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GIMMICKHANA GOINGS-ON

The rained out gymkhana was rescheduled and run on Sunday, October 13, at Southside Plaza shopping center. No rain was in evidence this time and I think that the committee was somewhat disappointed as they would like to have seen the drivers and navigators paddling about in the wet. However the day was perfect, much to everyone elses satisfaction, and a fine crowd was on hand to witness the "bash".

Four events were scheduled including forward & reverse parking, a maypole dance, the manly art of the wheel change (darn disc wheels on that Porsche) and a serpentine climaxed by the navigator doing a buck and wing in a crocus sack around the car. Fran Norton lost it on the back straight and took a header when she discovered that a crocus sack doesn't corner as well as the XK. A box of battle ribbon band-aids to that lady, Doctor.

Proud Corvette owner Les Baggett went back to his first love, the Healey, and with J. L. Bradshaw hanging on put his foot in the carbs to take on overall first with a sizzling 3:35.4. Close behind was Dave Davis in Jerry Chamberlain's red, four-banger Healey with the owner himself as No. 2 man, in the time of 3:39. Third place was captured by Wade Norton and Stan Clark in Wade's big red screamer at 3:45. First among the disc crowd was the blue Abarth equipped Porsche coupe of Ed Remick, with your reporter supplying the ballast, (Ed. Note: and what ballast!) in the time of 3:55 to take a well deserved (we thought) fourth overall out of a total of 32 entrants.

Detroit was represented by the pre-Golden Hawk Studebaker of Dervishian and Barnes which provided the most hair-raising show of the day. The big-base stude came completely unglued during the maypole dance and swapped ends, peeled a hubcap in the middle of a tight turn and tore the wheel change pit to shreds almost taking the No. 4 team, who happened to be spectating nearby, with it. All handicaps considered the boys deserve a pat on the back for running.

Bob DeHaven goofed an otherwise beautiful run when the splines on his Rudge-Borrani refused to line with the axle stub and he and co-pilot Billy Clift played a short game of dribble the wheel. Bob's wave length in the serpentine got a tad too long and he was last seen heading off into left field.

Bob Mayo, was the perfect example of mixed emotion as he alternately cackled with glee while he cranked the camera on beautifully attired wife, Marge, and the equally sartorially resplendent Keith Gallant as they changed the wheel on the latters Porsche, and cried in misery as he thought of the possible damage to his better halfs new dress, nylons and pumps.

The event was a crashing (shudder, wrong word) tremendous success and planners Madison McClintic, Ed Wright and John Kessler deserve congratulations for a well designed gymkhana. (Official results on page 2)

ALL-DAY RALLYE

On Sunday morning, October 20, 16 cars departed from Willow Lawn on what turned out to be our longest and prettiest rallye this year.

Happy Batcheller and Ken Payne sent the cars alternately out Rts. 33 and 250 with instructions to enter Shenandoah National Park, whereupon sealed envelopes

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were opened and the participants were told to visit the 8 natural caverns in that area.

Each entrance had to be photographed to prove that we had been there and in which order they were visited.

When we arrived at the last cavern, it was a little dark for our Brownie, but neverthe less we shot the picture and headed toward Richmond.

The Mayos were last seen on the East side of the Skyline Drive looking for Grand Caverns. Those maps are wrong! Keith Gallant also was among the

"missing-in-action." No doubt he is still wandering through Skyline Caverns. To Happy, Ken and Billy Clift, our thanks for a very enjoyable 12 hours and 330 miles. The results are pending development of the pics and a final check and will be posted later.

GIMMICKHANA RESULTS

- 1. Baggett & J. L. Bradshaw
- Dave Davis & J. Chamberlain
- 3. W. Norton & S. Clark
- Ed Remick & F. Johnson
- J. Chamberlain & Dave Davis
- Binswanger & G. Owen
- Armstrong & Wood Tio Johnson & Remick
- 9. Beverly West & T. Rennie
- 10 Wood & Armstrong
- 11 J. L. Bradshaw & B. Mayo
- 12 Jay Rose & Jan Eaton
- 13 Winslow & Larus
- lh Jack Lewis & Ed Jett
- 15 DeHaven & Bill Clift

- 16. Larus & Winslow Ken Payne & Larry Dover Tie
- 18. T. Rennie & Beverly West
- 19. K. Moore & B. Moore
- 20. S. Clark & F. Norton
- 21. Harding & Mathews
- 22. Jan Eaton & Jay Rose
- 23. Keith Gallant & M. Mayo
- 24. Crenshaw & Crenshaw
- 25. Margie Thornton & Jon Thornton
- 26. Ed Jett & Jack Lewis
- 27. Jon Thornton & Margie Thornton
- 28. Chas. Barnes & Dervishian
- 29. Dervishian & Chas. Barnes
- 30. F. Norton & W. Norton
- 31. Sam Carmine & Bill Welch

MEETINGS OLD & NEW

The regular meeting of VMSC was held October 17th with the usual good turnout. The MGA ticket sales were among the first items discussed. All VMSC members are urged to unload those remaining tickets!!

