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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 1981

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COMING EVENTS

SOON.....	Skating Party
February 7.....	Garage Day
February 13.....	ROCK 'N' ROLL JAMBOREE
February 21.....	Fur Rendezvous Parade
June 6.....	Swap Meet
July 18.....	Show and Shine
July 24-27.....	Golden Days, Fairbanks

SEMA NEWS

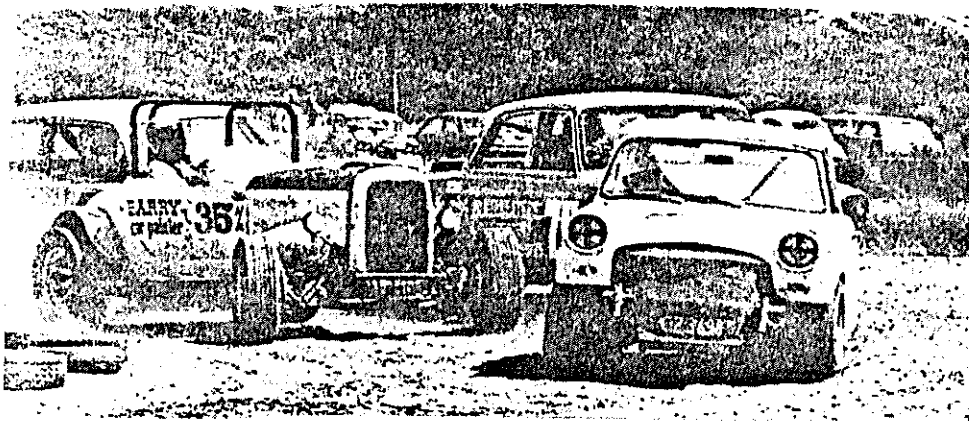
I received a letter from Patricia Green, new executive director of SEMA, and the Enthusiast Division, as it was originally formed is being disbanded. There wasn't enough interest in this division, so SEMA is reorganizing to try a different approach to try to get more interest, but I am sure they would still accept your application to show your support. Dave Emanuel, contributing editor for Performance Industry Report, communicator for the automotive aftermarket specialty equipment industry, recently interviewed SEMA's technical director, Tim Runner, and he said there were some rather interesting facts about current and impending anti-car legislation. It seems as though the environmentalists, while not all that big in terms of numbers, are very vocal and quite persistent. Car enthusiasts, racers, manufacturers, and others associated with the automotive aftermarket (both performance and traditional) are evidently convinced that the meek will inherit Washington D.C., because the entire group is strangely not concerned enough to take any action. The SEMA

Enthusiast Division never really got the influx of new members that it should have during the last membership drive. It seems that most enthusiasts would rather bury their heads in the sand and not face the fact that their own lack of action will lead to their hobby, and in some cases, their professions, being legislated out of existence.

I lifted the following article from the Jan/Feb 1981 "Un News" of Denver, Colorado, which was lifted from the July 1980 issue of Car & Driver:

Dr. John J. McKetta, director of chemical engineering at the University of Texas and former chairman of the National Energy Policy Committee, rallying against the forces of darkness for legislating needlessly strict auto emissions laws: "Americans have about \$31 billion worth of catalytic converters on their cars, and we can't afford this this kind of unnecessary expenditure. Most air pollution comes from nature. My grass at home puts more hydrocarbons into the air than my car, but please don't tell the EPA.....they might put a catalytic converter on my lawn."

Ladies and gentlemen, you know what they say can happen when your head is buried in the sand and your _ _ _ is in the air!!!



Hot Rod, New Zealand, July 1980

NEWS ITEMS

Lundy Adkins looks like he is going to have the chassis on his '32 coupe done in time for Irvine's car show in May. If you want to see some real craftsmanship, stop by and take a look.

Frank Brookshire has shipped out and on the day he left he told me that he really enjoyed his association with our club and that he was not saying goodbye and he will be seeing us again.

Good news....Mike Bulkeley found his '27 T body, and he is already working on it to finish it up. It is going to look like a new one.

Boy, are Larry Davidson and the other members of the TOP TIN Street Rods of Denton County, Texas, lucky. John Payne and family are moving to Ardmore, Oklahoma, which isn't too far from Krum, Texas. Our loss is their gain.

Tom Snyder has recently acquired a 1949 Chevy, 4-door, fast-back. I wonder what the dyed-in-the-wool Ford man is doing up there on the hillside?!?

Charles Stennette is hoping that his 1969 Chevelle will be redone in time for the Rondy Parade.

Don Wood recently acquired a 1963 Chevy Super Sport, factory equipped 490 cu. in. with 4-speed. We sure would like to see it in the Rondy Parade.

Ross Jardine was voted in as a new member at the last Board of Directors meeting and we are very happy to have another '36 Ford owner. We believe Ross will be an asset to our club and we hope to see Ross and his wife, Alice, often.

