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Allan Rennie and Joe Crenshaw combined their ingenuity and came up with a most successful Gymkhana on

September 16th .

The setting was the spacious parking lot at Willow Lawn Shopping Center and some 28 cars showed up for competition. Scores of spectators cheered, TV cameras rolled and newspaper photographers snapped away as Gerry Boehling and Ken Moore, in Boehling's MG (supercharged by Judson) cornered and broadsided to an overall victory.

Spectators and participants thoroughly enjoyed the Gymkhana, VMSC's first in the past two years. Includ- out for the 20 participating cars... ed in the day's fun were the "Circle Herewith are results and penalties: of Rope, ""Balls in Buckets, ""Spears and Balloons", a Serpentine course and a special event in which two cars taped together careened through

the pylons.

This event was taken by Fan Cox, one of our newest members, and Bob Walker, in their "twin" Renaults.

The excellent newspaper and TV coverage is an indication of the increased interest in sports car events!

Complete results of the Gymkhana will be found on another page.

ROANOKE RENEWS ACTIVITIES

Sports car owners and enthusiasts in the Roanoke area met September 16 for the purpose of reorganizing that chapter of VMSC.

It has been some time since any word of activity has come from that section of the Old Dominion and we

are most happy to extend a hearty

"Welcome Back" to the Star City.
Tom Wright, of WSLS-TV, visited
Richmond the latter part of September and gathered up information to assist in the reorganization. There are approximately 40 prospective VMSC members in and around Roanoke.

Their first Rallye was held on Sunday, September 23. Results have not reached CHECKPOINTS in time for publication, but we hope it was a great

success!

RENNIE and PETTIT are ON THE BALL" WINNERS

It looked like a family conspiracy on September 20th when Allen Rennie and Bill Pettit walked away with 1st place in the "On the Ball" Rallye laid out by Tom Rennie and Bob Walker!

'Twas quite a tour these boys mapped

lst	A. Rennie & Pettit	19
2nd	Charlie & Sandy Armstrong	21
3rd	Smither & Smither	24
4th	Finnegan & Rosenbaum	28
5th	Lewis & Payne	34
6th	Fusco & Wood	38
7th	Remick & Moore	46
8th	Kessler & Branner	53
9th	Giles & Giles	65
10th	Boehling & Applewhite	69
llth	Cox & Dennison	78
12th	John Mayo & Mrs. Mayo	112
13th	Bob Mayo & Thomas	114
14th	F. Norton & Kay Weaver	121

A state-wide alarm has been put out for Batcheller & Bowers, the Pendletons, Johnson & Baggett, Einstein, Lt. Gluck, and Charlie Weber, all of whom never showed up at the final checkpoint...no doubt they're still out in the country counting CHURCH WINDOWS!



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OCT. 18th REGULAR MEETING OCT. 31st HALLOWEEN RALLYE NOV. 3-4 OLD DOMINION RALLYE NOV. 15th REGULAR MEETING DEC. 15th CHRISTMAS RALLYE DEC. 20th REGULAR MEETING JAN. 5th ANNUAL BANQUET

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VMSC orders NEW BADGES

Within the next sixty days, VMSC members will be able to sport a new. and much sturdier badge on their autos...the new badges, due to be delivered around December 1st from Benmatt Organization in California. are chrome plated with red and blue enamel background.

The badge has retained the original VMSC emblem in the center, while the overall design has been changed from a circle to a shield.

This is a club badge we can be proud of ... on a par with many heavy European badges. They will be available for a paltry \$2, so reserve a space on your badge bar now!!

"LESS HORSEPOWER-MORE MILEAGE"

says Richmond News-Leader

(Below are exerps from an editorial in a recent issue of the Richmond News-Leader:)

"The great race for horsepower may be just about over, and a new sweepstakes begun in the field of fuel economy. So.. reports.. the Wall Street Journal ..

"..added horsepower and swifter accelleration have been achieved .. at the expense of fuel economy. One of the 'Big Three' lower-priced cars, for example, averaged 12.7 miles per gallon in stop-and-go driving in 1956, as compared with 15 in 1955. A middle priced car of wide popularity went down from 14.5 miles a gallon to 12.1 in city traffic.

"While the fuel economy of American cars has been steadily decreasing, the attractiveness of small foreign cars with their much greater economy has

increased.

