



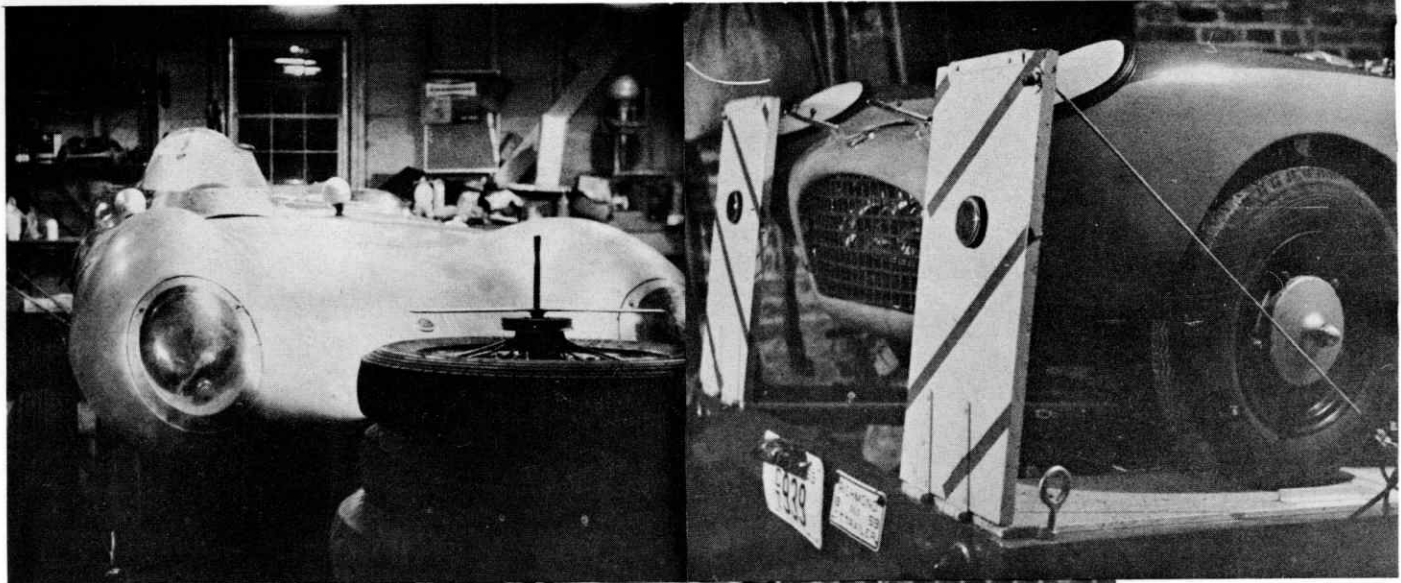
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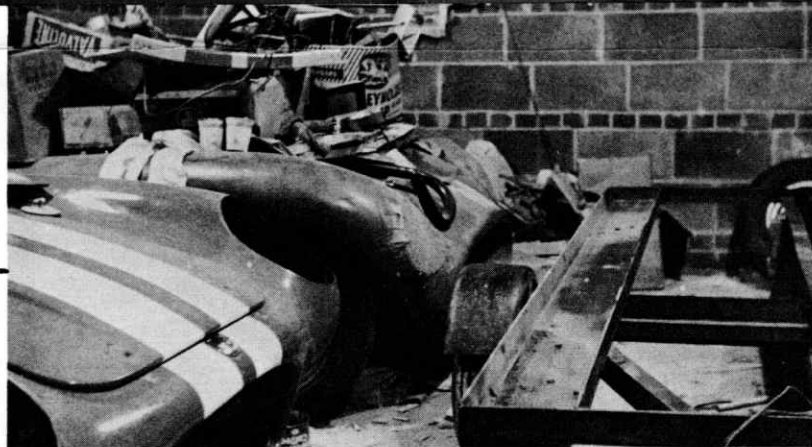
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IN
THE
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A YOUNG
MAN'S
FANCY...

