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MEETING: Thursday, 16 November, 7:30 P.M.
 Movies and Slides of Watkin's Glen
 Nomination of Officers for coming year

POINT STANDINGS THROUGH OCTOBER 28, 1961

Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	George Patterson	7400 ⁸⁴⁵⁰ +50 +1100 +10	12	Dave Fox	3100
2	John Thornton	7050	13	Don Wiseman	3000 + 700 +10
3	Charles Larus	6800 +50 +50 +700 +900	14	Kent Johnson	2950
4	Shirley Ward	6550 +50 +700 +1000 +10	15	Suzanne Kessler	2900
5	Ed Cobb	6500 +50 +7350 +800 +10	15	Len Wells	2900
6.	Marge Thornton	6000	16	Harold Applewhite	2800
	Sam Carmine	6000 +50 +50 +10	17	Stuart Jenks	2750
7	John Kessler	5700 +50	18	Carey Marble	2650
	John Musgrove	5700	19	Ann Wiseman	2600 + 700
8	Tucker Smith	4250 +10 +50 +10	20	Jimmy Morrissey	2500
9	Tom Vaughan	3500 +50	21	Wray Bragg	2450
10	Jackie Carmine	3200 +50 +50 +10		Bill Brown	2450
11	Al Smith	3150			
	Janet Smith	3150			
	Tom Geddy	3150			

PAT 2250 +50 +50 +900 +50 = 3300 +100 = 3700

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This Month's Issue by: Ed Cobb

If you would like to help don't hold back!

NOTES FROM WINNERS OF HALLOWEEN RALLY

They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at Fulton, and they laughed at us, not that we're putting ourselves on the same shelf with Chris and Rob, but we were laughed at for having the top down that cool night of the Halloween Rally.

Five seconds to go, earmuffs down, collars up, gloves on and we were off! The mileage point came and went, the bridge and directions came and went. The first corn field found us grabbing an ear of corn in much haste while we listened for an explosion and the scattering of buckshot, but we managed to get away unharmed.

Further on down the road, after disturbing quiet-loving folks and neckers, we found the witness post and finally the first dirt road and back we came.

All in all, both of us thought it was quite a rewarding experience to top-down-it and bring home the shrunken head which captured first place for us.

Needless to say, we thought the rally was an awful lot of fun and well-planned. I'm sure the cows won't agree with us, but thanks again to Ted Remick and Dick Gunn.

Dave Fox and Tom Jeffers

HALLOWEEN RALLY RESULTS - OCTOBER 28

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Fox and Jeffers	7	Wray and Pettit	13	Cobb and Geddy
2	Larus and Larus	8	T. Smith and Wren	14	McClintic and Price
3	Musgrove and Marble	9	Kessler and Kessler	15	Berkett and Niland
4	Patteson and Ward	10	Morrissey and Emerson	16	Vaughan and Vaughan
5	Kwass and Brooking	11	Driskill and Wilson	17	Crutch and Watson
6	Smith and Smith	12	Phillips and Gill	18	Vogelei and Roberts
				19	Worcester and Monger

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DeGarmo Hills, R.F.D. #3
Wappingers Falls, N. Y.

October 14, 1961

Excerpts from Yankee land to the South OR Life is the same everywhere.... EXCEPT YOU MISS ALL OF YOUR OLD FRIENDS!!

Dear "VMSC'ers,"

The last issue of Checkpoints appealed to the "old" writers to please supply some material, so since I feel qualified as to the "old" part, I have answered the editor's appeal.

We have been in Wappingers Falls, N. Y. (anybody that can think up a worse name for a place has great talent) three weeks, but, in many instances, it feels more like three years.

We have gotten quite straight in our home (living on one floor is a treat for us and having a two car garage underneath, where we can always be out of the weather, is also a treat). As a matter of fact, we have even had time to finish a large book case for all of our collections, and to put curtains or drapes at all of the windows.

In between all of this, we have had time to enter into a few outside activities. In fact, we (Stuart and I) ran a rally in the Karman Ghia, without tents, the second Sunday we were here, and, much to our amazement and their consternation, we came in second! The O.D.'s computed the results immediately after the rally and gave out the trophies -- these two new additions really forced our hand into getting the book case. The rally seemed very easy - compared to some -- we got lost right at the very beginning, before the mileage check...when I say before the check, I should say at the check because the road we missed made a circle and wound around to the mileage check. If all of this seems complicated or confusing, it's because that is the state I started off from the mileage check in. We made no more mistakes after that -- we couldn't make any computing mistakes, since we weren't -- and even with their two way radios and electric timers, we managed to sneak in.

