

1972

AWARDS BANQUET



Outgoing President John Chehaske presents the gavel to incoming President Mike Castleberry



Mike presiding over his first meeting



Chehaske receiving: a special award...



a life membership



The old man.



Kathy Chehaske, 11th place



Brad, we've all heard of two-fisted drinker, but...

Awards for 1972

Finances
+
other sights
at the
Awards
Banquet



John Chehaske, 4th place



Beth Beverage,
tied for 14th



Fred DeBordeleben, gets
the Southbound end of the
Northbound horse



Bookie Westbrook, 10th place



R. David McCall, 2nd place



Tom Van Auken, tied for 1st Speed



Bruce James, 5th



Harriet James with
an additional award for
19th place



Mike Castleberry receives 8th
place trophy



Chris Young, 14th place



Brad
Peasley, tied for
17th



Kitty Westbrook,
13th place



Chuck Hoelzel, 9th place



the hustling mob



Lewis Parsley, 17th



Barbara
Greenwood, 1st
Overall



Mike goes to his
knees to present
Nathi McCall with
12th place



Bookie Westbrook,
1st Unequipped



Barbara Greenwood, also 1st
in the equipped class



Wilt Greenwood, whose
wife beat him to the Jett
Trophy, 3rd place



Bob Hollinger, 6th overall and 1st
in the speed championship



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wanted it here.

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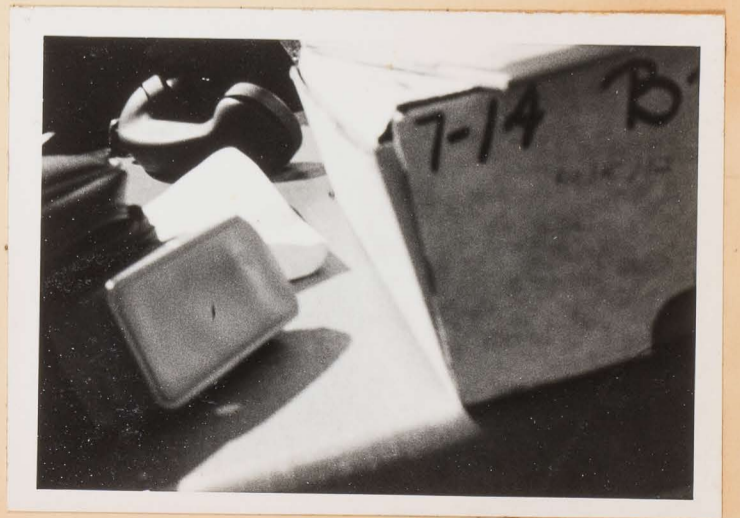
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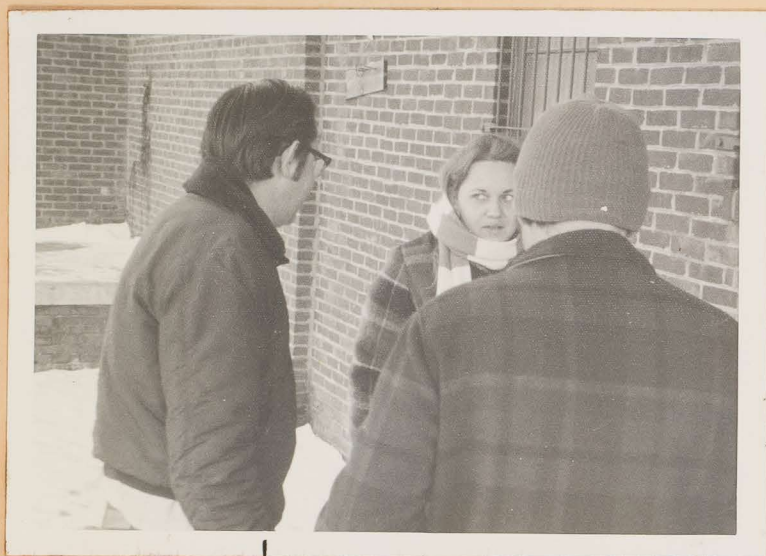


Haggling with the tire man for autocrossing the Pinto.

