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FINNEGAN & APPLEWHITE, COX & BAGGETT, FIND "RESTFUL RALLYE" RESTFUL!

The regular meeting of VMSC was held Thurs., Oct. 18th, with an excellent turnout. Carroll Toepffer showed a colored movie taken at the last two Marlboro races. Many thanks to Carroll, who is a new member, for entertaining us with these films!

Joe Crenshaw and Allen Rennie took over for the "RESTFUL (?) RALLYE"... which had a new twist. Cars were divided up into teams and sent off in opposite directions. The object was for the two to meet at a half-way checkpoint.

Some unscheduled fog slowed up the arrivals considerably...but they did show up eventually in the following

order:

lst	Finnegan & Applewhite Baggett & Cox
2nd	Rollins & T. Rennie Clark & Clark
3rd	Lewis & Walker Fine & McClintic
4th	Payne & Zehmer Batcheller & Rosenbaum
5th	Gregory & Gregory Pettit & ?
6th	Mayo & Thomas Armstrong & Armstrong
7th	Fusco & Bowers Jett & Jett
8th	Rogers & Green Norton & Norton
9th	Johnson & Johnson Marion & ?
10th	Schiff & Schiff Bryan & Fraoili
11th	Smither & Smither Giles & Giles



GREETINGS TO NEW MEMBERS

Below is a partial list of our newest VMSC members. We say "partial" because they're coming in thick and fast! Some have joined since Checkpoints went to press, but to these newcomers, and those whose names we have missed, the Club extends a hearty welcome!!!

Bill and Margie Smither Fan Cox Lt. Arthur Frederick S. Dørsey Sydnor Edgar A. Jett, II Catherine E. Jett "Chuck" Jett Suzanne Branner Joseph F. Gregory Arthur W. Einstein Frederick and Marilyn Johnson Leroy Pearlman Jay Rose Irving S. Schiff Charles P. Weber Dr. Douglas Rucker E. Neil Rogers George Patteson, III Carroll Toepffer Charles Smith Wade and Frances Norton Mary Byrd Tignor

HELPFUL HINTS IN RALLY PLANNING

by Allen Fine

The Club has had an increase in members lately and knowing that most of them have never set up a rally before, certain things should be brought to their attention, as well as to the members who missed the meeting nite when a discussion was held on rally procedures.

It is the concensus of the members that dirt roads can be avoided 99% of the time. There are times when a dirt

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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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Toothpaste that advertises "TRIUMPH OVER TOOTH DECAY" must contain that new secret ingredient: TR-3!

Tom Rennie really chickened-out on the Old Dominion Rallye! Had his appendix taken out! We hope that by the time he reads Checkpoints he'll be back in the swing of things...

AMIDST the ROAR of ENGINES we hear wedding bells! The engagement of Margaret Thomas to Bob Mayo was spotted in the newspaper a few days ago. Our congratulations to both. When they take those "For better or for worse" vows, we suggest they bear in mind sport car rallies, too!

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RALLYE!!

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BATCHELLERS CORNER by "Hap"

This month's issue concludes replacement parts for the Jag.XK-120. If you have information to pass onto other car owners, please send it in. We're depending on you!

Flasher: Tung-Sol 241D

To use 6 volt radio use 1 ohm 75 watt resistor...Rebuilt batteries can be purchased from Southern Battery, Inc. Richmond, approx.\$9. They also have a direct replacement for MkVII & MG.

Bulbs: Tail Light; GE 1016 Park Light; GE 93

Lic. Plate; GE 67 Dash Light; DE 57

Distributor Parts:

Points; Echlin C5201 Niehoff Lul-2

Rotor; Echlin PT 1005 Condenser; Echlin PT303, EP 22 Cap; Echlin PT4007 (These for emergency only)

Generator: Brushes; Echlin E402 Bearings; Precision 203TF Fafner 202K

Fuses: Buss SFE-20
Starter: Brushes; Echlin E500
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HELPFUL HINTS - Con't.

road is absolutely necessary and may then be used. We would also like to avoid US and State highways as much as possible due to traffic encountered. The Dept. of Hwys. has county maps showing all secondary roads. These are very helpful in laying out a proposed route, and also helpful when competing.

