cars are towed to the tracks on trailers. In recent months drivers have been competing for trophies to be presented at the end of the season. These are for best looking car and best looking pit crew, which has encouraged the boys to bring out some beautiful jobs.

The C.R.A.'s track jobs are not only beautiful outside but are superior examples of mechanical workmanship. Some of the owners have over \$3,000 tied up in their cars an the least you could buy one for would be about \$1500. Going under the much publicized name of Hot Rods has been somewhat of a handicap in that the public has been slow to realize that these rods are not convertible to street jobs. Many people still confuse them with the "junks" responsible for so many accidents on the streets. The C.R.A. is building up a good reputation and gradually overcom-

ing the prejudice and is now encouraged, not only by the public but by the city and state police for the help it has been in letting drivers work off their speed legitimately.

The C.R.A. has also won over the city fathers of Pasadena and has held races several times at the Rose Bowl. It was there they held their National Championship race to which organizations all over the United States were invited. The boys have also been invited to the Orange Bowl at San Bernardino, 1 dirt track, making a particularly thrilling show. They recently held a benefit show there for the Shrine Club Chilren's Hospital Fund. Along with weekly races at Bonelli and Huntington Beach Speedways they have had spot shows at Gardena and out of town tracks, including Bakersfield and Fresno. This has given the boys enough racing to make it profitable so that they could devote their full time to the game.

Many of the boys who own their own cars also do their own machine work. Jack McGrath, crowned King of the Hot Rods when he won the Pacific Coast Championship last year, is a good example. He is not only a superior driver but an excellent mechanic. Jack is also making a name for himself in big car racing, having won six main events

Troy Ruttman, long a favorite of hot rod fans, is as well known to the midget crowd and recently went to Langhorn to compete in the National Midget Championship race. Troy ran second fastest qualifying time and was well up in the running when motor trouble put

Andy Linden has been specializing in stock car racing and is doing all right for himself, too.

These are only a few of the boys that had their start in Hot Rod competition and branched out. The list includes many names well known in the other fields such as Gordy Reid, Ed Korgan, Manuel Ayulo, Doug Groves and Bill Steves, just to mention a few. As the

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boys branch out others come up in the ranks to take their places and show their skill by breaking records. Pat Flaherty, Roy Prosser, Colby Scroggin, Jim Rathman and Dick Vineyard are just a few of the boys that are out to prove that the best driving hasn't been done yet.

Of course, there are the old-timers like Slim Mathis and Ed Barnett, who know their way around in anything with wheels but prefer hot rods. Both of these fellows have placed consistently high in main events and Slim has been winning trophy dashes regularly. They have generally helped put many a newcomer on the right track with advice on driving an dmechanics.

Hot rod racing has given the boys a healthy outlet not only for their speed but for their skill and inventiveness. Street racing is no longer of interest to them. The California Roadster Association is justly proud of the part it has played in encouraging interest in fair play and sportsmanship and providing the stimulus for the advancement of the racing profession.



The S.C.T.A. has a special committee working on a system of lights for warning drivers of hazards on the timing strip during speed runs. This system, similar to that used at Salt Lake, would speed up the meets considerably.

In Florida some of the roadster enthusiasts are holding time trials on Daytona Beach and charging spectators two dollars per head.

Joe Rathman is using the new Kinmont brake on his track roadster. It has been used successfully on Indianapolis cars and looks like it might be the coming thing for hot rods.

HOT ROD EXPOSITION

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that he liked to put his hands over her a playsuit. As they drove down to the red hair to warm them.

