

# A. A. A. STRENGTHENS AUTORACING CONTROL

**Manufacturers' Contest Association,  
tion, Formed in Chicago, In-  
dorses National Body.**

**LOOKED ON FIRST AS A RIVAL**

**Committee of 25 Will Prepare by Sept.  
1 of Each Year Rules for  
Following Year.**

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CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—With a view to giving proper support to the American Automobile Association in its government of racing in this country, and to advance the interest of the sport generally, about thirty-five automobile manufacturers and importers, at a meeting in the Auditorium to-day, organized the Manufacturers' Contest Association, and selected Benjamin Briscoe of Tarrytown, N. Y., as President. W. E. Metzger of Detroit was elected Secretary-Treasurer, with Russell Field of New York as assistant and H. E. Coffin Chairman of the Committee on Rules.

In accordance with action taken at the meeting a special committee will confer to-day with F. B. Hower of the A. A. A. Contest Board, to offer certain recommendations of the manufacturers that it is believed will make for better and more uniform rules and an improved situation in racing matters. The makers decided unanimously that the A. A. A. is the proper organization to govern motorcar racing and other competitions between motorcars, and it was at the suggestion of the A. A. A. officials that to-day's meeting was held and an organization perfected that would properly indorse and support the National organization of clubs. The committee who will meet with the A. A. A. officials to-morrow is composed of Howard E. Coffin, Alfred Reeves, E. P. Chalfant, and E. R. Hollander.

One of the most important actions of the meeting was the selection of a Rules Committee of twenty-five that will be expected to decide prior to Sept. 1 each year the rules that will govern racing from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of the following year. This will permit a manufacturer to know in advance the type of cars that will be eligible for races in the year following. This committee will have an Executive Committee of five appointed from the main body by H. E. Coffin, the Chairman. Mr. Coffin announced to-day the names of Edgar Apperson, (Apperson,) George Weldley, (Premier,) Paul Lacroix, (Renault,) and A. L. Riker, (Locomobile,) with another member to be announced within a few days.

From those in attendance will be made up the Committee on Rules, with a representative of each of the following cars, all of which have been active in various kinds of contests in the last two years: Stoddard, Dayton, Stearns, Chadwick, Thomas, Pennsylvania, Locomobile, Premier, Chalmers, Mitchell, Lozier, Maxwell, Pierce, National, Apperson, Reo, Buick, Ford, Knox, Fiat, Renault, Isotta, Panhard, Itala, Rambler, and White.

A committee composed of H. E. Coffin, Alfred Reeves, E. P. Chalfant, and E. R. Hollander will prepare by-laws. The three last-named, representing the American Motor Car Manufacturers' Association, the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, and the Importers' Automobile Salon, were selected to act as members of an advisory committee to the Contest Board of the A. A. A. in accordance with a request from that board.

Among other things decided at yesterday's meeting was the limiting of membership in the Manufacturers' Contest Association to motor car builders who have manufactured fifty cars or more and importers who have imported fifty cars or more of the make they represent. This restriction as to membership, however, will not prevent non-members competing in all events in which their cars are eligible.

It was decided that every manufacturer should lend undivided support to the American Automobile Association, and that their various agents be notified that no support whatever will be rendered in contests unless conducted under A. A. A. rules and sanction.

## **Cross-Country Championship.**

Owing to an error in printing the entry blanks of the junior cross-country championship the Cross-Country Championship Committee wishes to announce that individual prizes will be awarded as follows: Gold medals to first, silver medal to second, and bronze to third. The entry blank stated that gold medals would be given to the first three individual winners.

## **Bothner to Wrestle Two Men.**

George S. Bothner, the lightweight champion wrestler, will appear on the mat to-night at the Star Theatre, Brooklyn, against Sailor Nelson of Portsmouth, Va., and Joe Sullivan of Chicago, now on the receiving ship Hancock at the navy yard.

## **Double Victory for St. George A. C.**

The basket ball teams of the St. George Athletic Club scored a double victory on the home court last night, the lightweight team defeating the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association five by a score of 35 to 24, and the heavyweight team triumphing over the Xavier representatives by a total of 56 to 27.