1959 Calendar of Events

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| Apr 12 - Chesterfield LeMans - K. Payne | Jun 21 - Marlboro Races |
| 16 - Meeting | 28 - Gymkhana - Carmine & Welch |
| 19 - Marlboro National Races | Jul 5 - Concours - Fitch & D. Rucker |
| May 3 - VIR Danville National Races | 12 - Marlboro Races |
| 10 - Rallye - W. Powell & J. Crenshaw | 16 - Meeting |
| 17 - Cumberland National Races | 19 - Rallye - Jenks & Enright |
| 21 - Meeting | Aug 9 - Gymkhana - McClintic & R. Owen |
| 24 - Rallye - Kessler & Patteson | 20 - Meeting |
| 31 - Gymkhana - Johnson & Larus | 23 - Historical Rallye - Mayo & Armstrong |
| Jun 14 - Pathfinder Rallye - Remick & Moore | 30 - Marlboro Races |
| 18 - Meeting | Nov 7 & 8 - Old Dominion Rallye - Norton & Pettit |

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EDITORIAL

With the onset of another racing and rallye season, we are reminded of years past, when all too many "Hard Luck" trophies were awarded. Let us all keep our sense of values and relations as we drive home from the excitement of the track and when we are trying to make up that ten minutes on a rallye. It is at times such as these that we become all excited and the old foot goes down and the tach needle rises and without realizing it, we are driving about 100 feet behind the projected point of attention and this can result in undue hardship. Until now, we have been very fortunate on our rallyes and no one has been hurt, however, we have bent some machines on fast rallyes. Let this then be a warning to us and while either laying out or driving rallyes, keep the speeds down.

THE FUNCTIONS OF AN OFFICER

An officer has practically nothing to do except to decide what is to be done; to tell somebody to do it; to listen to reasons why it should not be done, why it should be done, by someone else, or why it should be done in a different way; to follow up to see if the thing has been done; to discover that it has not; to inquire why; to listen to excuses from the person who should have done it; to follow up again to see if the thing has been done, only to discover that it has been done incorrectly; to point out how it should have been done; to conclude that as long as it has been done, it may as well be left where it is; to wonder if it is not time to get rid of a person who cannot do a thing right; to reflect that certainly any successor would be just as bad, and maybe worse; to consider how much simpler and better the thing would have been done if one had done it oneself in the first place; to reflect sadly that one would have done it right in twenty minutes, and, as things turned out, one has had to spend two days to find out why it has taken three weeks for somebody else to do it wrong!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is sprung...and our schedule of events has sprung into full bloom. Beginning with April 12, there is hardly a weekend until Fall that doesn't have some type of event slated...either a VMSC event or a race.

One hundred twenty-eight trophies came last week from California. These will cover all of our events for the year (except the Old Dominion Rallye and the Concours which will offer some special silver). We have bigger and better trophies than ever before. On April 16, at our regular meeting, no less than 33 trophies will be handed out for past events.

Four Minerva stopwatches have been purchased to offer more accurate timing. Our present watches will be auctioned off at the April meeting. These are still excellent 12-hour timers and should make a worthwhile addition to your rallye equipment.

New VMSC car badges have been ordered and should be here within 30 days. They are identical to the badge you now have, but the bracket is more suitable to sports cars than the old one. New members' badges are included in their initiation fee. Other members may acquire a new badge by presenting \$2 to Treasurer Dick Gunn.

We're looking forward to seeing each of you take an active part in this year's activities...activities which should fill your trophy shelves to capacity!