The dream wandered to his operawas a talkative man with a gift for blarney.

it is to be outside all ship shape. Some other guy. She was in a black bathing guys say 'I'm Irish and proud of it' suit that looked like it had been made Me, when I get out of here I'm getting probably legal or they wouldn't have me a beautiful doll. Women are some- sold it to her', Jerry mused. He noticed thing. I think they're here to stay. Me, the difference between Eve and Myra. I recommend them highly."

lege. He met Byron Fowler in college. By was his pal. In a way he had felt sort of brotherly to Byron. They read books together in the library. They even went out for football together. By was the quarterback and Jerry was the halfback. Every once in awhile they'd go on a trip up to the mountains. They'd at Myra, "See you around." fish and sleep under the trees beneath dream replayed the war. Byron had joined the Infantry but Jerry had enlisted in the Tank Corps. Like he told Byron, "It's better than walking."

They wrote and talked about tomoring wildfire. The tanks rubbed out enemy replacements, rumbling on. All the guys would sit around and talk about the weenie bakes, the beach, funny little incidents. It kind of brought for all. back a bit of home and some laughs.

When he got home, he noticed that knew Byron like a book. the home town hadn't stood still. It cant lots, there were now stores and the garage. He wanted to see Spike.

"You look good, kid. Your buddy, Byron, was in the other day."

over to the house and there was Myra and music and laughter. And he was building a rod with a Merc motor. Suddenly he heard the alarm ring. It was ally making jokes about it, something morning and he realized that he had about combing it with an eggbeater. been dreaming all the time. He remem- He was seldom without a pipe in his bered last night and he grinned slackly. hand.

That Sunday he called up Eve and asked her to go to the beach. She said going?" Jerry wasn't too sure about

beach he watched her quizzically.

They walked down to Muscle Beach tion. The time the doctors operated on and sat there. Eve took off her playsuit. him. Acute appendicitis. In the hospi- There was a bathing suit underneath. tal there was a guy in the next bed to She looked thin and milky white. He him. The fellow was named Ryan. He stretched out on the sand and fell asleep.

He was awakened by the sound of laughter. He looked up, blinking his "Hospitals make you realize how swell eyes. Myra was sitting there with some . . me, I'm Scotch and fond of it. out of half of a handkerchief. 'It was

"Long time no see, Jerry. You be-After the hospital he dreamed of col- coming a hermit? Why don't you bring Eve around and let the gang see her?" Myra was smiling. "Oh yeah, I guess I better get back to my Emily Post. I didn't introduce you. This is Johnny Keston. Johnny, this is Jerry Conners. And this is his fiancee, Eve Bogardus."

"Pleased to meetcha." Jerry glanced

After they left, Jerry got to thinking. a blanket of leaves. Jerry had studied He had been away from the gang. That engineering. He liked the campus and was because they didn't understand the profs and all the routine. Then the about him and Eve. It had been better to keep to himself with Eve. Then there were no laughs. No gags or giggling.

He was going to talk to Byron tomorrow. By would give him some good advice. By knew the score. All the anrow. Patten kept moving like scurry- swers. He hadn't seen much of By since he was going with Eve. He seemed to keep to himself. It was strange. They had been close pals. Like two of the three musketeers. All for one and one

He went over to Byron's place aft-Patten couldn't be stopped and the er work. It was a nice little apartment. whole U. S. Army seemed like a big Strictly from Esquire. Pictures on the motor clicking on all cylinders. The wall. Pipes in a handcarved pipe rack. whole war machine pasted the Nazis An ivory radio sitting on a desk table. and after V-E Day came V-J Day. Small kitchenette. It was just what he Everybody was saying goodbye and soon expected of Byron. He sort of fitted Jerry was sent to a separation center. into a place like this. Jerry felt that he

"Hi, Jerry," Byron greeted, sitting had grown. Where there were once va- in an easy chair." Make yourself at home. You kind of surprised me. From buildings. He stayed home a few days what I hear you're pretty busy with a taking it easy and then went down to romance. I haven't seen you for quite awhile."

