

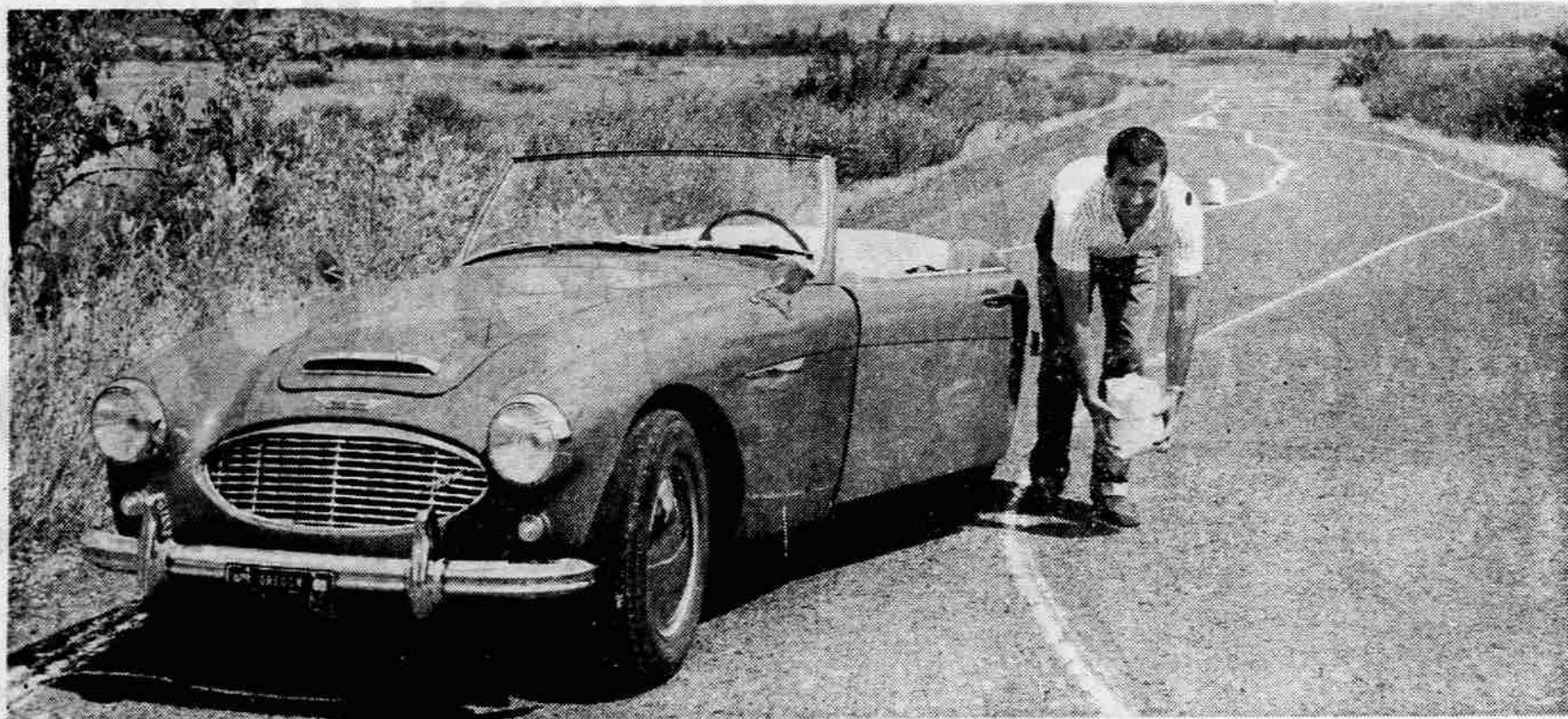
Reflecting an ever-growing interest in sports cars in America, owners of these stream-lined cars have been organizing clubs all over the country. Last week end Siskiyou Sports Car club of Jackson county sponsored the annual Cal-Ore rally, and among the sports cars enthusiasts who gathered here for the event was Gene Calanchini, Eureka, Calif., whose Mercedes-Benz 300 SL, a Gull Wing coupe, attracted a lot of attention. Young Calanchini, on the board of the Redwoods Sports Car club, reports that the Eureka group now numbers about 45 men and women owners.



