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UPCOMING EVENTS :

Tuesday, July 30th - General Meeting at Pizza Inn,
3225 Williams Blvd. in Kenner. Meeting begins at 8:00.
Saturday, August 3rd - " Neon Night Rally ", FNJ at
Lakeside , 6:30 p.m. (see flyer inside).
Sunday, August 18th - State Championship Autocross
in Baton Rouge at Cortana Mall. Contact
C. Taravella for more info.
Sunday, August 25th - TLAC VI in Belle Chase.
For more info, contact John Winter.
Tuesday, August 27th - General meeting at Pizza Inn,
3225 Williams Blvd. in Kenner. Meeting begins at 8:00.
Friday, September 13th - " Night at the Races " at
Jefferson Downs. Tickets & more info available at
meeting.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT:

"From the president" is a nice form for me to personally give thanks to those who work many long hard hours to make our events possible. I think it is necessary that these people be recognized for their efforts and I will try to continue to do so. What I would like though is to give each of you an opportunity to use this space to voice your own views, praise or criticism. I would like to hear what each of you has to say so that we can share it with the membership.

A reminder, please return to me the questionnaires on mail order parts houses.

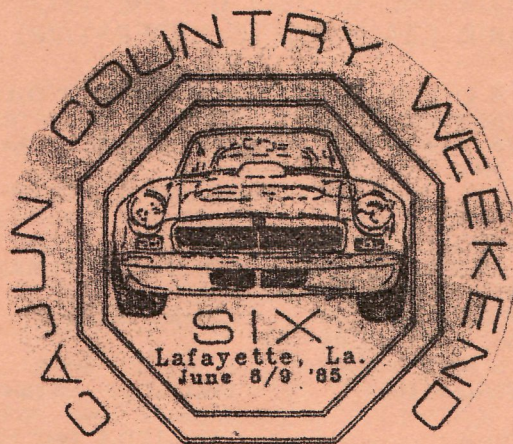
Jim Van Sickle

As I could not be present at the Cajun Country Weekend except in "spirit", I have asked Jack Hinson to say a few words about a most successful weekend.



MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING :

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.
Introduction of members & guests followed.
Treasurer's report : Total funds -- \$486.44.
If you still need Cajun Country VI T-shirts,
an order is being placed.
John Winter gave a report on his upcoming night
rally on Sat. August 3rd. (see flyer inside).
An overnight trip to Gulf Shores Plantation
is being planned for August 10th. Talk to Peggy
Bienvenu for more info.
Annual "Night at the Races" is planned for
Friday, September 13th. Audrey Kennedy is handling
this event. More info at the July meeting.
Cajun Country VI report by Snubbs Bienvenu. See
article in this newsletter for details.
Jack Hinson gave a tech report on painting
engine parts, complete with examples.
50/50 was won by Perry Ford.
There were 15 members present.



CAJUN COUNTRY WEEKEND UPDATE

Cajun Country Weekend was an thrilling success. It seemed everyone had their hopes up for a tremendous weekend, and no expectations were left unmet. The parking lot was almost full of British cars, which included 2 Rolls Royces. All were represented by the car clubs from New Orleans, Lafayette, and Houston. The events received a 90-second news strip from Channel 3 in Lafayette.

The concours was the highlight of Saturday. It was divided into 3 categories with results as follows :

The "A" Class was won by Van Daughdrill of B.R.

The "B" Class was won by Manley Ford of N.O.

And the "T" Class, which was highly represented, was won by Rocky Von Dullen, also of N.O.

Many door prizes were given away including a case of motor oil, baseball caps, a MG register poster, and, last but not least, a ton of British flags.

The day ended with a feast sponsored by the Acadiana Club. We appreciated and would like to thank them for hosting this annual event. We also capped the evening off with the now famous "Jim's Cooler". As Jim said, "Although I can't be there with you, perhaps you can take my 'Spirits' with you. THANK YOU, JIM ! I hope that you get your cooler back.

Sunday and the rally was a bit of irony. Last year's first place finishers, Snubbs and Peggy Bienvenu, came in last and last place finishers, John Winter and Rodger Talley, came in first in the British class. Must be the car, huh, Rodger? Also winners were Jack Kennedy and Michael DeLacerda, who came in first in the non-British class. CONGRATULATIONS, WINNERS!

If you missed the weekend, don't worry. They'll have another one next year. Put it on your calendar and BE THERE!