Byron Foster had quiet brown eyes and a trim mustache. His hair was a They talked and then Byron came curly brown and he had a perpetual smile on his face, as if he were constantly laughing at the world. By seldom combed his hair and was continu-

"What's new, By? How's it been okay and he picked her up. She had on how he was going to bring up the sub-

ject of Eve and him. He didn't want to sound like a dope about it. Like a character who would write a letter to a lovelorn columnist. He hadn't been able to figure out how he started going with Eve. It seemed like it just happened. First thing he knew he was engaged. He was not in a happy state. Sure, Eve understood him. But he couldn't figure her out. She hadn't gone over with anybody. She liked solitude and sad movies and classical music.

Foster shook his head, "Same old stuff. Following the crowd. Been kind of busy lately, getting set for the next time trials. How's everything down at the garage?"

"Same gang of characters. Spike is a lot of laughs, too. Somebody ought to write a book about that place. All kinds of characters coming in all day. Charlie Anderson, who says he likes to go window shopping with his wife because he can bring home so many windows. Screwball. Georgie Shaw still plays the ponies. One horse of his is still running. It was scared to finish by itself yesterday, afraid of the dark." Jerry watched Byron's face wreath in laconic chuckles.

"You look a little troubled, Jerry, kind of under the weather. Anything I can do?"

The time had come. Jerry breathed deeply, "Well, Byron, I could stand a bit of advice. You see, I'm engaged to Eve Bogardus. I think you know her. Well, everybody thinks we're a mismatch and after my Mom and Dad nixed her, I started to wonder. Then I began to notice things myself. Before I met Eve I used to be right in the middle of the crowd. Parties. Meetings. Dances. With Eve lately, we're all by ourselves. She don't talk or laugh or even kid. She kind of dreams. There is a faraway look in those shiny blue orchid eyes. When I saw Myra at the beach I kind of felt that maybe we could get together again. Call me fickle, but that's what I felt when I saw her. But Eve was there. We were engaged and I felt ashamed of my thoughts. After all, Eve was dependent on me. No other guy's given her a tumble like I have. Here's the 64 buck question, By. Do you think I should break our engagement?"

Foster puffed on his pipe, the smoke (Continued on Page 20)

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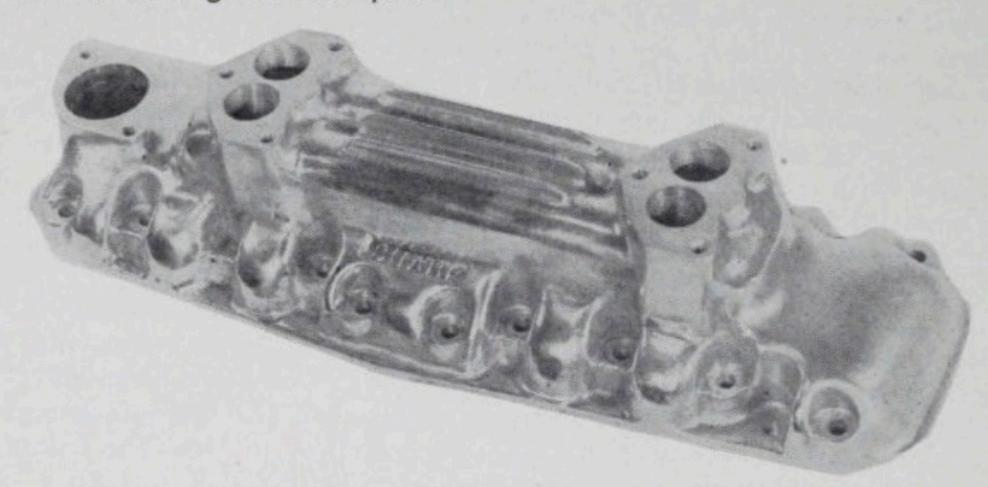
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Here it was, the straw that broke the camel's back. His best pal was giving him the goods on the level. That about made it unanimous. He was glad that he wasn't head over heels in love. Just a touch of infatuation probably. He different. Nothing matched those eyes. thought back about all the steers that Byron Foster had given him. Not a bum steer in the bunch. By had helped him that sent chills up his spine. build his first rod. Given his tips on jobs. Gotten him dates. By had called the signals that had made him score touchdowns and become a football hero.