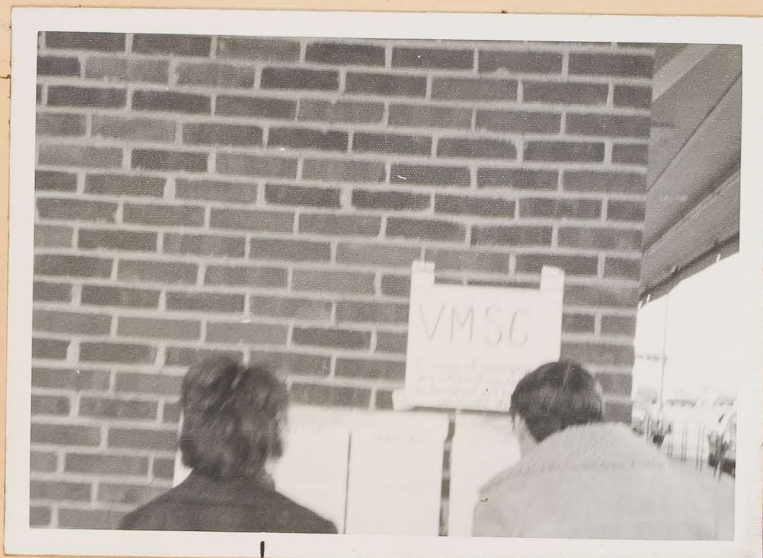


Used Checkpoint Equipment

January, 1973's "Snowplow" Rally



Former Snowplow owner's wife,
Marian DeBardeleben registers people.



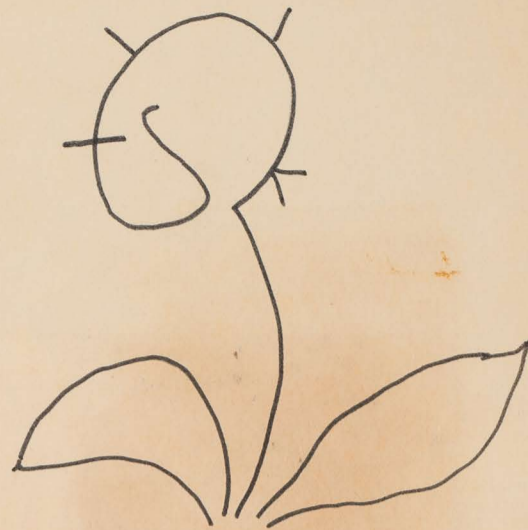
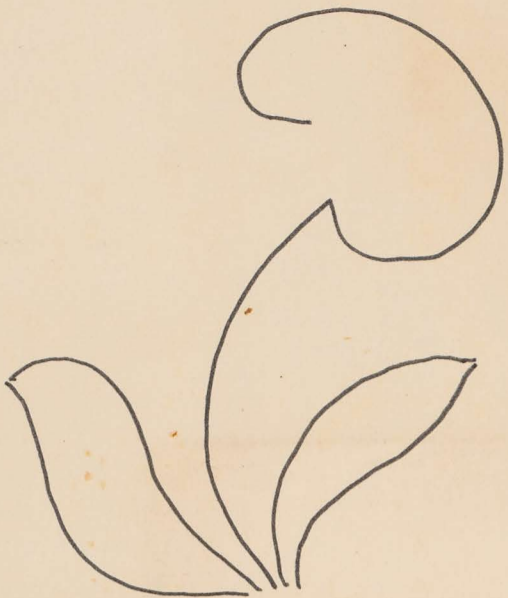
Reading notices



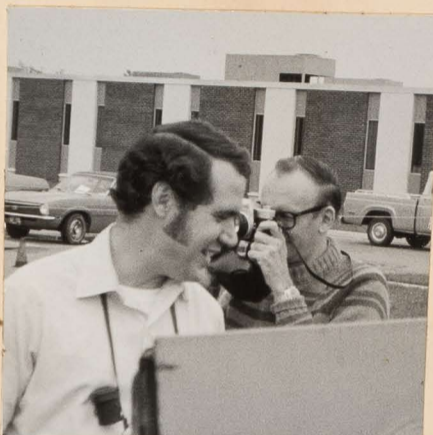
Pres. Castleberry getting into
trouble again by signing up.



Resting at the transit zone.



February "Purple & Yellow Flowers" Rally



Ed Buck shoots close-up of OD Tom Blot's car.



