

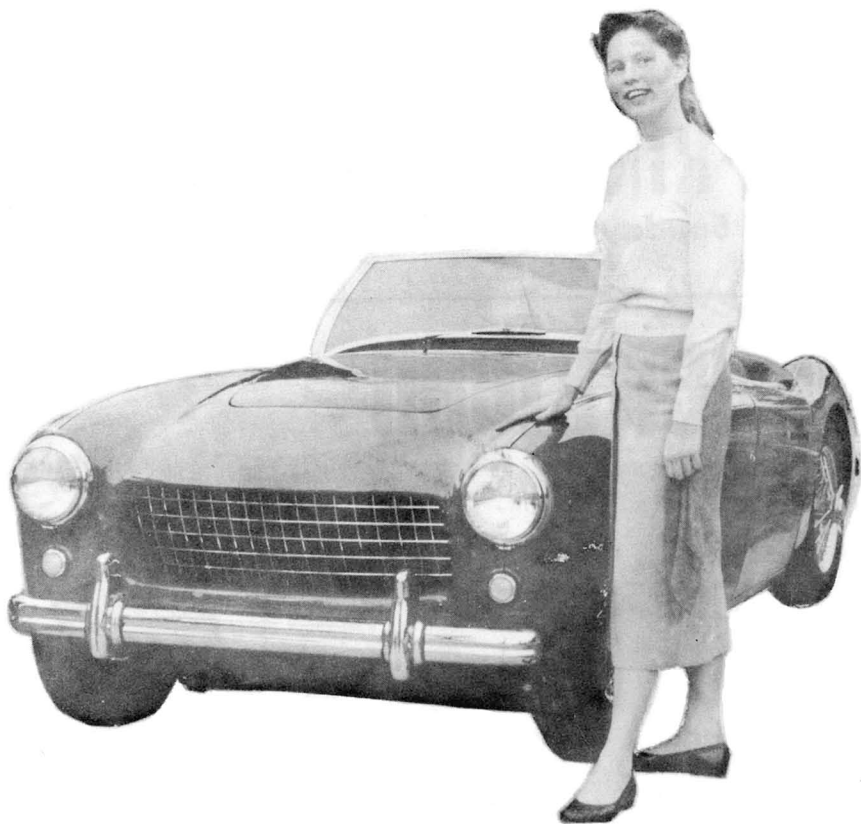
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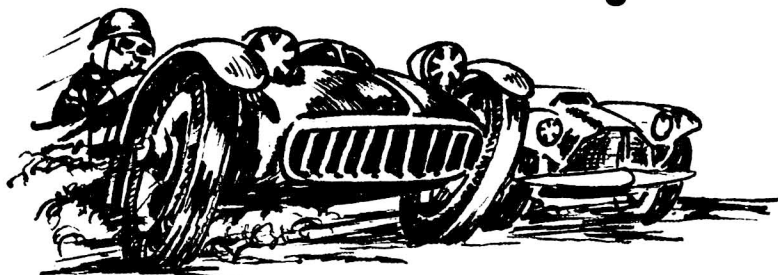
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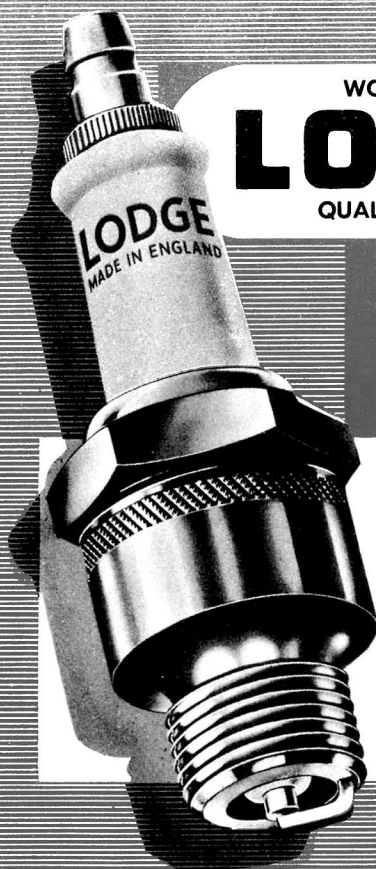
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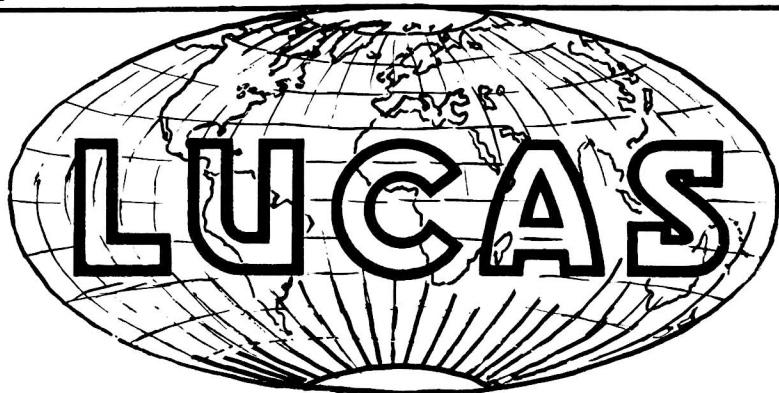


