

As of this date, we have 14 members. I will place an ad in The Restorer and Model A News to see if we can generate more interest. However, I don't think the amount of members is as important as good participation.

I haven't written to all of you in some time now as things have been going at a fast pace for me lately. Since my last letter I have retired from flying but I will remain with The Southland Corporation for one year. This is a wind down job so I will have time on my hands to do work with the Vickey club. I will fully retire about the middle of 1986. This is early retirement and I along with my wife, Felicia, am looking forward to doing what I want to do. Of course, my wife will continue to issue my dailey orders.

Six members (including myself) responded with stamps. I do appreciate receiving the stamps as it could get expensive in the long run. All of the stamps have been put in a pool for the mailing of news letters and other correspondence. I want to assure all of you that these stamps will not be used for any purpose than Vickey club business. I have enough stamps for this letter and one and a half more. Thanks again and those of you that haven't responded, can do so if you want to.

We have one new member, please add to your roster.

Bob Hart
2820 Lake Gardens Dr.
Irving, Tx. 75060
(214) 790-5120, Work-438-4278

Bob has a nice '31 leatherback. Bob doesn't plan on showing it but he has done a nice restoration and anyone would be proud of it.

Bob also told me that the window regulators for a '31 slant windshield, four door (front door regulators) fit the Victoria and the A-400.

Mr. Bob Smith of Escondido, Calif. tells me that he is working on having some Victoria jacket patches made. If he is successful, he will let me know and I'll pass the info. on to you. He is also working on the recruitment of two new members.

Add Bob Smith's phone number to your roster: (619) 746-1940.

I do not have the phone numbers from all of you but it could come in handy for all of us that might want to contact a member. Those that haven't sent in your phone number, I urge you to do so. This information will not be given out. It will only be put in our roster. I also think it is a good idea for all of you to send in your wives names. I find it comes in handy to know this whenever meeting the individuals and if you phone. Remember this is only information for our roster.

Will all of you think about a name for the club. Send in your ideas and I'll get it in the next letter. We can vote on a club

name in the future. This club is for all of us and I do not intend to dictate to you. Let's make this name for the club something all of ^{us} can participate in.

Some information from members that have answered my last letter.

Mr. Larry Caccese of Goleta, Ca. writes that one of the club's function should be an information outlet for those that need all of the help they can get. He also advises that it would be wise to keep away from the two Croker brothers of Missoula Antique Motor Cars in Medicine Bow, Montana. He says that the description of the body he bought as well as the pictures were as different as night and day. The name of the fellow that he bought his top wood and floor sills is: Bob Betsch, 4548 E. Herndon, Clovis, Ca. 93612. Larry hasn't used all of the wood yet but it has needed some fitting. He is using the pictures in my two articles and finds the pictures helpful.

Ken Kennison of Milton, Fla. writes: His phone is, day (904) 994-9868 until 2PM. Evenings after 3PM-436-9158. He works the 3-11 shift. He wants to know if they made the Vickey in 30 and 31. To my knowledge the first Vickey was made in November of 30 and all of 31. I don't know the date the last one was made. The 30-31 is the same. The later 31's had the indented firewall. The Leatherback and the Steelback are different in some ways. The wood is different around the rear section. I am hoping to get some good pictures of the differences. I don't think my photos of the leatherback are good enough. Can any of you out there get me some good shots? If so, let me know and I'll let you know what views to take. I'll send my lousy ones so you can see what I need.

Ken wants to know where he can find rear wheel well panels that fit the Vickey. He asks about the 30 gas tank. As far as I know, it was a standard 30 tank. If this is not so, someone let me know. Do any of you know where he can get reproduction garnish moldings or some source for originals? He heard someone in Arizona made them - anyone know? He needs a Zenith 3 with sidebowl. All Vickey's should have the round speedometer instrument panel. There may be several dealers selling the 31 radiator shell. I know Obsolete in Oklahoma City, Okla. has them.

Mr. Jerry Johnson of Lincoln, Neb. needs the following:
Floor pan, drivers side door, windshield frame, right front fender and top wood kit. Please contact him if you can help.

Ed Hildwein, Jr. and his wife Joan have a Murray leatherback. He can furnish the name and address of the fellow that made the seat wood parts for him. He also has the patterns. Please add his telephone numbers to your roster. (208) 342-3418 and his office is: 384-6515. Ed belongs to MARC and MAFCA, Treasure Valley Chapter and the Cabriolet Body Group. He has several Model A's and his 31 Vickey is about 50% done. His car is original and complete and notes that there is a period of at least four months between body number (probably Dec: 1930) and matching engine/frame number (Aug. 1930. This proves that it did in fact take more than 60 days allowed by the judging standards. If any of you have an extra rear seat clip or know where to find one, let Ed know, he needs one.

Ed has a 31 Deluxe Roadster and took 1st. place award of excellence 1984 MAFCA meet in Portland. Also 1st. place MARC of Excellence-1985 MARC meet in ITASCA. His 31 pickup is 60% done. he has a Cabriolet unrestored. Ed sure has a lot to keep him busy.

Elmer R. Widman of Lakewood, Co. has had his steelback Vickey for 20 years. Everytime he started to work on it, ^{off} one of his daughters wanted to get married so he kept putting it/until he retired two years ago. The Vickey is just about complete but he needs three things. The inside/^window molding for the drivers door, two point molding for the same side and the left rear quarter panel window molding. If any of you can help, he says to call him collect at (303) 985-5876.

That's all I have for this time. Please let me hear from you. I can only relay to the members what information that you feed to me. This club is for all of us. Let's all make it work.

I am not a good typist so I ask your indulgence and patience with my mistakes.

I suggest that you use a highlighter pen when you read this and mark anything you can be of help on. Check your roster and contact the person directly. If you have any information to give, please send it to me and I'll put it in the next letter.

For those of you that would like to know about the Model A World Meet, it is in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin on July 6th. through 11th. 1986. So far my wife, Felicia and I are going as well as Ed and Joan Hildwein, Jr. It would be nice if more of you could go as we could all get together for a small meeting on the Vickey Club. Please advise if/or you plan to go.

Sincerely,



Charlie Viosca