John Kessler's perfect BMW

All that was in my trunk



Some people will run anything in an autocross



April 1975

"Rookie Rally"



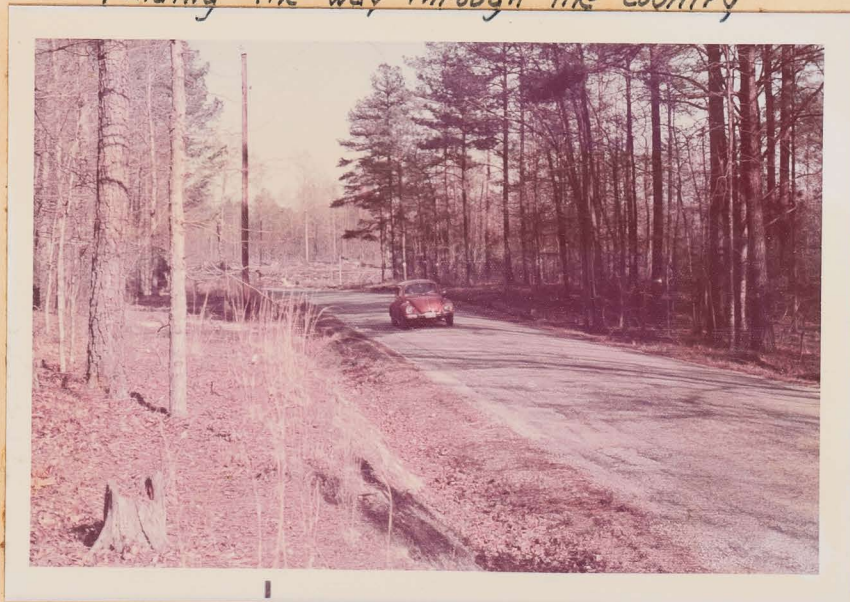
The usual rabble at the start



Judy Buck and a real novice.



OD Len Wells sets competitors straight.



Finding the way through the country



MIKE



JUST MINUTES BEFORE GT-6 MEETS CAPRI AT V.



DeBAROSLEBEN Z in Younger Days



BILL CLARK: VMSG'S TOKEN



BETH



FRED CRACKS UP



GT-6 THE 000 V. PEASLEY/WHITEHEAD Why is THIS MAN Laughing?



more of February's "Purple and Yellow Flowers"

L AFTER " PREVENT FOREST FIRES "



FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE FIRST ONE.....
ANOTHER..... AREA THE LEFT. GOOD FOR
A MAX!



1973 AZALEA EIGHT HOUR

1973 AZALEA EIGHT HOUR FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS



FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS



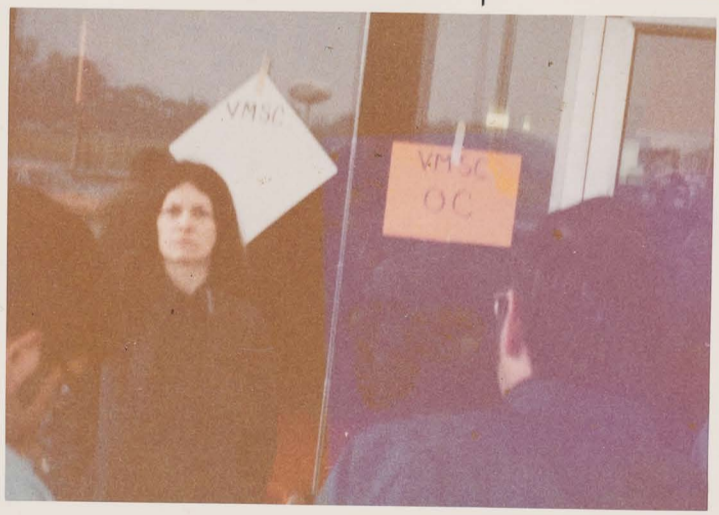
AND ON THE FORTY-FIRST DAY.....



BIG HAND ON THREE, LITTLE HAND ON....
(LOOK OUT MICKEY MOUSE) FRED



THE SUN SHINES WHEN YOUR HAPPY.
..... ED + JUDY



KIND OF THE WAY IT WAS
..... ANON



I AIN'T GOING IN TILL THEY TAKE
DOWN THE 10¢ SIGN



CAN YOU DIRECT ME TO WEST POINT?
..... WILT



NOW HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE ONE
MINUTE BEHIND ME??!?

