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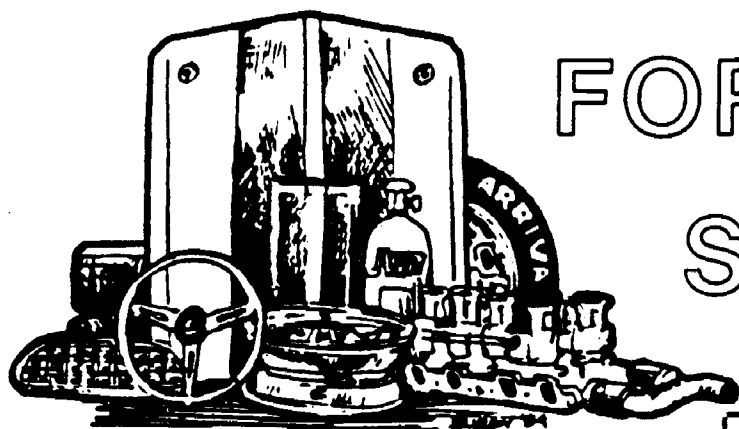
SHELBY AMERICAN
AUTOMOBILE CLUB



FALL COLOUR TOUR

13th ANNUAL MID-WINTER

FORD INDOOR SWAP MEET!



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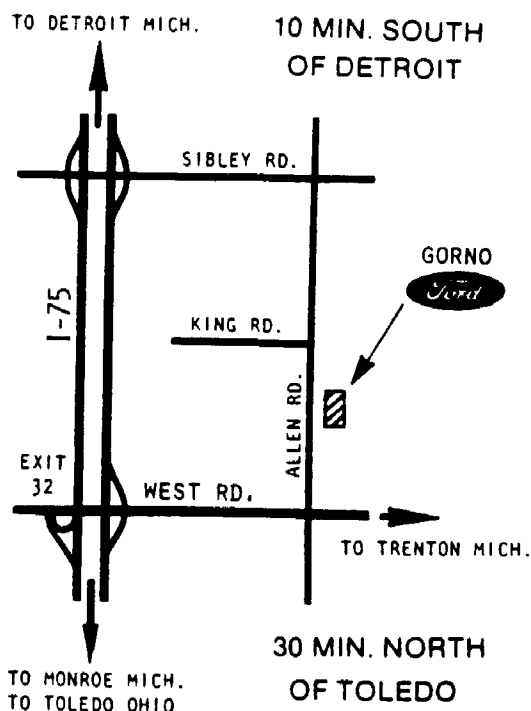
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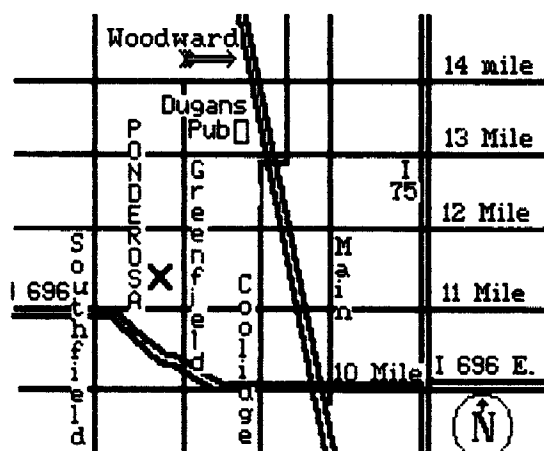
February 2, 1995 last
meeting at Ponderosa.

February 16-19
Autorama at Cobo Hall

February 26 Gorno Swap
Meet in Woodhaven, MI
(313)449-2845.

March 2, First Monthly
Meeting at Duggan's
Irish Pub, 3801 North
Woodward (north of 13
Mile on the west side)
in Royal Oak, MI 48073
(810)549-3659.

May 19-21 Spring Fling in
Nashville,IN (812)988-7146.



ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

**SHELBY CLUB MONTHLY
MEETINGS ARE THE 1st
THURSDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT 7:00 PM. THE
LOCATION WILL CHANGE
MARCH 2nd TO DUGGAN'S
IRISH PUB, 3801 NORTH
WOODWARD, ROYAL OAK.**

The President's Report

by Dean V. Ricci

Home for Christmas ... Our fellow club member Kurt Fredrickson continues to make remarkable progress from the injuries he sustained, from an auto accident back in August of this year. Kurt has told me and many others that he really appreciates the cards, visits to the hospital and anything and everything that club members have done for him during his recuperation. His doctors feel he will be released by Christmas, can't ask for a better present than that. Let's all wish Kurt good fortune for the new year, he could sure use it!

Count is in ... Club elections are over, thanks for re-electing me, now let's get on with it.

Event calander set for '95 ... The following highlights our events for the coming year. First thing is our **last club meeting at Ponderosa** in Southfield on **Feb. 2nd**. Our meeting location committee, led by Phil Jacobs has picked Duggan's Irish Pub in Royal Oak as our new meeting site. Please read the advertisement for this elsewhere in Shelby Life. Next, we make our annual trek to **Autorama** at Cobo Hall the weekend of **February 16, 17, 18, 19th**. All those who wish to show their car are welcome to. Refer to the info you should have received in the mail by now. Shortly following that will be our **Mid-Winter Swap meet at Gorno Ford** in Woodhaven, MI - **Feb. 26th**. Refer to the flyer on that event elsewhere in this issue. **Thursday March 2nd** will be our first club meeting at Duggan's Irish Pub, ya'll come now, ya hear?