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FEBRUARY 9 SAN FERNANDO FCCA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

FEBRUARY 12-13 WILLOW SPRINGS ROAD RACE- The course is located just outside Rosamond, twelve miles north of Lancaster, on the Mojave highway and comprises 2½ miles of blacktop which has been completely renovated. This is one of the biggest events of the year and the California Sports Car Club at 4949 Hollywood Blvd., Rm. 214 can furnish all information.

FEBRUARY 13 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAP. FCCA WILL HAVE THEIR MONTHLY RALLY. The start will be in the Van Nuys area and there will be a short coffee stop. This will be a rally for points. Guests are invited to participate. Write to 6212 Zelzah ave., Reseda, or call the rally and trophy chairman Earl Cowden at DI-23041.

FEBRUARY 20 SCCA SPRING RALLY. Contact Don Schoenert at Satori's in Glendale.

FEBRUARY 27 SAN DIEGO SPORTS CAR CLUB IS HAVING A DON DIEGO RALLY.

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## The Latest... By DICK SHERWIN

\*THE COLUME. 'THE CHRONICLE SHADOWS IT'S REAL IDENTITY AS AN OF ASTON ROYCE'. FOUND ON PAGE AUSTIN HEALEY. KEN HOLLIS IS THE NINE IS UNIQUE TO A SPORTS CAR THE OWNER AND THAT CUTE LITTLE LASSIE MAGAZINE AS THE AUTHOR'S IDENTITY NEXT TO IT IS ELEANOR CLOSE, TEACH- IS UNKNOWN TO EVERYONE BUT A FRIEND ING MAJOR AT L.A. STATE COLLEGE. OF THE EDITOR AND HE WON'T TALK. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS PERSON IS A WELL KNOWN SPORTS CAR PERSONALITY AND APPEARS AT ALL EVENTS, SO SHOULD BE WELL QUALIFIED.

AS WE RECEIVE THE COLUME BY MAIL AND CANNOT CONTROL ITS CONTENTS, WE, THEREFORE REFUSE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANYTHING SAID BY THE PERSON REFERED TO AS 'ASTON ROYCE'.

\*A FREE TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION OF THIS MAGAZINE WILL GO TO CLUB MEMBERS WHOSE SECRETARIES SEND US THEIR MEMBERSHIP LIST. (THESE NAMES WILL BE USED FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE).

\*STERLING MOSS, THE WELL KNOWN ENGLISH DRIVER, NOW MAKES THE FIFTH TOP DRIVER WITH MERCEDES-BENZ. HE JOINS FANGIO, KLING, LANG AND HERMANN.

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# Women's Angle

BY- Josie von Neumann



The "Women's Sports Car Club" is having their annual installation dinner at the Glen Aire Country Club on January 22nd.

The new officers will be: Florine Stoval, Pat McAfee, Vi Jones, Bobbie Hunter, Elaine Bond, Sunnie McBride and Jean Burkhard.

I'm sure most of you readers have heard of this fine organization through the excellent work they have done at the races and club events in the past years.

Any women interested in becoming members, may write me and I will direct your correspondence to the correct channel.

Of course, the club is mostly interested in girls who are able and willing to work at the races, as this is the main function of the organization. It is definitely not a social club.

The W.S.C.C. is also interested in you girls who race and have not as yet become members. Your support would be welcomed.

I am now in the process of preparing an article on the fantastic Volkswagen and I hope it will be ready for print within the next month.

Josie can be contacted through the West Coast Sports Car Journal Ed.