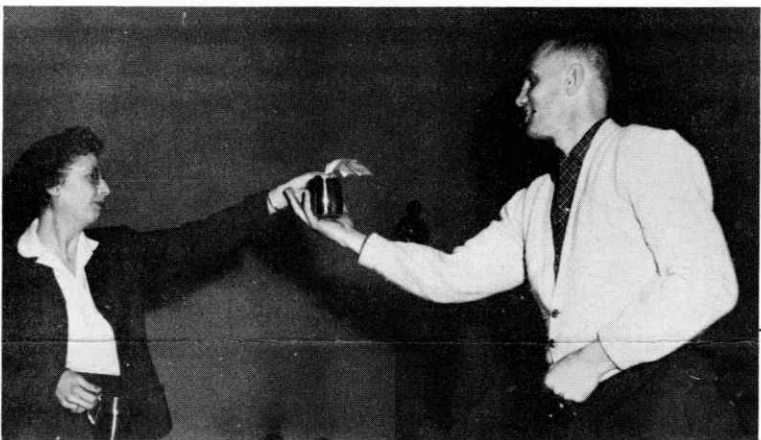
John M. Kessler

John M. Kessler
President

- AT THE MEETING -
20 March



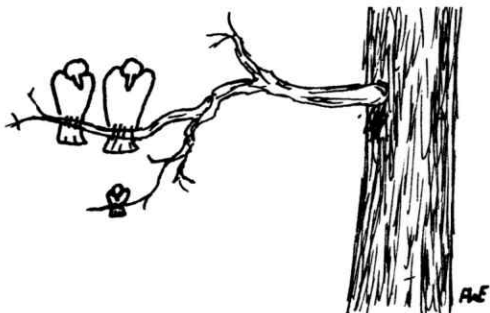
El Presidente and La Secretarina,
busy



John Thornton graciously accepts 1st
place cup from distainful Mary Jenks

1953 Fiat "1100" - \$550
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1957 MGA, as is - \$1650
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1958 Volvo - \$2095

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GRAMPA BUCKETBUTT'S BANALITIES

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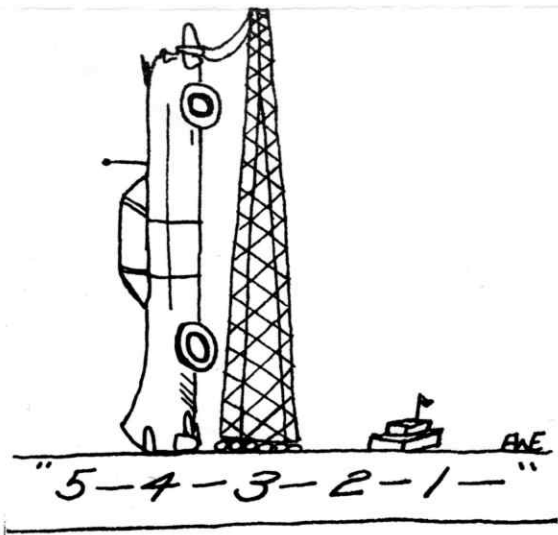
Once upon a pre-racing season, a young man was preparing his competition car for practice sessions. A friend came by one night and stayed to hold wrenches, tell jokes, get coffee, etc. Number Two young man asked Number One if he would like some help in the pits at Marlboro. Number One allowed as how he would be delighted.

Come practice, Number One and Number Two charge off to Marlboro. There was lots of interesting machinery around and Number Two wandered off to look at it and to talk to other enthusiasts.

Come race time, Number One and somebody else charged off to Marlboro. Number Two didn't get a pit pass.

Moral: If you say you are going to do something, do it!

Ole Grampa Bucketbutt has torqued it down.



