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PATTERSON & WINSLOW WIN LEGENDARY RALLYE

Tom and Beulah Pendleton and Bob Cook staged this event on the 11th beginning at Chesterfield Court House and ending at the Pendletons for plenty of beer and good food! Results: Many confused people, but a delightful dinner!

Many thanks to the Pendletons and Cooks for this pleasant finale:

The more fortunate persons who completed the rallye did so in this order:

- 1 Patteson & Winslow
- 2 Lewis & Tignor
- 3 Trevvett & Trevvett
- 4 D. Gunn & B. Moore
- 5 K. Weaver & Pettit
- 6 Finnegan & F. Norton
- 7 C. Armstrong & Sandra Armstrong
- 8 J. Crenshaw & C. Crenshaw
- 9 E. Kitts & Mrs, Lin Winslow
- 10 A. Rennie & K. Gallant
- ll W. Fitch & Maher
- 12 Larus & T. Smith
- 13 Applewhite & Applewhite Kessler & Branner (DNF)
 - T. Rennie & E. Rennie (DNF)
 - J. Powell & Vi Powell (DNF)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Here is your new Board of Directors for 1957:

Lester G. Baggett
J. P. Crenshaw
Allen B. Fine
William C. Harding
Wade A. Norton
Thomas Pendleton
Douglas P. Rucker
A. E. Wright, Jr.

MEETING & NOVICE

Sixty-two persons attended the May meeting held on the 16th at The Esso Building.

Permanent car numbers were given out to members in accordance with last year's point standings.

John Kessler was awarded the new perpetual "Hard Luck Trophy" for sacrificing the front of his car in a battle between Detroit and foreign car manufacturers.

The suggestion has been made that VMSC build a clubhouse. One-half acre of land near Hanover Court House has been offered the Club by one member, and another has offered to draw up rough plans.

Cost of this project, at this point, is vague.

The meeting was adjourned and Bob Mayo and Charlie Armstrong took over for the Novice Rallye, results as follows:

OVERALL

NOVICE POSITION

エント	Jett d Jett	
2nd	McClees & Gunter 2nd	
3rd	Clarke & Kornbaugh	
4th	Norton & Baggett	
5th	W. Powell & Powell 3rd	
6th	Batcheller & Pettit	
7th	Bowers & Harrington	

Cato & T. Rennie

9th B Woodson & Woodson

1st Tott & Tott

Payne (DNF)

Patterson & Patterson (DNF)

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EDITORIAL

There have been many discussions in the past few months at regular meetings and Board meetings regarding club-sponsored projects. How will we spend the Club's money to get the best possible results? One of these proposals was for a racing car to be bought and raced by VMSC. That was overruled eventually, when too many members felt that it was an outlay of Club money from which only a few would benefit.

At the last regular meeting a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of purchasing a field wagon. We also discussed a clubhouse for VMSC.

The staff of CHECKPOINTS feels that the purchase of a mimeograph machine and typewriter would be a worth-while investment for VMSC...from which everyone would benefit.

Since the beginning of CHECKPOINTS one of our members has been generous enough to offer the use of his equipment. However, the growth of the Club has increased the need for Club-owned duplicating equipment for the purpose of preparing rallye instructions, "poop" sheets, etc., as well as for CHECKPOINTS.

With our tremendous membership, we should easily be able to find some central location to keep this equipment.

We would like to have the views of the membership on this.

TIPS ON RALLYE RUNNING

Your contributions are most welcome!

It helps if rallye organizers would give a hint as to scoring, so that you can either forget some of the questions or the average speed. It very often becomes necessary to put emphasis on one or the other and if you only knew which, it would help.

In the little old "Dixie-Mix" box of John Kessler is a marking device that has transparent ink in a felt wick. It really does help in marking those county maps.

"Rallies, Trials and Gymkhanas" is the best and probably most expensive of books about the art. Some of the chapters have real meat on the bone and should help you in laying out the unusual one.

Mert Rosenbaum had a pretty good plan on the short night rallies after meetings - he said he let the average speed go and tried to follow the route and answer the questions - most of us have to do that, anyway.

Rallye organizers - please get the questions restricted to the point where there can be one answer. It's very discouraging to come up with an equally good answer because of a choice and then have it counted wrong.

Why not go out and see if your trip odometer is one of those that will back off the mileage when you run in reverse. You should know because some cars even continue to add it on. Also check to see if you can subtract 10 miles by unwinding the set stem.

How about posting a list on some bulletin board to let the members have a pre-rallye place to indicate their intention of running and if they are interested in locating a driver or navigator. This could eliminate the last minute confusion at the start.

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CHURRY CHARTER

Best wishes to Bill Cato for a speedy recovery. Bill had the misfortune of winding up in the Cumberland Hospital instead of at the race track...the result of a collision on the way up. We're looking forward to your quick return home!

