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NOTES OF MEMBERS AND CARS

Joe Wills recently became a father, but we have been unable to determine the exact vintage or the details of the exhaust system. Congratulation, Joe! (That goes for Mrs. W., too.)

Prospective member Frank Blanchard bought a 1917 Buick touring car from Bill Pettit and is laboring mightily to have it restored by spring. Looks as though he may succeed, too.

There is a Mr. Barry in town who is restoring the 1928 (?) Jordan sedan which we all saw in the junk yard. We hope he will turn up at one of our meetings soon, so that we may all meet him. From reports, he is making fast headway with his car.

Kenny Wallace is restoring Richard Lee's 1926 (or is it a '27--they all look alike!) Ford coupe. When I was there the other day the body was painted a beautiful green.

Tommy Moody, the most persistent perfectionist in the region, is still working on his 1909 Packard. The bearing trouble had been straightened out, or I suppose I should say, rounded off, and some sunny day before too long should see Tommy out on the road. Don't speed on the Beach Boulevard, Tommy!

Merritt Horne reports he has some work on his Buick farmed out, all of it to people who seem in no hurry to finish. Oh, well, Merritt, it's too cold to drive that car in winter, anyway.

November PICNIC

Check your antifreeze and your long woolens for our last outdoor adventure of the season--if weather permits. If the weather is good, we'll assemble at the parking lot beside the Texaco Station at Ward's Corner and drive in caravan to the Stevens farm in North Alanton, Princess Ann County. If it's bad, we hope the Moodys will take us in-- Your editor hasn't been able to reach them to confirm this. If the weather looks doubtful, call the Hornes, MA 5-6845, or the Moodys, MA 3-8182, or Elliott Wilkins, JU 7-2976 for the final decision.

REMEMBER: In case of good weather, we meet at the Ward's Corner at one o'clock and depart in caravan PROMPTLY at 1:15. If you can't come till later, call Elliott Wilkins for direction, and don't blame us if we eat all the steak before you arrive.

LEAD--Justin Derieux (Norfolk, Justice 7-0064) has come across a 1941 Ford in New Condition. That's right, NEW. It didn't even belong to an old lady school teacher--the dealer kept it because it was the first car he received from the company. Call Justin for detail.

This is the first issue, and hence naturally the only one so far, and it is sent out to our members and friends to tell them what's going on. Let us know if you like the idea and would like future issues. Our greatest need: a volunteer to report news from Hampton-Newport News.

* This is the very first club publica-
* as you can read in the last paragraph
* It comes from the personal collection
* of Merritt Horne. Thanks Merritt for
* keeping track of the beginning of
* our fine publication.

NEWS OF MEMBERS AND THEIR CARS

MARCH MEETING

Four new members were welcomed at our last meeting, held on the foggiest night of the year. It was a good thing we didn't drive our antiques; we probably wouldn't have been able to see all the way down to the road! Richard Lee returned after an absence, and Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Van Buskirk became wife members. James Larson is the only real newcomer.

Jack Van Buskirk has another car: a 1921 Marmon touring, which was owned (and advertised in May, 1958, in the Antique Automobile) by Max Palm. Jack is waiting for warm weather to go to Cincinnati for it. The Editor considered volunteering to go for it during spring vacation, but has been scared off by the weather we've been having.

APPLE BLOSSOM MEET: Mrs. Derieux (Justice 7-0064) has applications. Act promptly; deadline is March 15th.

Reports continue that Frank Blanchard will have his car ready for the meets this summer, if not in time for the Old Dominion Meet. We hope he doesn't try to drive on the highway at the same rate. A 1917 Buick won't hit more than 90 on the downgrade.

The Editor's Rolls-Royce has failed a test! She was rejected when last inspected because of the green brake light. So--new fixtures have been ordered to clamp on; when they come she'll be back on the road.

The March Meeting of the Region will be held at the Carriage House in Norfolk. You have a choice of chicken-ham combination or country steak, both at \$2.50. Happy Hour at 6:30, dinner at 7:30. Meeting will start between 8 and 8:15. Please notify Mrs. Derieux, Ju 7-0064, or Mr. Lee, TR 7-1870, no later than Tuesday, March 22. A phone call takes only two or three minutes; do it before you forget.

SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA MEET

A note from Dr. James Bray informs us that the West Virginia Region will have a meet in Charleston on May 21 and 22. This is running close to the Old Dominion Meet, but perhaps some of us can plan to go. The West Virginia Region will send details to all members.

1911 CHALMERS--INQUIRY

We have had a request from outside the Region for several parts for a 1911 Chalmers. Anyone know of a parts source? Call Wilkins (Justice 7-2976) after March 20.

WEALMOST forgot to say that there will be a special prize for the member who travels the longest distance by antique sleigh to the March meeting.

SOMETHING we've been trying to remember to say. Several times we've seen antiques chugging along at 25 to 40 miles per hour with a string of cars behind. Since nothing riles most drivers like being held up, for goodness' sake let all traffic pass you. We don't want to lose the privilege of driving on the highways.