



Checkpoints

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Pathfinder Rallye

The morning of June 26th, we arose very early to go jaunting around the back roads of Henrico, Chesterfield and other counties along the route to Cumberland.

The rallye was to begin at the Phillip Morris Research Center. Our commanding officers were Ed Cobb and Leonard Schwab. We were advised to take along a few trinkets such as rings, bracelets, etc. to trade with local natives in case of trouble. At approximately 8:30 A.M., we received our coded orders for our reconnaissance mission, and were on our way.

The first leg began with a turn into Bells Road, continuing across Petersburg Pike to other winding roads in Chesterfield County. Things moved along very smoothly for about twenty minutes, till we suddenly discovered that our stop-watch read only five minutes. After a few naughty words and a little banging on the pavement, it was running again. It may never look the same, but it has worked fine ever since.

Later, while still traveling on the back roads of Chesterfield County, we came upon a mass confusion of tiny sports cars running about in a state of madness -- it seems that some of the instructions were missing. The madness continued down the Petersburg Pike to Colonial Heights where things eventually calmed down. Mr. Applewhite and Mr. Jenks had a new electronic rallye computer which not only gave average speed and mileage, but also directed them through the confusion. We finally found a route which would take us to another route, which in turn would take us here, and there, and so on.

The jaunt from there on to Cumberland was a little calmer. After encountering a few Detroit machines, fallen trees, and of course the dust, we finally reached our destination at Cumberland Court House. The roadster crowd muddied up a few rest rooms, removing dust and dirt, before joining the others for lunch at one of the local establishments. After an hour lunch-break, we returned to the Court House to begin the leg home.

The trip back was much smoother, and not quite so dusty. We made our way back to Richmond by way of Cartersville, Ferncliff and Louisa, using such navigational aids as mail boxes, signs, white gates and bridges. Several cars wandered off course, and after one or two miles, found themselves in someone's front yard.

Hume Gooding and Ronnie Parrott threw a tread on a hard corner and had to make a thirty-second pit stop to change tires. Once in a while we observed friendly agents partially hidden on side roads but fortunately there were no skirmishes with Secret Police or unfriendly natives.

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The rallye ended at Ed Cobb's house for the welcomed refreshment of cold beer and discussion of the day's events. There were also a few complaints heard here and there--good thing Leonard Schwab was at LeMans. Maybe he took the missing instructions with him.

Peggy and Bill Brown

Results of Annual Pathfinder Rallye - June 26th, 1960.
Ed Cobb, Leonard and Rosalind Schwab, O.D.'s.

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| 1. Bill and Peggy Brown | 7. Dick Hatch & Terry Yarbrough |
| 2. Harold Applewhite and Stuart Jenks | 8. George Patteson and Shirley Ward |
| 3. John and Marge Thornton | 9. Al and Janet Smith |
| 4. Tom Vaughan and Hans Windmueller | 10. Judy Baylor and Mary Hale |
| 5. Charlie Larus and Pat Ballard | 11. Ferguson and Berle Wilson |
| 6. Wray Bragg and Len Wells | 12. Hume Gooding and Parrott |

Top Twenty Point Standings -- through July 21st meeting

1. John Thornton	5200	+50 +50 +900 +50	12. Shirley Ward	2500
2. Stuart Jenks	5100	+100 +50 +100 +50	Ed Cobb	2500
3. Charlie Larus	5000	+400 +50 +500 +1000 +50	13. Harold Applewhite	2250
4. Marge Thornton	4650		14. John Kessler	2100
5. Wray Bragg	3800		15. Rosalind Schwab	1950
6. George Patteson	3450	↓ 6250 5 6250 B C 7000	16. Allen Fine	1750
7. Tom Vaughan	3350		17. Judy Baylor	1700
8. Madison McClintic	3100		18. Dick Hatch	1550
9. Mary Jenks	2900		19. Rip Radcliffe	1500
10. Len Wells	2850		Peggy Brown	1500
11. Bill Brown	2700		20. Jerry Chamberlain	1400
			Gordon Williams	1400

