

Checkpoints

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CURRENT EVENTS

NOVEMBER 16

VMSC regular monthly meeting, 8:00 p.m., back room of the Hickory Hearth Restaurant at Holiday Inn North. The Nominating Committee will present its selection of candidates for next year's Club officers. Films: the 1971 Monte Carlo and the 1971 East African Rally. Social hour after meeting with refreshments available.

NOVEMBER 19

VMSC "The Main Thing" rally, OD's John and Kathy Chehaske. 125 miles, TSD, with a different (for VMSC, anyway) course following concept. Starts at Staples Mill Shopping Center, ends there at Dino's (have you tried it like we told you to?). Reg. 10:00 a.m., FCO 11:01. Better get your generals in advance. Preregistration and prepayment accepted, and generals may be picked up when you pay. This one looks like a good tough rally, appropriate for late in the year when competition for points championships is keen. \$3/4.50.

NOVEMBER 19

PMSC "Mini Indy" autocross at Green's Raceway,
Disputanta. 10-car heats, MWCSCC classes & rules.
Reg. 9:00, FCO 10:00 a.m. \$4.00. If you would like
to run this and still make it back in time for the
rally, call Mike Castleberry 272-1330; PMSC has offered
under the circumstances to let us run early. This
event was originally scheduled for Oct. 29 but was
changed because of conflict with our last autocross.

DECEMBER 10

VMSC rally OD'd by Brad Peaseley and Bill Whitehead. They couldn't tell us much about it because every time they've been out on it, they got lost. When they get it under control, it should be a championship-quality event and a suitable end to the competition year.

DECEMBER 21

VMSC regular monthly meeting. Make plans to attend the annual awards banquet, January 20, Holiday Inn Crossroads. Details and reservation blank in next issue.

Quick pace. Perfect weather. Accurate instructions. Tough logic. Superb event. Mike Castleberry and his cohorts sponsored the finest rally it has ever been my good fortune to run. The pick-up team of Witschey and East ran with good luck in the glove-box. All the requirements of a smashing First-Unequipped were present: The driver, yours truly, just out of a three year retirement for this one great event, pudgy and slow of wit from inactivity. The navigator, a raw, green, wet-eared, never-blooded novice - youthful, eager, confident, competitive. The car, a six-year-old E-Jag 2+2, painfully reconstructed from a losing head-on battle with a bridge abutment five years before, and also a novice to rallying. The equipment - yellow (from age) pads, countless pencils, a wristwatch accurate to the quarter hour, 50 packs of Slim-Jim Sausage Sticks, a jug of Gatorade, two screwdrivers and a hammer. (In spite of all this, the rallymaster made us run unequipped.)

At the Saturday morning odo check, 25 miles from Richmond, fortune set the pace. Our stock odo, as closely as we could read it, read official mileage, and did so accurately both days. We then promptly got our wrists slapped by missing the first three landmarks - "WARNING", "BLUE CEDARS", and "LIVELY FARMS". The morning limped on by with such whimsies as "CHESNUT KNOLL" and "CHESTNUT KNOLL". Spelling problems plagued the rally from there on. We correctly assessed "black on orange ten" as a confidence leg, and our confidence rose. We chuckled at the sheer perversity of "reduce average speed 1 mph each time you enter a no passing zone" - there were thousands. Landmarks like "HUNT CLUB" vs "HUNTING CLUB" and "HOLIDAY LAKE" vs "HOLLIDAY LAKE" gave us a headache that didn't begin to fade for 48 hours. The legs of the rally complemented each other as well. morning SI 5 said "pause 0.1 min at each forest trail" (some of us neglected to recall that the generals had wished such trails out of existence - thereby acquiring several groups of six second errors). the afternoon we had "CAS to three times the sum of the digits on each 'Porest Trail' sign". No one saw all the signs.

Saturday night's party was a bust. (Not that a HoJo's in Lynchburg is supposed to be great.) The most spirited party-goer was only comatose. Stiff necks and tired minds were put to bed early.

Sunday made us thankful for a full night's repose. Everything was picture-perfect. We saw dawn in the mountains at the odo check where we had ten minutes to enjoy it. The leaves in the forest were brighter than rainbows. Trouble was close at hand. The first SI of the day was "change route for every 'CHURCH' at a church". We whistled over the crest of a hill, passed a church with signboard, and zipped out of sight. Navigator: There it was! Driver: Funny - it looked like the last "CH" was missing from "CHURCH" on that sign. Navigator: I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me. Maybe it was misspelled. Both: That's a typical rallymaster trick - we'll ignore it. (Correctly.) On a carpet of confidence we then proceeded to enter the first checkpoint from the wrong direction. After reversing out of sight and returning we had 12 seconds error. Within six minutes we then missed a genuine "CHURCH" at church and took a wrong turn. Puzzlement! Continuing on the same road we entered the next checkpoint only three seconds off official time.

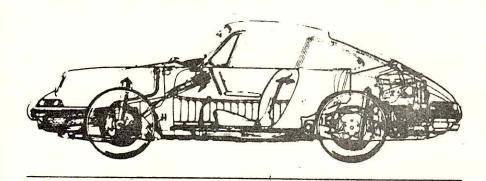
Shortly after lunch we hit "turn after railroad tracks after 'POULAN'".

