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COMING EVENTS

April 4 & 5 (Saturday & Sunday) - WRC (DC)... "Bob Ridges Memorial" two day rally out of Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

April 5 (Sunday) - PCA (Carolina)... Hillclimb at VIR.

April 12 (Sunday) - VMSC (Richmond)... "Annual Azalea 8-Hour" rally. O.D.'s Wilt Greenwood and John Chehaske. Starts from Staples Mill Shopping Center. Opens at 8:00 AM, first car off at 9:01. Pre-registration is much desired; generals will be mailed out upon receipt of entry. Entry blanks available from either of the O.D.'s. Equipped and Unequipped classes. Cost \$9.00/car for everybody, including buffet at the end. A SEVSCO Class A event.

April 16 (Thursday) - VMSC (Richmond)... Regular meeting at the Branch House, Monument and Davis, at 8:00 PM. Program will consist of a constructive discussion of the last rally, as well as one or more of the following films: "Tough Miles to Victory" (Mercedes-Benz), covering the Argentina Road Race - "The '67 Riverside Grand Prix" (Fram) - "The Wildest Ride" (Shell), Craig Breedlove's "Spirit of America" LSR car.

April 18 (Saturday) - VMSC (Richmond)... Combination Autocross/Funkhana (Autofunk?) at Jarrell's Truck Stop, just above Ashland on I-95. O.D.'s John Bergeron, Reggie Williams and Maylon Pearman. Fee \$3.00/4.50 for autocross, \$2.00/3.00 for funkhana, \$4.00/6.00 combination. Registration opens at 9:00. First funkhana run at 10:00, first autocross run at 12:30.

April 25 & 26 (Saturday & Sunday) - SCCA (Carolina)... Spring National Races at VIR. VMSC has tickets on sale for \$6.00 at Boulevard Import Service. See editorial.

May 3 (Sunday) - VMSC (Richmond)... Annual Ladies Rally O.D.ed by Barbara Greenwood and Beth Beverage. Starts at Westland Shopping Center on Broad near Parham. Registration at 12:00, first car off at 1:01.

May 10 (Sunday) - VMSC (Richmond)... Autocross, tentative dependent upon availability of site. Anyone knowing of a lot we could use, contact Miles Turner at 282-0767.

May 15 & 16 (Saturday & Sunday) - SCCA (DC)... "Virginia Reel" National Rally. O.D. Mark Miner; rally headquarters in Front Royal, Va. Entry fee will be \$29.00/car. See editorial.

May 21 (Thursday) - VMSC (Richmond)... Regular meeting at the Branch House, 8:00.

May 30 & 31 (Saturday & Sunday) - TCC (Norfolk)... Annual Pungo Autocross. More next month.

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As you may notice from the front page calendar of events, the months of April and May are packed to the rafters with activities for the sports car enthusiast. Your editors would like to use part of this space this month to put in a plug for a few of these in which we are personally involved or personally interested.

We'll pass over the BRM and the PCA Danville Hillclimb; if you haven't already signed up for one of these, it's too late. The next weekend, however, is an event close to our hearts, the Azalea 8-Hour. The O.D.'s really need to know of your entry in advance so they can plan the meal at the end. If for some reason you can't submit your entry form in time, at least call John Chehaske at 282-9115 or Wilt Greenwood at 282-1493 and let them know that you're coming. Then, following the VMSC Autocross, which needs no further advertisement, comes the weekend of April 25-26, taken up by the Spring National Races at VIR. VMSC is selling advance tickets, which can be paid for and picked up at Boulevard Import Service. These cost \$6.00 each for the entire weekend, a savings of more than 50% over gate prices. Therefore, you can make a few dollars for the club, enjoy some of the finest racing on the Eastern seaboard, and spend a relaxed weekend with other club members at a cost probably less than that of staying at home. Get yours before they're all gone. Finally, the Friday and Saturday of May 15-16 is the Virginia Reel National Rally. The Rallymaster this year will be Mark Miner, one of D.C.'s foremost rallyists and, incidentally, one of the group from that area that has consistently supported VMSC's rally effort. Mark can be depended upon for an interesting and challenging event, and his staff is made up of names as well known as his own, so this year's Reel should be a good one. Nationals are, after all, the championship series of our sport, and well worth the entry fee even to a novice. Application blanks will be available from the editors.

Enough campaigning. The only other item we wish to talk about this month is Checkpoints itself. We discern from leafing through past issues that the format and content of the paper seems to vary widely from year to year, as new editors are appointed. This is all to the good in most cases, as it gives the membership a chance to be exposed to many different styles of journalism. However, we feel that the paper should be only to a certain extent a reflection of the personalities of the current staff. We therefore hereby solicit your suggestions, preferably written, on how Checkpoints can be made more meaningful, informative and entertaining to you, the members of the club. Please address your comments to the editors at the address given in the masthead above.

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Spring-Has-Sprung

By the Winfrees, George and Nancy

As reported by the Winners, Brad Peaseley and Hart Grundy

To begin, you will note that I have listed myself first, which indicates the relative importance of driver to navigator in the great sport of rallying, but please also note that I have not discussed this with Hart.

The OD's advertised a short (80 miles), easy rally, and their pre-rally publicity MUST have been great because 43 cars started. This is the largest turnout in recent memory, and hopefully it will act as a guide to future OD's.

Early on, while on 620 and not really on the ball, we (I) motored right onto a new route, and only after the lesser half asked "Hey, does 620 go this way?" did I back up and discover that it did not. A good navigator would have caught the mistake immediately, and I would not have had to back up.

