



NORTON & CLARK BEGIN NEW YEAR WINNING STAG DRAG

The alarm clock shook itself, stretched upon its hind legs and screamed. I shot out of bed, strangled the clock and stood holding my head as I tried to remember the reason for the idiotic impulse that had caused me to set the alarm on a Sunday morning. Sunday? The 12th? Oh Lord, the Ladies Rallye. I was in no shape to navigate, I wasn't even in contact with the world yet. Well, be that as it may, promises are promises; so, after necessary repairs to the inner man, off to Willow Lawn, on a cold, clear (to others perhaps), day. Everyone seemed so damn cheerful! At 1 P.M., the first car went out, I looked at the speed changes, mileage to TWO places and almost passed out. Off we went in a cloud of cold sweat and promptly missed the first turn. We later discovered more than one mileage correction that we didn't make, but for a while there were WORDS! The directions were very accurate, after we got unlost. While touring apart from the rallye we found several others who were having the same difficulty. The Dauphines were clean out of luck with no tenths on their odometers. Doug Rucker's Jaguar recalled old hunting instincts and attacked a young bull, but, fortunately, no damage resulted.

By the time we had whizzed past six checkpoints, we were ready for the beer and skittles at Doc Finnegan's, where Keith Gallant set a few time trial records. Ed Jett and Buddy Wynn managed to find Doc's house, later.

The rallye overall was accurate, well laid out and organized except for two people on the final checkpoint who couldn't find the Finnegan's.

Maybe the two gals were too cold to think straight. The results are as follows:
(First Ten)

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| 1 Wade Norton & Stan Clark | 6 Hal Gordon & Keith Gallant |
| 2 Dick & Antrim Gunn | 7 Wendell Powell & Joe Crenshaw |
| 3 Len Winslow & George Pattenon | 8 Allen Fine & Harold Applewhite |
| 4 Bob Walker & Jack Lewis | 9 Jones & T. N. Wright |
| 5 "Doc" Fitch & Doug Rucker | 10 Tom Pendleton & Bob Cook |

ANNUAL BANQUET (or "Beret Bash")

To those who missed it: You shouldn't have! This 2nd annual affair at the Downtown Club was a howling success right up until the checkered flag was dropped at 1 A.M.

One of the more pleasant aspects of the evening was the "favor" beneath each place card, consisting of Dinky Toy miniatures of each persons car (at least as closely as could be obtained. I don't think Ed Rucker really owns a D-Jag).

The food and drink were good (and how!) and those awards that you voted for were handed out following the feast.

Hard Luck Trophy -- Stan Clark

Sportsmanship Trophy -- Ed Jett

Greatest Contribution to Racing -- Bob Bowers

Most Progressive Novice Rallyist -- Doug Rucker

Lady member who has contributed the most to VMSC -- Caroline Crenshaw

Male " " " " " " " " -- Jack Lewis

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THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

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Most enthusiastic Rallyist - Bill Pettit
 Best Rallye of 1957- Keith Gallant
 ("Valley Rallye")
 Best Representative of VMSC nationally -
 Wade Norton
 Booby Prize - Joe Crenshaw

Joe Crenshaw presented the trophies for the 1957 Point Standings and Bill Harding relieved Pres. Lewis of the championship with some 1212.1 points!

Newton Thomas and his "four strange imports" took over with some real great dance music at which time all members and

guests rolled back the rug and had a ball!

Here are the remaining 29 of the top 30 for 1957:

2 Allen Fine	1127.1	12 Wade Norton	650.7	22 Jack Finnegan	397.5
3 Jack Lewis	1054.7	13 Charlie Armstrong	599.1	23 Ed Remick	385
4 Mary Byrd Lewis	1043.7	14 Bill Pettit	582	24 Keith Gallant	383.6
5 Frances Norton	812.2	15 Bob Cook	524.1	25 Charlie Lerus	345.8
6 George Patteson	773.9	16 Marge Mayo	500.1	26 Tom Rennie	325.7
7 Len Winslow	758.4	17 Bob Mayo	500.1	27 Melita Clark	311
8 John Kessler	727.5	18 Stan Clark	494	28 C. Crenshaw	307
9 Kay Weaver	714.1	19 Allan Rennie	452	29 Les Baggett	301.5
10 Robert Walker	707.1	20 Tom Pendleton	416.5	30 Ken Payne	298.2
11 Suzanne Branner	663.5	21 M. McClintic	409.8		

KESSLER & BRANNER GOBBLE UP TURKEY RALLYE

....way back in the last issue of Checkpoints we mentioned Keith Gallants excellent Turkey Rallye. There were about 35 cars in this one, but the results weren't in by publication time. Here is how the first 11 finished: (For those beyond 11, we'll be happy to dig into the files and tell you where you finished!)

