



Checkpoints

VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB

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VMSC EVENT SCHEDULE - 1959

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| Feb 19 - Meeting | Jun 14 - Pathfinder Rallye - Fine & Harding |
| 22 - Rallye - Applewhite & Bress | 18 - Meeting |
| Mar 19 - Meeting | 21 - Marlboro Races |
| 21 - Sebring Grand Prix | 28 - Gymkhana - Jett & Carmine |
| 29 - Rallye - Batcheller & Payne | Jul 5 - Concours - Fitch & D. Rucker |
| Apr 16 - Meeting | 12 - Marlboro Races |
| 19 - Marlboro National Races | 16 - Meeting |
| May 3 - VIR Danville National Races | 19 - Rallye - Mayo & Armstrong |
| 10 - Rallye - W. Powell & J. Crenshaw | Aug 9 - Gymkhana - McClintic & R. Owen |
| 17 - Cumberland National Races | 20 - Meeting |
| 21 - Meeting | 23 - Historical Rallye - Jenks & Enright |
| 24 - Rallye - Kessler & Patteson | 30 - Marlboro Races |
| 31 - Gymkhana - Johnson & Larus | |

Cover Photo

Sports car or sedan, all are great for skiing. Sepp Kober, Ski School Director, explains to Marvin Donger some of the finer points of ski handling.

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EDITORIAL

Conforming to nonconformism? Well, sounds ridiculous, but that's the word these days. It seems that in order to be a "nonconformist" in the "accepted" sense of the word, one must follow, or conform in the "true" sense of the word to certain rules that have been established originally by real-type nonconformists. Apparently the morays of our younger society are being changed, but only in the truly chuckle-headed, security-loving way that is rapidly becoming our national mental trademark. As the ad says, think for yourself.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This first printed issue of CHECKPOINTS provides an excellent opportunity for me to wish every member of Virginia Motor Sport Club a very Happy and Prosperous New Year... and to extend my congratulations to the Editor and Staff of this paper.

Here is an example of what can be accomplished with a little enthusiasm and effort by the members. If there is anything a club can always use more of, it's enthusiasm and effort! Really "belonging" to a club such as ours means a great deal more than merely attending meetings and running rallies.

During 1959 each of you will be called upon to plan or assist on some event, participate as a committee member, or, in some manner, lend your services. When your name comes up, we hope you will find a bit of pride in extending a helping hand to V.M.S.C.

Again, my very best wishes that the coming year will be an active, exciting and progressive one for you all. Let Safety and Courtesy be foremost, not only in motoring, but in everything you undertake.

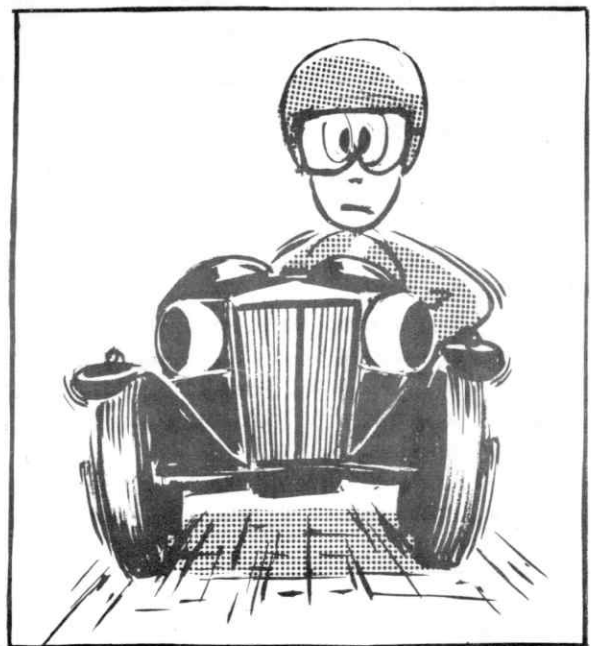
V.M.S.C. is your club...its future is in your hands. Through your enthusiasm and effort, its PROGRESS IN 1959 is assured. Your new Officers are dedicated to that goal.

