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In a note accompanying the Christmas card from members Joe and Harlean Parshall of Marina, California, U.S.A. he writes:-

"...We look forward to the Allard Register Bulletins and thank you for what you do to keep the movement going..... Good health and happy motoring in the New Year..." Many thanks for your seasonal greetings, and your good wishes for '83 are warmly reciprocated. ED.

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Member Dean Butler of Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A. writes us as follows:-

"...Road Atlanta was a great success. Seventeen Allards attended - certainly the most ever gathered in one spot.

Eight Allards planned to race, but that dropped to seven when Bob Girvin's Palm Beach Mk.II coupe lost its transmission in practice.

John Harden won the race which included the Allards. The Ferraris and Jaguars didn't have a chance. Don Marsh (J2X) was second and Bill Schmitt driving Bill Lassiter's J2X was third. I was back in the pack and couldn't see. Alan Patterson (J2X) and Jim Donick (K2) and I had our own little race, while Syd Silverman (J2X) and Tom Turner (J2) were somewhere in front of us. I'll send photos very soon..."

Very many thanks for your letter and excellent photos. I particularly liked the one of our President, Vice-President, Zora Duntov and Cyril Wick in conversation in the paddock. ED.

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Our President writes:-

"Last July I received a letter from Dean Butler inviting me over to America to meet the Allard owners and friends who were going to be at the Vintage race meeting at Atlanta in November. He and his friend Syd Silverman were arranging a subscription list amongst the owners to pay my expenses, and the response was so generous that enough money was raised to include my wife Pat.

We flew from Heathrow at midday on November 6th and were met at Kennedy and taken up to White Plains, the home of Syd and Jan Silverman. We spent five days with them, sightseeing in New York and the surrounding countryside, until Thursday morning, when we all flew down to Atlanta. Arriving at the airport we met Alan Tiley and Bob Arthur who had flown over just for the race week-end, and in two 'Hertzmobiles' we travelled on to Gainesville where a block booking had been made at the Holiday Inn.

Arriving there at dusk, we saw several Allard trailers and met Dean Butler, also Tom and Yvonne Turner, who were going to take us with them to Dallas. We also met Bob Lytle who was to be our host in Los Angeles together with several owners who came over and introduced themselves. On Friday we met Cyril Wick and attended a dinner with all the Allard people, where I was presented with a magnificent commemoration plaque. Next day several more cars appeared, until by late afternoon there were 17 Allards standing in the allocated paddock area. The racing is covered elsewhere so to continue with our journey, we left just after 8 a.m. on Monday with the Turners in their Jeep Wagoneer with their J2 in the long trailer on tow for the 900 miles journey to their home in Fort Worth.

On the way we had lunch at a typical truckstop (so different to our U.K. transport cafes) and reached Vicksburg by nightfall. Next morning we toured the battlefield memorial park and later were fortunate to see one of the two vast replica sternwheelers which now cruise on the Mississippi as hotel boats. With a diversion off the main road to see some of the old slave plantations, we reached the Turners' home fairly late that evening.

The next two days were spent with them, meeting their friends and in particular spending some time with Dr. Richard McKee and riding with him in his magnificent J2X, and of course, had to see South Fork of Dallas T.V. serial fame! Thursday afternoon we flew from Dallas to Los Angeles where we were met by Bob Lytle. During the time we were staying with him and his wife, we spent two days up in Redlands with Martin and Susan Allard and rode for some distance in his K3, which is used regularly as daily transport. During this time we were taken up to see Palm Springs and saw some of the

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surrounding desert countryside. We also met Tom and Eileen Shelby, who are restoring a K2, and with Tom visited the Universal Film Studios and Forest Lawn cemetery during the day we spent with them. On the Tuesday evening the Allards took us back into town for a dinner-reception held in the private saloon of the 'Princess Louise', now moored as a floating restaurant and near the old 'Queen Mary', looking splendid in the flood-lights. After dinner, Bob Lytle took us back to his house, where we were collected next day by Dr. Stephen Jewell-Thomas with whom we spent the day. Next day was Thanksgiving, a National day and we spent the day quietly relaxing with Bob and his family.

Friday was spent with Ray and Kitty McLaughlin who have two beautifully restored Studebakers beside their K2 and they took us to Knotts Berry Farm, a pleasure park in the Disneyland style. We stayed with them overnight and were met next morning by Larry Davis, owner of a showroom condition 'M' coupe. He took us up into the hills to his splendidly remote house calling in before this at the Briggs Cunningham Museum, where Larry had made an appointment for me to meet Briggs again. (We had met at Le Mans when the Allard pits were adjacent to the Cunninghams, in the early fifties). He spent the morning with us, presenting me on departure, with the magnificent volume of Miller Racing History, only just published. Later we called in at a country wedding on the ranch of a neighbour of Larry's, a touch of local colour that would never be seen by the ordinary tourist, and stayed until dusk. After calling in at the house to 'freshen-up', we were driven over some mountain roads to a local restaurant built around a tree with the walls festooned with men's ties! The lady who owned the place disliked formality and kept a huge pair of scissors beside the reception desk - woe betide any man that came in wearing a tie!! We enjoyed a magnificent steak and slept soundly in Larry's beautiful split-level house.

Next morning, our last day, Bob called for us and took us to Disneyland where we had a most enjoyable day, and next morning he took us to the airport for the journey home. We left in warm sunshine, and arrived at Heathrow at 7.30 a.m. to the coldest morning for some time: frost, fog and general gloom, an anti-climax to an unbelievable adventure."

