



Checkpoints

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IT'S RALLYE TIME



Leonard and Rosalind Schwab get checked out by John Kessler at the start of the Travelogue Rallye

Photo by Wright

1959 Calendar of Events

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| Jun 14 - Pathfinder Rallye - Remick & Moore | 19 - Rallye - Jenks & Enright |
| 18 - Meeting | Aug 9 - Gymkhana - McClintic & R. Owen |
| 21 - Marlboro Races | 20 - Meeting |
| 28 - Gymkhana - Carmine & Welch | 23 - Historical Rallye - Mayo & Armstrong |
| Jul 5 - Concours - Fitch & D. Rucker | 30 - Marlboro Races |
| 12 - Marlboro Races | Nov 7 & 8 - Old Dominion Rallye - Norton & Pettit |
| 16 - Meeting | |

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EDITORIAL

Now that we have a publicity director, we probably will receive a little more attention in our press. Many thanks to Steve Guback who did a very nice job in the Sunday paper of the 24th of May. Many, many people have told me that they thought that it was a very fine article. Thanks again Steve.

In line with the above, as our local notoriety increases, we will be noticed more and more by the public; so, it behooves us to show more than normal courtesy in our driving habits. People notice these little things and having good relations with the public never hurt anyone.

FIRST 10 POINT STANDINGS THROUGH MAY 24, 1959

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| 1. John Thornton | 6. Suzanne Kessler |
| 2. Stuart Jenks | 7. George Patteson, III |
| 3. Marge Thornton | 8. Judy Baylor |
| 4. Mary Jenks | 9. Chuck Bress |
| 5. John Kessler | 10. Bev West |

VMSC REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Motor Sport Club, Inc., was held on Thursday, 21 May, 1959, at the Branch House, 2501 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, at 7:30 p.m. - attendance 51-

The President called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and guests.

Motion was made and seconded that reading of Minutes of April 16th meeting be dispensed with and accepted as stands.

Dick Gunn, Treasurer, reported there is \$408.56 in Club's account and \$186 will be spent for purchase of Blazer Badges.

The President announced that at the May meeting of the Board of Directors, it was proposed that VMSC have a YEAR BOOK with pictures of owners and cars to sell for \$1.00. Any proceeds from this would go toward Club's Annual Banquet. The Club members were in accord with this and the matter will be discussed and gone into more fully at future meetings.

The President announced that Club Member Ed Wright is first in Class J in races at Marlboro and Cumberland - This was greeted by the members with applause - also mentioned were John Elliott and Madison McClintic who raced at Marlboro and Cumberland.

The Club's car badges were ordered and upon receipt were found to be the wrong color and also had the wrong brackets. This will have to be adjusted.

Mary Jenks was given a vote of thanks for her letter to Richmond Times Dispatch regarding the papers lack of sports car coverage at Danville, Marlboro, Cumberland. This letter seems to have stepped up the local paper's interest, for the time being, in racing.

Tom Rennie was appointed by the President as Director of Public Relations for Club - to see that news, photos, etc., get to the papers.

Tom Rennie was asked by Club member, Bill Harding, to give an account of his trip to Cumberland (piloting his own plane) which he did amid much hilarity.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet the 1st of June, - well all right, we make mistakes too.

Meet Your President's "Better Half" at a Glance

For many years, a tiny figure with twinkling feet was one of the outstanding performers in Elinor Fry's annual dance revues. This wee lass was none other than Suzanne Branner.

Now married to VMSC's President, John Kessler, Suzanne went from "twinkling toes" to "twinkling dials", for she was John's avid navigator in VMSC's Rallies long before they were married, and from the number of dash plaques on John's car, she handled these "twinkling dials" with finesse.

Suzanne's favorite food---this reporter is sure it is fried chicken, for very seldom does one see the Kessler's at races or rallies without seeing, also, a goodly amount of fried fowl accompanying them.



