



Checkpoints

VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB

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LAST MEETING OF YEAR: "ELECTIONS"

Branch House - Monument Avenue

Thursday, 21 December - 7:30 P.M.

Nominating Committee Slate:

Write-in Slate

President	Sam Carmine
Executive Vice-Pres.	John Kessler
Acting Vice-Pres.	Ed Cobb
Secretary	Judy Baylor
Assistant Secretary	Shirley Ward
Treasurer	Porter Seay

If you cannot attend the meeting and wish to vote, use this as your ballot.

Send to: Charles Larus, 6505 Wessex Lane

Start the year off right!

Attend the Annual VMSC Banquet

Mark Raleigh Hotel - 13 January, 1962

6:00 P. M. Cocktails (by VMSC) 7:00 P. M. Dinner

Program: Award of top 20 trophies; install new officers

Dance to Combo after - \$5.00 per person

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This Month's Issue by: Ed Cobb If you would like to help don't hold back!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

John F. Kennedy has three to go, but my year is rapidly drawing to a close.

I am certain we remember the first rallies of the year and the flood waters that accompanied them.

The weather then became more favorable and the events ran more smoothly. As the days grew warmer, our thoughts turned to gymkhanas, field trials and races. The location for gymkhanas seemed to be the biggest problem then and will probably continue to be so.

Fall came quickly and the competition for point standings began to stiffen.

As the year draws to a close many of us will protest vehemently to those OD's who outwitted us so.

One innovation that has received interest is the rally class. Those who attended the two held thus far have expressed the desire for more.

Checkpoints has been punctual and well-edited, and the picture issues particularly are well-received.

I should like to thank the Officers of 1961 who served so well, the members of the Board of Directors whose discussions and decisions were most important, the members of the various committees, and the membership, without whose presence the V.M.S.C. could not function.

May we extend our best wishes to the Officers of 1962. With the slate that has been proposed, we can expect a prosperous year ahead. Good luck!

Charlie Larus
President, 1961

TURKEY RALLY RESULTS

(A Dilly, A Dally, A One O'Clock Rally)
November 19, 1961

<u>Place</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Navigator</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Navigator</u>
1	Patterson	Ward	13	Clark*	Fields*
2	D. Wiseman	A. Wiseman	14	A. Smith	J. Smith
3	Cobb	Geddy	15	W. Bragg	M. Bragg*
4	Lang*	Pierce*	16	Van Ness*	Willet*
5	Yonkers*	Kwass	17	C. Wright*	E. Wright*(Edith)
6	Phillips	Harrison*	18	L. Cooks*	C. Cooks*
7	Reid*	Griffin*	19	Crouch*	Flock*
8	Musgrove	Marble	20	C. Larus	P. Larus
9	Fox	Jeffers*	21	T. Smith	Wrenn*
10	Vogelei*	McConnell*	22	S. Carmine	C. Carmine*
11	Brown	Howell*	DNF	Woodly*	Woodly*
12	Wenk*	Williams*	DNF	R. Clark*	S. Fields*

* Denotes Non-Members

HISTORY OF THE VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB, INC.

The Virginia Motor Sport Club was formed in the fall of 1950 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Mark Condon of Harper Motors in that city is credited with starting the club and was its first president. Most of the membership was made up of students from the University of Virginia. This gave us a fair sized club during the school session, but mighty few during the summer.

The club was first known as the Virginia Sports Car Club. The name was changed about the first of 1951 to Virginia Motor Sport Club. This change was made because many felt the name indicated that owning a sports car was a prerequisite to becoming a member. Back in those days we had quite a few enthusiastic members who drove Detroit iron.

In 1951, Mark Condon still headed the club in Charlottesville, and Jim Henderson of Transport Sales was the Richmond representative. The Richmond contingent then numbered some 25 members. By the end of 1951, most of the interest centered around the Richmond area, and we elected Allen Fine as our president for 1952.