"Still another factor has been introduced -- safety. The National Safety Council has charged that American manufacturers have been overselling speed. The constant emphasis on high horsepower and getaway performance is a psychological menace..It encourages recklessness and causes accidents.

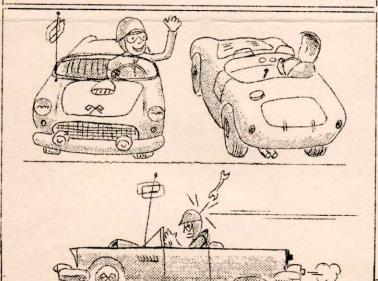
"The American automobile industry may be taking a bear by the tail when it begins to focus attention on fuel economy rather than speed..how can any of the large American cars compete with foreign imports? Of the various foreign cars sold by three Richmond dealers, Remault averages over 40 miles per gallon, Morris between 35 & 40, Volkswagen and Volvo about 34, Hillman about 30, and the Austin, MG, Austin-Healey and Triumph all over 25 miles a gallon each. No American car can equal these performances.

"So if the advertising campaigns of American manufacturers go too far in persuading Americans that fuel economy is paramount, it may turn out that merican manufacturers will have to design automobiles on the smaller European model. 'Low-priced' cars may then become low-priced cars once more."

GYMKHANA RESULTS

9-16-56

	3 10-30	
Pos.	Driver & Co-Driver	Penalty
lst	Boehling & K. Moore	227
2nd	Giles & Giles	237
3rd	Fine & Bookman	240
4th	Duncan & Stancil	241
5th	Payne & Lyman	243
6th	Einstein & Politis	245
7th	Norton & Norton	248
8th	Lewis & Cox	254
9th	McClintic & T. Moore	255
10th	Wright & Toepffer	259
llth	Kessler & Branner	260
12th	Pettit & Wood	263
13th	Clark & T. Rennie	275
14th	T. Rennie & Rosenbaum	280
15th	Batcheller & Bowers	283
16th	Johnson & Baggett	299
17th	Remick & B. Moore	303
18th	R. Mayo & Thomas	305
19th	Gregory & Gregory Walker & Weaver	313
20th		318
21st	Harrington & Hawthorne	321
22nd	Elliott & Burruss	323
23rd	Cox and Lewis	342
24th	Bowers & Bowers	367
25th	Elliott & Hudson	376
26th	Armstrong & Armstrong	377
27th	Weber & Weber & Weber	
28th	Wood & Wood	519
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If you're a "joiner" and like to add badge after badge to your car, BADGE BAR JOURNAL suggests these clubs:

SPGS - Society for the Preservation of Gear Shifting

CCUBTMC - Council for the Care of Unfortunates Blinded by Too Much Chrome

CCDO - Committee to Cut Down Overhang

APBH - Association of Push-Button Haters

BBB - Brotherhood of Behemoth Baiters

LCHC - Let's Cut 'em in Half Club

NEW MEMBERS at SEPTEMBER MEETING

Still more new members poured in for the September meeting on the night of the 20th. VMSC membership in Richmond alone will soon top the 100 mark...and who knows how high it will go when all the Roanoke members get signed up!!

A TV film strip, all of 30 seconds long, taken at the Gymkhana, was shown...in slow motion, of course. Bill Giles in his big straw hat dominated at least 10 seconds of the film.

The Old Dominion Rallye was discussed, as were the new badges.

The meeting was turned over to Bob Walker and Tom Rennie who sent all the cars on their merry way to the Atlantic Rural Exposition Grounds, which was the starting point for the "Get On the Ball" Rallye.

CLUTCH CHATTER

ALAN FINE is getting to be an old hand at Gymkhanas..won the P.O.A. Gymkhana and took 3rd place in ours!

BOB MAYO back in the fold...brought his brother, JOHN, too...glad to have the Mayo Brothers...now we can open our own clinic...

(Not exactly MOTOR sports...but)we were asked to announce the Organizational meeting of the Richmond Ski Club, Oct.16th,8 pm, at 3806 Dover Road. Richmond.

Interesting signs: At an Illinois RR
crossing: The average time it takes
a train to pass this crossing is 14
seconds...whether your car is on it
or not!

MOTOR TREND MAGAZINE has requested to be put on the mailing list for CHECKPOINTS!

