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## The Airflow Newsletter

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

This is the first time since being editors that we have had enough material that we have had to pick and choose! The Eastern Region Meet and Feature articles were here when we got home from California and we also have material and pictures of the Seventh National. We are making this the National Meet Issue, sort of preempting the Eastern Region. Next month's issue will feature the Eastern Region.

At this time, I would like to thank the Western Region Members for the wonderful job of hosting us before, during, and after the Meet. Believe me, that appreciation plaque has a place of prominence in our home. If you want to feel at home away from home, then go calling on the Western Region members! Thank You and take it away for the Seventh!

## THE 7TH ANNUAL NATIONAL AIRFLOW MEET

After many months of planning and work by a large number of Western Region Members the 7th Annual National Meet of the Airflow Club commenced on 7/28/70 at Long Beach, California. This was the first time for the Western Region to host the National Meet and most of those who did the thankless work were determined that the Western Region would more than live up to Airflow tradition. First registrant was immediate past Director for the Western Region Johnnie McLean and 2nd was Jack Stephenson, present Western Region Director.

The first non local family into the area, as near as I can determine was Herman and June Spacek and their three children who arrived early the week before the meet pulling a camping trailer with their prize winning 1935 DeSoto. While many of us believe in "go" before "show" as the real pleasure of Airflows the Spacek's "take the cake" in this writer's opinion.

Ultimately 22 Airflows, a 1937 Custom Imperial limosine and a 1936 Airstream convertible coupe attended the meet and 19 Airflows were registered.

Registration was well planned by Lee Stephenson who with the help of several women made all registrants feel quickly "at home". A very attractive basket of fruit, and a miniture wine bottle salt and pepper shakers were presented to each registrant.

Registration day, Friday was the time to get acquainted and reacquainted with each other. Many of our members while good friends see each other but once per year.

Swapping parts and stories took place all over the parking lot while some preferred swimming, sauna bathing, lounging, or just relaxing in the conference room. National President Chuck Cochran and Eastern Director Richard Case flew in and, I understand, had less time in transit than some of the California members.

In the late afternoon Western Region Tour Chairman Duncan Hickey driving Johnnie McLean's 1937 Imperial limosine won the race to Knotts Berry Farm, the 8 or 9 Airflows acquitted themselves quite well however. Rumor has it that Betty Hickey, sitting in the back seat of the limosine, urged Duncan to "lose us in the traffic".

We had a private banquet room and 54 people were served one of "Knotts" famous chicken dinners, camarade was far superior to fried chicken. The next 4 or 5 hours were spent touring the "Farms" Ghost Town complete with amusements, early general stores, a Mexican Village and countless historical relics of the early west.

A membership meeting was called to order at 10PM Friday by Pres. Cochran. The major issues and discussions of the members present concerned Incorporation of the Club, developing a constitution, and approaching the AACA seeking a separate judging class for the Airflow. The General Membership meeting adjourned shortly after midnight and the judges meeting commenced and I understand it adjourned after 3AM. During these "mens" meetings the women were holding a meeting of their own complete with "lemon aide" and "giggles". No one was able to determine how Herman Spacek got to that party.

Saturday morning dawned (rather early for some) and by 9 AM judging under National Chief Judge Ellis Claar and Western Region Head Judge Bob Moore was in full swing with the judging teams. The day was warmer than usual for Long Beach, the competition was keen, and the judging was critical. I never could determine if Ross MacLean was taking cat naps under those Airflows or really checking out the undercarriage.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent swimming, talking Airflow, and/or just resting. Writer tried out the Sauna bath and it was a very good one.

The Restoration Hour was well attended and like Airflows some members needed more restoration than others. The Banquet followed at 7:30 and there were over 80 people served for dinner. At the conclusion of dinner Pres. Cochran discussed the highlights of the membership meeting, introduced the National Officers and Western Region



Director Stephenson made welcoming remarks as did National Treasurer and immediate Past Director of the Western Region Johnnie McLean. Each Regional Director was called upon to share their Region's accomplishments and current plans.