VMSC PRESENTS "EXPLORER RALLY"

Safe Driving Rally

The Explorer Safe Driving Road Rally begins at 10:01 a.m. tomorrow at Byrd Middle School, 9400 Quiocasin Road. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

2 in Post 433 Win Road Rally

Johnny Adams of 1112 Horsepen Road and Kirk Cordell, of 8405 Knowland Circle won the Explorer Scout Safe Driving Road Rally held yesterday by the Virginia Motor Sports Club.

Second-place winners were Jim Culhane of 1000 Register Parkway and Jim Sencindiver of 8413 Yolande Road.

Adams and Cordell are from Post 433. Culhane and Sencindiver are from Post 600.



MONEY WELL SPENT



"MIKE" AND MIKE & JULIE



"FIRST IT'S SECOND GEAR ... NO"
"FIRST IT'S FIRST GEAR ... NO"
"OH YEAH! — THANKS WILT"
"FIRST THE KEY!"



"ARE YOU SURE THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES WILT?"



Shelley Rolfe's
By The Way

An air of incongruity had joined heat and noise as part of the scene. Gasoline pumps that did not pump on Sunday and that commanded the mid-area of the parking lot wore signs that proclaimed "10-gallon limit." A few yards to the west a car prepared to begin picking and roaring its way through an obstacle course that had figure 8 motifs.

It was mid-morning, but more than 40 cars were already on station, preparing to compete in a Virginia Motor Sports Club auto-cross that was being staged on behalf of the American Cancer Society. The sun had reached broil stage' but proud owners, preparing to compete at \$4 per head, ventured out into it to admire, to lift hoods to make last minute adjustments, to utter last minute hopes.

A Corvair began picking its way—the object of the game was to twist, turn and avoid lurking pylons—around the course. "Ralph Nader would have sunstroke," someone said. "It's not that kind of Corvair," he was told. "It's been rebuilt." The Corvair was a model of stability and, to a degree, speed.

The varooms, from cars on the run, from cars being tuned, had reached a shrill level. Wise spectators began searching out

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shade. Thirsty spectators began milling around a soft drink stand that was operated by the cancer society. Runners arrived every so often with fresh supplies of Coke.

A heavy set man wearing shorts opened the trunk of a Cadillac and took a bottle of beer from a cooler. "No beer drinking here," a friend told him. The heavy set man sheepishly put the bottle in a pocket of his shorts, folded his arms and resumed spectating.

THE PUBLIC address system announcer mixed informal chatter about times, drivers and pylons overturned with stern warnings about litter. One moment, a driver was being identified by his first name. The next... "Keep the parking lot clean." The West Broad Street Carousel department store parking lot. "There are trash cans."

A man guiltily picked up a tab top and deposited it in a can. Four or five other spectators, carrying empty Coke cans, lined up behind him. The PA announcer spoke of a driver being given demerits for dripping gas.

Behind the urgent anti-litter appeals was more than a belief that cleanliness may well be next to Godliness. The VMSC wanted to be invited back by Carousel.

The VMSC and the three or four other Richmond area motor sports clubs that like to stage obstacle course races have been finding parking lots increasingly hard to come by. Like gas, only more so. "We can use a downtown lot, but it's awfully bumpy," said Mike Castleberry, the VMSC president. Life, and racing, are already full of enough obstacles without adding an extra one.

The VMSC had gone four months between parking lot races. So you put your best face forward, diligently police the area and stop the races—for five minutes Sunday—to send out a search party to make certain no pot holes are being gouged.

ONE SPECTATOR suggested to Castleberry that gas shortage might be responsible for the parking lot shortage. A guy who oversees a department store or shopping center parking lot might develop a mental block to having parties spend their Sundays consuming gas by scrambling around their lots. Why, it might look unpatriotic.

Castleberry said no, very thoughtfully. Maybe, he said, noise was the prime reason. There had been a lot "on the South Side... Neighbors complained...and they didn't live that close." Said by Castleberry with incredulity.

Now, as for gas. People who have anything to do with racing are very defensive about it. They see a way of life endangered. They hold hands over ears, for fear of hearing an energy conservation proposal that would forbid racing.