During 1952 a number of sports cars made their way into Virginia, and at the October meeting, we elected Bill Claflin of Warrenton, Virginia, to be our president for 1953. Many sports car owners attended this meeting and asked that several of the cities be represented. The Club was divided into four areas--Warrenton, Richmond, Roanoke, and Norfolk--each headed and represented by an area chairman.

Reports rendered at the annual (October) meeting in 1953 showed that the Richmond area had the largest number of members and had scheduled the most activities. This prompted us to return the club headquarters to Richmond, and Joe Crenshaw was elected president for 1954. During 1954, the club was incorporated, and was no longer divided into areas. By 1954 we had grown to approximately 80 members.

In 1955, "Happy" Batcheller was elected president. Activities and membership continued to grow slowly but steadily.

The membership voted in Jack Lewis as our president in 1956, and again in 1957. Under his direction the club grew by leaps and bounds. The membership numbered over 150. During 1956 we started the monthly publication known as CHECK-POINTS, which is read and enjoyed by many.

In 1958, we welected our first foreign-born president--Robert Walker of London, England. Next came John Kessler who accepted the position of president, January 3, 1959. During John's leadership, the first October dinner meeting occurred. We have observed this social event for the past two years, this year being the third year.

Then George Patteson took over the reins for 1960. Events continued to spark the interest in the club, and a new word crept into the competition vocabulary--the Field Trial.

Presently Charles Larus is president of the 118 member club and is getting ready to turn over his gavel in January to the next president.

Monthly meetings are held on each third Thursday with entertainment provided. Rallies, gymkanas, concourses, and field trials are some of the types of activities scheduled.

This brings VMSC up to date!

THOSE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE? FOR THE CLUB YEAR 1961

First, the assistant secretary left; then, the secretary left; then, the activities vice-president.....

Officers may come!
Officers may go!
Where they all went,
We do not know.

Here are the old faithfuls
Who saw us through,
From January '61
To January '62.

OFFICERS: (in the order of their appearance)

President:	Charles Larus
Vice-President:	Alton Davis
Activities Vice-President:	Stuart Jenks, Alton Davis
Treasurer:	Harold Applewhite
Secretary:	Mary Jenks, Shirley Ward
Assistant-Secretary	Sarah Chamberlain, Shirley Ward, Judy Baylor

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Sam Perry	Judy Baylor
Sam Carmine	Shirley Ward
Bill Harding	Ed Cobb
Madison McClintic	Kent Johnson
Ted Remick	Porter Seay
Tom Vaughan	Charles Larus
John Thornton	Alton Davis
Dick Gunn	Harold Applewhite
	George Patteson

CONTEST BOARD:

John Thornton
Bill Harding
Madison McClintic (replaced Stuart Jenks)

CHECKPOINTS EDITORS:

(first) Tom and Nancy Vaughan
(then) Kent Johnson
(now) Ed Cobb

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Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Motor Sport Club was held on November 16, 1961, at 7:30 p.m., at 2601 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

Motion was made and carried that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

Guests and new members were introduced.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$225.09.

Bill Pettit has been investigating the possibility of the club's having a hill-climb. He reported to the President, however, that he has not been able to arrange one for this year.

A rally class under the direction of John Kessler will be held on November 30 at 8:00 p.m. at Sam Carmine's home.

Pirelli Sales, Inc., manufacturers of automobile tires, have published a pamphlet entitled "Let's Go on a Rally." This may be of interest to rallyists. It can be ordered from Pirelli at 60 East 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y.

The President reported that the cost of an insurance policy for the club makes it prohibitive; therefore, no action will be taken at this time. Members will have to provide their own insurance.

Tom Vaughan announced that he had found a man in Blackstone, Va., who did very good upholstery work. Anyone who is interested may get the name from him.

Statements for next year's dues will be sent to all members around December 1.

Don Wiseman reported on the Marlboro Races of last week.

Ed Cobb reported on the recent Old Dominion Rally in which four VMSC cars participated. Next year's Old Dominion Rally will be VMSC's responsibility.

The President read a notice of an event to be held in Newport News by the Southeastern Sports Car Club. Three cars from any one club may enter. The event will include a rally, regularity run, and gymkhana. Entry fee is \$17.00 per club.

