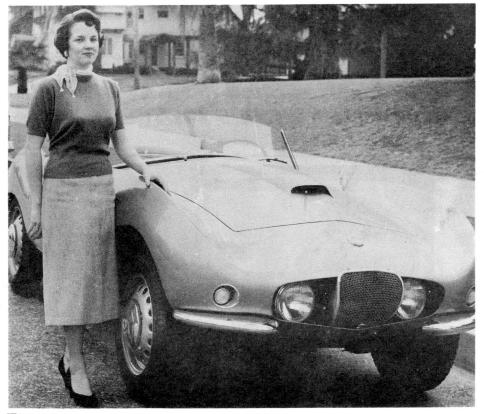


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#### THE COVER

This month's cover is graced by two beauties. The car is a new Arnolt-Bristol borrowed from Williamson Motors. The Girl is Cynthia Johnson borrowed from L.A. State College.



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## The Latest ... By DICK SHERWIN

The Santa Monica Chapter FCCA 'Check Point,' their monthly club publication is the best looking club paper we've seen yet.

San Fernando Valley Chapter FCCA is hosting Ray Crawford and his Mexican Road Race films on April 14 (See Calendar). The movies, some of which were taken from Ray's Lincoln, are well worth seeing.

Bruce and Jack Parkhouse are moving. 'Somewhere on La Brea' they will have enlarged quarters. Jack says there is some extra office space for a sports car accessory dealer. Anyone interested?

Returning from Sebring, Dusty Mahon stopped at Mexico City and was a guest of the Roda Sports Car Club. That club is sponsoring races in Mexico (See Calendar) and California drivers would be more than welcome. For further information and entry blanks write Fred Van Buren, c/o The Roda SC Club, 347 Chapultepec, Mexico City, Mexico.

Now that the sandwich shop at Grand Prix Sports Car Center is open again, the foreign car group in Hollywood is meeting there for lunch, coffee and a little

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LEFT: The winning(?) Phil Walters/Mike Hawthorne D Jaguar owned by Briggs Cunningham. RIGHT: Marquis de Portago's Ferrari 750 driven by de Portago and Umberto (Mad Man) Maglioli.

# Sebring BY DUSTY MAHON

We have just seen the finest collection of cars and drivers ever assembled at a sportscar race in the United States. Phil Hill and Carrol Shelby did a wonderful job of driving against some of Europe's finest. Here, in Mexico City, (from where I'm writing) we still do not know whether Hill-Shelby or Hawthorne-Walters are the winners. The Mexican papers have given the race a terrific amount of coverage. They state that the AAA and not the FIA will settle this dispute.

The first impression of Sebring was flatness and a poor spectators race. However, as we watched practice and the crowd's enthusiasm, we realized that it was going to be marvelous to watch, as others besides the pit, straight spectators were constantly dashing across the roads. It must have been harrowing to the drivers.

Thursday was scrutineering. We first checked on the new Cunningham car, which was a delight to the eye. The Meyer-Drake engine was neatly located in a new light chasis. There was a constant fierce roar during the tuning of the engine. But, once on the road, the car never seemed to pull. The revs always seemed too low and the gears too high. Obviously more experimentation is needed to prepare the car for Le Mans.

We checked on every car that we saw the rest of the day. The 100S Austin-Healy was not impressive to see, but its final performance finishing sixth showed us how looks are deceiving.

Friday practice soon began to sort out the cars and the drivers. All of the Southern Californians looked well. The Crawford-Stropp and Murphy-Hanks Kurtises looked clumsy, but were fast.

Tony Parravano's 4.5 Ferrari Type 373 driven by Jack McAfee and Bob Drake was really rushing. The Bill Doheny 2.9 Ferrari Type 750 driven by Ernie McAfee and Howard Wheeler seemed one of the big threats with two such cool and calculating drivers at the wheel.