Sunday, June 4th will be the 20th Anniversary presentation of **Show and Go**, held at the **Ford World Headquarters**. We DO have the lot reserved for that day as of this

writing, so already we're off to a good start. The next day will be our **Second Annual Driver's School** at Waterford, **Monday, June 5th**. After this, we kick back for a few months (hopefully we'll be having lots of cruise nights at Duggan's and elsewhere, hint ... hint ...) and revisit Waterford Hills for the **Labor Day Classic** on **Sunday, September 3rd**. Two weeks later we return to Gorno Ford in Woodhaven for the **Second Annual Jack Elder Memorial Car Show** on **Sunday, September 17th**. Following that, will be our last outdoor event of the year, The **Harvest Happening** at Waterford on **Sunday, October 1st**. Hopefully, **later in October** we can enjoy another **Fall Color Tour** as was so superbly done by John C. Guyer this year. (Does anybody know what the "C" in John C. Guyer stands for? -- My guess is **CHILI**) Next comes November, where we pull a bit of a switch. Our annual **Worker/Sponsor Christmas party** continues to have weak attendance figures, so the event is going to be moved up, so not to conflict with the busy time of the Christmas Season. Mark down **Saturday, November 18th** as our day of relaxation and celebration of hopefully another successful and fun-filled year. (**NOTE:** As always, dates are subject to change)

One final note ... In this issue of Shelby Life you will see the responses of the **Member Survey** from the last issue. Some of the respondents tend to dwell on what they view as past mistakes of the club. My contention is that we can't really do a whole lot about the past -- that's history. What we can do is come out fresh in '95 with some NEW ideas and a New perspective at these problem areas the surveys point out. I'm going to do what I can to make this club a success. But, I don't want to do it alone. All I can ask you to do is join me in that effort. It'll be fun, you just wait !!!!

SHELBY AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE CLUB MEETING MINUTES- December 1,1994
MOTOR CITY REGION

MEETING MINUTES- November 3,1994

By RODNEY J. BECKWITH IV

The meeting was called to order at 7:59pm on November 3rd by Dean Ricci.

-NATIONAL NEWS JOHN GUYER-

JOHN was not present SAAC-20 July 6,7,8,1994 Atlanta International Raceway. Adding a Richard Petty drivers school to the national event. CALENDAR of EVENTS: The calendar is an on going thing so if you have any events to add or more information on an existing event say something or drop a line to:

Shelby Life, 50 Glenshire, Troy, MI 49098

-EDITORS REPORT-JOHN GUYER-

Deadline for next issue is Dec. 15,1994.

-FINANCIAL REPORT-CARL GALIETTI-

\$16,665.00 for checking and savings.

-MEMBERSHIP-RICH TWEEDLE-

182 people. Allowing the people who joined at the Oct, Sept track events and Gorno show have there membership run till 1/96.

-DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Dean Ricci-

Discussion of voting for president. Dean stated his plans for next year as club president. Work from membership survey's. TOM GREENE was on vacation, and was not present to give his plans for the club.

-GORNO WINTER SWAP MEET- 950226.

-COMPETITION REPORT-LARRY JACOBS

We attracted 43 new members at the last two track events. Unfortunately had to ask two people to leave the event, from multiple off course excursions. Thanks to the Porsche club for the use of there radio's and flags At the harvest happening we had 30 pizza's for lunch. Afterwards burgers, dogs, pop and beer. Special thanks to PHIL JACOBS, REN FEDESON, ROB EATON, MIKE EICHOUSE, TOM GREENE, DEAN RICCI (food!), RODNEY J. BECKWITHIV. We need Radio's for our own use (Board Issue), use our tax no.

-MISCELLANEOUS-

Look at having presenters doing presentations at meetings. Example Larry Shinoda. Get the word out well in advance, to get good attendance. Look at new meeting place after elections. At 8:50pm the meeting was over.

By RODNEY J. BECKWITH IV

The meeting was called to order at 7:57pm on December 1st by Dean Ricci.

-NATIONAL NEWS JOHN GUYER-

SAAC-20 July 6-7-8,1995 Atlanta International Raceway. Richard Petty drivers school has been added.

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-EDITORS REPORT-JOHN GUYER-

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Not present. \$16,000.00 at present.

-MEMBERSHIP-RICH TWEEDLE-

182 people.

-DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Dean Ricci-

Dean was relected 22-15. Mike Sedlak and Carl Galietti are not present. Changing the meeting place, Dugans Irish Pub on Woodward north of 13 mile RD. on the west side. we will go there 12-8-94 to check out the place for dinner.

-ADVERTISING REPORT-PHIL JACOBS-

Winter swap 2-26-94.