"If you talked about one of our rallies...100 miles or so... you could talk about gas..." Castleberry said. "But how much gas do you use running a few miles on a parking lot? A thimbleful...two or three gallons."

NONE OF THE cars ran out of gas, and the day had to be counted as a success in other ways, too. More than 60 drivers competed, and the cancer society's share of entry fees topped \$200. It sold more than 500 cans of soft drinks. Late in the afternoon a man from Carousel paid a call and spoke brightly of a return engagement.

It must be taken on faith that all drivers achieved fulfillment. Is it proper to ask what brought them to the parking lot to run through the figure 8s and around the pylons? Is some Mittyism involved?

From behind the wheel is the parking lot instantly transformed into Indianapolis or Monte Carlo? A few took turns with the bravado of racing drivers. Some screeched tires, with much force and purpose. And some drove rather gingerly, as they might on an interstate, which, on Sunday, can be an obstacle course, too.

"I suppose a few may be working off hostilities..." Castleberry said. "It does keep them off Riverside Drive."

ALL THE ROOM IN THE WORLD AND



SOMEONE BLOCKS YOU IN...



AND GOD SAID... LET
THERE BE AN AUTOCROSS
..... BRAD



AIN'T A DAMN THING AROUND
HERE WORTH WATCHING!
..... CHUCK



..... ANON, BUT NOT FOR LONG.
..... WE HOPE

ONE TRANSMISSION, TWO
TRANSMISSION, THREE TRANS-
MISSION, FOUR. BIG DEAL
TOM TRIED IN FIRST AND
BROKE THAT, CHRIS TRIED
SECOND AND BROKE THAT,
LEWIS TRIED THIRD AND
BROKE THAT, THANKS FOR
LEAVING ME FOURTH
GEAR FELLAS.

..... NEALE





SAY NEALE, YOU BEEN
HAVING PROBLEMS?
..... JOHN



TOM STANLEY — F. T. D.



HOPE TO SEE MORE OF THIS BABY —
PROVIDED HE CLEANS OUT HIS
FUEL LINE.



DID I PUT THIS MESS TOGETHER?
..... BOOKIE



LOOKS LIKE A PROSPECT FOR
YOUR USED RECAPS, BILL.



FRED DECIDES TO TAKE TURN ON
THE INSIDE. NOTICE LACK OF LEAN.
WAY TO LOWER IT FRED?

1973

THALHIMER BROTHERS
INC.
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

October 12, 1973

JOHN W. JAMES, JR.
ASSISTANT CONTROLLER

Virginia Motor Sports Car Club, Inc.
% Mr. J. L. Parsley, Jr.
6793 Dartmouth Road
Richmond, Virginia 23226

Dear Friends:

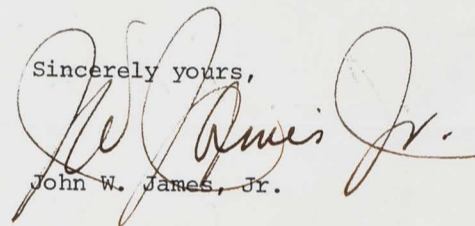
I want to express my appreciation and that of The Explorers of the Robert E. Lee Council to the Virginia Motor Sports Club, Inc. for conducting our Road Rally in the spring. My Son, Johnny, and Kirk Cordell especially asked that I express their appreciation to you for making their trip to Detroit possible.

I am enclosing a copy of the writeup that appeared in the paper on Friday, September 28, 1973, regarding the boys' winning 8th Place in Detroit. I am sorry that they referred to you as the "Virginia Motor Sportsmen's Club" instead of by the correct name. I am also enclosing a copy of the notice I sent to the newspaper before the Rally was run. I am sorry to say but they did not give us but about one inch of space at that time.

We appreciate your help with the Road Rally and hope that you will be able to sponsor the Explorer Road Rally again next year, perhaps in conjunction with one of your own Road Rallies.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely yours,



John W. James, Jr.

JWJjr/ehs
Encl.

Followup on the EXPLORER RALLY

Young Virginians
THE RICHMOND NEWS LEADER
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2 U.Va. Sophomores Score in Road Rally

Two University of Virginia sophomores from Richmond have placed eighth in a field of 49 at the Exploring Grand National Safe-Driving Road Rally in Detroit.