Phil Hill and Carroll Shelby sharing the Guibedson 2.9 Type 750 Ferrari make a strong pair. Hill seemed the master, but Shelby's European and Mexican experience was evident from his handling of the car. As a team, they lacked support.

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John Porter was relief on the Bumpy Bell-Harry Chapman 1.5 OSCA. All claimed that they were out of their league before practice, but they were in with the best of them when the practice flag was dropped.

The most startling feature was the lack of MGs; only two stock 1250cc MGs started. There were no MG specials. MG would have done well to have had Ken Miles there.

All in all, the top British and Continental drivers seemed a notch above all of the Americans, except Hill. Bob Said who ran a close second for two laps looked like a serious threat until an ambulance got in his way.

The circut was rough and while a lot of work had been done, more was needed. The preparation was not comparable to Pebble Beach. The 5.2 miles has one 4326 foot straight and one 4620 foot straight. The rest is split between 13 bends, s's, hairpins and is well qualified to be called a road course.

In the evening the practice was fast and exciting. The feeling of Le Mans and Reims was recaptured and again poor race control was discovered by the writer. Signal men on the back straights stood off the circut with yellow warning flags and no flashlights or way of lighting them except to dash into the lights of the approaching car.

Sunday dawned much warmer than the previous days meaning more punishment for the engines and brakes.

The Le Mans start was filled with the usual excitment and while one of the Kurtises took the immediate lead, laying a track of screeching rubber, the D Jag of Hawthorne smoothly and swiftly passed it in a few seconds.

As the hours passed the pits began to recieve cars for gas, oil, tires and minor repairs. Each hour brought more and more retirement.

The evening brought its own excitement. Lights began to appear long before necessary and there was a moment of excitement. Hawthorne, in the lead, didn't put on his lights and went into the back straights without lights. Naturally all thought he was having trouble and would have to make a pit stop. This would put Hill in the lead. As he approached the pits, his lights came on much to the glee of the British supporters and to the sorrow of the Hill-Shelby rooters.

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LEFT: Fifth overall and Second in class (behind the Cunningham OSCA) Works Porsche piloted by Von Hanstein and Linge. RIGHT: The C-6R Cunningham with Briggs, Bennett and Gregory

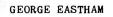
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# Rest in Peace

#### BY JIM MOURNING

George looked around and asked himself for the fiftieth time where he was and what he was doing here. But George could not supply himself the answer.

As he groped his way forward, he tried once more to remember just how he had gotten wherever he was. He remembered that he had been trying out his new sports car-- a Singley it was, with wire wheels -- and had been blasting along the highway well over 80 when he hit the turn. Then that feeling came over him, a Nuvolarish sort of feeling he remembered, and he had put the car into a four-wheel drift instead of slowing down. Then, suddenly -- But that was where he became confused each time and nothing afterwards seemed to make any sense at all.

Well, George decided, the only thing to do was to try to locate somebody and discover where he was. After that he could figure out the rest.

Glancing up, he thought he saw something through the swirling haze. By straining his eyes, he could just make out some sort of large gate a little ways off in the distance. George hurried toward it.

A man stood at the gate dressed in a flowing white robe. As George approached he swung the gate ponderously open.

"We have been expecting you," the man said.

"You have?" asked George, growing more puzzled by the moment.

"Oh yes, indeed. Everything has been ready for you for some time."

"I'd have been here sooner except for the fog," replied George hesitantly, hoping the man would say something that would help clear up the mystery.

"The fog? Oh yes, the fog," laughed the man. "Very good. I must remember to tell that to Gabriel."

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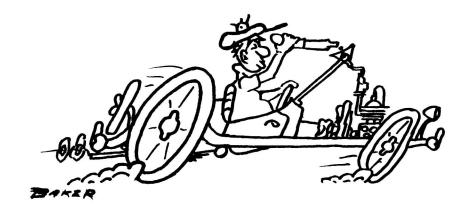
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#### REST IN PEACE (Continued)

- "Can you tell me where I am?" asked George uneasily.
- "Oh, you must be jestihg again. Where did you think you were headed when you started?"  $\,$
- "Well, I had thought about going to Brighton," replied George mildly.
- "To Brighton," chuckled the man. "You are a witty one, aren't you?"
- "Are I?"
- "Yes, indeed. But come along, we must find you some suitable cloths."