Ed Wright presided over the hard luck awards. The perpetual trophy went to Jack roadability Lewis for his efforts in trying to push an American car off the highway with the nose of his car.

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Allen Fine received a sling shot to keep people away from his fenders. Harold Applewhite's was among the damaged Porscheb and he was given a Jack-O-Lantern. John Kessler was presented with a Halloween mask to frighten attackers off the front of his TR.

Ed Jett & Doug Rucker took over with some good racing movies...historical, Danville and Sebring. Jerry Chamberlain showed films from the Gimmickhana.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 21st, 7:30 P.M. at the Branch House.

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FRICTION DRIVE RALLYE

This rallye was run September 29th in lieu of the Gymkhana which was rained out. Herewith are the results:

- Fine & Harding
- Payne & Melton
- 3 T. Rennie & Bev West Lewis & Lewis
- Trink & Ed Jett
- 6 Mitchell & Joe Nichols
- Keith Gallant & F. Norton

- Doug & Ed Rucker
- W. Norton & Doris Finnegan
- 10 Gershwin & Gershwin (Geo & Ira ?)
- 11 Clift & Trainer
- 12 Thornton & Thornton
- 13 Zehmer & Zehmer
- 14 Mathew
- 15 Taylor

BATCHELLER'S CORNER by "Hap"

With winter on the way, a few cold weather notes seem in order.

The usual admonitions about anti-freeze and its installation have been repeated too often already; but, if anti-freeze is spilled on the car finish, remove it immediately by using either water or gasoline. The latter is to be preferred since it is a solvent for the ethylene glycol.

In the matter of cold starting I would call your attention to the engine block heaters made by James B. Carter, 85 Water Avenue, Winnipeg 1, Manitoba, Canada. These heaters not only ease starting but it is mighty nice to have your car heater work instantly upon starting out on a cold morning. The cost of the unit for Jaguar was \$6.38 Canadian currency.

Failing the use of this heater, you may find the use of a large (100 W. or lar-

ger) electric light bulb placed low on the carburetor side of the block to be

helpful--I did.

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Congratulations to Ed Wood--poppa of a new son... Young Sputnik Wood, I think they called him!

Bob & Marge Mayo showed up at the All-Day Rallye in a sparking new TR-3.

We Enjoyed watching the Glidden Tour pass through Richmond...however, the thing that really caught our eye was a visiting 300SI Roadster!

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Ed & Trink Jett finished 12th overall out of 75 cars in the PCA 3rd Annual Autumn Color Rallye. Note to anyone who had contemplated running the GAMR. It's been postponed until January (if not altogether cancelled!)

Congratulations to Madison McClintic ... brought back silver (first in class) from his first go at Marlboro.

TOP 20 - 1957 POINT STANDINGS

The following points were compiled through the regular meeting of October 17.

123456	Bill Harding Jack Lewis M. B. Lewis Allen Fine George Patteson Len Winslow	880.5 827.5 816.5 795.5 668 652	8 Kay Weaver 9 Bob Walker 10 Wade Norton 11 John Kessler 12 Charlie Armstrong 13 Bill Pettit	579 551 522 520 498 477.5	15 M. Mayo B. Mayo 16 Bob Cook 17 Tom Pendleton 18 Allan Rennic 19 Jack Finnegan	399 337
7	Frances Norton	581 .	14 Suzanne Branner	466	20 Keith Gallant	294.5

CAST YOUR BALLOT NOW!

VMSC would like to make the following awards to the most deserving members. Please fill in your choice and mail to VMSC, 10-A West Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia, no later than November 30. (Only one ballot to a member.)

1957 Hard Luck Trophy							
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Sportsmanship Trophy							
Greatest Contribution to Racing							
Most Progressive Novice Rallyist							
Lady member who has contributed the most to VMSC							
Male " " " " " " " " "							
Most enthusiastic Rallyist							
Best Rallye of 1957							
Best Representative of VMSC nationally							
Booby Prize (one who tries and tries and never succeeds)							

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