John W. James III, 18, and Kirk A. Cordell, 19, represented Virginia in the competition last weekend, which was sponsored by the Lincoln-Mercury Division of the Ford Motor Company and the Boy Scouts of America. They are members of Explorers Post 443, sponsored by First Baptist Church.

Contestants in the seven-hour rally followed a set of instructions designed to bring them to checkpoints on a 125-mile course at a specific time. At certain landmarks, for example, they were instructed to increase their speed by two miles an hour until they passed another marker.

A one-point penalty was assessed for each minute they were early or late in passing each checkpoint. James, the driver, and Cordell, the navigator, had a score of eight for the approximately 12 checkpoints.

The winning team was from Washington, D.C.

The two Richmonders were chosen to represent the state after they won the local contest sponsored by the Virginia Motor Sportsmen's Club. They received an expense-paid trip to Detroit and which included a tour of the Ford Museum in Dearfield.

This was Cordell's second year in the rally. He finished on the third-place team last year. He and James are 1972 graduates of Douglas Freeman High School.

Prickly Heat Autocross



CORVAIR SPECIAL



1960 CORVAIR, LEWIS PARSLEY UP



SPECTATORS



SCOTT MARTIN'S LATE MODEL



CHRIS YOUNG NOW IN THE 1960

CHEVROLET SURE MADE SOME GOOD AUTOCROSS CARS, HUM?

MOONSHINE TRAIL RALLY

1973

Dr. O. P. ... local
developer.



Fred DeBardleben ...



and Mike Castleberry in his new Honda
approaching V1 (or 3) and the low-visibility R.R. tracks



They are a little low, at that



You don't say!



Is this where I come to buy Orioles, Lewis?



Finally through - now for the party



Well, most of them got here.



← No, Fred, Doc Wagner doesn't win all the rallies he enters.

Beth Castleberry & Wilt Greenwood discuss turns of events & such.



They found different things to do at Mr. Parsley's farm ...



but mostly they just sat around. (wondering how to get home?)

THE KANAWHA RUN AUTOCROSS



"DID YOU SEE THAT?"
"NO, DAD, I WAS LOOKING AT THE CARS."



SPECTATORS



"FIRST RIGHT THEN SPEED UP, THEN STAND
ON THE BRAKES, THEN RIGHT, THEN BUMP..."



THE WELL USED CORVAIR



"OH, SO THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT"