John M. Kessler

John M. Kessler
President

1959 POINT SYSTEM

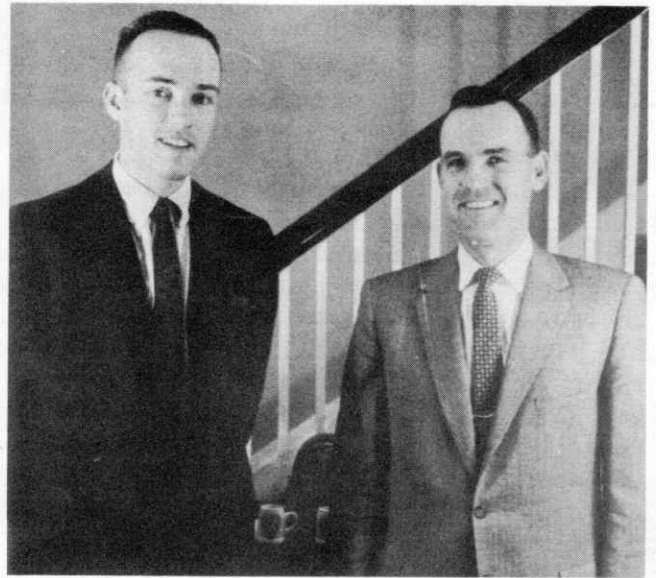
The point system that will be used for 1959 to determine a member's point standing is as follows. EVERY event will be a point event. The person or persons winning first place will be awarded 1000 points, second place 900 points, third place 800 points, etc., down to tenth place which will be awarded 100 points. Everyone who enters an event and does not place within the first ten will be awarded 50 points each. To determine the final year-end point standing, only two-thirds of the total number of club events will be counted. That is, if the club has had fifteen events scheduled, then ten would be the magic number and the HIGHEST ten scores of each member would be added together to determine his competition points. If only twelve events are run, the highest eight would be counted. If a member participated in less than two-thirds of all events, all of his competition points would be counted. In addition to competition points, there will be 50 points awarded for each meeting attended, and the total of the attendance and competition points will determine the member's point standing for the year.



Your Officers for 1959



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Judy Baylor Caroline Crenshaw



Ole Editor
Ed Wright

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GRAMPA BUCKETBUTT'S BANALITIES

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Once there was a young man who decided to be "different". He bought a sports car, red, a cap with belt, fruit boots, grew a beard, etc. He went out into the wide, wide world of pizza and foreign movies, met others of the same ilk and found that he wasn't really with it, man. This bothered him; so, he began to ask and seek advice. After a while, almost everything he wanted to do had to be approved by the group before he felt comfortable doing it.

One day, one winter, he decided to go into the mountains and check out on this skiing bit. Off he went, in his red sports car, just he and his bongos. On the way, while beating out a tricky bit on the steering wheel, he lost his way and took a dead end road to the top of Old Smoky. When he got there, man, he was nearly out of this world. He got out, looked around at the falling snow and found that his crazy old tire was flat. Now, he didn't know what to do, like, changing a wheel, well, man, that's manual labor! Back in the car he got, waiting for the man to come and change his wheel for him, and all the while playing his bongos.

They found him next spring, real cool, man.

Moral: If you have to wait for approval, you'll never make it out of the house

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SNOW RALLYE

The 14th of December, when the snow was tailpipe deep to most any car, a few die-hards ventured out to Southside Plaza for a snow rallye. The route was through southwest Chesterfield County and was approximately 50 miles long. The OD's set an average speed of 30 mph and thought no one would be able to maintain it; however, due to the absence of traffic (there was absolutely none), most everyone had little difficulty keeping up. The only mishap noted was a State truck that had gotten stuck and was grinding himself into oblivion. Robert Walker brought up the rear in a truck (with chains), and Bill Harding had to press the DB to make it to the end to check the cars in. Hot chocolate at the Plantation Room was much welcomed by all. Results: (1) Thornton and Jenks, (2) Enright and Enright, (3) Stone and Stone, (4) McClintic and Remick.

RALLYE RESULTS

Snow Rallye - December 14, 1958

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| 1. Jenks & Thornton | 3. Stone & Stone |
| 2. Enright & Enright | 4. McClintic & Remick |

Christmas Rallye - December 28, 1958

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| 1. Norton & Clark | 6. Pettit & R. Walker |
| 2. Carmine & Carmine | 7. Jenks & Jenks |
| 3. Thornton & Thornton | 8. Kessler & Kessler |
| 4. Neal & F. Norton | 9. Stone & Stone |
| 5. Jett & Long | 10. DNF |
| 11. DNF - Wells & Fitzhugh | |

Ladies Rallye - January 11, 1959

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Jenks & Thornton | 7. Powell & Crenshaw |
| 2. Ratcliff & Bress | 8. Wells & Fitzhugh |
| 3. Bowen & Bitner | 9. Brown & Felts |
| 4. Larus & McClintic | 10. Wells & Wells |
| 5. Patteson & Winslow | 11. Payne & Woodcock |
| 6. Kessler & Fitch | 12. Palmer & Vincent DNF |

DUES ARE DUE !!!

February 13, 1959 - final.

POINT STANDINGS - 1958

1. Wade Norton	4720	11. Tom Rennie	2550
2. Stan Clark	4030	12. Fran Norton	2265
3. John Thornton	3650	13. Jac Carmine	2055
		14. John Kessler	1960
4. Stuart Jenks	3560	15. Bill Pettit	1650
5. Kay Walker	3140	16. Bob Cook	1640
6. Robert Walker	3065	17. Ann Cook	1630
7. Sam Carmine	2865	18. Allen Fine	1565
8. Bev West	2755	19. Tom Enright	1555
9. Mary Jenks	2650	20. Suzy Kessler	1455
10. Ed Jett II	2555		