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"HARE AND HOUNDS" RALLYE
MARCH 19, 1959

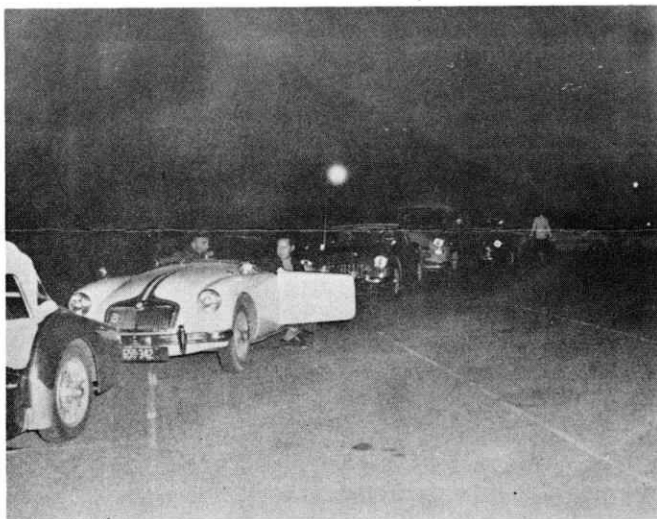
RESULTS



1. Tom Enright and Flora Enright
2. John Palmer and Ron Vincent
3. Madison McClintic and Bill Pettit
4. Tom Rennie and Robert Walker
5. Stuart Jenks and Mary Jenks
6. Ed Wright and Marvin Donger
7. Charlie Armstrong and Allen Wilensky
8. Chuck Bress and Rip Radcliffe
9. Ted Remick and Bev West
10. Charlie Larus and Pete Toepffer
11. John Kessler and Suzanne Kessler
12. Will Fitch and Sam Carmine
13. John Thornton and Marge Thornton



Afterwards to Mike's for relief.



At the start



(Even the O. D.'s need it!)



The winners, 1st and 2nd, T. Enright,
J. Palmer, R. Vincent, and F. Enright

REGULAR MEETING of VMSC was held on Thursday, March 19, at the Branch House. A summary of the minutes follows.

At the Board meeting on March 10, it was decided that each rallye O.D. would be responsible for assisting the Editor of CHECKPOINTS in taking pictures for the photographic issue. The club will pay for the film used. Ed Jett offered the use of his Polaroid camera, and the following photographers offered their assistance: Wendell Powell, Tom Rennie, Ed Wright, and Harold Applewhite.

It was announced that the CORVETTE COURIER has printed a history of VMSC.

Hal Kirby is now out of the hospital and slowly recuperating.

The Trophy Chairman announced that trophies for the year have been shipped from California.

The President read the first 20 of the point standings for this year.

It was reported that a "fancy" blazer badge would cost \$6.82 each. The present badges may be ordered for \$2.00. A report on a supplier of the \$2.00 badges will be given at the next meeting.

The October 1959 meeting of VMSC will be a dinner meeting.

John Thornton reported that new stop-watches will be ordered and the old ones auctioned off at the April meeting.

Results of the ballot in February regarding purchase of a truck are as follows: Total votes - 34; 15 for the truck; 19 against.

Entry blanks for the Chesapeake Trophy Rallye are available. Entry fee is \$10; the date is April 19.

Ed Wright awarded the Hard Luck Trophy to Trink Jett.

A HARE AND HOUNDS RALLYE followed the business meeting.