-SHOW-N-GO-Dean Ricci-

We will go ahead with the show on the weekend after memorial day. Trophy's and voting were the problem in the past. shorten the time for voting. Put envelopes on the cars using 60 tickets for 60

-GORNO WINTER SWAP MEET-

950226. DEAN will talk to BILL CATE at Gorno FORD about making arrangements.

-COMPETITION REPORT-LARRY JACOBS

We got a good price \$2900.00 for six radios, a six radio gang charger, licensing fee \$80.00. Pay up front and recieve a 3% savings. The members in attendance vote 16 1 for buying radios.

-MISCELLANEOUS-

Look at having presenters doing presentations at meetings. Example Larry Shinoda. Get the word out well in advance, to get good attendance. At 9:00pm the meeting was over.

Bylaws of the Shelby American Automobile Club Motor City Region

Bylaws revised as of December 16, 1993

ARTICLE I Section 1. NAME:

The Shelby American Automobile Club - Motor City Region shall be the name of the club.

Section 2. PURPOSE:

The Shelby American Automobile Club - Motor City Region is dedicated to the preservation, care, history and enjoyment of the automobiles produced by Shelby American and/or the Ford Motor Company.

ARTICLE II Section 1. Members:

- A.** Regular membership is open to all persons interested in the purpose of the club.
- B.** Honorary membership may be given by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. DUES:

- A.** Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.
- B.** Dues payment is a requirement for regular membership.
- C.** Application for renewal must be made thirty days prior to expiration.

Section 3. EXPULSION:

- A.** Regular membership will terminate for non payment of dues.
- B.** Membership may be suspended for thirty days by a vote of the Board of Directors.
- C.** Any member suspended for more than thirty days in a year must have his or her membership voted on and approved by a majority of the club members.
- D.** Membership can be terminated by a 2/3 majority vote of the regular members.
- E.** Membership will be terminated upon receipt of written request by the member upon receipt by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III Section 1. MONTHLY MEETINGS:

General membership meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at a time and place to be specified and run by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS:

- A.** Special meetings can be called by the Board of Directors or by a petition of 10% of the regular members stating the purpose for the meeting.
- B.** Notice is to be sent to all members within ten days stating the purpose, time and place. The time and place is to be specified by the Board of Directors.
- C.** The above written notice is to be sent out at least 7 days in advance of the special meeting. Telephone calls may be utilized to contact the members if agreed by the requesting member(s) and the Board of Directors. A listing showing which members were called and whether actual contact was made is to be maintained by those making the telephone calls.
- D.** The special meeting must be scheduled within 7 days of receipt of the request for the meeting, unless agreement on alternative timing is reached by the requesting member(s) and the Board of Directors.

Section 3. QUORUM:

A quorum shall consist of 10% of the regular members and 50% of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. VOTING:

- A.** All actions except amendments to the by-laws or expulsion of members shall be decided by a majority of the voters.
- B.** Should a quorum fail to attend two consecutive meetings, voting shall be done by mail.

C. Ballots sent by mail shall be counted at the next membership meeting held at least fifteen days after the ballots were to be mailed.

ARTICLE IV Section 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A. Shall consist of nine members who will be elected annually by a popular vote of the members. These eight members will hold the positions of:

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, Competition Director,
Newsletter Editor, Advertising Director, and Show and Go Directors (no more than two).

B. Must be members of the club.

C. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the management and control of the property and affairs of the club.

D. Shall enforce the bylaws of the club.

Section 2. BOARD MEETINGS:

A. Periodic meetings are to be held with the time and place determined by the Board of Directors.

B. Special meetings may be called by three Board Members.

C. Any member may attend the Board of Directors meeting, but only Board members have voting privilege, with special conditions existing for the position of President. The President will run the Board meeting but will not be a voting member, except in the event of a tie, then the President will cast the tie-breaking vote.

Section 3. RESIGNATION:

A. A written resignation must be submitted if a board member chooses to resign before his/her term expires.

B. This written resignation shall be published in the next published newsletter.

Section 4. EXPULSION:

A. A board member may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

B. A Board member may be removed from office by a majority vote of the general membership.

Section 5. VACANCIES:

A. The position of President cannot be a vacant position for a period longer than 30 days. In the event the President's position is vacant for more than 30 days, the club will cease operations until the position is filled.

B. If a vacancy is created in one of the other eight positions on the Board, the Board of Directors may elect to complete the year with that vacancy not filled.

Section 6. EXPENDITURES:

A. It requires the approval of one board member of the Board of Directors to authorize an expenditure of up to \$35.

B. It requires the approval of three members of the Board of Directors to authorize an expenditure of up to \$200.

C. It requires the majority approval of the Board of Directors to authorize expenditures in excess of \$200.

ARTICLE V Section 1. LIABILITY:

A. All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with or having any claims against the club or the Board of Directors, shall look only to the funds and property of the club for payment of any contract, claim, damage, debt, decree or judgement or any other monies that may become due or payable to them from the club or board of directors, so that neither the members of the club nor the Board of Directors shall be liable personally therefore.

ARTICLE VI Section 1. AMENDMENTS:

A. All proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing.

B. The Board of Directors may veto, by a majority vote, the submission of a proposed amendment submitted by either a singular Board member or singular regular member.

C. The Board of Directors may not veto a proposed amendment if it is submitted by petition of more than 10% of the members. If more than 10% of the members petition the Board to consider an amendment, it must be submitted to the general membership for voting.