George couldn't imagine what was wrong with the conservative blue windbreaker he was wearing, but followed the man meekly through the haze, more puzzled than ever. Suddenly the man stopped and George could make out a door with a sign on it that read "Novice Angels Register Here."

- "Angels!" George gasped.
- "Of course Angels," the man replied. "What else would we have?"
- "Then this is -- that is, I am --you --"
- "You didn't really expect to make that corner did you?"
- "I had hoped," admitted George in a subdued tone.
- "Yes," sighed the man, "we get so many of you who do."
- "But I'm really not prepared for this sort of thing, don't you know."
- "Not many of you are but we do the best we can."
- "I see," murmured George. "But what am I to do up here?"
- "Well, let me see," replied the man, removing a list from somewhere among the folds of his garmet. "First we must get you a proper robe. Then over to the commissary to draw your harp and sheet music. Then there will be classes in music appreciation, contemplation, meditation, dematerilization and finally you'll be apprenticed to one of the senior angels in weather, planet control or one of the other offices."
- "What about the week ends?" inquired George blandly.
- "Week ends? You're joking again," chuckled the man. "You must know that here there are no days or nights, no week days or week ends, not even any minutes or seconds."
- "But when do you get a chance for a little private dicing?"
- "Dicing?"
- "You know," explained George, "gouging out from stop signs and that sort of rot."
- "Gracious," exclaimed the man, "we don't go in for that sort of thing up here. Couldn't stand the noise, you know."
- "Never!"
- "Or the soul satisfying bellow of straight pipes?"
- "Not one! "



# San Fernando Valley FCCA — Gen. Petroleum FRUGALITY RUN

By Lee Baker

One of the things us sports car owners are so proud of is the fact that, not only do we have a lot of fun and enjoyment out of our little monsters, but we get mileage the detroit Tankers couldn't come near equaling.

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This event known as "Frugality Run" will be held May 8, 1355 and will be open to all who wish to enter. The Mobilgas Station at Olympic and Fairfax Boulevard will be the starting point. First car is scheduled to leave at 9 a.m. DASH PLAQUES to first 150 entrants.

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The greatest swipe at small car racing was dealt by SCCA in their ridiculous change in the class structure. Class 'G' now goes up to 1300cc rather than stopping at 1100cc. This means the Panhard boys now face the MG, OSCA and what have you group. Keep trying boys, you'll snark up the game yet.

The sports car council is up to its old tricks again. They have scheduled a Concours on the same day as the MGCCA Trials at Owl's Roost. April Third was originally given to the Trials, but the Council seems to lean toward CSCC and its 'Ascari' like Prexy.

Speaking of Concours, the Second Annual held at Bob Dalton's on July 26 will include brunch, bar service and plenty of beautiful machinery. Last year it was a tremendous Sunday's entertainment boasting 70 entrants and that Le Mans type start to the bar was a sight to behold.

Buddy Fisher, 'The Flying Fireman' not only has one of the hottest Panhards in the throes of perfection but just purchased an Aston-Martin to run to and from the hose house. Unless he peddles obscene dash boards on the side, how does a fireman keep up a family like this?

If the Sebring fellows wish to rent our wonderful Women's Sports Car Club lap scorers and timers, we might work something out. Between Vi Jones, Jean Burkhard, Sonnie McBride and Pat McAfee, the scoring would have been complete down to the number of trips Ann Evans makes to the 'sand box.'

