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Collection Overview

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Extent:	1 Cubic foot (5 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) engineering displays at annual meetings.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated to the Smithsonian by Fay Leone Faurote in June 1935.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in November 2024.
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Processing Information

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Biographical

Fay L. Faurote was director of public relations for the Society of Automotive Engineers and was well known in the field of advertising and automobile manufacturing.

Historical

Peter Heldt of *The Horseless Age*, and Horace Swetland of *The Automobile*, formed the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) circa 1902 in New York City which published a technical journal and a comprehensive compilation of technical papers, previously called *SAE Transactions*, which still exist today in the form of SAE International's Journals. Today the society represents engineers in all types of mobility-related professions.

Content Description

Collection of materials from the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), primarily photographs and programs from SAE trade shows, along with a roster of members, a handbook, and publications celebrating the SAE's 30th anniversary.

Arrangement

Collection arranged chronologically.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Automobile industry and trade
- Trade shows

Types of Materials:

- Handbooks
- Membership lists
- Photographs
- Publications
- Rosters

Names:

- Faurote, Fay Leone, -1938
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Society of Automotive Engineers Meeting, 25th Anniversary (French Lick Springs Hotel, French Lick, Indiana), 1930-05 Notes: File contains a dinner menu, programs, a tribute to Col. Charles J. Glidden, a telegram, and nominations for the Society of Automotive Engineers 25th Annual Meeting.
Box 1, Folder 2	Society of Automotive Engineers Journal, Volume 26, Number 6, 1930-06
Box 1, Folder 3	Society of Automotive Engineers, Roster, 1932
Box 1, Folder 4	Society of Automotive Engineers, Roster, 1933
Box 2	Society of Automotive Engineering Display (Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois), 1933-08-26-1933-09-02 Notes: Includes photographs for displays from the following companies: Zero Lash Lifter, Alcoa Lynite, Sparton, Spicer, Sealed Power Corporation, Cone Worm Gears, Cities Service Power Prover, Cleveland Graphite Bronze Company, Joseph Weidenoff, Inc., Dickson Gasket Company, Alupak, Gold Seal Piston Rings, Hoof Stabilizer, Seaman Paper Company, Motor Magestic, American Cable Company, Inc., Globe Grilles, and United American Bosch Corporation. Also included are images of members at the meeting and at the annual dinner.
Box 2	Society of Automotive Engineering Display (Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan), 1934 Notes: Includes photographs for displays from the following companies: Gold Seal, American Chemical Paint Company, Globe Machine and Stamping Company, Micromatic Home Corporation, Detroit Edison Company, International Nickel Company, Cleveland Graphite Bronze Company, Federal-Mogul Corporation, Campbell, Wyant and Cannon Foundry Company, American Cable Company, Haveg Corporation, Trico Products Corporation, Wesson Company, Victor Manufacturing and Gasket Company, Bunting Brass and Bronze Company, Zero Lash Hydraulic, Strombery-Carlson Telephone Company, Dole Thermostats, United American Bosch Corporation, Spicer, Salisbury Axles, Westinghouse, Carnegie Controlled Carbon Steel, Continental-Diamond Fibre Company, Gemmer Manufacturing Company, Alcoa Aluminum, Electric Auto Lite Company, Perfect Circle Piston Rings, and General Electric.
Box 3	Society of Automotive Engineering Display (Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan), 1935-01-14-1935-01-18 Notes: Includes photographs for displays from the following companies: Cleveland Graphite Bronze Company, Micromatic Tools, Hercules Motor Corporation, American Tire Guard Company, Salisbury, Spicer, International Nickel Company, Inc., Doehler Die Casting Company, Pratt and Whitney Company, Bosch Products, Harrison

	Products, Turnsignal Corporation, Campbell, Wyant and Cannon Foundry, Barber-Colman Company, Detroit Edison Company, Inland Manufacturing Company, Aluminum Company of America, Victor Manufacturing and Gasket Company, Gold Seal, Globe Machine and Stamping Company, SS White Dental Manufacturing Company, Parker-Kalon, American Cable Company, Ray Day Piston Corporation, Hutto Engineering Company, Dole Valve Company, Monroe Auto Equipment, and Continental Diamond Fibre Company.
Box 1, Folder 5	<p>Society of Automotive Engineers Display (Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan), 1935-01</p> <p>Notes: Includes postcards for the Book-Cadillac Hotel, a program, a reservation form for the engineering display, and a floor plan for exhibits and meeting rooms.</p>
Box 1, Folder 6	<p>Society of Automotive Engineering Display, 1936</p> <p>Notes: File contains a program insert depicting images of displays.</p>
Box 4	<p>Society of Automotive Engineering Display (Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan), 1936</p> <p>Notes: Includes photographs for displays from the following companies: Doehler Die Casting Company, American Cable Company, Campbell, Wyant and Cannon Foundry Company, Cities Service, Carborundum Company, Michigan Bumper Company, Cleveland Graphite Bronze Company, Monroe Auto Equipment Company, Douglas Electrical Equipment, Aetna Ball Bearing Manufacturing Company, American Bosch Products, Continental Diamond Fibre Company, American Chemical Paint Company, Bantam Ball Bearing Company, Victor Manufacturing and Gasket Company, Dole Valve Company, Micromatic Tools.</p>
Box 5	<p>Society of Automotive Engineering Display, 1937-01-09-1937-01-15</p> <p>Notes: Includes photographs for displays from the following companies: Lynite Pistons Lo-ex, Timken Roller Bearing Company, Victor Sealing Products Company, Campbell, Wyant and Cannon Foundry Company, American Bosch Products, Doehler Casting Company, Deluxe Products Corporation, Dole Valve Company, Burgess Acoustic Products, Parker-Kalon Ford Motor Company, Dupont, International Nickel Company, Salisbury Axle Company, Monroe Auto Equipment Company, Cleveland Graphite Bronze Company, Spicer Manufacturing Corporation, Wilson Welder and Metal Company, Wilson Mechanical Instrument Company, Sun Oil Company, and SS White Dental Manufacturing Company.</p>