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SECRETARY'S REPORT

ATCA MEETING AT LOMITA, CALIFORNIA

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On Friday, August 30th, Tom Herwer met our flight in Los Angeles, and a few minutes later picked up Al Ellis of Tulsa and delivered us to our motel.

All arrivals were invited to the Herwer home for a delightful, bounteous buffet. Perhaps 25 or more attended and were overwhelmed at the reception and hospitality shown that Friday evening.

Saturday, the show opened at 10:00 with a general rush to get displays in order. There were 18 displays, several of them in the 50 to 100 class of different makes, models, and age. All were in excellent condition and attractively displayed. Up to 1000 people were said to have viewed the two day show, which had press, radio, and TV coverage. I would rate the show as one of the best in arrangements, attendance, and enthusiasm - and a friendlier bunch would be hard to find. The attendance by California members was very good--about 25 California members by my count; and other states represented were Washington, Oklahoma, Colorado, Maine, & Kansas. Descriptions of items displayed by owners will be in the newsletters as we find space for them.

A hearty thanks goes to Tom Herwer and Scotty Poling for their hard work in arranging this meeting so well, and for being such wonderful hosts. Also to Jane Herwer (Mrs. Tom), and Sharon Poling (Mrs. Scotty), not only for the very fine buffet Friday evening, but also Saturday noon and again Sunday - many, many thanks from us all.

The Banquet and meeting on Saturday evening was well attended and enjoyed. The meeting was as usual informal, and I am very grateful to all those who took part in the discussions leading to the welfare and growth of the Association. A report in full will be made to the Directors, who I am sure will welcome the suggestions and interest in the future. An earnest invitation was presented to have another meeting in California soon. Future fall meeting places should be decided soon-- suggestions were for Texas, Alabama, Wichita, for 1975, and for 1976 in the Pennsylvania area to tie in with the Bi-Centennial. Five new members were received during the meeting in California, with more prospects to come.

Having some type of auction or drawing at meetings would be beneficial both in interest and for the treasury. It was recommended that we try this, and to further the idea John D. Wood of VanCouver, Wash. donated to the Association a Kellogg candlestick phone to auction or sell by whatever method chosen.

The convention was a very enjoyable event in every way. We have so many people to thank, so I say thanks to everyone and especially to Tom and Scotty, Dick Erickson, Jack Rounds, Oral and Malone Watts, and John D. Wood for the success of the convention and for transportation around town and to the airport.

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