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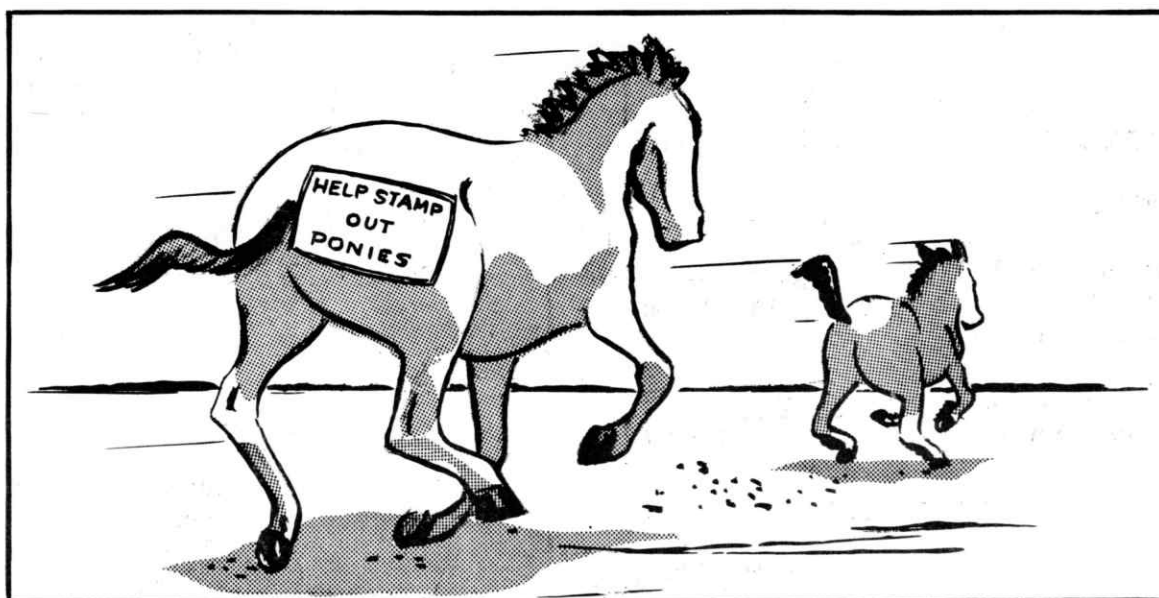
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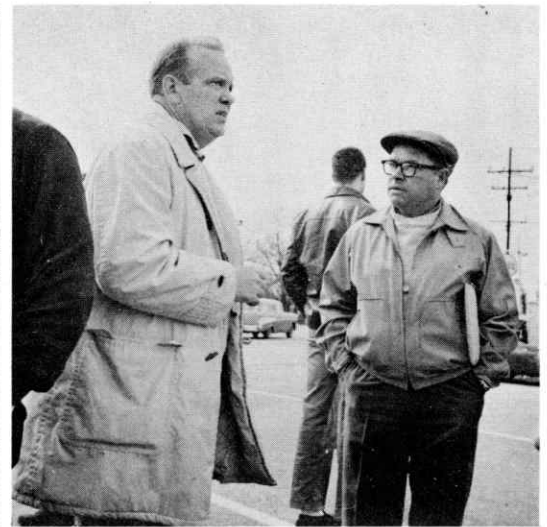


FEB. 22 "Washington's Birthday Rallye"

H. Applewhite and C. Bress, O.D.'s



Harold and Evelyn Applewhite with Chuck Bress check 'em out



Wade Norton and Harold discuss forthcoming events



Charlie Armstrong's new (old) Jowett Jupiter gets thoroughly inspected at the start



Cassel Adamson checks out with his blonde navigator - hasn't been seen since!

FIRST 10 POINT STANDINGS
THROUGH MARCH 19, 1959

- | | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Stuart Jenks | 7. Tom Enright |
| 2. John Thornton | Marge Thornton |
| 3. Chuck Bress | 8. Harry Bitner |
| 4. Rip Radcliffe | 9. Madison McClintic |
| 5. Tom Rennie | 10. George Patteson |
| 6. John Palmer | |

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An unexpected attraction...rallye ended at a weighing platform. Harry Bittner puts his TR on the scales.



The Wendell Powells looking happy to find the end of the trail!



John and Marge Thornton roaring in to the finish.



This has nothing to do with the Rallye, we just wanted to show someone having a good time at "Mike's Grill" after the meeting.



Two drunks sat at a table in a bar-room discussing topics of all sorts in a somewhat garbled manner. Then one drunk tipped back his chair, lost his balance and landed flat on the floor. The other drunk looked across the table and asked in a worried voice, "Hey, there, you're coming back aren't you?"

"Why can't you hang out the window like other dogs?"
—Gallagher—

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