Results of Hare and Hounds - June 16, 1960.
Len Wells and Tom Enright, O.D.'s

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| 1. Tom and Nancy Vaughan | Sprite |
| 2. Wray Bragg and Jim Zenmer | Corvair |
| 3. Stuart and Pam Jenks | TR-2 |
| 4. Kent Johnson and Jane Mahoney | A-H |
| 5. Sam and Barbara Perry | OLDSMOBILE! |
| 6. Madison McClintic and Charlie Larus | TR-3 |
| 7. Bill and Peggy Brown | MGA |
| 8. John Kessler and Dave Davis | TR-3 |
| 9. John and Marge Thornton | TR-3 |

- 10. Ed Cobb and John Musgrove
- 11. George Patteson and Shirley Ward
- 12. Dick Rothgeb and Wayne Chenault
- 13. Dick Kowall and Judy Baylor
- 14. Jack Mathews and Roger Matthews
- 15. Al and Janet Smith

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- XK150
- Sprite

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STRATFORD HILLS STOMP

Sunday was an exciting Dad's Day. Arising early, we had breakfast and made tracks for Southside Speedway to see the "Mighty Mo" take his inaugural laps in the Formula Jr. Leaving there we headed for the Hughes House parking lot for a few fast laps with the Super K. (on one engine--the other one wouldn't run!) After a quick sandwich, we warmed up "Tweety Bird" and scratched off for the other side of the river; Stratford Hills shopping center being our objective. When we arrived, the show had commenced, and I saw Sam Carmine rush to leave for Eastern Dragways for some more pots. Being "Irish", I looked the course over, and after due consideration, felt that even if I invested a skin and didn't bring home something to show for it, it would still be a lot of fun.

That's just what it was -- a lot of fun. Rolling up to the starting line wearing a new set of driving gloves, blipped the throttle, gently loosed the clutch and took off! The first corner was no doubt a switchback, as I managed to lose that deft touch on the steering wheel and left the normal direction of the course. Being assessed penalty points, I started again and managed to go in the same direction as everyone else, but came to the finish line too fast. Clamped on the binders, went across the line, and had to reverse.

The second go around was more exciting--everyone knew the route, and the times dropped down like they were going for the pole position in the ring. Using all the revs and a few extras (fortunately the valves didn't bloop out the exhaust pipes) we made the second run and left.

Arriving at the salt mines Monday, several of the employees told me that I had "Won the Race", and that was the first time I had heard about the results.

As you know, I am obliged to write this expose', but I can honestly say that had I not won, I would gladly have written an article to tell everyone who didn't come, "You missed an enjoyable day!"

A. Fine

Results of Gymkhana - "Stratford Hills Stomp" - June 19, 1960
Charlie Larus and Fred Johnson, O.D.'s

Over 1600 cc

1. C. Pelouse
2. J. Walters
3. Dave Davis
4. John Kessler
5. John Kessler
6. Madison McClintic
7. John Thornton
8. Brandy Rice
9. Sam Carmine
10. Dick Hatch
11. Jackie Carmine

Under 1600 cc

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| 1. Allen Fine | 12. Alton Davis |
| 2. Sam Perry | 13. T. Vaughan |
| 3. T. Ed Remick | 14. D. Wiseman |
| 4. Wray Bragg | 15. C. Garza |
| 5. John Musgrove | 16. Chamberlain |
| 6. Dick Dickerson | 17. R. Radcliffe |
| 7. George Patteson | 18. S. Ward |
| 8. N. Brewington | |
| 9. Len Wells | |
| 10. Bill Brown | |
| 11. Joe Crenshaw | |

The regular monthly meeting of VMSC was held on July 21 at the Branch House. Highlights of the meeting follows:

The Board of Directors at its recent meeting recommended a change in the section of the By-Laws pertaining to membership applications. The suggested amendment will be sent to all members prior to the next regular meeting.

Attention was again called to the club's rule allowing non-members to participate in only two events other than meetings.