The next VMSC rally will start at 1:00 p.m. from Southside Plaza on Sunday, November 19. Robert Driskill and Berle Wilson are the O.D.'s.

Rip Radcliffe was presented a silver cup for his daughter, Cynthia Lee.

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John Kessler, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the nominations for next year's officers as follows:

President	Sam Carmine
Executive Vice-Pres.	John Kessler
Vice-Pres. in charge of Activities	Ed Cobb
Secretary	Judy Baylor
Asst. Secretary	Shirley Ward
Treasurer	Porter Seay

There were no further nominations from the floor. The election will be held at the December meeting.

Ed Cobb, the Editor of "Checkpoints", explained the process of publishing the magazine each month in an effort to locate someone who would take over the editorship the first of the year.

Trophies were presented to the winners of the Pathfinder Rally and the Halloween Rally.

Don Wiseman urged members to write to radio stations, WLEE and WEET, if they are interested in hearing broadcasts of the races at Marlboro next season.

Sam Carmine will solicit donations for the trophies which will be awarded at the Annual Banquet in January. Members were requested to submit to Sam the name of any person who might make a contribution.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Movies followed the business meeting.

Julia C. Baylor
Assistant Secretary

VMSC POINT STANDINGS THROUGH NOVEMBER

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	George Patteson	8450	12	Tom Vaughan	3550
2	Shirley Ward	7600		Dave Fox	3550
3	Ed Cobb	7350	13	Ann Wiseman	3500
4	John Thornton	7050	14	Al Smith	3350
5	Charles Larus	6900		Janet Smith	3350
6	John Musgrove	6200	15	Jackie Carmine	3250
7	Sam Carmine	6100	16	Carey Marble	3200
8	Marge Thornton	6000	17	Susanne Kessler	2950
9	John Kessler	5750		Kent Johnson	2950
10	Tucker Smith	4300	18	Len Wells	2900
11	Tom Geddy	3950		Berle Wilson	2900
	Don Wiseman	3950	19	Harold Applewhite	2850
			20	Bill Brown	2800

"THE FOUR TESTS" (LAST EVENT OF YEAR)

Sunday, 10 December, '61 - Perseverance, yep, that's the word for it. What does it mean? - "Continue doing something in spite of difficulty, opposition, etc." - according to Webster. This term can be applied aptly to Don and Ann Wiseman and company who organized and held a really tremendous series of events and may also hold true for the handful of contestants who braved the difficulty and opposition provided by the rain on a cold Sunday.

The windshield wipers and the heater on the Sprite were in good working order - the top and windows were snug as we arrived at Stratford Hills for the start of the Rally "test". Don, in his straw hat(!), picked up the cash and within a few minutes saw the autos off.

Eleven o'clock came; the Larus team pulled out - we were two minutes later - lost time already by having to wipe the fog off all the windows. We missed the "dirt alley" twice, then finally caught a glimpse of it behind some parked cars - couldn't get through so picked up on the short cut around the block. Opened the "Cheater Beater" slip (new device - a really good idea - which provides different routes for different entries) and took a couple of turns the car behind us didn't recognize.

Along the way - dates on a tower. Class of 66? "No, John, I'm not going to climb that tower to make sure!"

Question: "What was the speed limit?"

Answer: "Must be 55."

The rally ended at the Southside Speedway and - What? Speed limit 120??

The parking lot at the Speedway was a maze of mud and for some, the acceleration test proved that the leg which called for slowest speed without touching the clutch proved faster than the maximum speed leg.

"Highest speed permits least error" seemed to be the secret on the regularity run on the oval. We all caught each other counting to ourselves, counting the windshield wiper sweeps, idling around the track, etc., etc.

The high speed "Auto Cross" was a series of saloms both ways on the track. One incident on the slippery track caused some hurt feelings and a damaged bumper and grill. How does it feel to spin out? - now we have a new member to the "Club".

All entries were pleased to have participated and it is likely that this was one of the best events of the year. To those of you who didn't make it -
PERSEVERE!

John Musgrove and Ed Crouch

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