OVERHEARD RECENTLY -

Trink Jett after Novice Rallye asking if Ed had returned: "It's so <u>quiet</u> I know he's not here"...

Bob Walker in the back woods near Culpeper muttering something about Kessler and his bloomin' short-cuts!

Instead of ice or Scotch ice, use cans of frozen beer, then drink as it thaws.

Dick Gunn relating the story of how the Ferrari Testa Rosa was named.

SEEN AROUND RECENTLY -

Many contenders for next month's "Hard Luck Trophy".

New business opening up...
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Notice in New York apartment house: "Please keep baby carriages and foreign sports cars out of the hall!"

Here lies a driver named McBurn, Who applied his brakes in a turn. During the resultant reaction, His wheels lost traction, What's left lies in this urn.

LETTERS ...

CHECKPOINTS, as the voice of VMSC, invites all members to help spur on this column. Submit your "constructive comments" or "gripes" in writing to John Kessler, Editor, 2018 Monument Avenue. All letters must be signed and the Editor reserves the right to accept, edit or reject any material.

Don't mumble about it...bring it out in the open!

Dear Mr. Editor:

At our last club meeting the possibility of purchasing a field car was brought up. I would like to express my views on this subject. A vehicle of this type, Microbus for instance, could be used in the pits at the races, a minor use, to be sure, but on each rallye or event the club held, it could be used to transport equipment, extra gas, tow ropes, etc., and also serve as a scoring headquarters. It could be used as group transporter to the more distant events and races.

These are a few points to consider that would benefit the club as a whole. Running expenses could be net by renting the vehicle to members of the club for functions other than the club's.

Ed Wright

SHIFTS & DRIFTS by S.L.R.

To start with, let's take Marlboro the 11th and 12th. We had two club entries, Harding and Wright, who were a little shook when they saw the new course. First they walked it, then it started raining and during practice a lovely, red Aston-Martin went out and rolled. Wonderful for the nerves.

Otherwise practice went off with no more than the usual sliding around and the cars were put to bed for the night.

Sunday dawned gloomily and nerves grew tense as time went by. Finally the sun appeared and the first ONE DRIVE AND YOU'LL ABIDE!

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novice race was on with Harding valiantly dodging a red Alfa that kept getting confused as to which way the course went. Passing MG'S and Porsches with gleeful abandon, Harding crossed the line 1st in class, then casually decided to roast a marshmallow or something, but track officials insisted that he put out the fire which he did. Anyone still refuse to wear flame-proof coveralls?

In the next race, Wright managed to find a shortcut across the infield and came in 6th overall, 2nd in class, and, much to everyone's amazement, didn't lose it once. In the B, C, D production race, Wright took off like a greased moose, got to the Esses in the middle of the pack, looked around, then playe. "Sunday Driver" for the rest of the race, placing 1st in unmodified Healey class. Both Harding and Wright received their competition licenses at this event.

The next weekend was the National race at Cumberland. After wild rides up, many VMSC members were privileged to sit in the rain on a cold rock. Many of the "Big Boys" were present to lend a dash of flavor to the event. Harding very wisely entered his car sometime ago, but Wright messed up and could not enter, but did sneak out and drove a few laps. After much preparation by Harding and Wylie number 260 was ready to go, and when the flag dropped at the start of the 2nd race, it went, about 500 ft. The car is now known as Harding's heartbreak. Well, next year!! Vive La Sport!

OUTOP 24000 1957 POINT STANDINGS ...

The following point standings were compiled through the Legendary Rallye of May 11th:

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1	(Tie)	Allen Fine	478.5
		Bill Harding	478.5
2	(Tie)	Al Winslow	418
		G. Patteson	418
3		Jack Lewis	385
		Mary Byrd Tignor	378
5		Tom Pendleton	359
6		Allen Rennie	330
7		Marge Mayo	283.5
4 5 6 7 8		Bill Pettit	273
9		John Kessler	269
10		Bob Cook	266
11		Kay Weaver	265.5
12		Bob Mayo	252.5
13		Suzanne Branner	247
14		Robert Walker	232.5
15		Judy Baylor	232
16		Keith Gallant	200.5
17		Frances Norton	194
18		Madison McClintic	178
19		Charlie Armstrong	176.5
20		Gerry Boehling	166.5

In order to participate in the 1957 Point Standings, each person must be a member in good standing of VMSC with dues paid in full. Trophy Awards for the "Rallye Year" will be individual...ties must be broken by the end of the year.

WIN AN MGA!

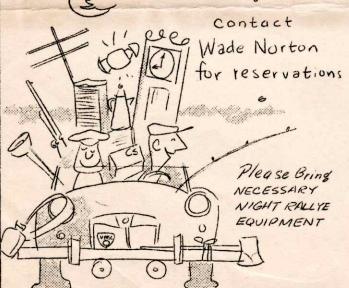
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