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Pert Mrs. Robert Serey is shown giving some final touches to her striking 1950 MG-TD prior to the announcement that the car took overall trophy and first in class at the first Concours ever held on an American campus

## STATE COLLEGE CONCOURS MAKES HISTORY

by Art Evans

An estimated eight-thousand students, faculty, and Los Angeles sports car fans attended the December 10 Concours d'Elegance at the campus of Los Angeles State College.

The event, sponsored by the recently formed on-campus sports car club, was the first ever held on an American college campus.

Overall honors were captured by Robert Serey of Costa Mesa with an immaculate 1950 MG-TD (See picture). Although the morning of the Concours broke sparkling clear, the night before had seen heavy rain which, incidentally, discouraged many entrants. So extra credit should go to Bob, since he had such a distance to travel over muddy roads. Apparently he worked up to the last minute preparing.

Serey also won in the under \$2500 class with Buzz Debaradas taking second in his equally beautiful 1953 TD. The judges explained that the only criteria between the two was age.

Barclay Cotter took tops in the \$2500-\$4000 class with his maroon Jag coupe. Second in this class was F. E. Smith's 1954 Jag roadster. This was Mr. Smith's first Concours; he and his wife deserve acclaim for a good job.

In the \$4000-\$6000 class Marian (MG Mitten) Weber took first with her Bertone MG. This was Marian's first trophy for the Bertone. The Alvis-Healey belonging to Al Sherwin took second. The car, brought to this country by comedian Jerry Lewis, is the only one of its kind in the United States.

Judges were college officials Mrs. Cynthia Johnson and Dr. Floyd Eastwood; and Ernie McAfee, veteran American driver. Ernie created a campus sensation when he wheeled onto the campus in his 2.5 litre Ferrari.

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# The Chronicle Of Aston Royce...

Elsewhere in this publication you will find an explanation of this column and its writer, who chooses to remain unknown due to a great fear of cuts and abrasions around the face and neck. The effort will be to deliver a little of the reliable "exhaust" that is usually whispered around amongst the "bench racers" and other suspicious foreign car owners.

Most noteworthy is the fact that the M.G. company has secretly prepared a team of factory cars for this years Le Mans and Ken Miles will no doubt be one of their jockeys.

For those who scoffed at the Darrin raced at Torrey Pines there is a large surprise in store. Ray Sinatra, the sterling moss of the agency world, has dumped his TR2 and sits astride a new, blown Darrin. The car "Dutch" is preparing to race has been given the full treatment so the pair will become a team entry and probable appear at Willow. Maxine Elmer will drive in the ladies go unless Sinatra can get a blond wig to stay on under his daring red crash hat.

News has it that the drag held at Thompson Raceway between the Jag "M" and the Ford Thundermug sent the birdmen home a little older and wiser. Seems the Jags beat everything but the rugs in the press box.

Unless 4½ liter Bentley racing returns to favor in this country, Bruce Kesslers' power to weight ratio is shot.

Can anyone give me a good reason why foreign car owners insist on having the corner idiot lube and service their allegedly precious car when we have at least five concerns devoted to imported auto servous exclusively, not counting the dealers. Never having been an advocate in the belief that all foreign car drivers must fall into each others arms at every meeting because of this common bond or that we are obligated to wave like our wristwatch was on fire when approaching another vehicle, I nonetheless feel we can support our own society and group considerably more. If you feel that aversion to the original dealer, then try a service depot like Warren Olson, Grand Prix, Ossie and Reg or Parkhouse but avoid the clown who swears, "We get plenty of those little cars in here" then proceeds to lube the radiator. I was told by a chap in a large major gas station, that lubing imported cars was a snap with "only nine grease fittings on the whole heap". In the words of the immortal Bard, "You can die from that jazz".

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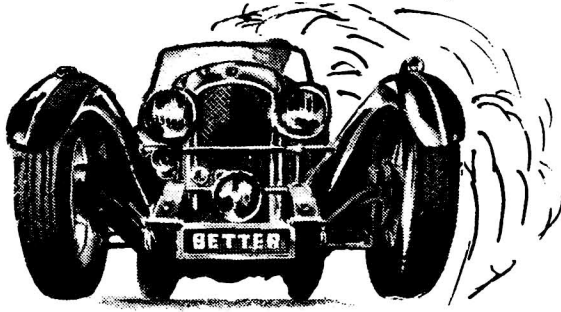
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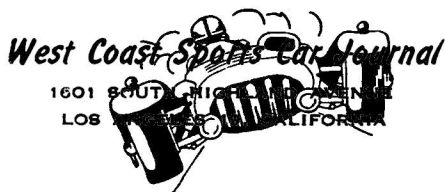
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