Telegrams and letters from the following people were acknowledged by Pres. Cochran; Dick Quandras who was unable to attend as his wife was hospitalized; Chic Kramer sent his regards; Carl Breer's Secretary forwarded his regards and said he was returning from Japan; A. G. Herreshoff and A. B. Couture expressed their regrets that they could not be with us this year; Doug Anderson from New Zealand sent his best wishes for a good meet as did Fred and Kay Rieger.

A Special Award Plaque was presented by the Western Region to Herman and June Spacek for their superior contribution to the success of the Club with their excellent Newsletter. Herman in turn acknowledged the helpful contribution of their daughter Candy and sons Doug and Louis. Herman also praised the excellent contribution to the Newsletters by Technical Editor Ross Mac Lean. Herman said the Newsletter cannot be successful without the material contributions of us members and to keep the material coming in.

Ben Sloter was recognized for his having furnished some very appropriate placemats for the occasion. They were shop towels with Airflow script silk screened in blue, there were 2 at each place. Ben also presented the Club with a large replica of the Club Emblem. He also presented one of these signs to Charles and Shirley Gleisner who was also awarded the trophy for driving the longest distance, from Rochester, New York. 2nd place, longest distance was awarded to Herman and June Spacek from Topeka, Kansas.

Class Trophies were awarded as follows:

- 1934 1. Johnnie McLean CU, Calif.  
2. Jerry Schlegel CV, Oregon  
1935 1. Herman Spacek SG, Kansas  
2. Bill Gordon C-1 Cp, Calif.  
1936 1. Jack Stephenson C-10, Calif.  
2. Pete Molner C-9, Calif.  
1937 1. Charles Gleisner C-17, New York  
2. Harold Irwin C-17, Kansas

Best of Show--Johnnie McLean CU, Calif.

Best of Show, Sr.--Bob Moore C-17 Cp, Idaho

Ladies' Choice--Bill Gordon C-1 Cp, Calif.

The banquet was concluded with a very interesting film of the 1968 Airflow Meet, presented and narrated by Bob Moore.

Sunday Morning, led by Duncan Hickey in the 1937 Imperial, at a modest pace we caravanned with several cars, among them 6 Airflows, to Marineland. Our trip took us through Palos Verdes, along a spectacular

beach, to our destination where we viewed an excellent series of performances by trained seals, whales, and porpoises, along with other interesting marine life. That trip officially concluded the 7th Annual Airflow Meet, and I believe all who attended will attest in term of number of Airflows, their quality, enthusiasm and friendliness of the participants, and over all good time that it was indeed a successful meet.

Of interest to many, the following Airflowers who were at the National Meet also went to Reno, Nevada, for Harrah's Show & Swap Meet. The Charles Gleisners and Harold Irwins who entered their cars. Also the Ross MacLeans, Herman Spaceks, Bob Moore, Johnnie MacLeans, Jack Stephensons, and this writer with family. Many of the above named group were also seen or entered in the W. P. Chrysler Meet on Sunday following Harrah's Meet.

The Airflows are somewhat like "hard" narcotics, once you're "hooked" it's hard to do anything but go all the way.

-----Jerry Leavitt

#### TO ALL AIRFLOWERS FROM WESTERN REGION HOST

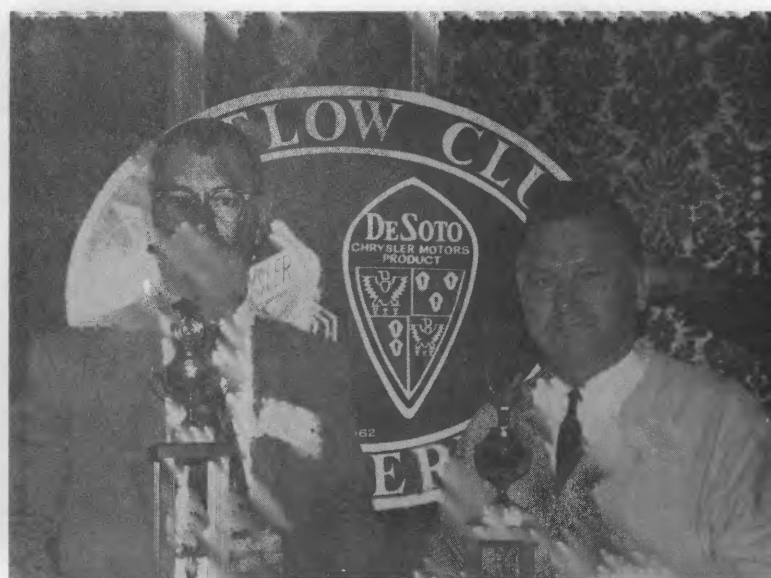
The 7th Annual National ACA Meet is now history. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all who worked so hard to make it possible. As you know, the meet was held at Rochelles in Long Beach, California, and the weather was perfect.