In any event where time and distance is involved, at least a 10-mile odometer check for the competing cars is necessary. The variance of odo - meters is known to all, and the only way a car can make corrections is by this method. With this in mind, only one car should be used in setting

up mileage checks.

Exactly 10 miles is not necessary but it should be pointed out that certain German cars owned by club members do not have 1/10's on the odometers.

Four checkpoint signs owned by the club are available and after each rally it is the responsibility of the Rally Master to return them to Tran Sport Sales. Secondly the Checkpoint area should be large enough for at least 3 cars to completely pull off the road. It is also adviseable to have 2 persons manning an "open" checkpoint.

Normally, when a car is in sight of the checker and the wheels stop, it

is officially checked in.

The instruction sheet should have a place for driver and navigator's names, addresses, make of car and necessary instructions, depending on the type of rally. The method of timing should be stated. That is, whether the time is cumulative or separate for each leg. Separate times are adviseable as slow times on a cumulative basis makes for higher speeds on the next leg, and this we want to avoid. The average speeds should be written to prevent misunderstandings and always a word about SAFETY is worthy especially if a law officer stops someone to find out what is going on!

There are 4 stopwatches that belong to the club and are the offical timers. All other clocks are unoff-cial. As of 10/10/56 the clocks were

checked and there is less than 30 seconds variance over a 24-hour period between all watches! These are to be returned to Allen Fine by the Rally Master after each rally. We have agreed on a 30-second basis of time which will be explained to anyone on receiving the watches.

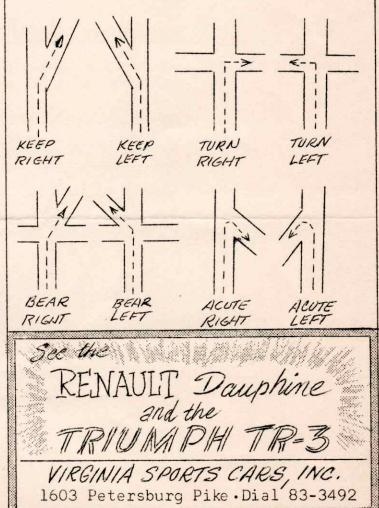
Sealed notices showing where the Rally ends should be provided as they don't always end at the starting point. When a car gets lost, the entrants would like to be on hand at the finish to see who didn't get

lost.

Methods of setting up a rally are varied and new ideas are always welcomed, so use your imagination.

It is highly adviseable that starting, finishing, and checkpoints are located away from congested or residential areas.

Below is an explanation of turns which are commonly used in rally instructions:



RALLYE OF A LIFETIME.

In cooperation with the Triumph Sports Owners Assn., and in appreciation of your support over the many years we have been in business, Tran-Sport Sales is going to assist in making the "Dream Rally" come true.

Here are the latest details. On May 3 depart N.Y. on chartered Stratocruiser. Participants will have their new, (but carefully run-in) TR-3's delivered to them in London.

Here is your chance to tour Europe at an extremely low price with all details worked out for you. The sporting holiday starts at London. A boat trip to Calais and the fun is on! Two thousand miles of fascinating driving in fourteen days through six different countries, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Austria and Germany, and led by one of the Triumph team's crack drivers.

Although this is a touring event and not competitive, the route will pass over many of those very roads and driving in the Monte Carlo & Alpine.

Apart from the first class motoring, there is the gaiety of Brussels, the quiet charm of Zurich, winter sports near Geneva, the historic beauty of Innsbruck, the old world revelry in Vienna and the...well, Paris. In Geneva you will be able to see the world famous Salon Automobile deGeneve.

In every city accomodations will be reserved at the best hotels, and a mobile Standard-Triumph service station will be on hand for any emergency. An experienced courier will also be there to answer you questions on road conditions, food, wine, places of interest, night spots.

