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FIRST YEAR

With Number 12 of Volume I off the "press" we complete our first year of publishing Checkpoints. We've enjoyed putting it together for you and would like to express our appreciation to all of VMSC for the acceptance given to CHECKPOINTS.

Our esteemed typist, Judy Baylor, was so afraid she would wind up in 11th place in points and inherit a hamster that she fled to Europe for a couple of months. Judy will be missed, but not forgotten, for here below is her tribute to CHECKPOINTS.

Lines Written Atop the Matterhorn After a Hillclimb . . .

Whether I am skiing at St. Mortiz,
Or racing at Le Mans Grand Prix,
When CHECKPOINTS typing time comes 'round,
Ted and John, I'll think of thee.

Ted, while I've gone to Naples,
Please watch those staples!
And John, while I am in Parea,
Errors typographical, don't blame on me!

I may have champagne on the Champs Elysees,
But here I will venture a guess,
It won't surpass Richbrau on Rue de la Grace
When CHECKPOINTS goes to press!

. . . Your Foreign Car Respondent

JUNE MEETING

The regular meeting for June was held on the 20th at the Esso Building. Madison McClintic made a report on the progress of the Field Wagon Committee. Still nothing definite on that project.

Members were urged to turn in their tickets stubs and money for the MGA drawing. It was hoped that the car could be given away at the Gymkhana, July 7.

Tentative plans are being made for an all-day outing, either at Camp Kentwood or Westmoreland State Park.

Allen Fine briefed the members on his Gymkhana while Tom Rennie entertained with music from a portable radio.

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Trophies were awarded for the Legendary Rallye, the All Night Rallye and the Novice Rallye.

Wendell Powell was presented with the perpetual "Hard Luck" Trophy after having had his Porsche stomped by a woman who apparently mistook it for a bug and tried to kill it!

Consolation prizes were awarded to Bill Cato (whom we were happy to have back with us after his accident), Kay Weaver, for "losing" the Dauphine en route to Cumberland, Mac McClintic for his "brush" with the State Police, Tom Pendleton for some oil pan trouble and to Bill Harding on general principles.

Bob Mayo, Ed Wright and Allen Fine were responsible for some mighty fine Marlboro movies and they were followed by a very good film, "1000 Kilometers."

NEW MEETING PLACE!

For the next six months we have a "home". Our next meeting, July 18th at 7:30 P.M., and all the meetings for the rest of the year will be held at the Branch House, Monument Avenue at Davis. Plenty of parking space in the big lot.

ALL NIGHT RALLYE - Writ by Jett

We all started very nicely out route 360, and went along swimmingly until we reached the mileage check. Here the "wheels", Norton and Clark, decided that it was time to practice our mathematics, so they made the check in kilometers. After this we were required to read the mail schedules at MANNBORO and the rain really wetted us down as we had to get out of the car to read the posted times.

We had our distances given in times, such as 29 seconds, turn right, 2 min. 14 sec. and 35/100 turn around and go back.

In the middle of this we went back to kilometers and again the question, do we multiply by 612, divide by 612 or just give up? A statement on the rallye sheet was most intriguing "watch those springs". The understatement of the year. It should have been "watch your teeth".

Bill Harding and several others were seen standing in the rain under a chestnut tree by the side of the road. Asked if he was having trouble, Bill with his usual graciousness, smiling manner and with complete aplomb, replied "no trouble". He was then questioned as to just what he was doing out on this country road. His voluble reply dripped with honey, was soaked with pointedness, when he said "lost".

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Right here I had to give up, because I arrived so late at the coffee break that everyone had gone home, so we did the same thing.

Breakfast was at the Southland Restaurant on the Petersburg Pike and most welcome. It was a good rallye and everyone enjoyed it, even if Bob and Marge Mayo went to sleep on a check point and had to be waked when the first car arrived. Ho-hum honeymooners.

VMSC CAPTURES TWO FIRST IN CLASS IN MG CAR CLUB MOUNTAIN LAKE RALLYE

The rallye was the Annual MG Car Club Mountain Lake Rallye, leaving Washington on Friday evening, May 31, and arriving at Mountain Lake, Virginia some 500 miles and 13 hours later.

First in class awards went to Robert Walker and Kay Weaver in the Dauphine in touring class and to Jack Lewis and Mary Byrd Tignor in the over 1600 cc sports class in the Jag. Jack and Mary Byrd also took the trophy for fourth over-all among the 30 cars entered. The team, comprised of the above cars, plus Les and Phil Baggett, finished second to the Porsche Club of America.