D. A 2/3 majority of the membership is required to ratify any amendment to the bylaws.

Member Survey Results

The last issue of Shelby Life contained a survey that members were to fill out and return. Of those 180+ issues of Shelby Life mailed out, only 15 people responded to the survey. Printed below are their responses - *Dean V. Ricci*

1. Why did you become a member of SAAC-MCR?

"I'm in love with classic cars (just kidding). Because of the friendly guys in the club"

"Open track events, being with people who enjoy Ford powered cars"

"For the track events"

"Because SAAC-MCR did motorsports events, many vintage racers were members, liked people in the club"

"To belong to a group of people that share my interests"

"To participate in the open track events at Waterford"

"To participate in Ford/Shelby automotive events and socialize with like-minded automotive enthusiasts, and share information"

"Share a common interest, modified cars seem to be more welcomed at SAAC"

"To be with people that have the same common interest - Mustangs. Plus, the club really shows camaraderie more than other car clubs"

"Like interest of people, using cars instead of garaging them"

"To meet fellow enthusiasts"

"Transferee from Cobra Club"

"Because I like Shelbys and Cobras and didn't have to own one to join"

"I purchased another Shelby and wanted to find others who owned Shelbys"

"I was looking to buy a Shelby and had joined the National Club. I kind of assumed that if you were a National Member you were a local member so I looked up the local club to see when and where the meetings were. I found out the club director was a fellow Ford employee, one thing led to another and I joined the local club. I had just bought a Boss 302 and wanted to get into a local car club"

2. How many years have you been a member?

7 years, 12 years, since day one, forever, forever, 15 years, 9 years, 7 years, 7 years, 1st year, 1st year w/MCR - 8 with SAAC National, 10 years, 5 years, 7 years, 5 years

3. Have you ever been a member of the Board of Directors? If so, what position. If not, why not?

"4 kids and a business - sorry"

"Yes, club secretary for two years"

"Yes, one year as Competition Director. I thought some new ideas might make the events more enjoyable"

"Yes, three years as Competition Director. I liked the track events and felt I could do a better job than was being done on track events. Mainly wanted to make sure that they continued"

"No, my job(car salesman) takes 62 hours 5 days a week. Wife and 3 kids get the balance of my time. While I would love to volunteer my time at specific events, I just don't feel I have the time to offer as a Board Member"

"No, I do not even have time to attend monthly meetings"

"No, ran for treasurer one year and was not elected"

"Yes, Treasurer 3 years, Show and Go Ass't Director 2 years"

"No, It would not be fair to the club because I cannot devote as much time as I would like and that's needed to do the job. This will change in the near future"

"Yes, many many years as membership director. Wanted to help club"

"Yes, Editor"

"Yes, Competition Director and Advertising Director"

"Yes, Director for 9 years"

"No I do not wish to get that deeply involved with the club. I attend and help out at most events. That's enough for me now.. I find my available time is getting less and I don't think I can give enough time to be a board member"

4. What Club sponsored functions do you enjoy most?

"I enjoy the car shows the most followed by swap meets and cruises" "Open Track and Show & Go"

"Track events, Chili Challenge, Show and Go" "Track events & monthly meetings"

"Show and Go and Autocrosses" "Open track, social events, shows" "Open track, social events, shows"

"Show and Go, Meadowbrook Historics" "Open track, technical info, social events, shows, cruises" "Go part of Show and Go, Harvest Happening, etc ..." "Track events, car shows, swap meets" "Open track, swap meets, cruises, color tours, road trips to SAAC NATIONAL events, etc" "Track Events"

"I enjoy seeing the cars at Show and Go, it's just been hard to be there when you work the whole show because of the lack of volunteers" "Show and Go and Cobo Hall (Autorama)"

5. What Club Sponsored activities do you enjoy least?

"Winter swap meets" "Car Shows" "Car Shows and Christmas Parties with other clubs" "Car Shows" "Enjoy them all" "Show and Go and Club Meetings" "I like all events that I can attend" "Whiners at club Meetings!" "I least enjoy the track events. I used to go to these events but I just don't have the time anymore"

6. Are you satisfied with Shelby Life? If not, why not and what would YOU be willing to do to address the issues you raise as problems/complaints?

"I'm generally satisfied with Shelby Life. I would consider being editor if I had the software and the time. It's mostly the time reason that I do not volunteer for editor"

"Yep - Good Publication" "Satisfied" "ANYTHING can be improved" "Yes"

"Yes, maybe we could put more info about the members in it - like articles on members and their lifestyles - or a brag page - not necessarily only about cars - weddings, anniversaries, birthdays or any other proud event"

"Yes!" "Like the format. Need to rotate responsibility, (possibly with a reward) to find informative write-ups."

"Yes" "I'm satisfied. More tech articles would be nice, but there's plenty of other sources out there"

"Yes, a very good publication, nicely done" "Yes, needs more technical articles"

"I'm very satisfied, I understand how hard it is to put together a publication like that, and the lack of member input"

"YES"

7. Why did you not volunteer to take part in putting on Show and Go 20 in 1995. Why do you think club members feel that not having this event anymore will be a "good thing" for our club?