Also, at the same meeting, Jack Hill, Jr., was voted in and Jack already has become one of our more active members. Jack and his wife, Carrie, will add a 1962 Chevy Impala and a '53 Chevy pickup to the growing number of specialty cars in the Anchorage, street scene. We are anxious to get to know Jack, Carrie, and their two children.

Not only were we happy to have Ron Owsley join our club as a dues paying member, but his wife, Margie, decided that she wanted to be more than a supporting member to Ron, so she joined, also. Ron and Margie acquired a 1955 Chevy, 2-door from John Payne, and now they are caught up in the wonderful world of cars.

In "Five Years Ago" in the November 1980 Streetscene, Dave Mock was reported as winning the "long distance" award at the Yellowstone Rod Run.

"Street Sweeper" in the January 1981 Streetscene, has given a report on our planned rod run to the NSRA Nationals and we want everyone to know that it is still a "GO"!!

COMING EVENTS

Since we aren't going to get any snow this winter, we are working on a skating party as soon as possible, so get in the mood.

The residents of Nakoyia Health Care Center will be holding a ROCK 'N' ROLL JAMBOREE to raise needed dollars to combat heart disease and stroke-----the nation's number one killer. This fund drive is held in coordination with other nursing homes throughout the United States. Nakoyia residents will be rocking in rocking chairs as part of the drive for the benefit of the local chapter of the American Heart Association, and they would like our support. All checks, no matter how large or small, should be made payable to the American Heart Association and sent to Pouch 6617, Anchorage, Alaska, 99502.

Margaret Hendrickson, Don Wood, and Jim Arnold are the Rony Parade committee and they will be calling to get a count on who is going to drive in the parade. Don't worry about the weather, if you aren't there on parade day, you just aren't there. There isn't anything we can do about the weather.

Rob Robinson has been off work for some time because of his back and he needs help getting his Mercury ready for the Rony Parade. We will have a "garage day" at his place at 7020 Potomac Drive, from noon to 5 p.m., and bring all the exhaust pipe you've got. Rob needs an exhaust system. The coffee will be ready.

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

By Tom Snyder

The following article is a continuation of the safety tip in the December newsletter.

TROUBLESHOOTING

1. After connecting charger to AC outlet: No meter reading. Remedy
 - a. Check AC outlet.
 - b. Check charger battery connections - must be clean and tight. (Remove all corrosion from clips and terminals)
 - c. Check voltage selector switch. 6 volt for 6 volt batteries - 12 volt for 12 volt batteries.
 2. High meter readings may be the result of one or a combination of the following:
 - a. Incorrect battery connections (reverse polarity) - Positive to negative instead of positive to positive.
 - b. Meter pointer will move to far right. Hold there for short time then return to zero. Cycle will continue until connections are corrected.
 - c. A completely discharged but otherwise good battery - or - a battery with one or more dead cells. After connecting charger to AC outlet, meter indicator swings to far right side of scale then returns to zero with a time lapse of more than one minute.
 - d. A completely discharged but otherwise good battery - the meter will continue to cycle, indicator will swing back and forth several times in the first 15 to 20 minutes, and then stabilize and charge at a steady setting or rate.
 - e. A battery with one or more dead cells will continue to cycle indefinitely, indicator swings back and forth. A battery in this condition will not accept a charge and should be replaced.
 3. Proper maintenance of battery terminals and battery liquid level is of major importance to your automobile electrical system.
 - a. Battery terminals and cable connections should have clean and bright contact surfaces.
 - b. Battery liquid (electrolyte) level should be as specified by battery manufacturer on battery case. *
 - c. A fully charged battery may not start your car if battery terminals are loose or dirty.
 4. The liquid (electrolyte) in a battery being charged correctly will always show bubbles on the surface of the liquid. At the time the battery approaches FULL CHARGE noticeably more vigorous bubbling is evident. When vigorous bubbling occurs, disconnect charger from AC outlet before disconnecting battery charger from battery. A hydrometer may also be used to tell when the battery is fully charged.
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Battery charger models that are not "Automatic Chargers" can overcharge a battery if permitted to operate unattended for extended periods.

1. The charging rate of the charger will be indicated on the meter and will depend upon the amount of AC voltage received from the outlet and the internal condition of the battery. Higher than normal AC voltage (117 Volts) from the outlet will cause higher meter readings. Lower than normal AC voltage (117 Volts) will cause lower meter readings.
2. A battery is fully charged when:
 - a. The battery liquid (electrolyte) in each cell is bubbling vigorously.
 - b. A hydrometer reading between 1.250 - 1.285.
 - c. The charger charging rate tapers to 1/2 its rated output. FOR EXAMPLE: When using a 6 ampere charger to charge a battery in good condition, the meter will read -

Discharged battery	-	Approximately 6-8 Amperes
One-half charged battery	-	Approximately 4-6 Amperes
Fully charged battery	-	Approximately 2-3 Amperes

When the meter indicates a charging rate approximately 1/2 the charger rating your battery should be fully charged. The charger should be disconnected from the AC outlet and then disconnected from the battery.
 - d. This simple formula can also aid in determining charging times and help the operator calculate the approximate time required to recharge a battery in good condition to full charge.

