

THE STEAM MOTOR ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA STEAM CAR MEET

On October 11, 1941, a beautiful Saturday afternoon, 33 people from all walks of life met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hyde W. Ballard, Merion (Philadelphia), Pa., for our first Steam Car Meet.

Four cars were there - a 1903 Locomobile in working order, Mr. Mershon's most interesting coal-fired Steamer, Deneale Hunter's 5-passenger Stanley, driven down from Hackensack, N. J. in record time, and last but not least the finest operating and best looking Stanley in America, Hyde Ballard's Model 740 Touring.

Following an afternoon of real enjoyment, riding in and driving the cars, becoming acquainted with one another, etc., the group adjourned for a banquet and business meeting at which President Spence presided. The following business was transacted:

As a "Get Acquainted" feature, short talks or self-introductions from everyone present were given. Especially interesting was the description by Mr. Sprinkle of his new car, now ready for the road, and Eugene Goodwin's talk of his visits with Steam men from California to Maine. Last, but most interesting of all was Mrs. Harvey Gowing's witty description of her 10 years experience driving Stanleys, "Never A Dull Moment".

Mr. John Lincoln showed samples of the printing and described at length the magazine, "New Steam Age", which he is to publish. Mr. Lincoln had a splendid background of experience in the publishing field, and in addition is a trained and capable engineer.

His publication is the fruit of about two years of spare time work and investigation. This has more or less been forced upon him for immediate action by many of his friends and by actual cash subscriptions before the first issue is out. This shows the real need for a magazine published in this country to keep us all up to date on Steam developments.

It was the consensus of the meeting that every possible support should be given such an effort and that everyone who is a member of the Steam Motor Association should surely receive the magazine. Mr. Lincoln again offered, as he did in Framingham, to donate the necessary space in his magazine to carry to the members complete reports of all National and Regional Association Meets, or Get-Togethers and to have the magazine become our official organ.

Mr. Davis led a general discussion on the name to be chosen for the organization. Finally chosen was "THE STEAM MOTOR ASSOCIATION".

Discussed were the regional groups, how they would operate, and the functions which the various officers would have. Mr. Stevenson's selection was defined as National Vice President. Mr. Goodell's selection was defined as New England Vice President. Elected Vice President of the Association and head of the Philadelphia Regional Group was the very capable Hyde Ballard, whose choice was unanimous.

Following this there was a considerable discussion of dues, suggestions for Constitution and By-Laws, etc., out of which resulted the appointment of the following committee on Constitution, By-Laws and Dues:

Byron Spence - Hyde W. Ballard - Deneale Hunter - James Carpenter

It was voted to have the Treasurer pay any expenses such as postage, paper and printing which have been incurred to date by Mr. Spence.

At this time in the evening, the meeting was adjourned, but unofficially re-convened in the door yard in order to give Hyde Ballard free advice on how to light the main burner and raise steam from 300 to 500 pounds."
(P.S. Hyde knows how to do this under ordinary circumstances but hasn't found out how you do it when the vaporizer is plugged).

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Since the Philadelphia Meet, the Committee has held several get-togethers and put in a great deal of hard work drawing up a suggested Constitution and By-Laws, handling the question of Dues, etc. You will find the results enclosed.

In order to help the committee get everything settled, it will be appreciated, if you are interested in joining the Association as we hope you will be, if you will send your application and dues for the calendar year 1942 to the Secretary of the Association promptly. At the same time, on the reverse side of the application for membership, please vote on the questions raised.

THE FOLLOWING ATTENDED THE STEAM CAR MEET IN PHILADELPHIA ON 10/11/41:

Mr. and Mrs. Hyde W. Ballard
Merion, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bailey
Philadelphia, Pa.

D. W. Batterman
Harrisonburg, Va.

Roland C. Beattie
110 Mt. Ave.
Summit, N. J.

Carl F. Brauer
350 E. 87th St.
New York City

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Cadwell
Turner and Plush Mill Rds.
Wallingford, Pa.

James Carpenter
Montgomery Ave.
Haverford, Pa.

Lawrence K. Croasdale
27 Cornell Rd.
Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

R. Milton Croasdale
27 Cornell Rd.
Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

Wm. M. Davis
127 Mt. Auburn St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Eugene W. Goodwin
7024 Hampden Lane
Bethesda, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gowing
Dublin, N. H.

George M. Hughes
Upper Darby, Pa.

Deneale Hunter
20 Washington Place
Hackensack, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lincoln
Storrington, Conn.

Paul M. Lufkin
4506 Regent St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

T. Clarence Marshall
Yorklyn, Del.

G. Albert Mershon
R. F. D. 1
Kennett Square, Pa.

Cornelius C. Mershon
14 N. Wycombe Ave.
Lansdowne, Pa.

Neal Mershon
14 N. Wycombe Ave.
Lansdowne, Pa.

Wm. C. Park
Cambridge Rd.
Haverford, Pa.

Robert S. Scott and L. W. Scott
697 Beacon Lane
Merion, Pa.

Miss Budd Smith
5336 Angora Terrace
Philadelphia, Pa.

John H. Snoke, M. D.
31 Silver Lake Terrace
Morton, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Spence
Little Falls, N. Y.

Leland W. Sprinkle
503 Wilson Lane
Bethesda, Md. (Washington, D. C.)

Willis L. Tressler
College Park, Md.

Earl V. Varcoe
420 Hermit St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Ralph R. Weeks
Upper Darby, Pa.

John West
114 Foulke Hall
Princeton, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Willock, Jr.
Syosset, N. Y.