"Yeah, I get the pitch," Jerry said, dismally. "That about makes it unani-

Foster chuckled, "To coin an adage, one man's dream girl is another's nightmare."

Jerry smiled weakly. "Very funny. As humorous as a broken back."

It took him a couple of days to get up enough nerve to tell her. He had wrung it through his mind as if it were an article of clothing going through a wringer. He wondered if this Keston guy had cut him out completely with Myra. He pondered the extent of his turmoil and the amount of l'amour he had for Eve. These thoughts made a shambles of his mind, cluttering it like a disordered room.

He kept watching the squares on the sidewalk and kicked a can, that bounced tinnily into the gutter. As he got closer to her house, he felt as if a clammy hand were clutching his stomach. Some people, he thought, have no worries. It was guys like himself that finished with one problem and leaped into another. His existence was one conveyor belt of woes.

mind. He would be here and she would

Then he saw the apartment house with the tip of his tongue. and he forced himself forward reluct-

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spiraled to the ceiling in a bluish haze. was back home in bed. Jerry opened standing. But somehow I drifted away "Listen, Jerry, I'm not a guy that can the front door of the apartment house, tell people what to do. I make mistakes eyed the foyer rapidly, then walked myself. I'm human. I have two hands over to the elevator. The car was on . . . two legs . . . two arms . . . a the main floor. He opened the cage just the two of us by ourselves. Then heart. I'm no Solomon, but since you're door, stepped in, let it squeak shut and I realized that I was only infatuated asking me this way, I'm going to give pressed the buzzer. Third floor. The with you and that it wasn't the real elevator jolted to a stop at the third thing at all. We're wrong for each floor. Jerry opened the door, mechanic- other." ally ambled out. He walked down the green carpet as if it were the last mile. There it was. 306. Now . . . the suppose you want to call it quits. I buzzer. His hand rose toward the little pushbutton. His palm was sweaty. Brrr.

> Clatter, clatter. Eve's high heels. Tidying up the room probably. It now that later." seemed like an eternity before she came to the door.

Orchid blue eyes staring at him, "Hello, Jerry, haven't seen you for a few days. Won't you come in?"

He sat on the lavender lounge and she was close to him. The lounge was close to the color of her eyes . . . yet

"What's on your mind, Jerry. You look troubled?" It was that low voice

He stared at her. Somehow he couldn't get his mouth to open so words would

"Well," Eve's voice shook him out

"I've been busy the last few days. Had a lot on my mind."

"I can imagine." He detected a hint of sarcasm in her voice, but ignored it. It was odd, how strange she suddenedly seemed to him. He eyed her curiously as if he were seeing her for the first

"Sometimes the days seem too short for me. The hours seem to race by. I'm working on my car."

"What exactly do you have on your mind? You could have phoned, but maybe you didn't have a nickel?"

There was no sense sitting there like a 24-carat dope. Jerry decided to get it off his chest fast and then get out. It would be better that way.

"Okay, Eve. I've been thinking a lot the last few days. About us. You and I, you see, we're a problem." He looked at her blankly.

"Are we?"

"Yeah, you see I'm a funny guy. I always have been. I like people to be nice to me. I like things to run smoothly. No rush, no hurry, just leisurely. I found that I enjoy life more that He kept rehearsing his speech in his way. I always hoped that I'd find someone who understood. Someone who be there. Jerry knew that things would would listen to what I had to say. I not work out that way. Something figured that maybe that's what romance would be out of place. It always was. would be like." He stopped, wet his lip

She didn't say anything. She seemed antly. He wished it was over and he nervous and the blue orchid eyes

seemed a little feverish. There was an unnatural look in them.

