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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, March 19th at the Branch House starting (we mean it) at 8:00 o'clock. Program Chairman Milford Brinton has in hand a movie from Triumph (something about sending Levland busses to Cuba, its reported). For the newcomers, and old, a short rally class is also contemplated. And don't forget, these nights out away from the kids (if any) are always topped off with real gusto in the land of pleasant living by refreshing our "R's".

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ALLEY



- The outgoing outdoor, incoming indoor, outgoing indoor activities, chairman, Don Wiseman, has "gone west", so to speak. His place (as Outdoor Activities Chairman, in case you are getting confused) has been ably filled by Wray Bragg.

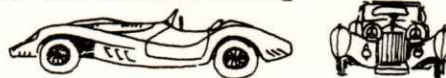
- And speaking of post ably filled, V.M.S.C. has a new Publicity Chairman in the person of Jim Spivey. Got to watch out for our image, you know.

- Bumper Sticker recently seen - - - "Dan Gurney for President"...

- 1964 will go down in V.M.S.C. history as the year of the Old Dominion Rally. Rallymaster John Ruble has things well along already and is planning to check out the first leg by running it as the April rally. Naturally this will have to be a closed event just as the O. D. will be closed, but in reverse.

- It's time to start saving the \$\$\$\$\$\$ again, Mon. There will be a choice of two Nassau tours this year; one like last year and the other a day longer on each end.

- Clubs and organizations of all types cannot survive for long without a steady supply of interested new members. That goes for V.M.S.C., too, so why not bring a friend to the next meeting.



- An unscheduled event will held on April 4th in a duo with driver Remick and navigator Gwaltney exchanging vows in Smithfield. This lifetime rally certainly deserves the well wishes from V.M.S.C.

- Old members that have moved during the past year are reminded to visit and participate whenever you can join us. They have been numerous and their absence has been felt; the welcome mat is always present.

- What do you mean - you didn't pay your dues? How do you think that you can enter events at cost and the October dinner meeting and the annual dinner and dance? Think you have enough trophies to show your grandchildren? Won't you even subscribe to "Checkpoints"? You just don't care? What do you mean - if we care you should care - oh, thanks, I knew you couldn't leave us.

The February board meeting was held at Don Wiseman's. As I entered, I noticed on his coffee table three foot high stacks of magazines. Don told me to help myself as he was moving to Texas. Well, that was the wrong thing to tell me, just ask my wife. While the meeting was going on, I managed to quickly sift through about half of them. Shirley Patteson kept saying, "Wray, you will ruin your eyes", but I just couldn't stop. Right now I don't know which is in worse shape, my eyes or my bottom.

Bill Coney writing in Road and Track, has some very good advice. Read your owners manuel and do what it says. Burning of intake valves can be the result of using oils other than recommended by the Manufacturer. While the new detergent oils soak through gaskets and cost more, the manufacturer has a definite recommendation for each engine he makes. Excessive amounts of oil may be drawn down the valve stems by the intake vacuum which will carbonize on the under side of the valve head and eventually prevent the valve from seating. Hydraulic valve lifters do all kinds of crazy things when incorrect oil is used. Their requirements are the determining factor in specifying an oil many times.

Have someone grease your car that knows it. The mixing of lubricants available today can cause deterioration of both and in case of beoning grease, tone it to a thin oil. On some cars, fittings are not provided at points such as your water pump that will be damaged by over greasing.

In the air cooled engines, use the proper gas and do not alter anything about the ignition system. If the initial advance setting of the distributor is increased, a marked increase in plug and head temperatures will occur. Valve burning and broken rings can directly be traced to this case.

Cars equipped with paper air filters should be checked regularly. The fuel to air ratio changes with dirty filters and your car will run rich giving poor performance and high gas consumption. Some of the oil bath type air filters will act similarly.

Properly gapped plugs in the proper heat range will make starting easier and smoother operation at all loads and RPMs. I don't know of anything that restores the new feeling more than a change of plugs, ballancing the wheels and replacing weak or bad shock absorbers. TRY IT....

Written by Wray Bragg

Translated and Typed by "Anonymous"

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Lady's

The ladies have failed us !!!! What has usually been the toughest test this side of the East Africa Safari turned out to be a beauty. No inverted Dauphines or submerged TR's or South Arch Roads this time; the day was bright and the roads paved. They didn't even send us down the rough part of Portuguese Road.

Of course, we did get to run a tight, accurate, well conceived, interesting rallye but -- whoever heard of that kind of a Ladies Rallye? (Hopeful note: nearly fouled plugs on one slow section, so on that basis permission granted to Laretta Dixon and Doris Belcher to two-block the " E " flag.)

Paddy Hopkirk and Eric Carlsson

RALLY

DRIVER

1. Patteson
2. Ruble
3. Seay
4. Fallstrom
5. Kennedy
6. Gasser
7. Wright
8. Webb
9. Atkinson
10. McSwain
11. Gould
12. Berlein
13. Marcus

NAVIGATOR

- Kessler
- Smith
- Whitehead
- Brinton
- Hatch
- Young
- Timberlake
- Webb
- Miller
- McSwain
- Cavedo
- Osborne
- Dutton

COMING...

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| March 19 | Regular Meeting |
| March 22 | Gymkhana |
| April 12 | Marlboro Nationals |
| April 19 | Rallye |

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