We Recommend more GYMKHANAS for ED WOOD...they're such good exercise!

BATCHELLERS CORNER

(Continued from Sept. CHECKPOINTS... replacement parts for Jaguar XK120.)

RINGS: Perfect Circle 80051 Hastings 5782

WRIST PINS: Studebaker Commander CLUTCH: Plate; Olds or Buick '41 Throwout; '41 Pontiac or Federal 1146

> Pressure Plate; '41 Buick Super, '39-'40 Olds

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MILTON ROAD COURSE

The North Carolina Region of the Sports Car Club of America announces its first event at the MILTON ROAD COURSE (Milton, N. C., just east of Danville, Virginia) to be held on Sunday, October 21st. The Chief, Paddock and Pit Stewards, as well as Flag and Safety Marshalls are requesting assistance from other club members who plan to attend. Drop a note, if you're interested, to: SCCA, North Carolina Region 234 Commerce Place

Greensboro, North Carolina

2nd ANNUAL OLD DOMINION RALLYE Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3 & 4

You are invited to the biggest Virginia Sports Car Rallye of the year. The Virginia Motor Sport Club, in cooperation with the Peninsula Sport Car Club and the Tidewater Sports Car Club, is looking forward to welcoming you to the "2nd Annual OLD DOMINION RALLYE."

A wonderful weekend has been planned for all...rendezvous at the Williamsburg Shopping Center (Route 60) in historic Williamsburg, Virginia on Saturday morning, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. (first car leaves at 10:00), Motor by scenic roads to Nags Head, North Carolina for dinner and a big ball with an overnite stay at the Carolinian Hotel; depart from Nags Head on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. and return to Williamsburg for a Rallye Party Sunday evening.

Your entry fee will cover all necessary rallye information and planning, dinner Saturday evening at the Carolinian, room with private bath, breakfast Sunday morning and trophies. Due to the limited reservations available at the lovely Carolinian Hotel, we must hold entries to the first fifty (50) cars. Rates are \$10.00 per person for everything (except gas and Sunday evening meal) for all double room reservations. (\$20 per couple,) and \$11.00 per person for those desiring single rooms.

Starting numbers will be assigned as entries are received. No maps will be furnished; bring your own. Club and Marque team entries will be accepted only with advance registration and only by giving complete details listed below.

If additional cars can be accepted Rallye Day, a \$2.00 penalty will be charged.

- OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK -

OLD DOMINION RALLYE Virginia Motor Sport Club November 3-4, 1956

No	vember 3-4, 1956							
DRIVERNAVIGATOR	ADDRESSADDRESS							
MAKE of CAR	CLUB							
Please find\$ enclosed:\$	20.00 for entry fee, meals 22.00 for entry fee, meals	s & lodging (Double) s & lodging (2 Singles)						
(If you plan to share 2 double rooms with another couple, check here								
IF TEAM OR MARQUE ENTRY, LIST ALL THREE ENTRIES (limited to 3)								
1st car	club	driver						
2nd car	club	driver						
3rd car	club	driver						
Team entry is CLUB	MARQUE							
Mail all entries to: Jack D. Lewis, President VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB								

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TOP 20... 1956 POINT STANDINGS

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		following point standings		14th	Buck Cavedo	168
	the 1956 "Rallye Year" were compiled		15th	Keith Gallant	140%	
				16th	Bill Giles, Jr.	128%
		mber 20th:		17th	Bob Mayo	116%
9				18th	Bill Olmstead	110
THE PERSON NAMED IN	lst	Jack Lewis	690%		Bill Giles, Sr.	107%
		John Kessler			Virginia Harding	104%
Spirit.		Alan Fine	461%			104/2
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		Bill Harding			th 13 feminine members	
Sept 1	6th	Merton Rosenbaum	309		e roll, here are their	"TOP 5"
1	7th	Robert Walker	300	Stand	ings:	
1	8th	Happy Batcheller	295%	lst	Virginia Harding	104%
	9th	Ed Remick	276%	2nd	Kay Weaver	88%
	10th	Bob Moore	252		Fan Cox	63
	llth	Allen Rennie	236		Frances Norton	50%
	12th	Ken Payne	204%		Suzanne Branner	44
	13th	Charlie Armstrong	179	5011	odzamie branner	
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