

Checkpoints

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But Sonny, this is Route 613 !



NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, 20 April - 7:30 P. M.
WHERE: The Branch House
PROGRAM: Movie: "Races at Monza" (year unknown)
Plus one other to be announced
The usual after meeting refreshments will be served.

NEXT EVENT

"Sulfur and Molasses Rally"

O.D.s: Porter Seay and Alton Davis
WHEN: Sunday, 23 April
TIME: 1:00 P. M.
WHERE: Colonial Store across from South Side Plaza
DURATION: Three hours plus or minus a few minutes.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The seals on some of the VMSC glasses given at our annual club party have been coming off when washed. The manufacturer has therefore agreed to "re-fire" the glasses in order to permanently set the VMSC seal.

If you wish to have your glasses "re-fired" please bring them to the next meeting.

Points to Ponder

On the ladies "Misdemeanor" Rally (that's the 5th name for the rally) a couple of the boys learned that TR's don't float as well as they should. See cover.

We see, in looking back through our old Checkpoints, that there used to be a section for Rally tips, Batcheller's Corner, (???) Clutch Chatter, etc... Anyone care to take over any of these columns? Or any other column for that matter.

At the last meeting Charlie Larus, our president, gave out several very valuable door prizes and stated that this may be continued for some future meetings depending on how the club treasury holds out.

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There are two terrific "National" SCCA races coming up this month in Virginia. First at Marlboro and the second at Danville.

A good way to see these two races is to take a sleeping bag and stay for the week-end. It's not too expensive and besides in your spare time you can join in the Gran Prix of sack races with the other poor souls who had to brush their teeth in the local gas station. (Sears has a sale on "double size" sleeping bags this month only.)

Last year for the VIR race a group of the club members met on Sunday morning at the West Cary Shopping Center and drove together to the races with lunch in boot, etc... Perhaps we could do this again.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL

14-15-16	Marlboro "National" Races	SCCA
20	Meeting	VMSC
23	Spring Rally	VMSC - Porter Seay and Alton Davis
29-30	V.I.R. Danville Presidents' Cup Races	SCCA

MAY

6-7	MG Club Little "500" Rally,	New York
14	Field Trials,	Washington, D. C. SCCA
18	Meeting	VMSC
18-19-20	Virginia Reel Rally	"National" SCCA
21	Historical Rally	VMSC Stuart Jenks and Bob Henkle
22-23	Barefoot Mailman Rally,	Florida

JUNE

2-3	Drivers' School	Marlboro	SCCA
3-4	Six Hour Races	Marlboro	SCCA
11	Gymkahana	VMSC	Len Wells and Bill Harding
15	Meeting	VMSC	
18	Pathfinder Rally	VMSC	Bill Pettit and Geo. Patteson

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above list of events is by no means all inclusive. The Acropolis Rally, Greece, is being run on the 18th of May along with the Dutch GP at Zandvoort on the 22nd, plus a few others.

Come Hell or H _____ W _____ Rally

Monte Carlo, February 19--(AP) As had been predicted, the Monte was decided on the nine special sections between Charbonnieres and Monte Carlo. High waters resulting from melting snow which usually plague the event forced many crews to select alternate routes between the controls, thereby giving those sections something of a Mille Miglia flavor!

Twenty-three cars left Douglas Freeman High School knowing where they were going (Bowie's Restaurant on 301), how long it would take them (3 hrs. 52 min.), and with maps (Hanover, Caroline) to show the way. "How will they ever break the ties?"

Soon after Rockville, Checkpoint #1, this question was answered. "Road Closed--High Water". This dilemma brought the first detour for some, but not for Dick Gunn who walked ankle-deep ahead of brother Antrim's new Mercedes. Others of a more adventurous nature plunged in only to emerge with damp spirits, damp feet, damp ignitions, and No Breaks.

The first water hazard proved to be the kick off of a mad afternoon of dodging potholes and pickinninnies. One of the most valuable assets one could have had besides a tank suspension was a Spottsylvania County map. Ted Remmick also could have used the location of Checkpoint #9. Other items needed were roller skates to go under the TR mufflers.