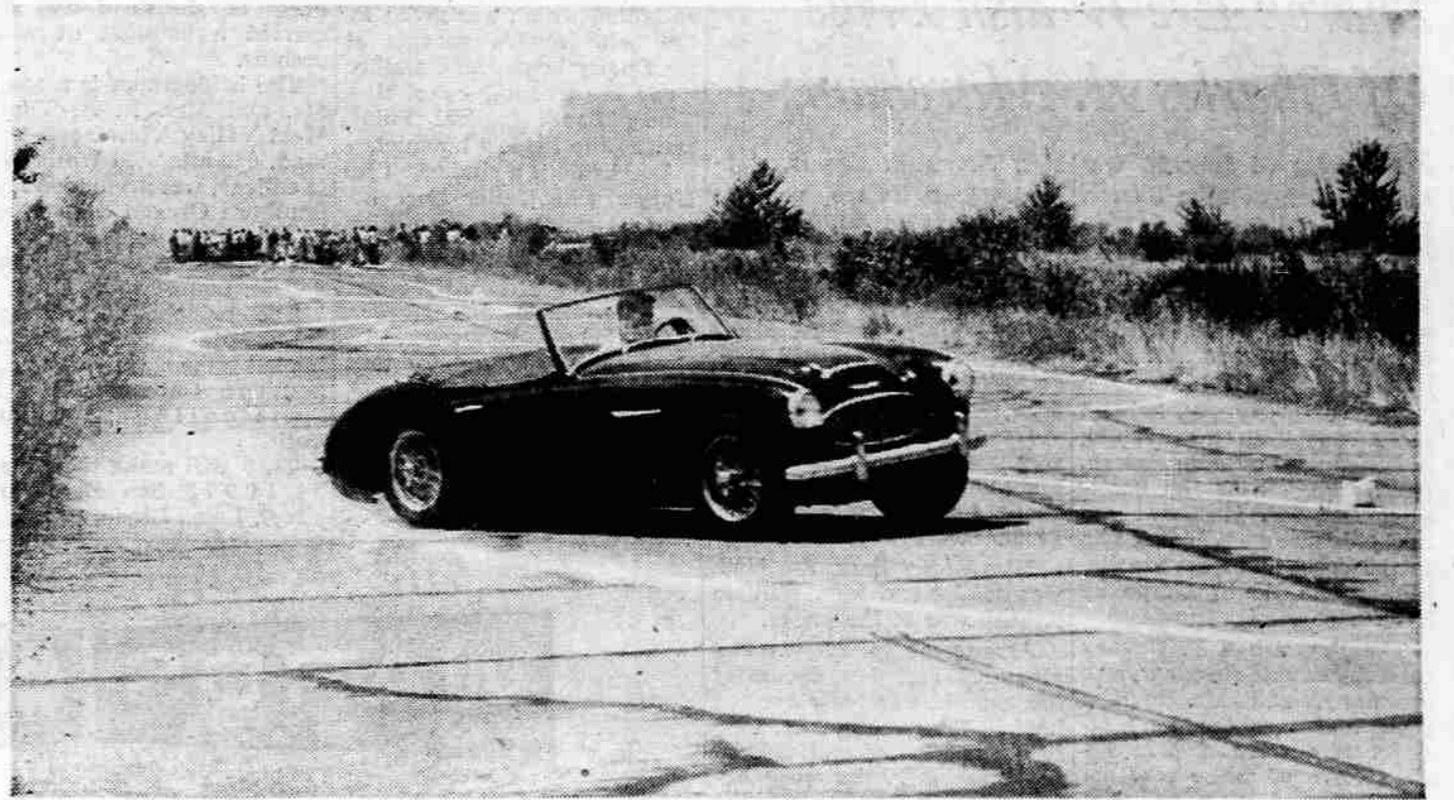
Gary Blew, acting president of the local club, is shown here as he checked in Mike Hinds, Medford, and his passenger, Jim Jewell, Vale, Ore., in the former's white Triumph 3. Young Hinds and his car placed second in the race for his class car Sunday at the Camp White drag strip.



Elvera Ryerson and Terry Ramos arrived from Klamath, Calif., in Miss Ryerson's MGA. Miss Ryerson won the women's event, with only two other powder puff drivers entered.



Gene Hoyt of Medford, who served as a starter for the races, was busy early in the morning helping to lay out the auto cross course with white gypsum. This weaving course was laid out in an approximate square and drivers ran the course one at a time, with once-around for a trial. The cars were divided into classes depending upon motor size and power. Gene Hoyt drives a red Austin-Healey.



