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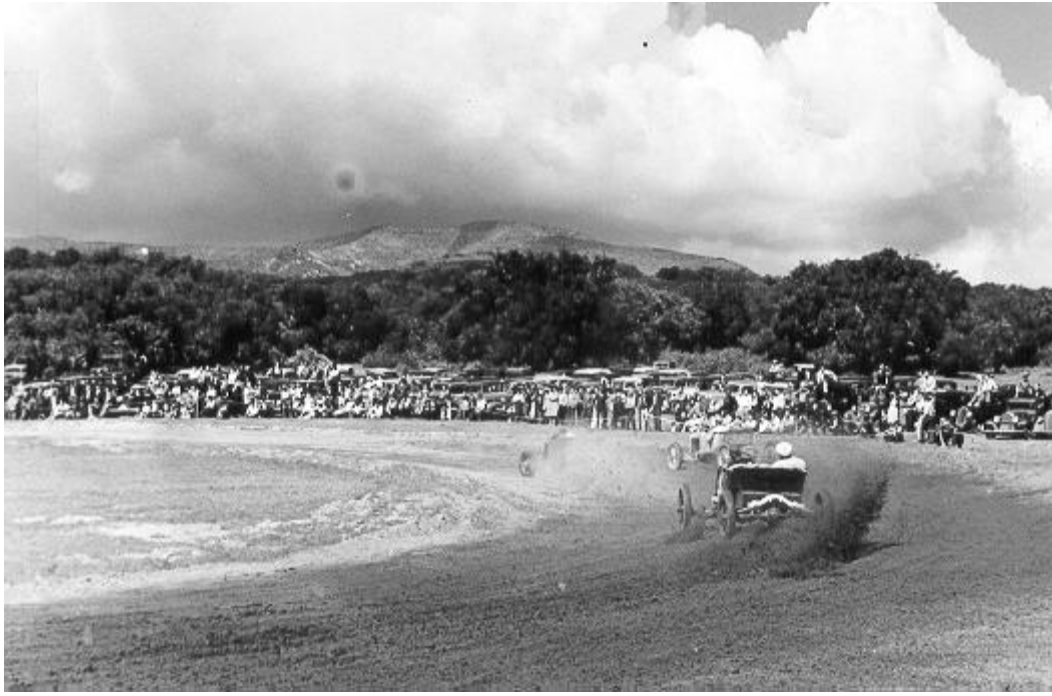
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Lompoc Model T Club Photos

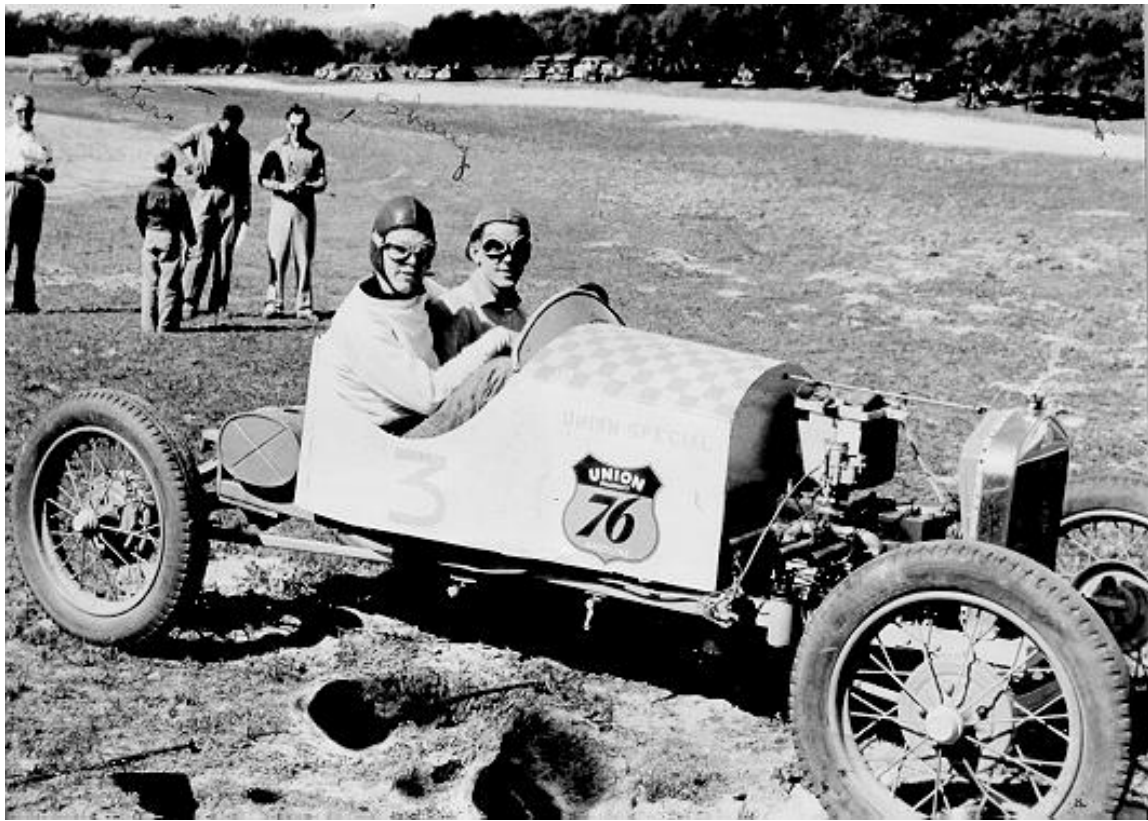
The Lompoc Model T Club first race was November 29, 1936. They started from the old airport (Lompoc High School), went to the Old Landing (VAFB), across Salt Water Barrier crossing at Baroda, up La Salle Canyon to Honda Point and back down Miguelito Canyon to the corner of I Street and Locust Avenue. There were two more cross-country races and then the races were moved to Beckwith Ranch on Highway 246. In the mid 40s the races were moved to the rodeo grounds on the mesa east of Seventh Street (Crestview Terrace). The sport died out here because it was hard to get parts for the Model T by 1950. These photos are from a photo album by Herbert Clarke Swanson that was donated to the Lompoc Valley Historical Society. Special thanks to Lompoc Valley Historical Society for sharing their photo archives with us.