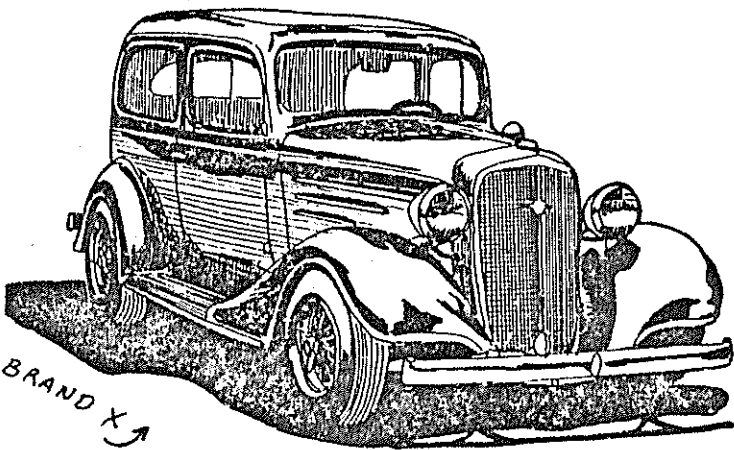
$$\frac{\text{Amp Hour CAPACITY OF BATTERY}}{\text{AMPERE RATING OF BATTERY CHARGER}} = \text{Approximate time required for full charge}$$

FOR EXAMPLE: A hydrometer reading indicates a 60 amp hour capacity battery is 1/2 charged. We are using a 6 ampere battery charger and want to know approximately how long it will take to bring the battery up to a full charge.

$$\frac{1/2 \text{ charged } 60 \text{ amp hour battery}}{6 \text{ ampere charger}} = \frac{30 \text{ Amp Hour}}{6 \text{ amps}} = 5 \text{ hours}$$

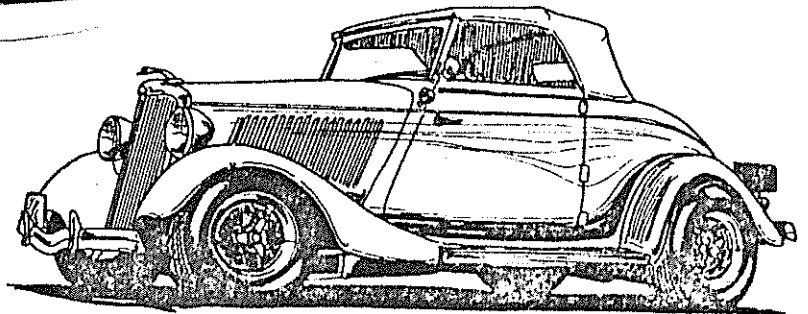
Note: Add 25% to charging time to allow for battery efficiency and taper of charging rate.