Stuart has just gotten back from an 8 day trip, via Jet, to San Francisco. It took him five hours to go out and four hours and forty minutes to fly back. (Anyone who has followed his Triumph in a rally knows that fast traveling is to his liking.) He seems to have thoroughly enjoyed himself and is looking forward to his next trip out, which will be in about three weeks.

The children have adjusted well to their new life, although they have both been bitten by "Yankee" spiders and have had their faces and ears swelled up like toads. (Pam missed three days from school because of it and Stu, one).

We received a priceless "publication" in the mail this past week from VMSC, which was hand drawn and depicted the two of us so well in our green TR, flying down the road. The artist even remembered that Stuart had a "custom" grill and that he smoked cigars. We love the card so much that we are going to frame it.

We miss all of the VMSC clan and the VMSC activities also. The really bad part of moving is that you have to leave your friends behind. We send our love and best wishes to all of you.

Stuart and Mary Jenks

SOUTH EAST VIRGINIA SPORTS CAR ORGANIZATION MINUTES

DATE: October 21, 1961

PLACE: Orange, Va.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dave Guthrie. Topic for discussion at this particular meeting was the Championship Event scheduled for December 10, 1961. It was decided that each participating club send a 3 car team plus 1 official to assist the OD, Duane McSmith, with the event. Please notify the OD who will represent your club as an official. Duane McSmith, 619 Holmestead Avenue, Hampton, Virginia. Cost to each club - approximately \$15.00. Pay your own way.

Trophys: A new trophy will be purchased this year to be presented to the winning club. Plaques will also be given. The gavel awarded Andiamo last year, will go to the club with the best score, either Andiamo or PSCC.

Duane McSmith, OD of the Championship Event, has this to say about the event:

"Entrants have to be a member of your club. The rally will have a regularity run first. It shall be a no mistake rally with simple instructions. (Editor's note: We sure hope so!)"

The Gymkhana will be a test of driving skill. No navigator will be needed. Each club will receive 2 weeks in advance of the event, a layout of the gymkhana. The gymkhana will be open for club members participation.

This event will start on the Portsmouth side of the James River Bridge and end at the Gymkhana site."

Entries should be sent to Mr. Duane McSmith at 619 Holmestead Avenue, Hampton, Virginia.

OLD DOMINION RALLY RESULTS

<u>PLACE OVERALL</u>	<u>DRIVER & NAV.</u>	<u>VMSC (For Points)</u>
3rd	Ed Cobb and Tom Geddy	1
15th	Sam and Jackie Carmine	2
17th	Al and Janet Smith	3
20th	John and Marge Thornton	4

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Virginia Motor Sport Club, Inc.
Annual Dinner Meeting
October 19, 1961

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Virginia Motor Sport Club was held October 19, 1961 at 6:30 p.m. at Wright's Country House.

There was a brief business session following the dinner.

Guests were welcomed; officers at the head table were introduced.

A reminder of the date of the Halloween Rally was made. The date is October 28 and the rally will begin at the Mechanicsville post office.

It was announced that the Collegiate Sports Car Club would hold a Calvacade, Sunday, October 22.

The president pointed out that the Old Dominion Rally would take place this week-end, October 21 and 22. Next year VMSC will be responsible for this event.

It was also announced that there would be a 12-Hour race at Marlboro, Sunday, October 22. WLEE will carry running reports of the race during the day.

Dick Gunn was thanked for the Tenth Anniversary sign he painted for the space behind the speaker's table.

Officers for next year will be nominated at the next meeting. The president explained the purpose of a nominating committee and said that John Kessler would head this committee this year.

Ed Wright gave the hard luck trophy to Harold Applewhite.

Back trophies were awarded for a gymkhana which took place, August 22.

The Pathfinder Rally results were given by George Patteson and John Kessler, OD's of the event.

First Place	-----	Thornton and Thornton
Second Place	-----	Wiseman and Wiseman
Third Place	-----	Carmine and Jett

In honor of the Club's Tenth Anniversary, three 10-year members blew out candles on the anniversary cake. These members were Allen Fine, Madison McClintic, and Caroline Crenshaw for Joe Crenshaw. Then the history of the Club was read.

The president introduced the speaker, R. W. Smith, National Rally Champion for 1957 and 1960. Following his talk, the meeting was adjourned.