"KEEP IT TO THE LEFT" AUTOCROSS



NEWS AT THALHIMERS

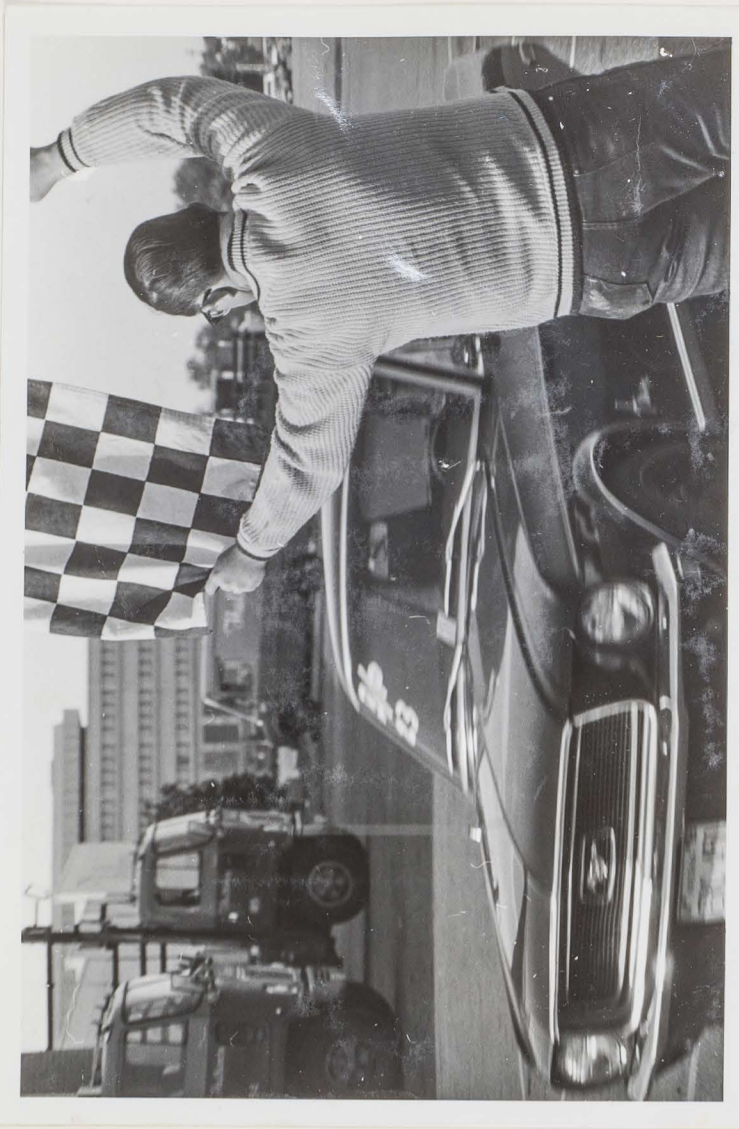


A SALUTE TO THE VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE MONTH, The Old Dominion Volunteer League, presented by Thalhimers, Richmond Development and Housing Authority, and the Volunteer Service Bureau-Voluntary Action Center. Standing in photograph above: Mrs. Johnnie Fleming, President; Mrs. Joan Corbett, Treasurer. Seated: Mrs. Deloris Robinson, Secretary; Mrs. Sylvia Phillips, Vice-President. The League was organized in September, 1970, and there are now 13 women working for the betterment of the larger Richmond community. In 1973 the League was runner-up for the Elizabeth B. Gribble Award for its work at the Creighton Court Housing Development. Members meet there for an hour each week, with approximately 25 pre-school children, in an attempt to encourage a positive attitude toward education. They also expose them to social graces and the broader community through field trips and holiday parties. Other projects include services to the Richmond Public Schools and Richmond Community Hospital.

RICHMOND DAY, and our Downtown store opens at 9:30, tomorrow only. Find the best buys for your family and home at Thalhimers, all around the town!

AUTOCROSS! The public is invited to the Virginia Motor Sport Club's Autocross, "Keep it to the Left", on Sunday, Nov. 11 at Thalhimers Westmoreland (north parking lot). This is a test of driver skill in maneuvering a car along a course marked by pylons. All types of cars may participate after completing a safety inspection. Registration starts at 9 a.m., first car runs at 10 a.m.

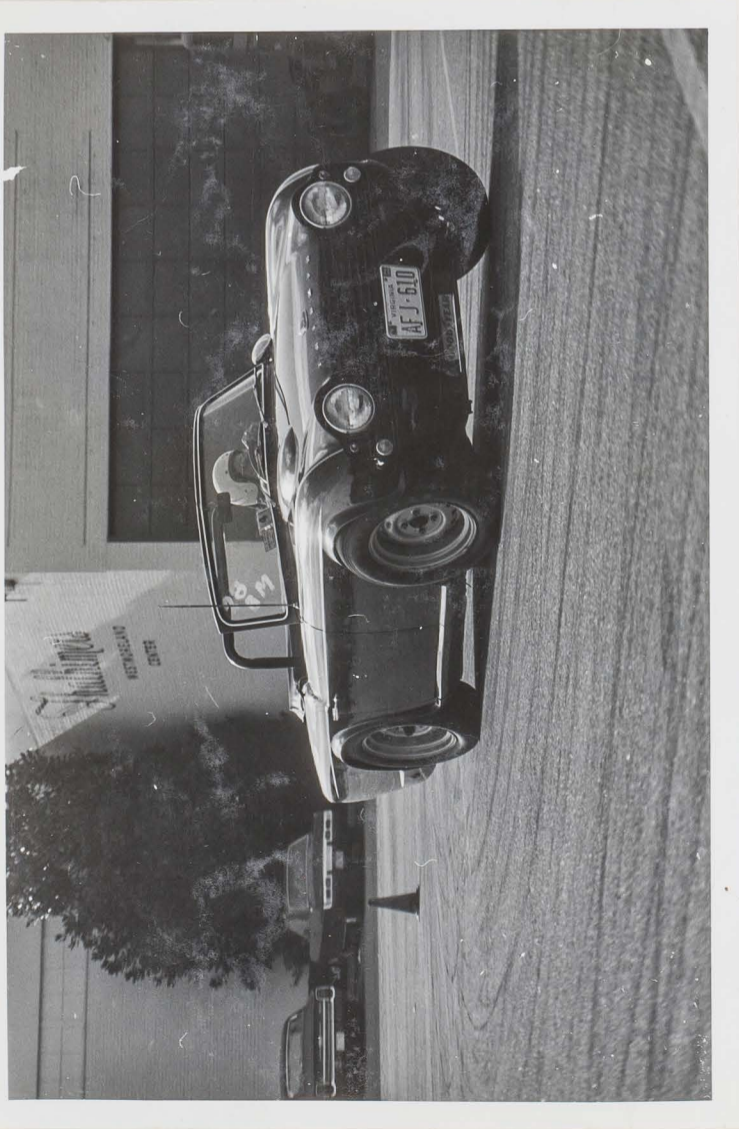
DONOR LUNCHEON be held by the Auxiliary of Beth Shalom, 12 n on Thursday, Nov. 8 Temple Beth-El, Grove Avenue. Proceeds to fit the occupational therapy department Beth Shalom Home senior citizens).



