

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPHS

Like the weather nearly everyone complains about our publications. Unlike the weather something is being done about the publications. You will have noticed that the NEWSLETTER is appearing with much greater frequency. Dick Brigham has an interesting issue of the AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY REVIEW in preparation.

The content and frequency of the publications are in part related to the amount of material contributed. If you have been doing research in an area please consider putting it on paper and submitting it. It could be a brief piece for the Newsletter or something longer for the Review.

Don't be dismayed if the editors perform their function by editing your contribution. Above all don't be afraid of having a mistake found in your effort. All branches of learning benefit from the sifting and refinement of the available data and the continual process of analysis.

SAH began as a means of bringing together those who believe that the history of the automobile is a legitimate subject of study. All of us have something to contribute to someone else. The committees offer a means of getting to know someone who shares your special interest. The new racing committee is designed to be one of several committees which deal with the functions any voluntary organization must perform. Any suggestions for other new committees will be considered. Some which have come to mind are: Business history, fire engines, motorcycles, literature - sales methods, cyclecars, police vehicles, and military vehicles.

W. F. Robinson

## RACING COMMITTEE

At the suggestion of Charles Betts, a new committee has been created. Fred Roe has been appointed as chairman. Its purpose is to bring together the members in the SAH interested in the subject in all of its ramifications. Those interested in joining it should get in touch with Fred (837 Winter St., Holliston, Mass. 01746). This will be a committee with more general objectives than the other committees which are directed to specific tasks. The subject of the creation of committees or sections for specific interests has been informally discussed before the board of directors and there is the possibility of the creation of other interest group committees or sections.

## REGIONAL NEWS REPORT

The Board of Directors has approved the formation of the following chapters:

Birthplace of Speed Chapter  
Birthplace of Speed Museum  
160 East Granada Blvd.  
Ormond Beach, Florida 32074  
William R. Tuthill - Director  
Samuel J. Packard - Assistant Director  
Reeve Swezey - Secretary/Treasurer

British (or United Kingdom) Chapter  
(headquarters undecided)  
Michael Sedgwick - Director  
Michael Worthington-Williams - Assistant Director  
G. N. Georgano - Secretary  
Michael Frostick - Treasurer

The Directors are being solicited to approve a Wisconsin Chapter with headquarters at Krause Publications, Iola, Wisconsin 54945, with the following elected pro tem:

R. Chris Halla - Director  
George Tesar - Assistant Director  
Tony Hossain - Secretary  
Robert Lichty - Treasurer

NOTICE - All members residing in Australia are requested to contact:

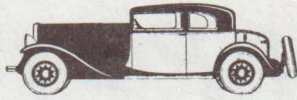
Rob Dunsterville  
P.O. Box 155  
Willoughby, Sydney NSW 2068  
Australia

Regarding their interest in forming an Australian Chapter of the SAH.



The above photo shows members of the Pioneer Chapter at the fire museum in Hudson, N.Y. last fall. left to right are Margaret Vitale, Fred Roe, John Montville, and John Peckham.

# Editor's Notes



This issue of the Newsletter is really a "mixed bag" of information and facts, which I hope will bring many comments from the membership. I attended the Board meeting in Philadelphia, as well as the Pioneer Chapter meeting, and the seminar given by members of the SAH on researching and writing Automotive History at the AACA annual meeting. All were very well attended. It was very nice indeed to meet many SAH members for the first time. Our President, Frank Robinson flew in all the way from his home in the state of Washington for the events, and I believe was pleased at the enthusiasm he found for the SAH, by members and non members alike. Thanks too for all of you who wrote and said they are enjoying the newsletter; the biggest thanks I could receive is some more contributions!

## ARCHIVAL NOTES COLUMN

The purpose of this column is to determine the existence or verify the destruction of the corporate records of North American automotive companies. In succeeding columns we will be noting the locations of major automotive archival collections, and printing information submitted by SAH members.

The corporate records of an automotive company typically would include many of the following categories: minute books; correspondence files of administrative officers; annual reports to stockholders and federal and state agencies; labor negotiation and personnel files; patent and contract files; such financial records as general ledgers and general journals; such records relating to the financing of the company as stock

certificate books; stock transfer books and stock dividend books; production and sales records; vehicle pricing records; production or manufacturing committee records; files of new product or research committees; advertising files including sales literature, house organs (publications) and press kits; real estate and tax files; records relating to subsidiary companies; and photographic files.

SAH is now seeking the whereabouts of the Archives of the following companies:

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| American Austin/Bantam | Diamond T Motor Co. |
| Dort                   | Durant              |
| Gardner                | Judkins Body Co.    |
| Kissel                 | Locomobile          |
| Marmon                 | Mercer              |
| Republic Truck         | Riddle Body Co.     |
| Rolls Royce of America | E.R. Thomas Co.     |
| F.B. Stearns Co.       | Stewart Truck       |
| Stutz                  | Willoughby Body Co. |
| Wills Sainte Claire    | Winton              |

If you have any information about any of the records of the twenty companies above, please forward it to: Dr. Howard L. Applegate, 1410 Stallion Lane, West Chester, Pa. 19380. Dismal information about the loss or destruction of such records should also be noted.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance sheet - January 1, 1979  |            |
| Receipts for calendar year 1978: |            |
| Cash - checking account 1-1      | \$ 1063.17 |
| Dues Received                    | 4672.25    |
| Sale of publications             | 237.10     |
| Annual dinner receipts           | 1072.26    |
| Transfers from reserves          | 2000.00    |
|                                  | <hr/>      |
|                                  | \$ 9005.98 |

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|--------------------------------|---------|
| Expenditures                   |         |
| Publications printing & mail   | 2363.55 |
| Other printing & mailing       | 1297.42 |
| Awards                         | 100.00  |
| Annual Meeting and Dinner      | 1225.73 |
| Expenses - NL editors          | 98.24   |
| Refunds                        | 9.50    |
| Filing fee                     | 10.00   |
| Misc. expenses                 | 39.21   |
| Transfer to reserve            | 1000.00 |
| Transfer to new treasurer acct | 1000.00 |
| Bank charges & adjustments     | 17.65   |
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|                                | 7161.30 |

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash - checking account 12-31    | 1844.68     |
| Balance - reserve account 1-1    | 1205.52     |
| Addition 1-24                    | 1000.00     |
| Gift 5-14                        | 10000.00    |
| Interest 12-31                   | 391.29      |
| Transfers to checking acct       | (2000.00)   |
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| Balance in reserve account 12-31 | 10596.81    |
| New treasurer's account          | 1000.00     |
|                                  | <hr/>       |
| Total cash in banks 12-31-78     | \$ 13441.49 |

|                       |            |          |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|
| STATEMENT OF ASSETS:  | 12-31-77   | 1231-78  |
| Cash                  | \$ 2268.69 | 13441.49 |
| Library               | est4000.00 | 0.00     |
| Publications in stock | 1000.00    | 1000.00  |
| Office equipment      | 300.00     | 100.00   |
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|                       | 7568.69    | 14541.49 |



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