The Chairman of the Rule Committee, John Thornton, discussed briefly the new Competition Regulations which were adopted by the Board of Directors. Copies are available for all members.

VMSC now has new "Checkpoints" co-editors - Nancy and Tom Vaughan. They requested that the members please submit material for "Checkpoints" before the 5th of each month.

Caroline Crenshaw and Margaret Rucker are preparing a Club Scrapbook. They requested that members turn in to them pictures and clippings.

Our Treasurer, Dick Gunn, entertained the members with his display of the club's wares in his own hilarious manner.

Dave Davis was presented a belated "baby trophy" for his son who was born on February 29.

Trophies were presented for the Hare & Hounds, the Gymkhana, and the Pathfinder Rallye. Results are given elsewhere in this issue.

Recommendation was made to the Contest Board by Ken Payne that a class for "over 3000 cc" be included in gymkhanas.

Following the business portion of the meeting, movies were shown, including a film on the evolution of the automobile and some of Mac McClintic's excellent scenes from the gymkahana and from Marlboro.

A hearty welcome to the new members:

Dick Kowall

Jack Matthews

John Musgrove

Janet and Albert Smith

Last but not least Peggy Crawford Brown. Any resemblance between hers and Bill Brown's name is purely intentional. Congratulations on your recent marriage!!

From under the Editors' desks:

Since Checkpoints landed in our laps, strange things have been landing in our mail-box...prose and poetry that makes for much better reading than the usual bills and circulars. Since this is a free press, (at least that's what we were told when we inquired about Editors' salaries) we plan to print anything that's interesting, legible, and not libelous. As of now, our mail-box has netted us one short story from Lord knows who, and two patches of poetry which bear that inimitable mark of Ed Wright. (Like we said, Ed, we'll print almost anything!)

There once was a driver named Shears
Who shifted by slamming his gears
After tearing his transmission
He was full of contrition
And Wept buckets into his beers.

"I won't! I won't! I won't put it up," he said.
"It's not sporting at all,
I'd live under a pall,
Not to mention being cut dead".
His wife shot a glance that wished he might be,
As they drove through the rain miserably.
As they came 'round a turn,
His wife started to burn.
"Oh, this is too much, "cried she!
"Let me out of this car right now!
I'll go home by bus or by scow!
When you come home, that top will be up,
If at my house you care to sup."
He looked at his wife with wondering eyes,
This tirade came as a complete surprise.
But do you think a mere wife could
his resolution sway?
Well, the very next week he bought her
A Chevrolet!

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ONE WAY TO DO IT

Just suppose you want on the last rallye and are wondering whether or not you won. Well, that looks like the results that came in today's mail, let's open it up and see. Were you 1st? 2nd? 3rd? No?? Well, add up those penalty points again. ODs sometimes make mistakes, you know. But not this time? Well, check and see how he's penalizing, maybe that's not right. Wow! He socked you with more penalties on that checkpoint than he's supposed to according to the way He's scoring. Don't bother to add the corrected penalty to see if the correction will put you in a winning spot..... jump in your machine and go tell him to his face he goofed. What? you mean you still aren't high enough to win? Tough break, but all is not lost yet. Go home and think, man, think.

Well, if there was one mistake there may be others. Maybe you should get all the figures and really give them a going over to see just what that bird is doing. You got 'em? Good! Now add, subtract, multiply, divide and invert until you are thoroughly familiar with the works. You know, if that guy hadn't decided to score that thing the way he wanted instead of the way you want to, you'd be in a winning spot. Hm-m-m-m-m-m. You say you don't remember his saying he was going to do it like that? But suppose you didn't make the Navigators Meeting-- you were late and the rallye was under way when you arrived. So What! If you didn't hear it, then he didn't say it. Right? Right. Now-- talk it over with your friends- if you're fortunate enough to have an influential one (a contest board member will do) see if you can't persuade him to see your side (after all, what are friends for). Then maybe he can convince others that your method of scoring is obviously better (for you, of course). After all, OD's don't have any right to score their rallye the way they want, it's everybody's club.