Tran-Sport will handle the details of procurement on the "Special Marque" TR-3's as well as all other arrangements. Every facility, including the car, will be at no profit to Tran-Sport. Arrangements for setting up a finance program for the whole affair are being explored. All information concerning car cost is available for the asking.

FACILITIES PROVIDED INCLUDE:

1. All necessary documentation.

2. Return shipment of car and passengers across the English Channel.

First-class hotel accommodations. which in most cases includes meals. 4. Gratuities to hotel servants, and government and local taxes.

5. Sightseeing tours in Vienna, Paris and London.

6. TSOA Rally Number Plagues.

7. Advice bulletins on all matters concerning currency, continental driving conditions, clothing, food, wines, etc.

8. Road maps, detailed itineraries,

and town plans.

9. Service of a linguist courier. 10. Service of a Triumph service technician, with service and baggage vehicle.

ll.Misc.receptions and entertainment.

- RALLY COST PER PERSON -

Two people travelling in one car, using return sea transport: \$242. per person. One person travelling in one car, using return sea transport: \$264. per person. mountains which call for such skilled Transatlantic fare: \$295. per person. Special booking forms will be forwarded to you within the next few weeks confirming your reservations for the Rally. These must be returned to Tran-Sport by Nov. 20 with your check in the amount of \$150. Of this amount \$100 will be applied against your air fare, \$50 against the cost of the rally. The deposits mentioned above are "per person" deposits.

> Do not order your car until notified. Special order blanks will be sent to you for this purpose. You will then contact us to order your car.

All checks must be made to the order of Triumph Sports Owners Association. Each Rally participant must be a member of TSOA. If you are not a member, an application form will be sent which you must fill out and return to this office with a check for \$2. This is your permanent registration

A number of applications have been made. We may be limited as to the humber we can accomodate. Let's get a happy group and GO-GO-GO!

TOP 30 ... 1956 POINT STANDINGS

...the following point standings for the 1956 "Rallye Year" were compiled thru the "Restful (?) Rallye" of October 18th.

lst	Jack Lewis	702%
2nd	John Kessler	617
3rd	Allen Fine	473%
4th	Tom Rennie	460%
5th	Bill Harding	429%
6th	Merton Rosenbaum	317
7th	Robert Walker	312
8th	Happy Batcheller	303½
9th	Ed Remick	2761/2
10th	Bob Moore	252
llth	Allen Rennie	248
12th	Ken Payne	212%
13th	Charlie Armstrong	183

14th	Buck Cavedo	168
15th	Harold Applewhite	142%
	Keith Gallant	140%
17th	Jack Finnegan	140
18th	Bill Giles, Jr.	130%
19th	Robert Mayo	120%
20th	Joe Crenshaw	113

"LADIES LEAGUE"

With 13 feminine members on the active roll, here are their "TOP 5" Standings:
1st Virginia Harding 104½
2nd Fan Cox 103
3rd Kay Weaver 88½

52%

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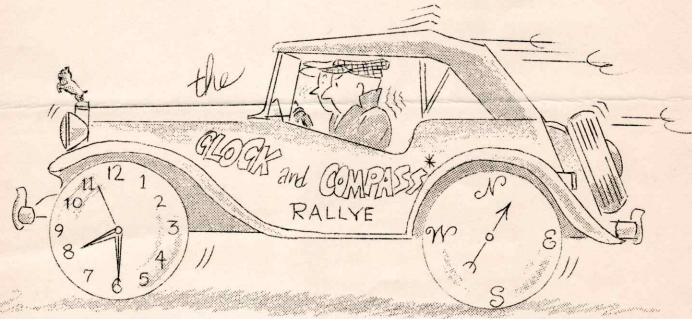
4th Frances Norton

5th Suzanne Branner

BE ON TIME FOR NOW. 15 REGULAR MEETING!

(TRAN. SPORT 7:30 PM)

FOLLOWING BRIEF BUSINESS SESSION, WE WILL MOVE ON TO



LEAVING FROM ESSO BLDG, PARKING LOT (3700 BLOCK W. BROAD) at 8:30 PM.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE COMPASS, YOU MAY STILL "COMPETE"