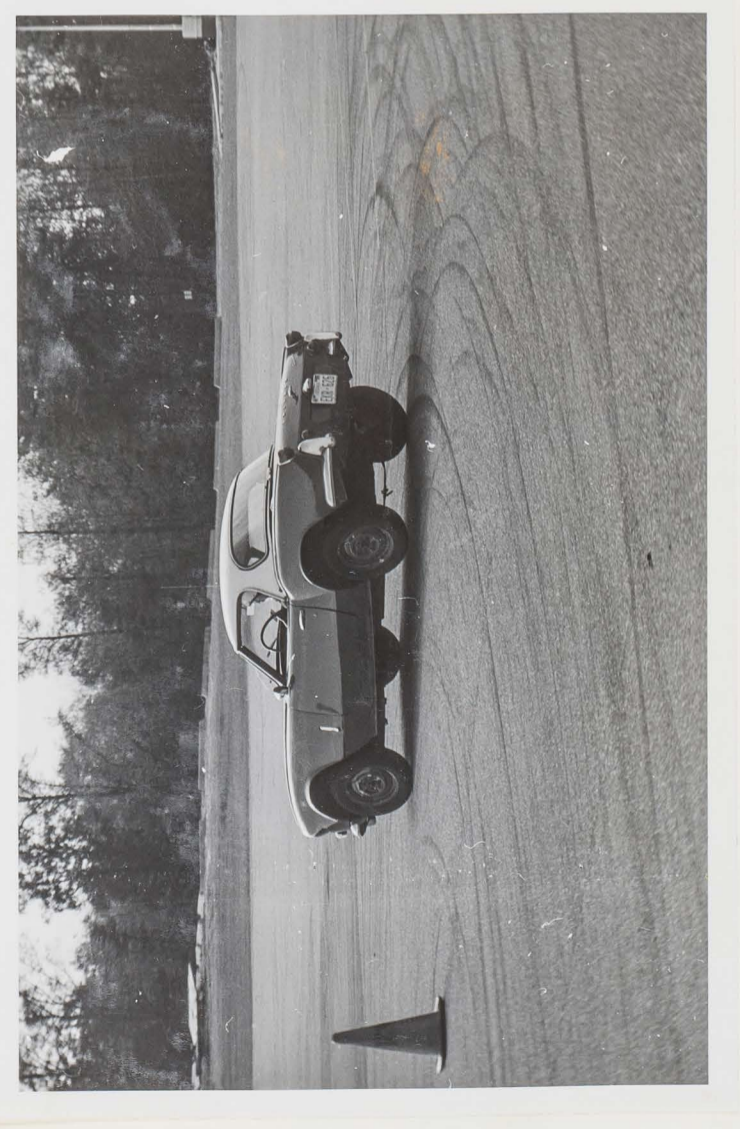
NEALE DICKINSON REALLY FLAGGED



NO, YOU KEEP THIS ONE TO YOUR LEFT. IGNORE THAT ONE



JOHN BERGERON



A SPITFIRE DOING ITS USUAL THING

CASTLEBERRY'S
DENOUMENT II RALLY
DECEMBER 1973

1973



HOELZEL LOOKING FOWARD TO THE RALLY —



— WHILE OTHERS ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT.



WELL SO WHAT? I THINK IT'S CLEAN.