Photo by Powell

Harold Applewhite cheerfully receives a "Hard Luck" award from Bob Mayo while Caroline Crenshaw chuckles.

PICTURE QUIZ RESULTS

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| 1. Leonard Schwab
(Brand New Member) | 4. Robert Mayo |
| 2. Ed Rucker | 5. George Patteson |
| 3. Bill Harding | 6. Stuart Jenks |
| | 7. Allen Fine |



33 trophies await presentation...

We Catch Up on Trophies...

Trophy Chairman Charlie Armstrong brings rally winners up to date

Photos by Powell



...to Bev West (and absentee Judy Baylor) for Feb. 22 event



...to Pam Jenks and friend for Feb. 22 Rallye



...to John and Marge Thornton for The Anniversary Rallye



...to George Patteson and Ed Remick for Groundhog Rallye



...to Suzanne (and John) Kessler for Feb. 22 Rallye

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In view of the fact that June is DAIRY MONTH, we must all pay tribute to Richmond's ace MG driver and VMSC member, MOO CLARK! Also, we must not overlook that great mechanic, ALFRED MOOMOO!

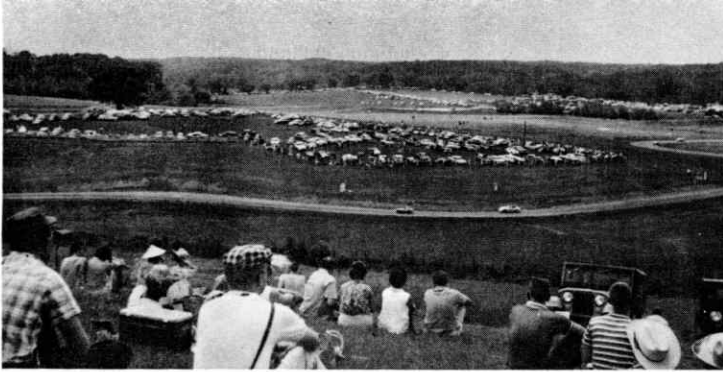


Photo by Wright

Danville from Observation Hill - pits, paddock and people

RACES

Danville - A Place in the Sun

The heat was on in Danville for V. I. R. Spring Sprints. It was on the drivers, the cars and the spectators. Pity Hepenstall in the D. B. with the clear plastic roof.

As usual the pits were active, all the way from the individually tuned Berkeley's to Cunningham's portable machine shop and coffee house. There was a bit of confusion all over the pit area when it was discovered that nobody had thought to print up an entry list. The drivers asked the crew, the crew asked the officials and the officials asked the spectators, but nobody seemed to be sure just who was driving what.

On the track, things were just as much in an uproar, but a bit more controlled. The Abarths were once more in evidence. It's hard to see how the 67 h.p. coupe manages to beat the 75 h.p. Osca competition roadsters, but it's happening.

Scotty Gow, Jimmy Waters, Moe Clark, Bill Harding, Craig Pelouze, and Ed Wright all went like bombs, until they started blowing up. The TR's of Pelouze, Gow and Waters stayed glued together, and Bill finished in his Berkeley, but everything else came unstuck all over the place.

The three Carreras had an interesting dice until one went off the track (twice). Funny, though, nobody seemed quite sure who was driving the winning Porsche at the time.

The purple Corvette with the red hat was chewing up macadam as Jim Jeffords wiped up the field. There was a decent duel for second place, but nobody seems to be able to touch the beautifully prepared hunk of Detroit "iron."

The big race was not nearly as exciting as Marlboro's President's Cup although the same pair who had the big dice across the Potomac were still spitting exhaust at each other. The story at Danville was that Hansgen's Lister Jag lapped everybody and Sessler's RSK lapped everybody else. On a dry, fast track the miniscule Porsche just can't out drag the beefy Costin Lister. It's interesting to see the Hansgen-Sessler battles, though. The almost frantic style of Sessler is an interesting contrast to the quiet, reserved style in which Hansgen hurtles around the track.