The members and guests attending were:

John and Betty McLean  
Jack and Leola Stephenson  
Gilbert and Doris Hyatt  
Herman and June Spacek, Candy, Doug & Louis  
Robert L. Grim  
Ross & Mary Jane MacLean, Rex & Georgia  
Robert Moore  
Hardy Trolander  
Jerry and Page Schlegel  
Wm. and Irene Moore  
C. G. McIntyre & son  
Charles and Shirley Gleisner and son  
Roger Hart  
Charles and Lois Jaber  
Harold and Mildred Irwin, Kim and Karen  
Wm. and Verda Gordon  
Edward Hibschi  
Rick Lenz  
Pat and Mariane Hoff and Daughter  
Dale Cipra and Roberta Freleigh  
Duncan and Betty Hickey and Mike  
Pete and Eunice Molner  
Ronald and Lillian Mitchell  
Ellis and Geraldine Claar  
Glen and Erma Shaw and son



BEST OF SHOW, SR.--BOB MOORE



1936--JACK STEPHENSON 1st  
PETE MOLNER 2nd



1934--JERRY SCHLEGEL 2nd  
JOHNNIE MCLEAN 1st



1937--CHARLES GLEISNER 1st  
HAROLD IRWIN 2nd



1935--HERMAN SPACEK 1st



BEST OF SHOW -- JOHNNIE MCLEAN



LADIES CHOICE--BILL AND VERDA GORDON



LONGEST DISTANCE--CHARLES GLEISNER 1st  
HERMAN SPACEK 2nd  
BEN SLOTER PRESENTS SIGN TO CHAS



NATIONAL OFFICERS--HARDY, JOHNNIE, CHUCK, PAT



REGIONAL DIRECTORS--JACK, NORB, RICH



ROSS MAC LEAN: AIRFLOWLAND, ANYONE?



AND I LOST THE LADIES CHOICE TROPHY?





WHEW!



JUDGES HARDY & ROSS, from the level of Ross's shirt tail--it's been a long day



ROSS CAT NAPPING UNDER W. W. MOORE'S SG?



MC LEAN & SPACEK--Chief Moore will straighten 'em out!