Editor's Note: George, Have you ever driven an Austin Healey?

----- binoculars to stare back at the OD's, and minute car watches (timed to the second).

When Monte Carlo was finally reached and the cars safely in the parc ferme, Organizers Cobb and Vaughn provided instant sandwiches, coffee, and results, resolving that the tabulation of scores really should be as hidden as the checkpoints.

Thanks to the OD's for a fine event and to Dr. Porsche for making the beetles float.

George Patteson

COMPLETE RALLY RESULTS ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE!

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Point Standings as of 19 March 1961

1. George Patteson	1150	11. Jackie Carmine	650
2. Shirley Ward	1150	12. Nanci Vaughn	550
3. Bob Henkle	950	13. Dick Hatch	550
4. Charlie Larus	950	14. Sam Perry	500
5. Marge Thornton	850	15. Wray Bragg	500
6. John Thornton	800	16. Barbara Perry	450
7. Tucker Smith	800	17. John Kessler	450
8. Sam Carmine	750	18. Suzanne Kessler	450
9. Ed Cobb	750	19. Dick Dickerson	400
10. Tom Vaughan	750	20. Hubel Robins	400

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PLUS, AS A BONUS, a dozen or so issues of SCI, Motor Trend, etc. NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED. Make me an offer, I might take less. Jerry Chamberlain, BR 2-1611.

FOR SALE: Blackwell Average speed calculator Mark I, 5½ inches in diameter. For sale everywhere (except at Sears) for \$4.50; Will SACRIFICE for \$3.00---See Ed Cobb any time, any where --- He carries it with him.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Ads from our foreign members are accepted at the same low rate as for all our domestic members. May we have yours for our next issue. Please send remittance with your ad.

1961 EUROPEAN RALLY

Run on 19 February 1961

OD's Tom Vaughn and Ed Cobb

Finish Position	Driver Navigator	Number of Check Points							Total		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9
1.	Patteson-Ward	1	0	2	0		489	4		6	502
2.	Henkle-Peany	2	0	0	4		600	14		1	621
3.	Larus-Smith	0	3	2	2		600	60		2	629
4.	Thornton-Thornton	3	2	1	57		600	3		4	670
5.	Carmine-Carmine	4	3	12	5		389	271		17	701
6.	Hatch-Haile	1	46	3	0		600	60		9	719
7.	Perry-Perry	0	140	3	192		395	15		18	763
8.	Kessler-Kessler	2	0	2	58		600	247		4	913
9.	Brown-Gooding	50	20	11	13		600	436		0	1130
10.	Jenks-Jenks	0	15	435	76		600	5		7	1138
11.	Wilensky-Hendey	3	5	5	4		600	600		10	1227
12.	Wiseman-Wiseman	3	5	15	9		600	600		25	1257
13.	West-Baylor	3	0	94	30		600	600		5	1332
14.	Farmer-Christian	2	314	202	90		600	600		28	1836
15.	Haggard-Dodge	56	50	24	33		600	600		600	1963
16.	Davis-Davis	30	100	101	600		600	600		14	2045
17.	Gunn-Gunn	1	2	331	600		600	600		48	2182
18.	Remick-Marsh	40	600	335	600		600	600		0	2775
19.	Wenk-Stephens	25	26	600	600		600	600		600	3051
20.	Musgrove-Musgrove	2	152	600	600		600	600		600	3164
21.	Parker-Carter	0	600	600	600		600	600		600	3600
22.	Seay-Applewhite	60	600	600	600		600	600		600	3660
23.	Bress-Bruce	600	600	600	68		600	600		600	3668

The following helped to work the rally:

Huble Robins	Decker Vaughn
Dick Dickerson	Bootie Haney
Ben Law	Nancy Vaughn
Wray & Martha Bragg	

NOTE:

When you, as a club member in good standing (dues paid), begin to feel like Steinbeck --- DON'T SUPPRESS THE URGE (It's bad for mental health). Just sit down and type (8 1/2 x 11 paper single space) or scribble (any size paper, any space) out your thoughts.