Hard luck trophies to F. Baptista who can't seem to keep his Elva from going around in circles, the unidentified Porsche that took a cross-country course on the Hog Pen corner and Don Sessler for running out of gas on the next to last lap of the main event.

Cumberland

Moe Clark, Madison McClintic, Bill Harding, and Ed Wright took off like big birds. Bill's ignition/carburetion troubles cropped up and he very sportingly finished the race (locally known as the Dawn Patrol) giving much needed pit signals to Wright who, at this point, was a little confused as to the number of wheels required to make a turn; however, he finished 1st with the battery cable dangling. Mac started way back in the pack and improved his 1st lap position 5 places. Dern Ace Bristols anyhow! Moe decided to go, and he went, leaving twin cam A's in the dust, and finished 1st MG. Dern Carreras anyhow! The Feature Race saw Bob Holbert back after the tragic mess at Marlboro. He finished 2nd to Hansgen. This race was further highlighted by Charlie Kolb's fantastic handling of his 2-liter Maser. Another lovely weekend, nearly perfect.

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The Anniversary Rallye
10 May 1959

OD Wendell Powell - Joe Crenshaw
Checkers Jack and Sam Carmine
Lorraine and Caroline Crenshaw

1. John & Marge Thornton
 2. Robert Walker & Melita Clark
 3. Bev West & Judy Baylor
 4. John Kessler & Suzanne Kessler
 5. George Patteson & Shirley Ward
 6. Stuart Jenks & Mary Jenks
 7. Charlie Larus & Pete Toepffer
 8. Cassel Adamson & Eleanor Bech
 9. Hume Gooding & Lenia Gooding
- DNF Chuck Bress & Rip Radcliffe

GRAMPA BUCKETBUPT'S BANALITIES

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Once there was a fella who bought one of those little foreign cars just for transportation around town. He left it outdoors all year for several years, and to make matters worse, he never washed it in all this time so that it was just covered with grim and dirt.

One day, his wife complained so much that he gave up and washed it, and as the last soap bubble disappeared, so did the car, all the metal had rusted away.

Moral: When you have a good thing, don't mess around with it.

Old Grampa has laid down the brush.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS OF 1959

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| Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis | Shirley Ward |
| John Palmer | Mrs. Flora Enwright |
| V. Cassel Adamson | Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Williams |
| Mrs. Shirley Vincent | Mr. and Mrs. Don Wiseman |
| John Elliott | Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schwab |
| Mr. and Mrs. Hume Gooding | Berle Wilson |
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Travelogue

RALLYE, May 24, 1959

In your reporter's opinion, this should have been called the "hearts and flowers" rallye, for many hearts flipped when the results were announced (the May 25 Times-Dispatch carried coverage), and many flowers should be heaped on John Kessler and George Patteson for such an excellent rallye.

Fifteen cars left the Park and Shop Parking Deck on Canal Street Sunday afternoon, and, incredible as it may seem, fifteen cars checked in, with their escape envelopes untouched, Sunday evening. Even more incredible is the fact that fifteen cars went by each checkpoint on each leg.

Do not let this mislead you, though, because it was an intricate rallye, and the last leg was entirely precision navigation complete with 10 speed changes.

The course of the rallye went from Richmond to Williamsburg via Jamestown and the Parkway, and the return leg was via Route 5 to Varina.

Many of the participants refueled with a delectable bit of food at Chownings in Williamsburg while others enjoyed "home cooked" food in their cars. Each car was allowed a minimum of 60 minutes, from its check-in time, for dinner and could take an extra fifteen if need be.