MCLEAN MAKES A HOUSE CALL--Stephenson,



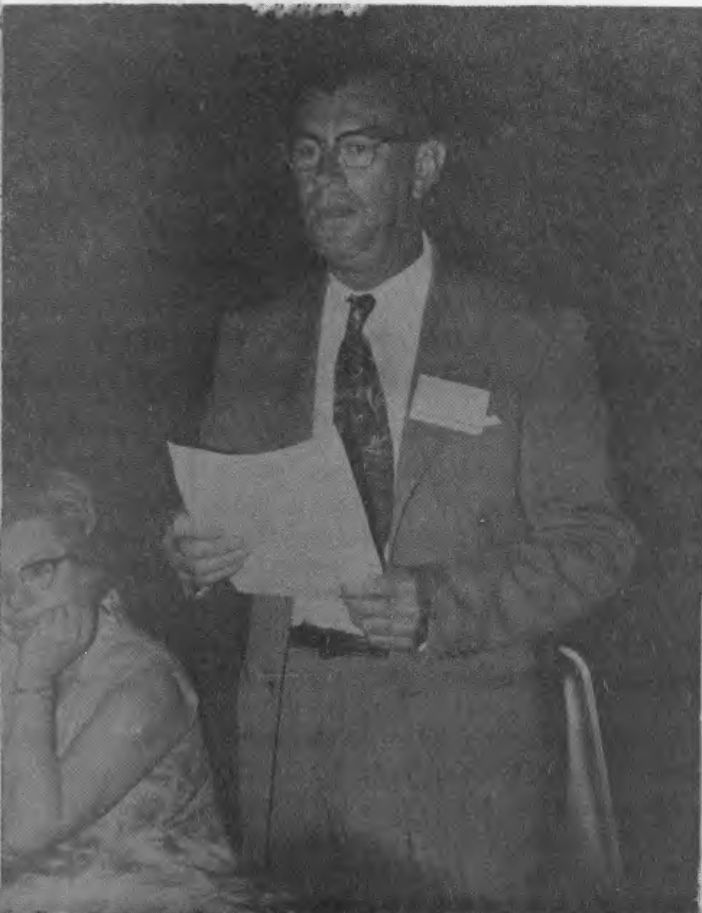
STEPHENSON & LEAVITT--ringing 'em out

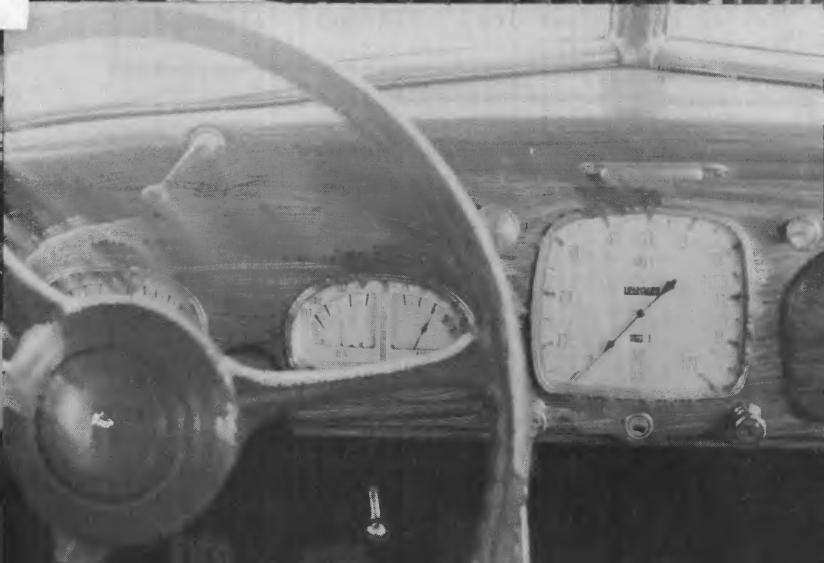
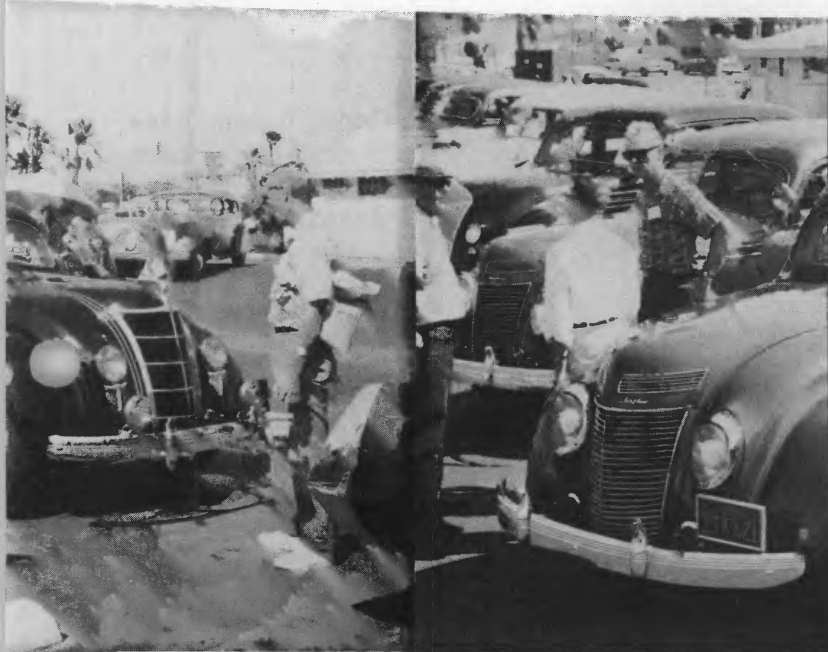
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## NEW MEMBER

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## EDITORIAL POLICY CHANGE IN CLASSIFIED ADS:

In effect this and subsequent issues will be the following changes in the classified ad section of the Newsletter.