With the exception of talking when we should have been rallying, again caused by my inattention, we passed checkpoint 1 without incident, and shortly thereafter discovered that almost everybody else was LOST. Our instructions fit exactly, so we could not understand why a steady stream of cars came from the opposite direction. Only after we reached a familiar landmark did it occur to us that the cars had been split, and were running a loop in opposite directions. This was well done, and was used twice during the event. The loops also were located so as to allow two checkpoint crews to actually man four checkpoints.

George and Nancy has us on some familiar routes, and, believe it or not, some unfamiliar routes. The route selection was good, the instructions clean, and the checkpoint timing accurate. Six checkpoints were used, and for an 80 mile event six is a rarity, but nonetheless welcome.

We want to thank the OD's for a fine event, the helpers for their help on a rainy day, and the other 42 contestants for their participation, competition, and support of a VMSC event.

Brad for Hart and himself.

SAAB

The well-built Swede



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contest board within one hour of the finish time of the protesting contestant. If the protest is honored, the fee will be returned, otherwise it will go the club treasury.

In the absence of a member of the Contest Board, the protest may be delivered to an officer of the club, any member of the board of directors or to the officer of the day.

- 9. A written report by the contest board on each protest will be a part of the official results.

Classes, Awards, and Points

- 10. a. VMSC year end awards shall be made to the following categories:

- 1) The TOP 20 in the total accumulation of VMSC competition points. These points will be awarded on the following basis:

| Place | Points |
|-----------|--------|
| 1st | 1000 |
| 2nd | 900 |
| 3rd | 800 |
| 4th | 700 |
| 5th | 600 |
| 6th | 500 |
| 7th | 400 |
| 8th | 300 |
| 9th | 200 |
| 10th | 100 |
| over 10th | 50 |
| OD's | 600 |
| Helpers | 400 |

The award of these points will be based on the overall finishing position in rallies, and on the finishing position in class or homologated class in speed events.

Cars with only non-members of VMSC and only such cars shall be omitted in the awarding of points.

Members may receive only highest earned points in any one event.

Fifty (50) points shall be awarded for attendance at each meeting and for attendance at the annual awards banquet.

- 2) EQUIPPED RALLY CLASS - Year end awards will be presented to the first three in the accumulation of equipped rally points. These points may only be received in a rally having a specific equipped class,

and they shall be awarded as in 1) above. In addition, event trophies shall be awarded based on one (1) trophy for each four (4) entries or fraction thereof, up to a maximum of three (3) trophies. OD and helper points shall also be awarded.

- 3) UNEQUIPPED RALLY CLASS - Year end awards will be presented to the first three in the accumulation of unequipped rally points. These points may only be received in a rally having a specific unequipped class, and they shall be awarded as in 1) above. In addition, event trophies shall be awarded based on one (1) trophy for each four (4) entries or fraction thereof, up to a maximum of three (3) trophies. OD and helper points shall also be awarded.

NOTE: NO EQUIPPED OR UNEQUIPPED POINTS SHALL BE GIVEN IN A RALLY THAT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY HAVE THESE CLASSES.

- 4) SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP - Year end awards will be presented to the first three in the accumulation of speed points. These points will be based on finishing position in each class or homologated class, and they shall be awarded as in 1) above. If there are not at least five (5) VMSC entries in a class, that class will be homologated into the next most competitive class, as determined by the OD, for award of VMSC points. In addition, event trophies shall be awarded based on one (1) trophy for each four (4) entries or fraction thereof in each class up to a maximum of five (5) trophies per class. OD and helper points shall also be awarded.

- 5) In 1), 2), 3), and 4) only three-fourths of the events shall be counted towards the year end awards. For example, if 10 events are run, $3/4$ of 10 is $7\frac{1}{2}$, so each member's best 8 events will be counted.

If a member participated in less than the number being counted his score is based on all of his events.

b. Definitions

- 1) EQUIPPED RALLYIST - Any car in which there is mounted or available ANY of the following:

- a) Rally computer (e.g., Tommy Box, ROBO, Speed Pilot, etc.)
- b) Cumulative calculating device (e.g., a Curta or similar device)
- c) An operative odometer having a 1/100th mile digit and/or a reversible feature. Tape over

the readout does NOT render an odometer inoperative.

- 2) UNEQUIPPED RALLYIST - Any car in which there are NONE of the following:
 - a) Rally computer (see above)
 - b) Cumulative calculating device (see above)
 - c) An odometer having a 1/100th mile digit and/or a reversible feature.

- 3) SPEED EVENT -- Any event in which the object of competition is to run a specific course in the shortest period of time, such as, but not limited to:
 - a) Autocross
 - b) Slalom
 - c) Hillclimb
 - d) Gymkhana
 - e) Field Trial

Changes

11. Suggested changes to these regulations shall be presented to the contest board in writing. Changes must be approved by the contest board and by the Board of Directors.

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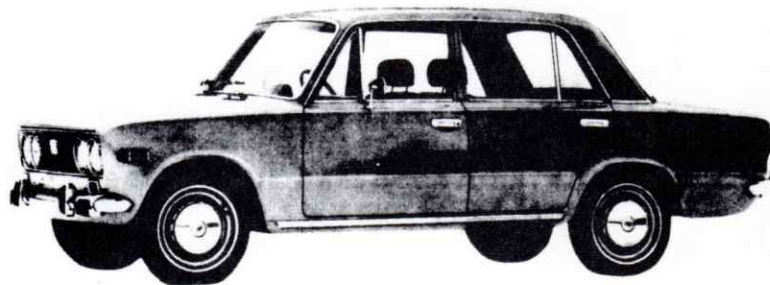
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