"Because of my involvement in a race team, and not being able to commit to the time needed for that event"

"I put on the GO portion. Take a lot of pressure off a few members"

"No time, new job, home responsibility, mainly no interest in the shows anymore. MOST members will be disappointed if we have no Show and Go 20, but THEY should be the ones to VOLUNTEER !!!"

"I'm very disappointed. I did not volunteer as a director because I just don't have the time to give. I would still like to volunteer as a worker at events or to help out anyway I could. I have no experience running a club, but maybe duties could be split up so that the top officers are not as overwhelmed. I can only assume that's why our past directors are not volunteering again"

"I work and go to school at night. Vewry little free time. Also, I don't go to car shows very often"

"I have worked the day of the show in the past but do not feel that I have the experience to run/coordinate all aspects. I do not think that the active club members feel that the show should be abandoned. As with most volunteer organizations, the workload is accepted by the few who have the most interest until they get burned out. The question is how to get the 100 or so club members who we never see, involved in the events. (Continued)

Suggestion for Show Organization

Have the show run by two chairpeople. One, considered the senior, would be someone with experience in running past shows. The other, would essentially be learning how to run it by working with the senior, coordinating and organizing certain functions.

The next year, the junior would become the senior and another person would step into the training or learning position with the understanding that they would step up the next year to become the senior ... and so forth.

The two chairpersons would then be responsible for recruiting members for the various show functions.

People would be more willing to volunteer for the coordination of the show if they knew there would be help in the form of another coordinator, and a set period of time (2 years) that they were expected to be involved in running the show.

"Simply tired of doing it every year"

"Don't have the time to give it 100%, I don't believe the club doesn't want this event. I think they do but nobody wants to put up with the hassle of being chairperson. I would be willing to help as much as I can to keep the show on but Chairperson would have to understand I have other priorities right now that need to be finished first. I know, so does everybody else, so I don't know how to resolve this issue"

"I do and will volunteer to help at all events possible. I cannot find the time necessary to lead an undertaking like this"

"I don't think club members feel not having this event would be a good thing"

"I cannot say I will be here at that time - due to work"

"I did volunteer. I don't think not having a "Show & Go" would be good for the club"

"Got tired of hearing about all the bad "stuff" going on and really tired of listening to people bitching about each other"

"I've been a member of this club for quite some time and have taken an active role in this event in some way, shape or form over the years. I have seen this event slowly losing interest with the so called "active" membership, until personality clashes and overinflated egos on the part of the Show and Go directors finally came to a head last year. I'll be the first to congratulate our club President for putting the show on last year with the 13 individuals listed in Shelby Life who cared to help him when it was time for the "tough to get going" as they say. If people are truly interested in having a big car show every year, then why don't they step forward and do some work for a change?"

"Once upon a time, the show revenues paid for the cost of all of the other club activities that we did as a cohesive group. We had to have the show revenues in order to do anything else. Now, it seems that almost all the other events are self supporting. There appears to be no need to have that big money maker anymore.

An example, high school bands. They get together and have a fund raiser to go play at Disney World. The whole group has a common goal and interest. Make money to get to Disney World.

I believe we have two factions at work in the club. Those who like to show and those who like to go. We don't need the show to make money because the other events are self supporting. So we have no one common goal and interest like the high school band. The need for the show is not there so we're not interested in putting a lot of effort into it.

What about the phrase, "Membership has it's privileges"? Club members have to pay just as much to show a car as non-members do and we're expected to work at the events. There's a little break on the track events but we're expected to work at the event. We get into our Winter Swap Meet free, but what's a couple of dollars? And we're expected to work the event. Sure we get dinner after the Show(s) and have the Christmas party for the workers/sponsors. But is that enough reward? Are we really in it for rewards? Or shouldn't we as a group raise money as a group so we can do things as a group like the high school band? All we do is show or go. Isn't there any other activities we could do that everyone would like to participate in? Shouldn't we turn some of the money we have back to the membership through a club **(Continued ...)**

paid for event? How about getting a group of seats at a race at MIS?

Back to the question. The show has gotten to be a pain to put on with no organization or processes, no one wants to volunteer to run it. We don't have the organization or processes required to have an easy way of putting on the show. Everyone's afraid to volunteer because they think they'll be the one in the old proverbial "stuck at the gate with no relief" position or running the whole thing by themselves"

8. If club members continue with the current trend, not volunteering to work at events, not giving the club you pay dues to every year at least 20% of your time ... How much longer do you think SAAC-MCR can survive?

"The club will survive, one way or another. Members will come and go. It just won't be the same as the "good old days" when people drove their Shelbys and we had loads of them at the shows"

"At current trends, the club will likely continue, but in a similar manner as other organizations, with lots of infighting"

"The club will survive, even if it means less activities"

"It will survive as long as SAAC-National, if not longer"

"Unlimited"

"Not very long, I'm just as guilty as anybody on this. Maybe do what Waterford does, if you earn so many worker points you get money off your dues and maybe raise dues \$5 or \$10 to help cover this for the people that don't work"

"I don't know, probably quite a while"

"Until the few who work events lose interest, or the money runs out "

"I don't have 20% to give ... family, work, sleep, school, house, etc ... I barely have time to change my own oil !"

"The Show and Go has always seemed to bring out many people and it is a well known event. I can only assume that the people who put on the events are having more pain than pleasure and the burden needs to be spread out. If nobody volunteers - there is no club !"