There were really three separate legs to Williamsburg, and each leg was different. One had more questions than the others, and those that saw the sign, "Just Ahead," (it was right at a checkpoint and most participants were busy with their new set of instructions, as the OD's figured they would be, and missed it) had writer's fatigue by the time they finished copying it, for it included "Ole Virginia Ham, biscuits, clean rest rooms, copper, pewter, brass, gifts, Old Chickahominy House" and many others that your writer has forgotten--- it would have suited your writer to have missed the sign entirely after trying to squeeze all of this into a few inches of space.

John and George can be justly proud of this rallye. Results follow:

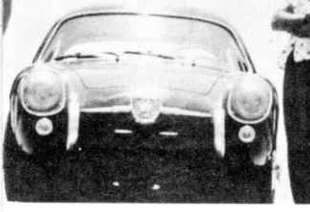
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| 1 - Jenks & Jenks | 9 - Wiseman & Wiseman |
| 2 - Thornton & Thornton | 10 - Crenshaw & Crenshaw |
| 3 - Wells & Payne | 11 - Wilson and Hamilton |
| 4 - Walker & Walker | 12 - Williams & Williams |
| 5 - Powell & Powell | 13 - Gooding & son |
| 6 - Schwab & Schwab | 14 - Carmine & Welch |
| 7 - Applewhite & Applewhite | 15 - Ed Wright |
| 8 - Clarke & Clarke | |

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE

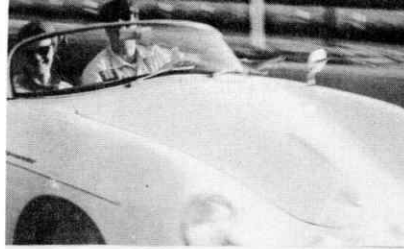
Stewart-Warner Police Special Speedometer-Odometer with trip meter. Just checked out and dead accurate. Have two only need one. Sale or swap. Don Wiseman ATLantic 2-0419

THE TRAVELOGUE RALLYE
24 May - Kessler and Patteson



◀ The "Little" Abarth

▼ The airborne start



See anyone you know?



Somebody got curious!



◀ The finish at Varina

AT MARLBORO

19 APRIL



Ole "Ivy League" seems to have an extra foot!



Spirited conversation around Mac's machine

The lineup

Faces in the crowd Distaff side

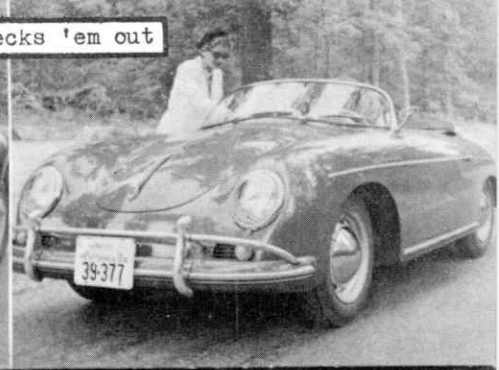




THE ANNIVERSARY RALLYE
10 May Crenshaw and Powell



Caroline checks 'em out



Picnicing,
with hazards

Photos by Crenshaw
& Powell

John & Suzanne
cut the cake



17 MAY **Cumberland, Md.**



Being cool and casual in the paddock

◀ From the mountain

See the New
- MORETTI -
- - - Hand-crafted from Italy - - -
and the
- FIAT ABARTH "750" -
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LOOK FAMILIAR?
Its Ken Payne's Chesterfield LeMans
Photo Rallye
April 12

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VMSC MEMBERS WIN HONORS
AT ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC MEET

Bill Pettit is shown above with his classic 1940 Duesenberg which he exhibited in Waynesboro May 23 at the Seventh Old Dominion Antique Automobile Meet.

Competing with cars dating back to 1902, Bill's "Dusie" received the Judges' Award for the most outstanding car at the meet. Bill displayed the Duesenberg and a 1923 Franklin Touring, winning first in class with both cars.

Jerry Powell, another VMSCer, won first in class with his 1924 Rolls-Royce. Jerry's Rolls was voted the Car Owners' Award for most outstanding car at meet.

IT'S THE LIVING END!