It worked? Hooray!!!! Now take that trophy home and put it on the shelf! With a system like this, you'll have that shelf filled up in no time at all.

Didn't Win a Trophy

A.M.S.C. Schedule of Events

- August 18 - Meeting-short Rallye. Ted Remick O.D.
- 28 - Gymkhana - Harding & Carmine O.D.'s
- September 4 - Concourse - Chamberlain and Gunn
- 11 - Races at Marlboro
- 15 - Meeting
- 17-18 - Nags Head Event - Radcliffe

Schedule of Events - Cont'd

October	20	- Dinner Meeting
	30	- Halloween Rallye - Vaughan & Radcliffe
November	17	- Meeting, Hare and Hounds. Armstrong and Pettit
	20	- Thanksgiving Rallye - Gooding and Brown
December	15	- Meeting
	18	- Christmas Rallye - J. Crenshaw and W. Powell
January	7	- Annual Banquet

Results of Southside Speedway Gymkhana, July 24, 1960.
O.D.'s McClintic and Elliott.

Position overall	Car #	Driver	Type Machine	Over 1500	Under 1500	Time
1	33	Wray Bragg	Renault Alpine		1	66.2
2	26	Len Wells	Renault Alpine		2	67
3	24	Craig Pelouse	Saab G T		3	68.5
4	44	Edward T. Remick	Porsche	1		68.6
5	4	R. Dickerson	Saab		4	69
6	8	Jack Palmer	A-H 106	2		69.4
6	23	Ed Cobb	MGA		5	69.4
7	21	Dave Davis	TR-3	3		70.5
8	6	Charles D. Larus, IV	MGA		6	71
8	31	Fred Johnson	Porsche	4		71
9	25	Kent Johnson	A-H 3000	5		71.3
10	30	A. Edward Wright, Jr.	A-H 100	6		71.6
11	19	John Kessler	TR-3	7		71.7
12	7	Tom Vaughan	A-H Sprite		7	71.75
13	17	John Musgrove	A-H Sprite		8	72.1
14	5	Ken Payne	Jaguar XK150	8		72.2
15	34	Julian Bell	MGA Twin cam	9		72.7
16	3	Bill Brown	MGA		9	72.75
17	10	Don Wiseman	MGA		10	72.9
18	15	Stuart Jenks	TR-2	10		73
19	11	Chauncey Hetter	TR-3A	11		73.2
20	20	John Thornton	TR-3	12		73.9
21	2	Sam Carmine	Corvette	13		74
21	14	Auldis E. Wright, Jr.	NSU Prinz		11	74
22	1	George Patteson	Porsche		12	74.5
22	28	J. M. Worcester	NSU Prinz		13	74.5
23	9	Dick Hatch	TR-3A	14		75.1
24	39	Ed Wright	Corvette	15		75.9
25	29	Tom Grigg	NSU Prinz		14	75.95
26	35	Joe Crenshaw	Porsche	16		76
27	38	Bev West	TR-3	17		76.7
28	40	Tommy Wood	AH/106	18		76.95
29	22	Steve Levich	MG-A		15	77.4
30	13	Alton Davis	A-H Sprite		16	77.5
30	36	Sam Carmine	M-Minor		17	77.5
31	31	R. Rothgeb	MGA 1600	19		77.6
32	27	Tom Rennie	DKW		18	77.7
33	12	Janie Mahoney	AH-100	20		78
34	16	Carlos Garza	Corvair	21		78.1
35	37	Marge Thornton	TR-3	22		79.9
36	18	Jackie Carmine	Corvette	23		81.4
37	42	Phyllis Joyner	Corvette	24		93.15
38	41	Mary Jenks	TR-2	25		95
39	43	Jean Davis	A-H Sprite		20	112.5

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For complete information, check with George Patteson or Rip
Radcliffe after next meeting.

(Don't ask Rip before, because he won't know)

For scenic route see Sam Perry

Gymkhana will be held on Sunday!

Let's make this a memorial event for V.M.S.C.

See you all at Nags Head!

Coming next issue -- CLUTCH CHATTER, a column by Mary Jenks