1. Ads will run for two months instead of three.

2. Airflow only ads. We will print other Chrysler Products ads on a space available basis only if they are entered as a separate ad; no non-Chrysler Products. We will severely edit non-Airflow ads.

3. Ads non submitted on cards or card size paper will not be printed.

4. Ads must be limited to 50 words.

These changes will be incorporated into the inside front cover in the near future when the entire page is revamped. The above changes have occurred in an attempt to cut publicity costs and to keep the Editor's job from becoming full time! Your cooperation will be appreciated and expected.

## PARTS OFFERED

THE AIRFLOW CLUB OF AMERICA OFFERS NEW CHRYSLER AIRFLOW PEDAL PADS FOR SALE \$5.25 per pr. postpaid. Make checks or money orders payable to The Airflow Club of America. These pads are exact, brown rubber reproductions of original equipment for all Chrysler Airflows. They also fit DeSoto Airflows but the pattern is not exactly the same as DeSoto originals. Pedal size is 2" by 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Send your order to O. P. Higbee Jr., 332 Ash, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

All new old stock MoPar Parts: Sheet metal including fenders, grilles, rocker panels, grille parts various Chrysler products 1937-1949. Steering wheels & parts 1941-1950. Bumpers 1934-1942 Ply. & Chry. Other MoPar parts, send SASE. MoPar Parts catalog; Ply 1934-1949, Dodge 1946-48, Chry 1938, 1939, 1940, 1946-1949. All 1950, 1951. Will trade for 1942 Chry 6 parts & lit. Advise price & condition. G. E. Chittenden, Jr., PO Bx 276, Goldenrod, Fla. 32733

Some DeSoto wheels; complete set of head lights for 1935 & 36 DeSoto; parts for C-1, rear end, dash parts, doors. Marvin Green, Boyden, Iowa 51234

Mounting Pads: CU through C-11, headlight door (similar to Chry Part # 635488) \$4 ea, order #MP63; tail light mounting pad for C9 through C-17(similar to Chry #655744) \$2.40 each, order Airflow tailight pad. Orders under \$8 add 50¢ postage and handling, over \$8 PP. Metro Moulded Parts, 2617 Washington N, Minneapolis, Minn. 55411

Member Orval Corder of Dayton, Ohio, writes that he has bought parts from Lee Carlson's Auto Supply, 829 Chicago Ave, Evanston, Ill. 60202. Mr. Carlson has parts for Airflows & other antique cars.

## CARS FOR SALE

1936 DeSoto S2 Airflow complete, needs restoration, \$500. Ser#5092419 Eng#4535, last titled May 1954, cocoa brown, has radio, glass cloudy & may need transmission work. Paul Exra, RR2, Winamac, Indiana

## PARTS WANTED

For 36 C-10; head lite parking lite assy., radiator, cylinder head, fuel pump, glove compartment interiors, horn button, chrome strip running from wings back over hooe and body. Will buy or swap C-1 parts. Chuck Pankow, 38800 Glenview Dr., Gremont, Calif. 94536

Parts and lit for 1937 Chry Airflow. G. E. Chittenden, Jr., Bx 276, Goldenrod, Florida 32733

For 1934 CX: fenderskirts, hood, grille and headlights. Have 1935 hood, grille & head lights to sell or trade. Harold Irwin, Box 128, Rossville, Ks. 66533

1936 S2 DeSoto parts wanted or info. on location of substitute parts. 1 Pr tail-light lenses and chrome rings; 4 hubcaps; rear window and rear quarter window rubber seal; 4 bumper guards; 2 center bumper medallion plates; 6" chrome strip for top of cowl; running board rubber & chrome strips, pr. chrome trunk hinges; pr rubber gaskets for cowl air scoops. D. H. Bode, 1215 SW 152 nd, Seattle, Wash. 98166