"I met you and you were underfrom my pals and my crowd. My life seemed to be draining of all the fun that was in it. Pretty soon there was

Her low voice was beating like a drum. The words were pulselike. "I expected it. I could see it in your eyes. That questioning look."

"It's better this way. Eve. Better

"If that's the way you want it. Here's you're ring." She sobbed a little. It was a funny kind of sobbing, something like you'd see in the movies.

He slammed the door and went out.

Eve Bogardus got up from the divan and walked over to the closet, "You can come out now, darling," she called.

The closet door opened and out stepped—Byron Foster.

(The End)

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BONELLI STADIUM	SAUGUS C	ALIFORNIA	Oct 19
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			303, CALIFORNIA, OC	1. 17	
(Fastest qualifying time Place Driver TROPHY DASH	Martined in by Slim	RACE) Mathis—19.03) Time	FOURTH HEAT 1.—Jim Rathman 2.—Slim Mathis 3.—Pat Flaherty	6	1:57.46
1.—Slim Mathis 2.—Pat Flaherty FIRST HEAT	3 laps	58.43	AUSTRALIAN PURSUIT 1.—Joe James	6	2:09.60
1.—Harry Stockman 2.—Jim Davis 3.—Bud Van Mannen	6	2:00.03	2.—Corvy Tulieo SEMI FINAL (Stopped on the Eleven)	th Lan due to	water on the track
SECOND HEAT 1.—Jack Bayliss 2.—Archie Tipton 3.—Bob Lindsey	6	1:58.68	Standings at that time) 1.—Harry Stockman 2.—Ed Ball 3.—Steve Dusich		water on the track.
1.—Colby Scroggins 2.—Lou Figaro 3.—Bob Cross	6	1:57.85	FINAL 1.—Colby Scroggins 2.—Pat Flaherty 3.—Lou Figaro	30	10:11.30
	BONELLI	STADIUM, S	AUGUS, OCTOBER 26		
(PAVED	- 1/3 MILE)		FOURTH HEAT		
TROPHY DASH 1.—Slim Mathis	turned—Slim I		1.—Bud Gregory 2.—Ed Ball	6	1:59.71
2.—Pat Flaherty FIRST HEAT	3 laps	58.53	AUSTRALIAN PURSUIT	6	2.02.00
1.—Roy Prosser 2.—Colby Scroggins 3.—Bud Van Mannen	6	2:01.53	1.—Walt James Dan Tracy		2:02.09
SECOND HEAT			SEMI-MAIN 1.—Colby Scroggins	15	5:02.37
1.—Jack Baylis 2.—Yam Oka 3.—Chuck Leighton	6	1:59.43	2.—Roy Prosser 3.—Bud Van Mannen		5.02.37
THIRD HEAT			MAIN		
1.—Archie Tipton	6		1.—Jim Rathman	30	9:55.53

^{*}This race was stopped without a finish when Bob Cross and Archie Tipton cracked up on the North end of the track. Above are the lineups at the time of the smashup. Cross's car overturned, however, he walked away from the wreck under his own power. A few minutes later Bob ran a mock race "just to get into the

(1/5 MILE)

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HUNTINGTON BEACH SPEEDWAY, NOVEMBER 2