Shirley A Ward,
Secretary

DON'T COUNT YOUR CHICKENS - MARLBORO 10-1-61

Out onto the grid and wait. And wait! Check seat belt and hand brake. Look at Tex. Wave to Bob Bowers two rows ahead. Adjust helmet strap. Look for VMSC'ers in stand. Glance in mirrors. And look at Tex, and wait.

Tex walks away and jumps, and all leap away en masse. Out-Drage and drop down in front of Clark in the #111 Fiat-Crosley and follow the leaders out of the oval and through the chicane. First lap, and third in class. Just hold 'em off and will have silver!

First 2 or 3 laps and am leaving Clark. About even with purple Jabro, but a block behind. Third or fourth lap and Bandini goes by like late for lunch date. Now fourth in class. Still no gain on Jabro.

Bandini passes Jabro and now is 2nd in class behind Osca. Still can't shorten gap to 3rd place. 7th or 8th lap, and after coming up on oval from Cappy's, see most beautiful sight of whole weekend - Jabro makes sharp, left turn and into pits. Third place and silver sewed up!!

Relax! Slow down. Watch spectators. #111 and Clark 2 blocks behind. Watch Wray Bragg hold up three fingers and O.K. sign. Look at Tex. Relax, try new lines through corners. Brake early. Relax.

3 laps to go, car O.K. Feeling Fine. Wondering about size of 3rd place silver. Clark gets 'GO!' sign and begins to push. No sweat. Still big lead. Red #111 closer. Better brake later. Still going easy on engine.

2 laps to finish and Wray gives 'GO!' signal. Absurd, because of large lead!! But Red car looks larger somehow. Toe of boot and #111 with Clark closing fast - too damn fast!! Get lead out - lead foot out and down! Cappy's corner and gain back a little, but loose this and more on oval.

Last lap at Hairpin, and around, and look back, and everything looks red with big white #111 in the center. No loss on back straight. Into turn at end of straight. A little slow coming out. Clark on it hard. He closes like mouse trap to heel of boot. Nose to tail going into heel.

Brake, downshift, turn left and go! Brake late in middle of track and block like made. Around toe and up to subway. Slight widening of gap.

Brake and shift into 2nd for subway. Up short straight and into 3rd when engine rattles. Must take it easy at Cappy's. Seen too many lost here on last lap. Brake hard on inside of turn. Can hear him coming, but don't have time or guts to look.

Around Cappy's and up shute. Look to right and see red nose even with rear wheel. Quicker on the drag. Not too high in oval. Don't let him by on inside. Tex there with beautiful checkered flag and third in class, with only feet to spare. Close to losing the trophy, but luckily, close only counts in horse shoes.

Len Wells

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR from JOHN MUSGROVE

A note of reply to Ed Cobb's May letter and to other individuals who may or may not share my opinion in regard to the VMSC point system.

First, to a good friend-Ed, that is- your experience with VMSC especially in rallying qualifies you to really know the time, patience, work, etc., and money in the form of tires, gasoline and plain old wear and tear on automobiles, involved in setting up a good rally and we all respect this authority.

However, and here is where this new club member (only about 1 year) will probably meet some opposition - a club the size of VMSC does not have enough events, much less rallies, per year to give all interested members the chance to pick up points without "participating". Points are important to most of us and to be "left out" of coming activities even with realizing that the best man for the job is always picked, is a little disheartening.

Without further ado, I will make a quick statement/recommendation/ call it what you will, that VMSC stop awarding points to personnel who set up events. Under the new concept of VMSC "certain events" which are not counted at the end of a year, there is a wide field for scratching off these OD jobs. Also, I believe that we would have enough volunteers to take over these jobs and produce quality results. If at some time during the year we found that this system was falling through, it would be possible to reinstitute a point system (perhaps modified to reduce points to a maximum of 400 per OD for a rally and 100 to each regularly appointed assistant, not to exceed 5; and 200 per OD for a gymkhana and 50 to each regularly appointed assistant, not to exceed 2). These points would be a true bonus at the end of a year.

From experience, I know most problems encountered in rally and gymkhana organization and this experience was gained without reimbursement of any kind- money, gas, tires, or points! The main interest involved was that of giving participants a "good run" (personal satisfaction) and furthering the activities of the organization. It's a funny thing, but we never had any trouble getting "O D's" and helpers for events- and this from a club with less than 50 members.

Nuff said

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