"It will be rough, but the core group will keep the club going, it always has."

"If we get a good place to meet and continue our track events we should survive into the foreseeable future"

"That I don't have an answer for, it will just become more and more taxing to those who volunteer"

"If things continue they way they are, I give this club two years"

9. Can SAAC-MCR survive strictly as a motorsports club?

"NO"

"I feel the club can survive at whatever we put our minds to. I will continue to help where and when I can at carshows, bit I get more enjoyment out of motorsports type club events"

"Absolutely, without a doubt"

"I expect we could, but it is nice to appeal to those who like the shows. They must be the ones to come forward and take charge of Show and Go 20 !"

"Track events are #1 to me because I love to get as much track time as I can. One thing I've noticed though, there are alot more people at the shows than at the actual track events. If I had the choice of one or the other, I would take the track. I feel there is room for both."

"YES !!! More events, Grattan, Mid-Ohio. How about a Drag Race day at Milan, Detroit or Lapeer?"

"No. Club should have a variety of activities, but then again, we really can't do everything unless more people get involved"

"No. Rain will eventually kill open track events because they are so expensive to put on"

"No, not everybody joined just for racing. Need some social events"

"I firmly believe that we possibly cannot survive without shows."

"NO !"

"Yes, but you will loose some members whose only interest is car shows"

"I'm sure we can survive on whatever we have"

"Nope. The club needs balance between Shows and Performance events"

"The membership always looks to one person to do everything. If one person is motorsports oriented, that's probably the way the club will go. If that's what the membership wants, so be it."

"Maybe. That seems to be the way we are heading. Track events are easy to recruit workers for. You just tell the drivers when they're not driving, they're working. But you will lose some long time members. A few rainouts and you might be in trouble. Equipment should be easy. All you need is a timing computer and a couple of jacks for tech inspection. You don't need a trailer to haul any car show supplies around because you won't need the supplies"

10. What is the one thing you will commit to doing in 1995 to make your club, that you pay dues to every year, a better club?

"Run for President" "Run for President" "I will be there for most events helping"

"Quit?" "Work at events" "Working at Show and Go" "Volunteer as I have in the past"

"Try to become more active" "Volunteer to work Show and Track events, provide articles and pictures to Shelby Life"

"Start going to club meetings to see what is happening"

"Devote more of my time to volunteer, which the club seems to be in dire need of"

"Try to help at any events that time allows and attend as many meetings as possible (hopefully at a better location !"

"Continuing as Competition Director in '95" "Help whenever possible in planning and running club events"

"Show and Go, helping any way"

11. Why do you the membership put such a dependancy on the President of the club to get things done. Why do you feel delegated individuals can't come through on a more regular basis. For example, when can we get to a point when we know a club event will be properly staffed well in advance, not the day of the event?

"Too much of worrying about the other guy and what they have to complain about"

"This club was run by one man for a number of years. That man did it all. Now that he is not running the club, the club has to figure out how to get things done. We've gotten used to the one man show mentality and basically are sitting back waiting for someone else to do it.

The problem here is about organization and processes. We don't have an organization that knows how to delegate nor do we have enough people taking on the responsibilities seriously to get the job(s) done when things are delegated. The processes are not there either to make it happen. We didn't need organization, delegation, process or responsibility when one man ran the show. he had it all."

"Because they are in charge I guess ! That's the way it has always been. I have no idea. You would have to ask the individuals. I don't have an answer"

"People do this for fun so they don't take it too seriously"

"When we have a strong leader , such as yourself Dean , it becomes easy to be laid back and follow. We (My husband and I) feel strongly , if someone accepts a duty they should complete it with 100% effort. The members that promise to do something then don't are worse than the rest of us that sit back and watch everyone work. They make the club look bad because things get so disorganized when a duty is not fulfilled. People get angry because they feel they're getting jerked around. Then, they just assume the whole club is made up of idiots when its just one or two people screwing up"

"Because they know they can. The same old people will bail them out"

"Need to build up interest in the club by those who are not presently active... to increase base of interested volunteers."

"The Waterford events that I have been to have run smoothly, staffing was not an issue"

"Again, the President should have people under him to handle certain duties as it is now, but these people should have assistants under them to spread out the load. No position in this club should be a full-time job. As soon as it is, it is no longer fun and that's why people drop out. When you have more people doing less work, it's not as big a deal when someone doesn't show and others can fill in for them."

"Past Presidents have set an example that will be hard to break. Other individuals seem to talk the talk but not walk the walk !"

"Run events the membership wants to participate in"

"When you raise a question like this, the answer is quite easy, look at your predecessors. This club has never enjoyed any real organization or structure, just run by someone who had an interest. Also, we've seen 3 different Presidents in the past five years, but the rest of the Board is pretty much intact. Doesn't that tell you something as to why the President has too much to do. What kind of help do you get from your Board? Any? Other than the obvious effort by the Editor, what other help are you looking for? When the car show guys came to the club meeting and flat out resigned, how does the club pick up the pieces? It's almost a question not of why do we rely so much on the President but why hold this position if you have to deal with all this crap all the time?