FOURTH HEAT

Qualifying time 15:0	06 by Slim Mathis)		1.—Bud Gregory	6	1:31.41
TROPHY DASH 1.—Slim Mathis	3 laps	45.92	2.—Yam Oka 3.—Dick Vineyard AUSTRALIAN PURSUIT		(new record)
Jim Rathman FIRST HEAT			1.—Joe James 2.—Jim Rigsby	6	1:40.27
1.—Jay Frank	6	1:34.79	3.—Ed Corgan B MAIN		
2.—Lou Figaro 3.—Jim Davies			1.—Ed Barnett 2.—Wayne Tipton	25	6:34.53
SECOND HEAT			3.—Jim Davies		
1.—Dan Tracy 2.—Puffy Puffer 3.—Walt James	6	1:37.40	A MAIN 1.—Slim Mathis 2.—Dick Vineyard 3.—Dan Tracy	25	6:47.63
THIRD HEAT			RUNOFF		
1.—Don Baylis 2.—Wayne Tipton 3.—Jim Rathman	6	1:33.65	1.—Wayne Tipton 2.—Slim Mathis 3.—Dick Vineyard	6	1:36.07
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(A new qualifying record Old Time—14.92.)	rd was set by Slim	Mathis: 14.86;	FOURTH HEAT 1.—Dick Vineyard	6	1:32.56
TROPHY DASH 1.—Slim Mathis	3 laps	45:46	2.—Lou Figaro 3.—Jim Rathman AUSTRALIAN PURSUIT		
2.—Bud Van Mannen FIRST HEAT 1.—Jim Rigsby	6	1:34.76	1.—Joe James 2.—Puffy Puffer 3.—Archie Tipton B MAIN	6	1:39.60
2.—Bob Lindsey 3.—Colby Scroggins SECOND HEAT			1.—Colby Scroggins 2.—Bob Lindsey 3.—Jim Rigsby	25	6:53.86
1.—Jim Davies	6	1:33.43	A MAIN		
2.—Roy Prosser 3.—Don Freeland			1.—Roy Prosser 2.—Jack Baylis 3.—Dick Vineyard	25	6:31.45
THIRD HEAT			RUNOFF		
1.—Yam Oka 2.—Pat Flaherty 3.—Bud Gregory	6	1:31.51	1.—Colby Scroggins 2.—Jack Baylis 3.—Bob Lindsey	5	1:18.82

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ASC, RESULTS OF RECENT RACES

CULVER CITY SPEEDWAY, Oct. 19

	NOON RACE		FOURTH HEAT 1.—Pat Patrick 2.—George Seegar 3.—Bruce Emmons	6	1:29.58
Fastest qualifying time w	as turned in by	Bill Steves, who			
ran 14.34.			1.—Curtis Hayes	8	2:38.31
TROPHY DASH 1.—Bill Steves	3 laps	39.55	2.—Jack Hill 3.—No Car		
2.—Mickey Davis			SEMI FINAL		
FIRST HEAT 1.—A. A. Knight 2.—Chet Stafford 3.—Bill La Roy	6	1:56.81	1.—A. A. Knight 2.—Tom Wiley 3.—Jess Pompa	15	3:49.83
SECOND HEAT 1.—Tom Wiley 2.—Bob Rozzano 3.—Jess Pompa	6	1:52.51	MAIN 1.—Bill Steves 2.—Mickey Davis 3.—Len Shreenan	25	6:26.12
THIRD HEAT 1.—Chuck Burnett 2.—Len Shreenan 3.—No Car	6	2:05.03	An ASC record was brok set a new six lap mark of ping the past record by .12	1:29.58 in t	
	CUL	VER CITY SP	EEDWAY, Nov. 2		
(This race was run with an	open centered fig	ure eight course.	FOURTH HEAT		
Fastest qualifying time — 3 TROPHY DASH	11.07 — set by	Bruce Emmons.)	1.—Frank Danielson 2.—Chuck Burness 3.—Bernie Parks	6	3:18.04
1.—Mickey Davis 2.—Bruce Emmons	3 laps	1:34.61	B MAIN		
1.—Chet Stafford 3.—A. A. Knight	6	3:45.77	1.—Bill Steves 2.—A. A. Knight	20	9:54.52
SECOND HEAT			A MAIN		
1.—Bill Steves 2.—Bruce Emmons 3.—Kenny Vorce	6	3:13.63	1.—Chuck Burness 2.—Mickey Davis 3.—Len Shreenen	20	11:12.14
THIRD HEAT			RUNOFF		
1.—Pat Patrick 2.—Rod Parker 3.—Len Shreenan	6	3:22.39	1.—Bill Steves 2.—Micgey Davis 3.—Chuck Burness	10	5:11.10
	BONEL	LI STADIUM	, SAUGUS, Nov. 15		
(A new qualifying recor			THIRD HEAT		
TROPHY DASH			1.—Pat Patrick 2.—Frank Danielson 3.—Chuck Burness	6	2:05.05
1.—George Seegar	3 1	1.04.00			
2.—Bob Rozzano	3 laps	1:04.00	FOURTH HEAT		
			1.—Bill Steves 2.—George Seegar	6	2:02.03
FIRST HEAT			3.—Tom Wiley		
1.—Chet Stafford 2.—Dan Marruffo 3.—A. A. Knight	6	2:12.35	Called in Eight Lap de 1.—Chet Stafford 2.—John Mark 3.—Curtis Hayes	ue to acciden	t on track.)
SECOND HEAT			MAIN		
1.—Hook Klein 2.—John Mark 3.—Don Bailey	6	2:32.41	1.—R. C. Morton 2.—Pat Patrick 3.—Mickey Davis	30	10:05.12
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S. C. T. A. POINTS STANDING - 1947 Season