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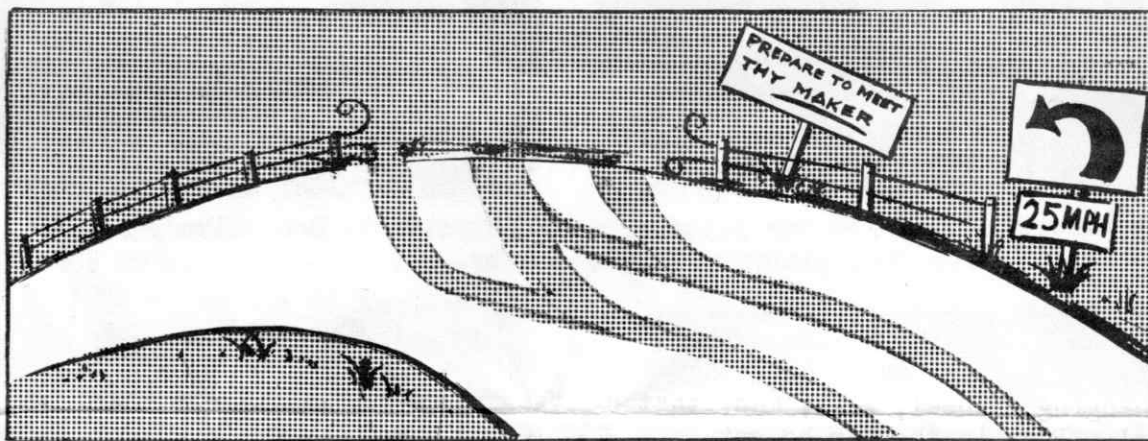
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(From Minutes of 18 December 1958 regular V.M.S.C meeting)

"Approximately 15 members of the Club plan to participate in racing in 1959.

The group was represented by their spokesman, Allen Fine, who asked the Club if it would be willing to donate a sum of money toward the purchase and reconditioning of a truck.

At an Officers and Board of Directors meeting - December 17th, 1958, a sum of \$200.00 was mentioned as a possible amount.

The racing group stated that the Club would have use of this truck on rallies that would not conflict with their racing schedules.

The Club came to no decision during the regular meeting and the question will be presented in ballot form in a future issue of CHECKPOINTS and each member is urged to vote on this matter."

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Crenshaw, Secretary

Fill out ballot and bring with you to Feb. meeting... or mail to Editor before March 1st

BALLOT

For the Donation Yes

No

Signed _____
Member in good standing

TROPHIES AWARDED AT BANQUET

Presented by Joe Crenshaw

Photos by Powell

For another picture of the banquet see page 7.



John Kessler receiving gavel as new President of V.M.S.C.



Old President, Bob Walker, receives 6th place trophy.



Marge Thornton receiving 3rd place trophy for herself and husband John.



Stan Clark is not really as glum as he looks as he receives his 2nd place trophy.

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HISTORY OF THE VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB, INC.

The Virginia Motor Sport Club was formed in the fall of 1950 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Mark Condon of Harper Motors in that city is credited with starting the club and was its first President. Most of the membership was made up of students from the University of Virginia. This gave us a fair size club during the school session, but mighty few during the summer.

The club was first known as the Virginia Sports Car Club. The name was changed about the first of 1951 to Virginia Motor Sport Club. This change was made because many felt the name indicated that owning a sports car was a prerequisite to becoming a member. Back in those days we had quite a few enthusiastic members who drove Detroit iron.

In 1951 Mark Condon still headed the club in Charlottesville, and Jim Henderson of Transport Sales was the Richmond representative. The Richmond contingent ^{then} numbered some 25 members. By the end of 1951, most of the interest centered around the Richmond area, and we elected Allen Fine as our President for 1952.

During 1952 a number of sports cars made their way into Virginia, and at the October 1952 meeting, we elected Bill Claflin of Warrenton, Virginia, to be our President for 1953. Many sports car owners attended this meeting and asked that several of the cities be represented. The club was divided into four areas, namely, Warrenton, Richmond, Roanoke, and Norfolk, each headed and represented by an area chairman.

Reports rendered at the annual (October) meeting in 1953, showed that the Richmond area had the largest number of members and had scheduled the most activities. This prompted us to return the club headquarters to Richmond, and Joe Crenshaw was elected President for 1954. During 1954 the club was incorporated, and no longer divided into areas. By 1954 we had grown to approximately 80 members.

In 1955 "Happy" Batcheller was elected President. Activities and membership continued to grow slowly, but steadily.

The membership voted in Jack Lewis as our President in 1956 and again in 1957. Under his direction the club grew by leaps and bounds. The membership numbers over 150. During 1956 we started the monthly publication known as CHECKPOINTS, which is read and enjoyed by many in this country and overseas.

In 1958 we elected our first foreign born President. ~~He is Robert Walker of London, England. We now change officers with the turn of the year. John Kessler of Richmond, Virginia, accepted office 3 January 1959.~~

Monthly meetings are held on each third Thursday with entertainment provided. Rallies, etc., are scheduled at least once each month.

This brings V.M.S.C. up to date.

January 1959



Be sociable - have a drink