Now that sportscar racing has come of age, here in the Southland, why can't we afford some flags or decent rest rooms or edible food for those that pay a buck and a half to stand in dust all day. A little more of the festive spirit and and decor wouldn't hurt a thing; it might even take your mind off the line that strings out a squirming block ahead of you. Also the hot dogs cooked in Pennzoil and 'orange scourge' should never get by scrutineering. In Europe racing is a combination carnival, picnic, concours, style show and party. When did you last feel like you were at a party, having a picnic while chewing an old chicken thigh and watching the mounting race tension with utter pleasure. Well you can bet your party hat it wasn't at Willow Springs. Next time we'll have wonderous news on the Al Torres 'Do-It-Yourself Shirt Kit.'

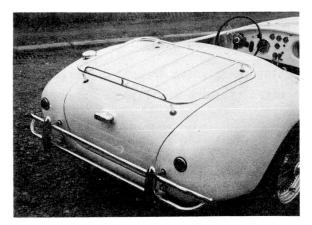
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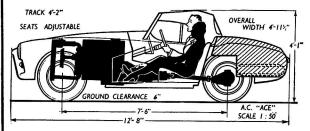
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# CLUB NEWS

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It was with the crispness of a Glendale morning that launched the first of twenty-two glimmering Jaguars off on one of the most enjoyable rallyes ever. For those "sleepy-heads" who found it difficult to cope with the early 8:47 A.M. start, the Little Tujunga Canyon Road, with its twisting and winding turns; was well chosen for an eye-opener. The rally took us through scenic beauty which leaves this editor completely lost for words. With mid-afternoon pushing on and some 130 odd miles behind us, the Pierpoint Inn in Ventura provided us with the finish line and a chance for our navigators to recenture the good grace of their drives a chance for our navigators to recapture the good grace of their drives over a very delicious dinner. Happy but tired participants all agreed it was a day well-spent.

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At this point, I would like to extend my hand for all J.D.A. members to Dick Sherwin who has donated this page to us in his monthly publication of the West Coast Sports Car Journal. "Thanks Dick!"

Jaguar owners who would like additional information about membership, events or future activities of the J.O.A. may contact any of the above officers. -- Ed.

## **News From The Valley**

BY DORIS PRICE

#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER FCCA

Under the able direction of Pres. Jack Dorsett, the Valley Chapter has a wonderful start for 1955! An installation dinner in January cooked by the members, and really good, was enjoyed by all.

In February, Sam Hanks, famous race driver, ran some films of the 1954 Indianapolis Race, and a Stock Car Race in Minneapolis, which he won, followed by a question and answersession with the eager leadfoots is the audions. in the audience.

The second speaker of the year will be Ray Crawford on April 14, with his exciting films of the Mixican Road Race of 1954.

In May the SFVC FCCA will stage a giant economy run for National Four Cylinder Club as an open event to every sport car driver. Bill Levy, events chairman will handle this.

Along with all this activity, a fine Rally is put on each month. The Feb. Rally by Wes Griffin had a total of 62 cars, to make the run which ended at Willow Springs Road Race.

#### WESTERN SPURT CAR CLUB.

The first of the year also saw the birth of a new club. Thirty eight sport car enthusiasts got together at a dinner meeting, and with the guiding hand of Neil Howard as president, is now completely organised.

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#### NEWS FROM THE VALLEY (Cont'd)

This club has had several enjoyable dinners, one gaggle to the movie "The Racers" with almost the entire membership attending each event. This organization boasts of two Honorary members at this early date namely, Chuck Eastman, who writes sport car news in the Valley Times, and Sam and Alice Hanks!

Meetings will be held at Campo de Cahuenga starting April 22, and a Gymkhana is planned for late summer, with Al Baker as Competitive-events chairman stageing this one.

#### LOCKHEED SPORT CAR CLUB

According to Norm Stratton, President, the Lockheed SCC membership has expanded to 225 people!