The hillclimb Sunday brought another VMSC member to Mountain Lake who managed to well represent our Club. Ed Wright, in his Austin-Healey, finished third in Index of performance for the third place trophy and fifth in over-all fastest time. Jack Lewis was sixth in over-all fastest time on the $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile hill and Mary Byrd Tignor was second over-all in the ladies division.

Sideline: "Hank" Mann and the Porsche Club of America has challenged VMSC to team competition in any and all rallyes, anywhere and anytime. Naturally, VMSC took up the challenge. Top ten in point standings are urged to prepare themselves for participation in "The Alpine Rallye", "The Continental Divide Rallye" and "The Great American Mountain Rallye"!

HILLCLIMB OR NO HILLCLIMB

That is the Question?

Looking for a hill in Eastern Virginia is no easy matter. We have people at the highway Department and AAA looking and so far, no luck! Bob Cooke and Kessler did about 160 miles this past weekend tracking down a tip on a road...we located it on Willis Mountain (the only mountain in the Eastern section of the State that we know of) only to find the road very suitable for horse and wagon, but hardly for Healeys and TR's! But we're still looking.

- - FLASH - -

Word was just received, as CHECKPOINTS went to press, that Ed Jett, navigated by son, Chuck, took FIRST OVER-ALL in the Annual MG Car Club all-nite rallye. Ed and

Chuck left Richmond after the VMSC Historical Rallye, June 22, and headed for D.C. to participate in the MG event.

Keith Gallant also participated in this 250 mile jaunt, in which 41 cars were entered. Keith finished 8th in the Porsche. (Unofficial)

We're mighty proud of these VMSC showings in out-of-town events.

BRANNER & KESSLER "Triumph" in
2nd Annual Muscular Dystrophy Rallye

Lin Winslow came up with a good, straight forward rallye, with no tricks and gimmicks when he laid out this one.

June 16th was a hot cloudy day, and we skirted around rain clouds all afternoon, but finally were forced to halt and hoist the top on Route 711! There were some die-hards (Stan Clark and Wade Norton for example) who came in with top down, looking as if they had just taken a stroll beneath Niagara Falls.

The only casualty of the day was experienced by the Pendletons, who plowed up a little ground at the first checkpoint, resulting in a punctured pan.

There was some discussion as to the clarity of the instructions on this rallye, but for some reason, I think it was a darn good one!

Herewith the results:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Branner & Kessler | 10 Trevvett & Trevvett |
| 2 Cook & Cook | 11 Weaver & Walker |
| 3 Williams & Guntor | 12 Mayo & Mayo |
| 4 W. Norton & S. Clark | 13 Munde & Patteson |
| 5 Jack Finnogan & F. Norton | 14 Cranshaw & M. Clark |
| 6 Applewhite & Applewhite | 15 Cranshaw & Cranshaw |
| 7 Fetterman & T. Rennie | 16 DNF Pendleton & Pendleton |
| 8 Tignor & Lewis | 17 DNF Car No. 16 |
| 9 D. Rucker & Fitch | |

PLEASE NOTE...3rd ANNUAL PATHFINDER RALLYE
Sunday, July 21st 9 A.M.

First car will depart at 9:30 A.M. Starting place will be announced by post card. Rallye is based entirely on navigation & driving skill. $\frac{1}{2}$ hour lunch break . . . bring your own lunch. 25% dirt roads.

Entries limited to 50 cars. Get yours in now. Entry fee \$3.00 per car. Send driver & navigator's name, address, make & displacement of car, and team (if any) to Jack D. Lewis, 10-A W. Grace Street

Trophies will be awarded for 1st over-all, 1st team, 1st, 2nd and 3rd over and under 1600 cc.

Entries not received prior to rallye day must pay \$2.00 penalty. Team entries must be declared in advance.

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CLUTCH CHATTER

The M D Rallye starting line up presented quite an array of new automobiles... Doug Rucker's white Jag got dirty, so he now sports a new black convertible... Dorsey Sydnor was on hand in his new TR hard top, and Charlie Armstrong has joined the fast growing ranks of Triumph owners.

We had a most pleasant visit with Tom and Virginia Wright and Tom and Sue Hughes of the Old Dominion S.C.C. in Roanoke. They've got a growing Club... plus a real sharp badge design.