In this picture you can see Walt Manfrina (left) and Armand Cazenave (right), the winners of the first race in their Shell Special.



Three cars kicking up dirt in the corner. 3,500 came out to watch on April 3, 1940 at Beckwith Ranch. Edward Cazenave and Glen Schuyler won time trials, five-lap helmet dash, and lead every lap of the race.



Herb Swanson (driver) and Art Reed (mechanic) in the Union Special. They raced 50 laps on the Beckwith Ranch five eighths mile track and came in second place.



Herbie Swanson sitting in the Union Special

First the bushes - then

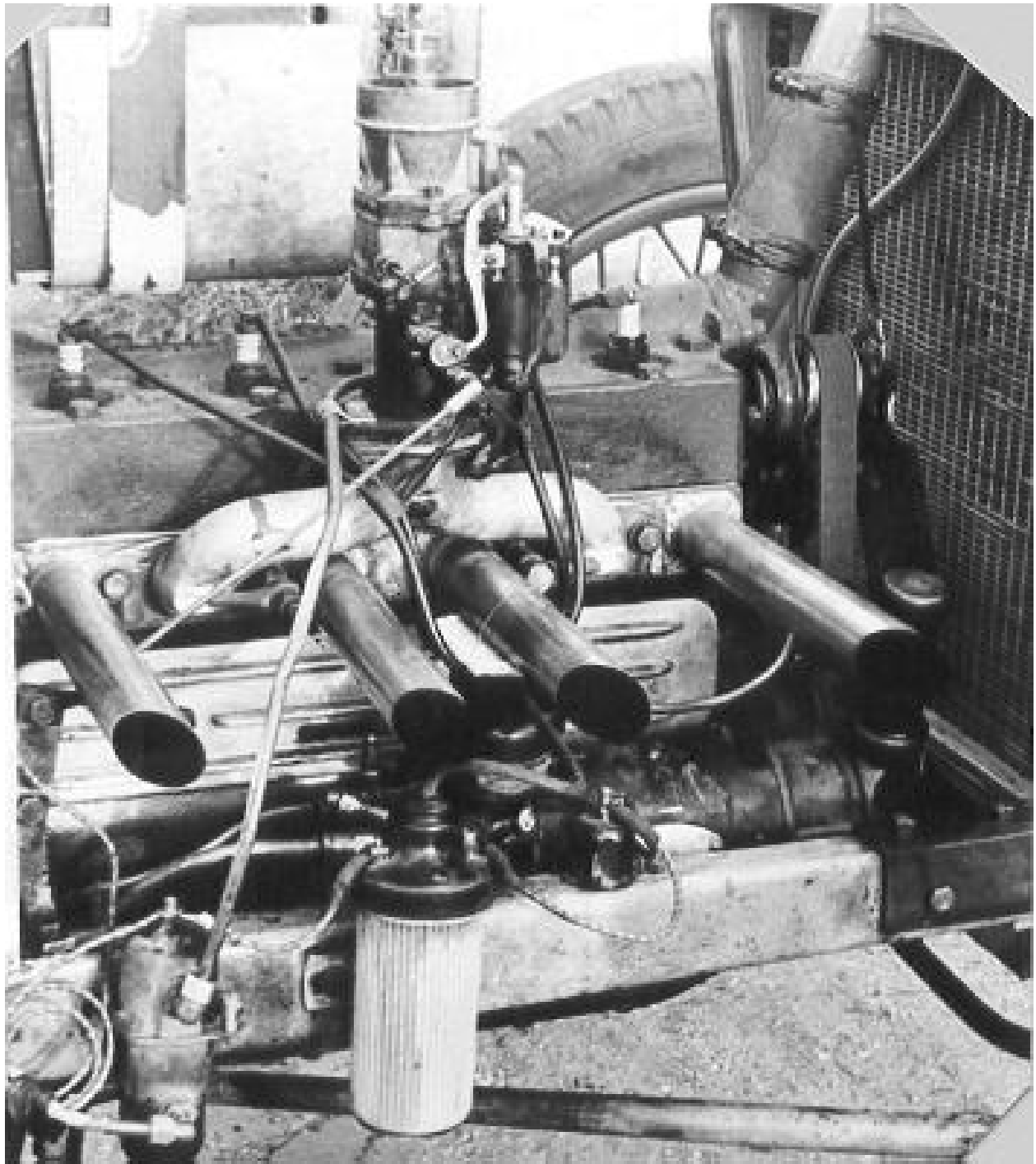


the lake! But came in 2nd!

The Union Special getting pushed out of the lake at the Beckwith Ranch race track. About 5,000 people were in attendance for the 50 lap event. Skip Schuyler and John Jansson won the race.



A view of the pits before a race at Ocean Park. You can see the Railroad bridge that is still used today.



The engine from the Union Special.



Roaring down the strait away.



They come roaring out of the turn.



Three cars flying down the strait away at Ocean Park race track.