As the cars ran the twisting car cross course, tires squealed and the white dust flew on the turns. Shown here is Bill Wire, Dorris, Calif., who raced his Austin-Healey. Most of the club members who attended the week end event "rallied" Saturday, driving to Medford over a prescribed rally route under set speeds and conditions.



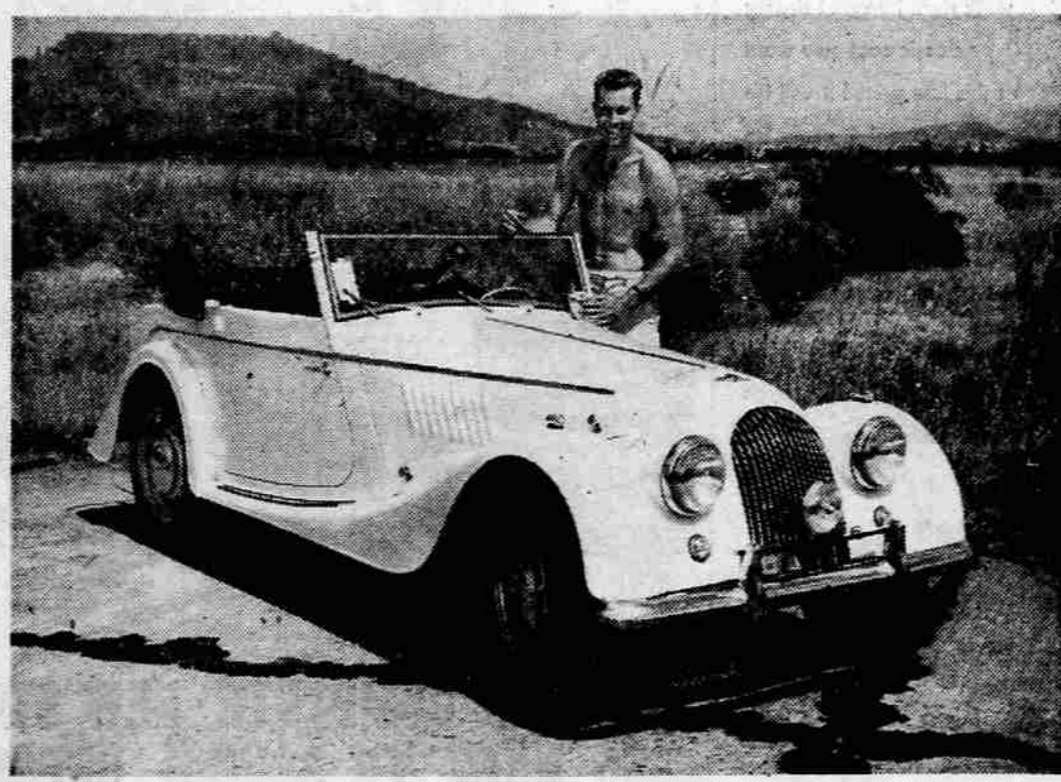
Sunday before noon all the cars were lined up on the Camp White strip for the "Concourse d'Elegance". For this, every car must be clean as a whistle and polished to perfection; the engines, interiors and bodies are scored. The Darold Connors of Crescent City, Calif., were judged first place winners in this event with their MGA. The Connors are members of the Pelican Bay Sports Car club; a total of eight cars from the Crescent City club, organized earlier this month, were on hand for the rally.

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Cal-Ore Rally



Woman power is better than the gasoline engine when it comes to locomotion for the baby. Mrs. Ted Gordon and 10-month-old daughter Tammy of the Klamath Sports and Imports club, stroll by Randy Marshall's black Corvette. At the time young Marshall, part of the Pelican Bay club delegation, was in conversation with Paul Newcomb (center) and Bob Goodwin, both Medford.



Peter Brown, Arcata, Calif., added another layer of tan while he put his 1959 model Morgan in readiness for the Concourse d'Elegance. This British-made car of contemporary classic design was first a three-wheeled vehicle. Powered with a Triumph engine, the Morgan is one of only six drop head coupes of this type known to be in use in America.



Both Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher of McKenzie Auto club, Eugene, worked on their red Triumph to make it ready for judging. Patty Fisher is a teacher in Westmoreland school in Eugene and her husband is an electrician. They use the Triumph as a family car, putting on the hard top when winter brings the rainy season. (All photos by Knackstedt!)