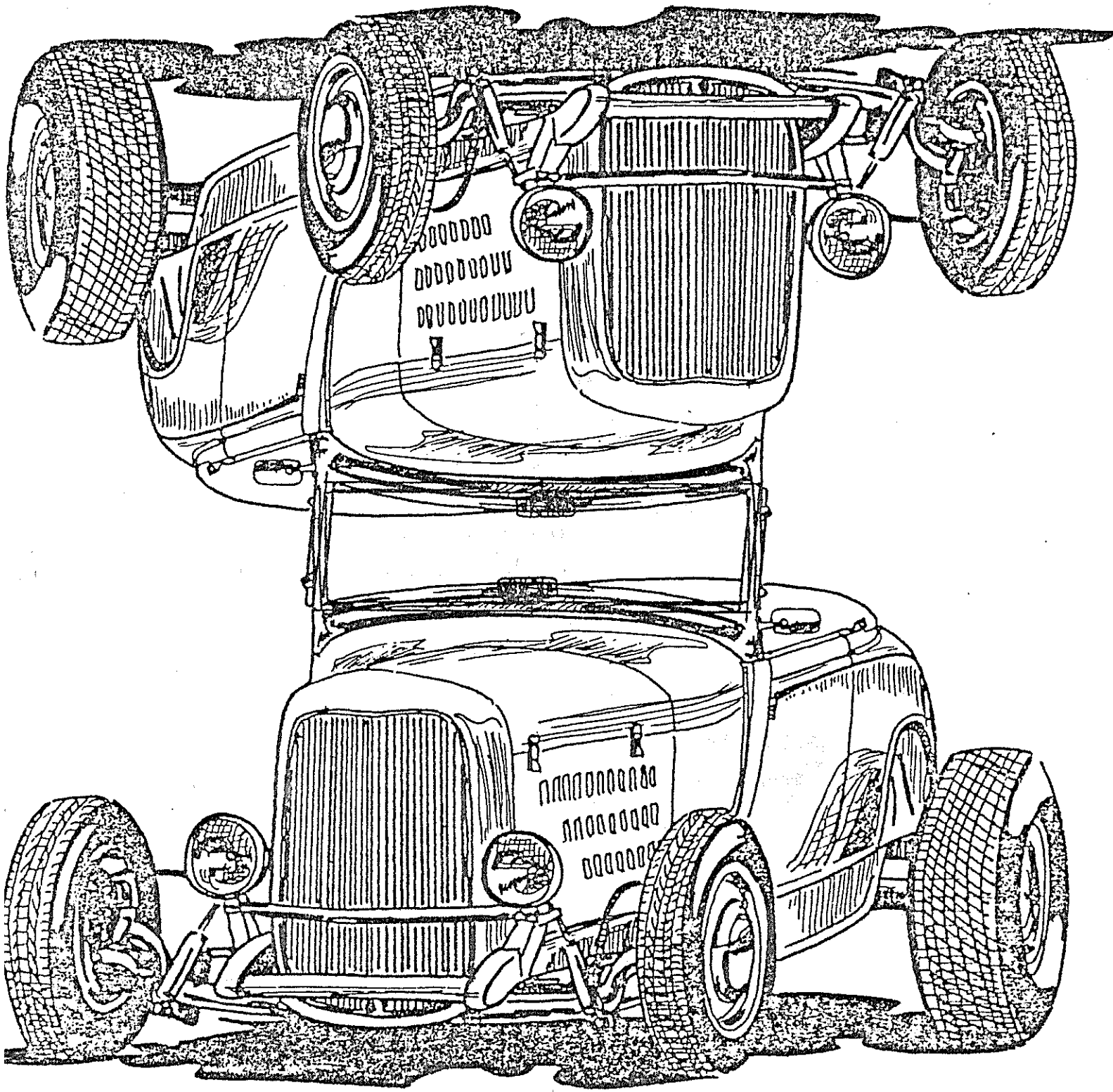
When fully charged the hydrometer reading of a battery in good condition should be between 1.250 and 1.285.



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GOOD STUFF!





RARE SIAMESE ROADSTERS

NAME THE NEWSLETTER

I would like a name for the newsletter, so please send in your suggestions and have them in no later than February 28, 1981. I have not figured out yet what the prize will be, but I will have something in mind to report in the next newsletter.

REPORT OF PAST EVENTS

Our January meeting was moved up to January 12, because of the decision that needed to be made concerning Autorama '81. Three proposals were made to the membership for a car show:

- 1) Producing it ourselves.
- 2) Working for Tom Irvine's Custom Car and Cycle Show.
- 3) Sponsering an ISCA show.

It was decided that we won't produce our own show. We will work for Tom Irvine in his May show, and we will be meeting with Promotions West, Inc., to discuss sponsering them in September.

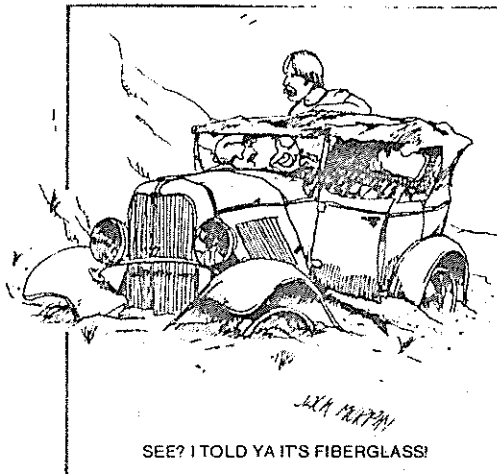
HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Well, it's that time of the year again and your club dues are due for 1981. As you may remember, the membership voted to raise the annual dues to \$20.00 per member at the December 9, 1980, meeting. You may also remember that at an earlier meeting to update the by-laws, it was decided to impose a \$1.00 per month fine, for those who were late in paying their dues, so hurry and get those dues paid.

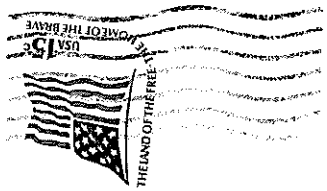
FOR SALE - TRADE - WANTED

FOR SALE - 1955 thru 1964 Chevrolet new interior can be purchased
chases from Ross Woodman at 243-6017.

WANTED - 3.90 - 4.11 gears from a 66 - 72 Chrysler product rear end. Call Rob at 333-8082.



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