12. Should members that promise to work events and then not show up be penalized in some way? Should they be expelled from the club if it is a continual problem?

"When a member makes a commitment to show up an event, and doesn't for any reason other than medical or family emergency, then I'd say the member has some apologizing to do. If its a continual problem, then shame on you for asking this individual to work when you already know they are unreliable!"

"There should be some penalty; I don't feel they should be expelled but it should be noted that they cannot be counted on"

"Perhaps a deposit upfront that is forfeited if they fail to perform?"

"Yes, something should be done, it happens all too often. I don't know about expelled, but elected officers should be out of the position if it happens more than once!!! No question about it, they made the commitment"

"As with anything, if someone says they will do something and they don't - time after time - it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that you can't depend on them. They don't need to be booted out, but they need to be replaced by someone that can and will do the job. Just be straight with people. If you can do the job, then commit to it. If not, than commit to the part you can."

"Sure, but the people will be reluctant to volunteer"

"No ! You catch more flies with honey than vinegar"

"I think punishment would be more destructive than constructive"

"Good Idea !! First time offenders get a huge fine. 2nd time get suspended for 1 year from all events, then club votes for reinstatement. The if it happens again they get expelled for good."

"Well, maybe 1st time offenders should be put on probation or excused if they have an excellent excuse (emergencies do happen, but not all the time)"

"Cannot really do that, you don't know reason for absenteeism"

"Death to Infidels !"

"No, that will drive away more members"

"This is an all volunteer organization. There are few rewards and no penalties for working or not working. Expulsion seems extreme. Would you join a club if you heard , "Hey, they kick people out if they don't work"? That would probably scare a number of people away. I think we need to create more interest rather than penalize. I don't have a clear cut answer"

"This question is indicative of a negative approach. To improve we must stress positives and teamwork"

13. What is the best selling point for being a member of this club, other than you get a discount at track events?

"Having a good time and finding things out" "It used to be camaraderie and kinship of interest. This is less now but still present" "People with similar interest" "A fine President who does everythjing for us so we don't have to"

"Being a group of like-minded car nuts" "The family atmosphere of the club and the friendliness. We all care about each other (ie: the support and concern for Kurt Fredrickson)" "Friends in a common hobby - similar interests"

"Track events was my only reason for joining, not a car show guy" "The track events"

"Help with tech problems, common interest in automobiles, the cruises, the Christmas Party"

"Great bunch of people for the most part, share love of cars, knowledge shared, do things as a club !"

"Mostly that you can talk to alot of people that don't look at you weird when you mention "double pumpers" and "webbers" and "Super CJ Cranks" and the lot"

"I would say the best part of being a member (monetary reasons aside, few that they are) is that one becomes associated with people with similar interests. The definition of a club is a group of people with similar interests. That's why clubs form."

14. Comments:

"People get together and enjoy doing things together. But we don't seem to be doing that lately"

"When people don't continue to come back and volunteer when they've already held positions, it must be getting to be too much work. Instead of asking for "Car Show Director", get with past directors to see what people(sub-directors) they need to help them with their duties. As for myself, I couldn't commit to being the "car show director", but I could commit to being "car show ballot counter". I'm sure you get the picture. Something has worked for the past 19 years, I'm sure we can figure out something together. **HAVE FUN !!!!!!!**"

"Club is in trouble, but some of it has to do with our meeting location, some is backlash from '94 Show and Go complications. Others seem to not care anymore. I don't know of an easy answer, but this survey is a good start !"

"The club needs to run a track event at another location. Grattan ?"

"I am trying to make it to meetings but can't do it this year w/night school. Sorry"

"Need to find a way to make meetings more interesting, such as guest speakers from Ford, Roush, Goodyear, etc... Advertise to the membership to increase turnout ! Turn inactive members into interested/active members"

"I enjoy the club because I can relax and enjoy the camaraderie of the club members (most of them). My children enjoy the events. I honestly believe the few members that are all talk and no action should get their butt kicked out, if they don't change their ways"

"The President needs to be more optimistic" *(I assume you're talking about Mr. Clinton? If I'm not optimistic, why would I have taken the time to do this survey ? - Dean)*

"The club has gone through cycles of highs and lows before and will probably do so again"

"This survey is a good idea, but some of these questions sound more like statements"

"I love this club and I wish I could help out more. But, living in CANADA makes it a little hard"