Understand we have a member who carries a Ouiji Board as permanent rallye equipment. When lost, this rallyist merely says, "Ouiji, Ouiji, where am I?"

Some additional notes - HM on a car doesn't mean "Homemade", it means "Hopefully Modified"; and DP - not "Distressingly Poor", but "Damn Production".

Applewhites' new Porsche must have improved his driving habits - we haven't heard of a single incident since he got it. The cows will be glad to hear this!

SHIFT & DRIFT by No. 37

At Marlboro the 16th, Bob Bowers discovered that it was possible to stay on the course, so he got in front and stayed there to finish 6th over-all and 1st in class. A very nice job, Bob. Wright took off from the grid like a payment was due and was feeling very confident when the engine died, the pack leaving him tied to the ground, but the mighty (?) Austin engine roared into life and off he went finally passing the man who had held him back a month earlier to take 6th over-all and 2nd in class.

It was noted that several of the members on their way to and from races have managed to clobber their car. Please be careful, those who race need your support!

Since the Le Mans sweep, Jag owners are likely to prove impossible to get along with.

"TOP 20"... 1957 POINT STANDINGS

The following points were compiled through the Historical Rallye of June 22.

1. Jack Lewis	631	11. Marge Mayo	398
2. Mary Byrd Tignor	624	12. Bob Cook	382
3. Bill Harding	603.5	13. John Kessler	379
4. Lin Winslow	572	14. Bob Mayo	366
5. George Patteson	544.5	15. Suzanne Branner	357
6. Allen Fine	518.5	16. Allen Rennie	330
7. Kay Weaver	438.5	17. Wade Norton	311
8. Francis Norton	413.5	18. Charlie Armstrong	296.5
9. Robert Walker	405.5	19. Bill Pettit	277.5
10. Tom Pendleton	402	20. Judy Baylor	238

OFFICIAL RESULTS: ALL-NITE RALLYE, JUNE 8th

1 Weaver & Walker	8 Baggett & Baggett
2 Lewis & Tignor	9 Larus & Smith
3 John & Jean Mayo	10 Laughon & Marks
4 Patteson & Winslow	11 Remick & Baylor ✓
5 M. Smith & Bill Harding	12 Williams & Gunter
6 Gunn & Moore	13 Jett II & Long
7 Pendleton & Cook	14 Crenshaw & Crenshaw

HISTORICAL RALLYE RESULTS - JUNE 22nd

Bill Harding and George Patteson really got shrewd at the line up...read off the directions and had all the entrants copy them down.

A choice of average speeds was given at each checkpoint (which made for much work in scoring!) It was a very good rallye, based on navigation & driving ability and covered nearly 100 miles...many of which were dirt.

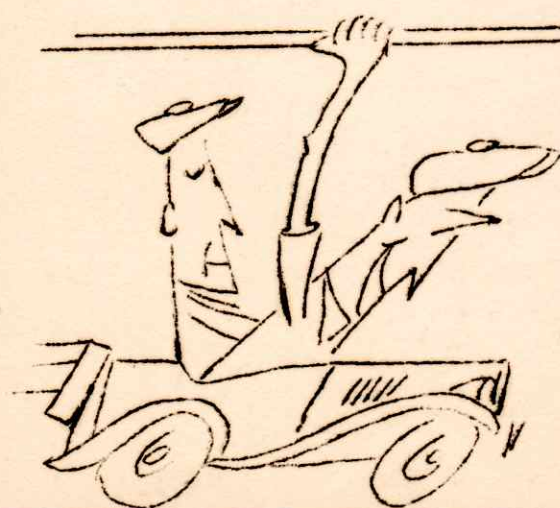
It was a bad day for TR fenders and tires, right Stan?
Here are the official results:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Tignor & Lewis | 10 Munde & Winslow |
| 2 J. Finnegan & F. Norton | 11 Weaver & Walker |
| 3 D. Rucker & M. Rucker | 12 Branner & Kessler |
| 4 Larus & Pinnell | 13 Pendleton & Pendleton |
| 5 Applewhite & Applewhite | 14 Ed, Trink & Halda |
| 6 Armstrong & T. Rennie | 15 E. Rucker & Gallant |
| 7 B. Mayo & M. Mayo | 16 D. Finnegan & W. Norton |
| 8 Simcsak & Simcsak | 17 Clark & Clark |
| 9 Trevvett & Trevvett | 18 Wright & Donger |

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