- 1 John Kessler & Suzanne Branner
- 2 Mary Byrd & Jack Lewis
- 3 Allen Fine & Bill Harding
- 4 Ann & Bob Cook
- 5 Jack Finnegan & Ronnie Cranshaw
- 6 (tie) Marge & Bob Mayo
Stan & Melita Clark
- 8 Hal Gordon & Ingrid Gordon
- 9 Doug & Margaret Rucker
- 10 Len Vells & ?
- 11 Welch & Welch

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FINE & HARDING WENT "THAT-A-WAY" TO WIN
"WHICH-A-WAY" RALLYE, Dec. 15th

Ed Remick & Madison McClintic womped up a very pleasant Christmas present for VMSC in the form of a rallye with no average speed and no tricky calculations. All you had to do was look at your map, figure out the shortest route between a dozen given points and go, go, go!

It was amazing to see every other car choose a different route, but apparently Bill & Allen chose the best one because they had the lowest mileage of anyone.

But our hats are off to Jon Thornton and maybe a few other "stout fellows" who left their car and ran 2 tenths of a mile to read the weight limit of a certain bridge!

Herewith, results of first eleven cars:

- 1 Fine & Harding
- 2 Armstrong & Pettit
(tie) Stan & Melita Clark
- 4 Stuart & Mary Jenks
- 5 Bill Giles, Jr. and Sr.
- 6 Weaver & Walker
(tie) Ann & Bob Cook
- 8 Kessler & Brannon
- 9 Mayo & Mayo
- 10 Dentel & Bagelman
- 11 Tommy & Flora Enright

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MEETING MEMOS

The January 16th meeting was held at the Branch House with a healthy turnout. Ken Payne & Bob Bowers showed color slides of a road at Orkney Springs, Va, that they investigated as a hillclimb site. This may possibly be held in June. More poop on this will be forthcoming.

We were happy to have Fred Rawlinson as our guest. Fred, recently re-elected Pres. of the MG Car Club, gave us a brief talk on their activities in D. C.

The group adjourned to Virginia Sports Cars' new location on West Broad to guzzle away the rest of the beer left over from the stag drag.

BE ON HAND FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20th! Your nominating committee, headed by Joe Crenshaw and consisting of Les Baggett and John Kessler, will present their nominations for new officers. Any additional nominations will be received from the floor.

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Tommy had been the owner of a striped MGA and had just traded it on a brand new Porsche speedster when he won the second MGA. So, intent on keeping the Speedster, this lucky winner sold the new A.

A couple weeks later Tommy had no car at all--he flipped the Speedster, total-ling same. His luck held out, though, for he emerged unscratched. Our advice to this boy is to proceed with caution!

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VMSCers' OUT-OF-TOWN VICTORIES

Doris Finnegan writes: "Thought you might like information on results from a rallye run recently in the Washington area by VMSCers.

Herewith:

SCCA Sunbac Rallye - November 17. A Team rally, 44 cars.

4th - Ed & Chuck Jett and Wade Norton & Stan Clark

7th - Doris Finnegan, Frances Norton and Harold & Ingrid Gordon

No silver, but we had a good time.

SCCA Holiday Rallye, December 8
Washington, D. C.

Doris Finnegan & Keith Gallant - 1st Team Award - 5th Overall

Harold & Ingrid Gordon - 1st Team Award - 21 Overall

Wade Norton & Stan Clark - 2nd Team Award - 9th Overall

Ed Jett & Chuck Jett - 2nd Team Award - 17th Overall

Jack & Mary Byrd Lewis - 2nd Team Award - 16th Overall

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