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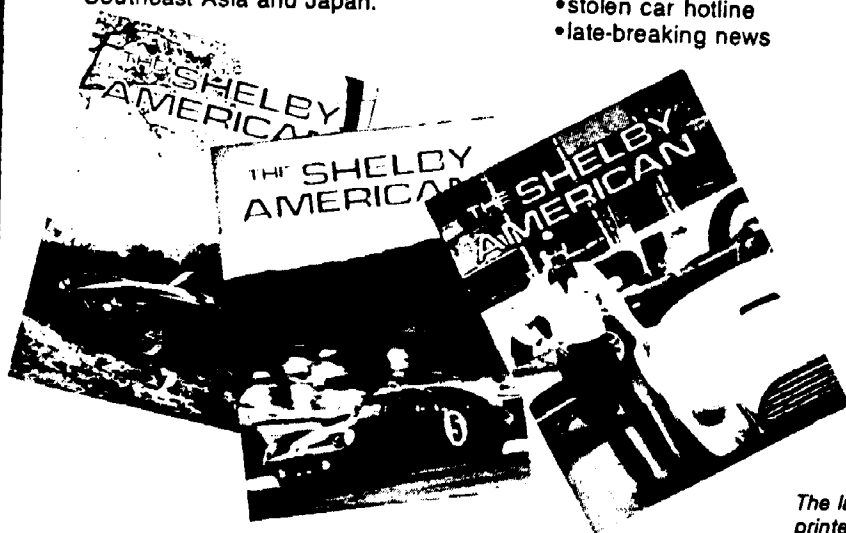
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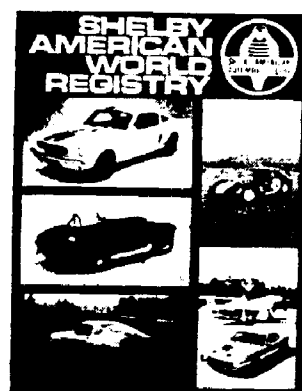
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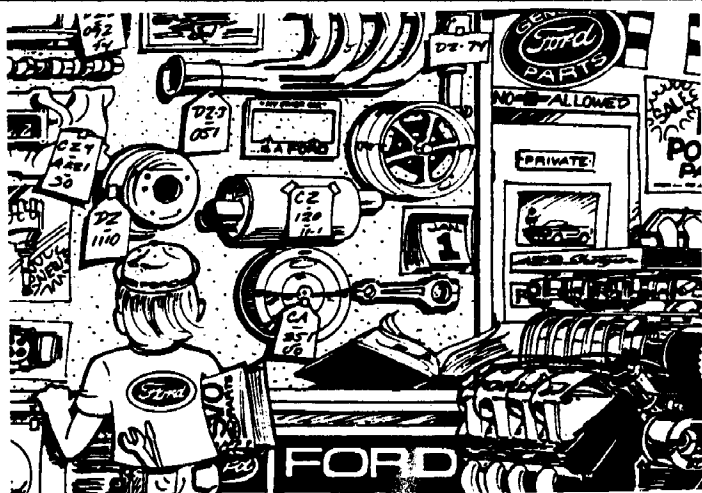
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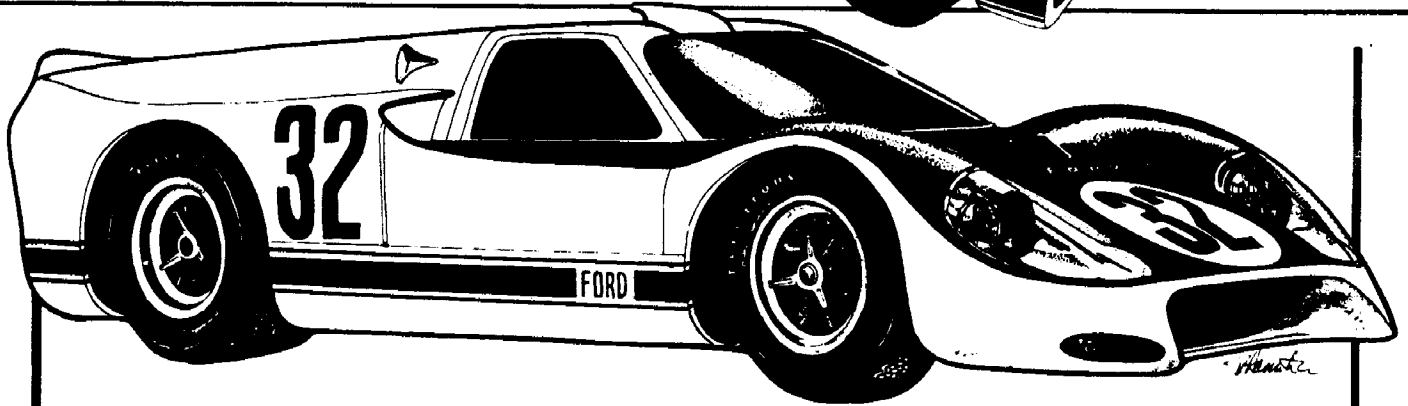
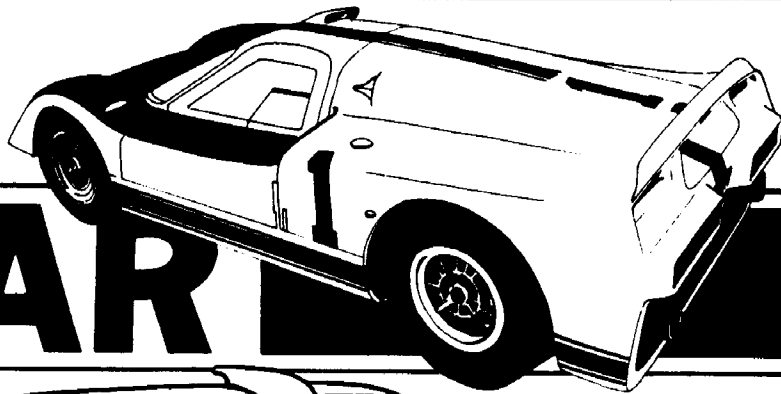
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