Thank you, Mr. President, for this run-down of your marvellous trip to the U.S.A. So pleased that you had this opportunity to meet so many of our members, as well as our Vice-President. ED.

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From a letter received from member Jim Donick of Pleasant Valley, N.Y.S. enclosing many fine photos of the Road Atlanta event, we extract the following:-

"... Road Atlanta and the Allard Reunion are now history and what a history we wrote. 11 J2's or J2X's, 4 K2's, 1 L type, and the GT coupe were on hand. We had over 60 people at dinner and a marvellous weekend for racing. The Lush's are exceedingly charming and Tom a wellspring of stories. He was very happy to be with us, and it was also a great pleasure to meet so many enthusiasts that I knew only by name or reputation. I enclose some memorabilia which I hope arrives in good order..."  
Many thanks for your letter, Jim, and thanks a lot for the photos and data. ED.

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Member Paul Schoonmaker of Montgomery, N.Y.S. writes us as follows:-

"... I had a chance to drive our President, Mr. Tom Lush around and show him a few Allards in our area, and it was a great education talking with him. It was nice that Pat could come also, and I know that she was having a good time. The Allard Reunion was a wonderful experience, and great to meet all the Register members; and people I've read about made it really fun. I'm enclosing a few pictures I've taken on this trip..."

Thank you for your letter, Paul and the pictures are great. Incidentally, my wife and I were delighted to meet your son Mark, when he spent a day with us last year. ED.

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In a letter from our L.A. Correspondent, Dr. Stephen Jewell-Thomas, we extract the following:-

"..... On the day I spent with Mr. and Mrs. Lush I first took them by San Fernando Mission, one of several California missions set up by Father Junipero Serra, a Spanish missionary; then to the Merle Norman Museum, where there was a collection of classic cars plus some beautiful organs and other collectibles; then to the La Brea Tar Pits and a tour of the Beverly Hills/Bel Air area to see the beautiful homes.

On Tuesday, November 23rd, a testimonial dinner was held for Tom at the Princess Louise Restaurant, (an old ship remodeled into a restaurant). Twenty-nine people came in their honor. Bob Lytle has furnished us with a picture (enclosed) of the Proclamation awarded to Tom Lush and a copy of the Proclamation is enclosed. This was originally presented to Tom at Road Atlanta, but for those in California who did not attend, it was again presented to Tom for their benefit.

Thanks to everyone for their support in making the Lush's first trip to the U.S.A. a memorable one.

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"P R O C L A M A T I O N"

THOMAS LUSH

- WHEREAS: For over four decades devotion to the ALLARD motor car, and
- WHEREAS: For recording the history, events, and biography of Sydney Allard for the enlightenment of future generations, and
- WHEREAS: For unwavering energy directed toward preservation of the ALLARD marque, and
- WHEREAS: For providing information and help to the automobile researcher, and specifically all ALLARD owners, worldwide.

PROCLAMATION: Therefore we, the ALLARD enthusiasts of America, in recognition of the many years of service rendered by Mr. Thomas Lush, with great pride, we hereby set forth and bestow the title of PATRON of ALLARD owners.

FURTHER: We, citizens of the United States of America, bonded together by our mutual love of the ALLARD motor car, in appreciation and gratitude, do hereby proclaim and bestow upon Mr. Thomas Lush, official honorary citizenship of the United States of America, and to have and enjoy all the benefits guaranteed its citizens thereunder.

ATTESTED TO: This twelfth day of November, nineteen hundred eighty-two.

RONALD R REAGAN      SYD SILVERMAN      E. DEAN BUTLER      ROBERT W. LYTTLE

Very many thanks, Stephen, for your letter and for the wording of the Proclamation. ED.

Our Hon. Secretary writes:- Early in 1982 member Syd Silverman kindly sent me some find action photos of the 1981 Road Atlanta classic car races, taken by member Dr. Tom Turner of himself and member Dean Butler racing their J types. Some weeks later he wrote me saying that he and Dean had discussed organising a special meeting of Allard members and their cars for the 1982 event. Well, the Allard reunion at Road Atlanta (Nov.1982) is now history, and I now congratulate both Syd and Dean for their hard work in organising this outstanding event. A tremendous amount of effort went into this to tie up all the loose ends, and make all the necessary arrangements for our President and his wife to fly over from the U.K., inviting our Vice-President (Mr. Fred G. Wacker, Jr.) and many other prominent drivers including Mr. Arkos Zora-Duntov. More Allard cars appeared at this venue than have ever been assembled in one place at any time. A marvellous record and I thank again Syd and Dean for all their efforts. I should also like to thank members Dean Butler, Jim Donick and Paul Schoonmaker for sending photos of this great event.

WANTED

Antique or classic Hispano Suiza; model A-J-SJ-NJ Duesenberg or authentic components, or a 540-K Mercedes Benz. Unrestored or restored to make a transaction upon. Contact: George D. Williams, 495 S. La Luna, RT.3. OJAI, CALIFORNIA, 93023, U.S.A.(805:646:4435).

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Set of cast iron J2/J2X brake drums (or information on what brake drums can be adapted).  
also

1952-53 Allard year book. Info. to E. Dean Butler, 3751 Dogwood Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45213. ('phone: 513:531:1108).

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members:-

Robert W. Valpey	of Center Harbor, New Hampshire, U.S.A.	J2X 3040
J. Peter McManus	" Haslemere, Surrey, ENGLAND.	1948 K.1.
Don F. Marsh	" Dublin, Ohio, U.S.A.	J2X 3077

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