

Hudsonotes

Column of Mechanical Miscellany
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During twenty-five years of the WHITE TRIANGLE NEWS, there have been five editors – Meritt Marks 1959-64, Meredith Souers 1965-72, Ed Griffin 1972-74, Norm Mason 1974-77; and Art Adams 1978 to the present, with Jack Miller also producing occasional special issues such as this one. The first tech columnist (and classified-ads editor) was Ken Krueger. First of the club's technical advisors (of whom we now have 14) was former Hudson engineer Bernie Siegfried. The familiar Club logo, showing an early Hudson Super Six radiator, was designed by Bert Harrington. A Club Library was suggested at the start, and it was begun one year later (October 1960).

The first WTN's were standard 8½ x 11" size, usually 2 mimeographed sheets per issue. With Vol. 5 (October 1963), page size was reduced to 5½ x 8½", using offset printing. Conventional typeset lettering replaced the earlier typewriter-style text (except for ads) in January 1970. Page size was widened slightly, to 7 x 8½", in January 1975, and this size was retained with a change to horizontal format in January '76. The present large-size pages were re-introduced in December 1979.

After nearly 16 years of monthly publication, the WTN went bi-monthly in August/September 1975, although classified-ad (and tech-bulletin) supplements continued to be sent out for most of the intermediate months until the end of 1978.

First attempts at photo reproduction in WTN were in the September '60 and November '62 issues. Except for those, the only illustrations before January '63 were line drawings and, once or twice, photographs of Hudson factory post cards donated by a member so that one print could be enclosed with each WTN copy sent out. Color trim was added to the front cover for Christmas 1968; and after some discussion, the first cover with full-color photo reproductions appeared in January/February 1976.

Here's wishing Happy Holidays to all of our H-E-T friends. Hope that after a festive (and full) Thanksgiving, everyone will also have a joyous Christmas season, and best of luck in the New Year ahead!
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