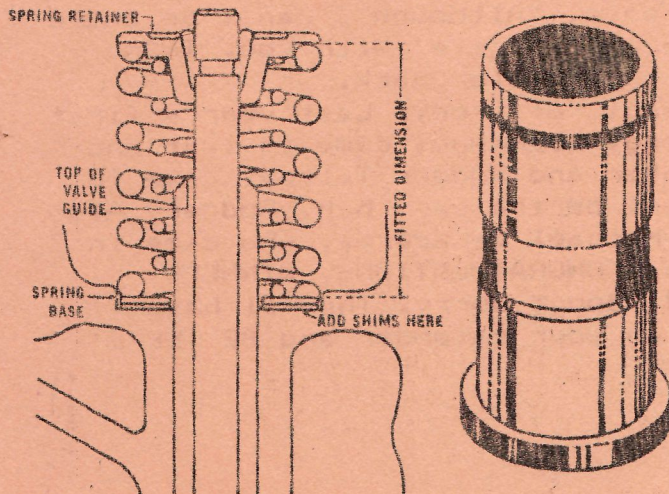
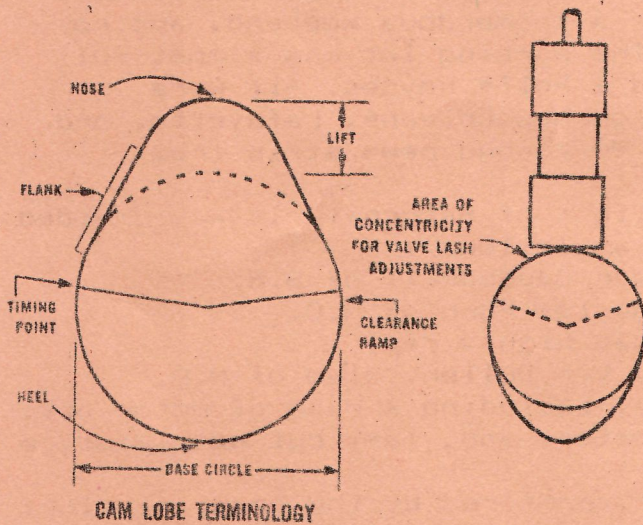
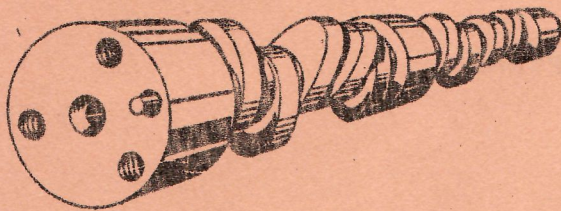
TALLEY' TECH TIPS

BY
RODGER TALLEY

THE FOLLOWING IS AN INTERESTING ARTICLE FROM PAECO'S TECH TIPS QUARTERLY. CARL STRINGFELLOW THE ARTHUR OF THE TECH TIPS ARTICLES HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP IN OUR LEARNING TO UNDERSTAND OUR CARS AND KEEPING THEM ON THE ROAD.

PROPER INSTALLATION OF A CAMSHAFT IS VITAL TO ENGINE LIFE AND PERFORMANCE - FEW MECHANICS WILL ARGUE WITH THAT. THE DETAILS OF INSTALLATION WILL VARY FROM ONE ENGINE TO ANOTHER, BUT THERE ARE A FEW SAFEGUARDS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN, REGARDLESS OF THE MAKE OF ENGINE.

SPECIFIC DETAILS ON YOUR ENGINE CAN BE FOUND IN A WORKSHOP MANUAL, AND NO WORK OF THIS NATURE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT ONE. USE THE MANUAL, FOLLOW THE RULES GIVEN BELOW, AND YOU SHOULD HAVE A SAFE AND SATISFACTORY CAMSHAFT INSTALLATION:



1. KEEP EVERYTHING CLEAN! A PIECE OF GRIT BETWEEN A LIFTER AND A CAM LOBE CAN CAUSE MORE DAMAGE THAN 50,000 MILES OF DRIVING!

2. USE PLENTY OF PROPER LUBRICANT DURING ASSEMBLY. PUT LOTS OF IT ON THE CAM LOBES AND THE LIFTERS. FOR BEST RESULTS, USE A MOLEBDENUM DISULFIDE COMPOUND - IT GIVES A SUPER PROTECTIVE COATING DURING INITIAL ENGINE START-UP.

3. MAKE SURE THAT THE VALVE SPRING INSTALLED HEIGHT IS CORRECT. TOO MUCH HEIGHT, AND YOU WILL HAVE VALVE FLOAT - TOO LITTLE AND YOU MAY GET COIL BIND.