CLUB	S POINT	S		INDIVIDU	JAL'S PC	INTS	
	Previous	Oct. 19	Total		Previous	Oct. 19	Tota
				Doug Hartelt	60	12	72
Lancers	212	33	245	Dietrich-Thomas		12	72
Road Runners	177	67	244	Randy Shinn		11	60
Low Flyers	116	27	143	Jack Calori		17	56
Gophers		16	129	Bill Burke		1/	52
Gaters		32	99	Jim Palm		7	40
Gear Grinders		13	57	Frank Coon		6	40
		13		Jack Mickelson		5	39
Stokers		N	46	Tom Beatty			39
So. Calif. Roadster		13	33	Johnny Johnson			38
Albata		6	33	Stuart Hilborn	19	11	30
Dolphins	. 14	14	28	Bert Letner			29
Mobilers	25	N	25	James Culbert		8	28
San Diego Roadster	18	4	22	Spurgin-Giovanine	The second secon	6	24
Pasadena Roadster		1	13	Lee & Geo. Wise			24
Clutchers		3	12	Ludvig Solberg		_	23
Throttlers		12	12	Nelson Taylor		9	22
		12	12	Burleigh Dolph Ed Stewart		_	21
Strokers		N	11	Robert Drew		4	10
Wheelers		N	7	Johnson-Caruthers		17	17
Cal. Roadster	4	N	4	Regg Schlemmer		17	17
Hornets	4	N	4	Dick Kraft			16
Sidewinders	4	N	4	Arnold Birner		19	12

S. C. T. A. TIME TRIALS - - RESULTS

1	*668—Regg Schlemmer		Gaters	17
2	1—Randy Shinn	131.77	Road Runners	11
4	115—Akton Miller		Road Runners	10
-	147—Nelson Taylor		Gophers	9
6	12—Jack Calori		Lancers	9
7	500—Chuck Daigh		Dolphins Low Elvers	6
7	25—Frank Coon		Low Flyers Lancers	6
7	75—Harold Warnock 77—Bob Syks	123.45	Lancers	6
8	77—Bob Syks	122 20	Gophers	5
9	480—Ed Stewart		San Diego Rd.	4
10	36—R. L. Shinn	122 05	Road Runners	3
10	666—Chuck Hossfeld	122.05	Gaters	3
11	23—Jack McGrath	122 70	Cophers	2
12	55—Blackie Gold	122 11	Pasadena Rd.	1
12	74—Coshow Brothers	122.11	Lancers	1
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2	60—Doug Hartelt		Lancers Low Flyers	11
4	5—Stuart Hilborn	143,11,	rom Livers	
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