Lee Amaya, committee chairman of the Lockheed 24 Hour Rally, is reall working hard to put on a bigger and better event this year. The rally will start from lockheed in Burbank, on May 20th, Fri. Evening. It will cover a very interesting course of approximately 650 miles, finish in Castaic on Sat. evening, and as usual the Victory Dinner will be held at Hody's in North Hollywood Sun May 22. About 50 trophies will be presented at the Dinner to top ten drivers, navigators, best of club, best married couple, best mixed couple, etc. The Rally will be limited to 100 entrants, deadline May 1st.

Entry blanks may be obtained by contacting Lee Amaya, 5234 Saloma Ave, Van Nuys. Telephone ST-93663.

Lockheed is represented in the racing field by Warren Myllenbeck and Ray Poe in their Formula 111 cars, and Judd Bradley in his Hot stock MG No. 18!

Please send other Valley club news to Doris Price, 1504 N. California St. Burbank, Calif. TH-28591 -Ed.

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car talk. Last week we had lunch while listening to Ed Ness chat with some of his show business friends in the form of Alan Young, Bill Leyden, Bob Dalton, Bob Stack and Frank Lovejoy. Looks like Ed does a good business in accessories and runs a casting department on the side.

Insure sucess to your open event! Let the Journal do your club entry blanks. And we have special rates to clubs who wish to run the blank in the Journal.

Valley readers note Holiday Motors has a new service department. Lewis Sherr, service manager, reports that the new facilities, located at 5215 Bakman St., is factory authorized for Jaguar, MG, Austin, Triumph and others.

West Coast Car Club is again in business. The club will emphasize dinner gaggles and Sunday drives, a type of activity for which there is a definite need. Good Luck to Neil Howard, the new President, and the WCCC.

We were disappointed with SCCA's Spring Rally. Directional errors and unrealistic speeds highlighted the event. How about putting a little more thought into it next time guys. Your club has a reputation to live up to.

Women's Sports Car Club will assist MGCCA at the English Trials, a definite improvement over last year. Rare in the United States, English Trials are a sight to see. We'll see you all there April 3.

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At eight hours the lead passed to Hill. The D Jag which had run so fault-lessly began to sour. Spear made up one place by some magnificent driving and moved into third. The finish was seemingly a solid win for Hill. A few seconds after the finish it was announced that there had been a mistake. The announcer asked Hill to say a few words which he did in a simple and moving way, but those who know him knew how he must have felt inside. It was first announced that the provisional results would be reviewed by the FIA in Paris. In a few days we learned that it had been submitted to the AAA instead.

#### PROVISIONAL RESULTS SEBRING FLORIDA TWELVE HOUR RACE

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- 'Or the soul satisfying beliew of straight pipes?'
- "Heavens, no!"
- "How about smell?" George demanded wildly. "You can smell things up here, can't you?"
- "Naturally. The essence of sweet perfume will assail your nostrils for eternity."
- "No smell of burning oil?"
- "Please, we never use that expression!"
- "No aroma of tires heating as the speed along a concrete road?"
- "What a thought."
- "Not even one good sniff of exhaust fumes now and again?"
- "Stop, you'll make me ill."
- "Just one more question," demanded George in a desperate tone.
- "I know," the man sighed wearily. "And the answer is yes, you can apply for a transfer. Just make your request to the clerk when you get inside."
- "Thank you, Liank you," George gushed. "You don't know what this means to me."
- "I wonder," the man sighed wearily, "how I'll ever explain it to the Boss this time."  $\!\!\!\!$
- "Explain what?" inquired George.
- "How I let another one get away," the man replied tearfully. "We don't have a single sports car driver up here, you know."
- As George opened the door he stopped to look back. One of these eons, he decided, when he had more time, he would stop back and get them organized around here. It was painfully evident they didn't know what heaven really meant.

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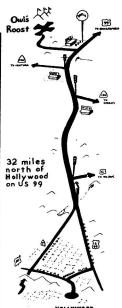
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