EACH SET OF PAECO VALVE SPRINGS COMES WITH AN INSTALLED HEIGHT SPEC SHEET (THESE SPECS DON'T APPLY TO STOCK SPRINGS). PLEASE FOLLOW THESE.

MOST INSTALLATIONS FOLLOWING A VALVE JOB REQUIRE SHIMMING THE SPRINGS BECAUSE THE VALVES HAVE BEEN RECESSED INTO THE HEAD BY SEAT CUTTING AND VALVE LAPPING. WE CAN FURNISH SHIMS FOR THIS PURPOSE IF YOU NEED THEM.

4. AFTER A VALVE JOB ON OHC HEADS OR AFTER INSTALLING A NEW CAM(S), NEW VALVE ADJUSTING SHIMS WILL BE NEEDED IF THE VALVE LASH IS SET BY THE USE OF SHIMS ON THAT PARTICULAR MAKE (LOTUS, JAGUAR, ALFA, FIAT, ETC). THESE ARE THE SHIMS THAT RIDE IN THE TAPPET CUPS, AND THEIR THICKNESSES DETERMINE THE VALVE LASH.

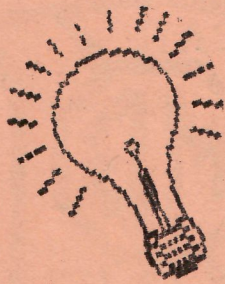
WE MANUFACTURE THESE SHIMS AT PAECO AND CAN FURNISH THEM IN ANY THICKNESS YOU MAY NEED. YOU MUST DETERMINE THE THICKNESS OF THE SHIMS THAT YOU WILL NEED AFTER YOU INSTALL THE CAMS IN YOUR CYLINDER HEAD AND CHECK THE LASH.

5. TRIPLE CHECK THE ALIGNMENT OF THE CAM AND CRANK SPROCKETS BEFORE CLOSING UP THE ENGINE. AN ERROR IN VALVE TIMING CAN CAUSE VALVE-TO-PISTON INTERFERENCE, WHICH CAN TOTALLY DESTROY A COMPLETE ENGINE!

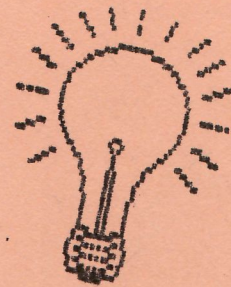
6. WHEN BREAKING IN A NEW CAM, TAKE IT EASY FOR THE FIRST 100 MILES OR SO. THIS GIVES THE CAM LOBES A CHANCE TO FORM A PROTECTIVE OIL FILM AND TO MATE PROPERLY WITH THEIR LIFTERS.

7. DON'T EVER USE WORN OUT LIFTERS, TAPPET CUPS, OR VALVE SPRINGS WITH A NEW CAM. YOU MAY SAVE MONEY THEN, BUT IT CAN COST YOU MANY TIMES OVER IN WORN CAM LOBES AND A TON OF FRUSTRATION. THIS IS WHY WE WILL NOT GUARANTEE A NEW CAM UNLESS NEW SPRINGS AND LIFTERS/TAPPET CUPS ARE PURCHASED ALONG WITH THE CAMSHAFT.

8. HAVE FUN! HIGH PERFORMANCE CARS AND ENGINES ARE MEANT TO BE ENJOYED. SO DON'T LET THE WORK TAKE THE FUN OUT OF IT.



LA.A.G.C.C.'S



" NEON NIGHT RALLYE "

DATE: SATURDAY , AUGUST 3rd.

TIME: 6:30 to 7:30 —REGISTRATION & DRIVERS' MTG.

PLACE: FNJ BANK at the NW corner LAKESIDE
SHOPPING CENTER

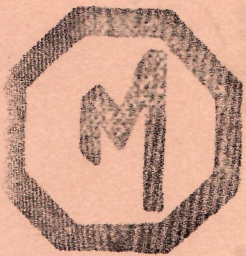
COST: \$ 5.00 - MEMBERS (per car)
\$ 7.00 - NON-MEMBERS

TYPE: HOUND & HARE RALLYE

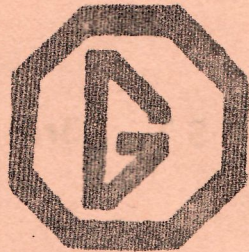
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FOR MORE INFO;

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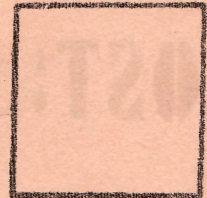


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