This while traversing a small town with ten thousand signs. Navigator correctly guessed that "POULAN" referred to chain saws. Crossing the tracks at the edge of town without seeing "POULAN" caused severe mental overload. After two miles, Doc Wagner passed us going the other direction traveling very fast. He must have suffered overload on "POULAN" also. Two miles yet along Doc overtook us from the rear - making up time. We guessed he couldn't find "POULAN" either, and were encouraged. Miles and miles and miles later we find "POULAN" and railroad tracks and turn (cunningly hidden behind the bulldozer hired for the occasion) and checkpoint. Not all were so fortunate. After lunch the mind-bender was "turn after every sequence of tower, 'METHODIST CHURCH' and church - sequences may overlap." May and did. Talk about overload! Then a couple of sieges of four or five instructions in fifty feet like "GULF". "WOLF'S HEAD", "NAPA" and "GO". The late afternoon countryside seemingly had more little "FERD" signs than autumn leaves - all niftily placed under porches and in treetops. Several at every intersection. (Not all always visible depending on direction of approach - but you knew they were there.) At the special on "LITHGOW PONY FARM" several rallyists learned not to trust anyone - not even Doc, who got into an endless loop. (Being natives of the area, we knew what the route had to be - got loster than ever in history, and maxed the next control.)

The navigator had been told and told again to expect the unexpected, and was roundly zapped by the homey little touch of the "extra" checkpoint just at the end. Shades of Brad Peaseley!

All hail the rallymaster, leg OD's and checkpoint personnel. We can give them no higher praise than to say simply, "It just couldn't have been any better."

Walt Witschey (Dull Driver)
for himself and
Jack East (Boy Navigator)



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Proud father reports that he is fine, but that Lisa and the baby are crying a lot.

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Best Saturday not otherwise placed - Ray and Donna Farr Best Sunday not otherwise placed - Ed and Ethel Mason Best Datsun - Gail and Andy Oberta Best Porsche - Gordon and Rita Wagner Best SAAB - Art and Peggy Chamblee

^{*} Denotes class trophy winner.

WATCHES, WATCHES, WHO'S GOT THE WATCHES? (and other Club equipment)

About this time of year the Equipment Chairman and the Custodian of the Watches sit down and count up the Club goodies. Usually they come up short, and can't figure out why. "Why" is that in the excitement (and relief) that accompanies the end of an autocross or a rally, not everyone remembers to turn in their watches, pylons, signs etc. Then, to avoid making a special trip, they plan to bring the stuff to the next meeting. If they remember, that is. And so forth.

Right now we are short two autocross watches. Check your closets, glove boxes and garages, and see what you find - you may be surprised. Your editors will set a good example by returning Len and Toni's radio that we borrowed for our rally . . . and kept for the Old Dominion . . . and the Autumn Color . . . honest, Toni, we'll bring it to the meeting!

Return rally equipment to John Chehaske or to Atlantic Imports during business hours -- return watches to Mike Castleberry.



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AUTOCROSS RESULTS

CLASS	#	MAME AND CAR	CLUB	TIME		PLACE
A/M	59 46 13 63 48	Bob Williams-Austin Cooper S. Tom StanTey-Lister 'Vette. Tom VanAuken-Lotus Elan. Len Brion-Dune buggy (Corvair). Wally Major-Austin Healey Sprite. R. C. Flinn-Austin Healey 3000. Joe Barrett-1956 Corvette.	VMSC.	0:58.9* 1:01.1 1:06.0 1:07.8	e es	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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B/S	12 50 66 57 1 8 3	Lee Mathias-Shelby GT350. Reggie Williams-1967 Corvette. John Chehaske-AMX. John Ferguson, Jr1969 Corvette. Terry Fritchley-1969 Corvette. John Propst- 1970 Corvette. Tom Dunston-AMX. Wayne Whitley-1966 Corvette. Zon Gordon-XKE Jaguar. Richard Hard, JrXKE Jaguar.	VMSC. VMSC. CCR.	1:07.8 1:07.9 1:09.1 1:10.0 1:12.6 1:13.4 1:15.7	OOPS	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
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E/S	1	Bob Hollinger-Austin Healey 3000 Russell Jones-Alfa Coupe Pobert Gray-Sunbeam Alpine		1:13.5	OOPS	1 2 3

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LEGEND:

Asterisk (*) indicates dash plaque winner

FUN indicates run did not count for club points or trophies
OOPS indicates you would if we hadda, but ain't gonna since we didn't
DAMMIT indicates that for the FIRST TIME, one of the od's woulda

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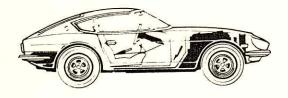
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Due to the appropriation's being cancelled, the training program or out-of-work history professors has ended. This may or may not be unfortunate, depending on whether or not you liked the articles. In any case, here is the last of the series:

The Rallying Revolution

or

On The Road With Louis XVI

The situation in France at the end of the eighteenth century was unique in the history of rallying. The sport of rallying was not at all popular, and was, indeed, almost unheard of. This period would be a total blank for rallying except for one great event, a night rally taking place June 20, 1791. Although only one vehicle was entered, and it never even completed the rally, the event was of great interest.

Louis XVI, driver, and Marie Antoinette, navigator (Lew and Toni - almost reminds you of a VMSC team, doesn't it?) had carefully prepared their loyal coach "Royal" (or was it royal coach "Loyal?") for the event. They had all the spokes tightened on their iron belted wheels, and the water level checked in the horses. Rally rations consisting of pate de fois gras and champagne had been stowed aboard.

Finally, starting time arrived. Louis and Marie gathered up their maps and instructions, bade farewell to their faithful mechanics, and set off. The rally was a Monte Carlo, P.O.R.-type event; the starting point was Versailles, the object being to get to Austria as quickly as possible.

Off they galloped into the night. The rally was much like other events, except that the object was to avoid as many checkpoints as possible, as they were an added course hazard.

Our heroes might have gained their goal, for they were excellent competitors, but for two things. First was Louis' rather rash insistence on painting a tribute to one of the foremost rallyists of the day on the



side of his coach. Roi Calhoun was admittedly a fantastic seat of the pants competitor (had to be - he rode a horse), but "Vive le Roi" was rather a giveaway.

The second problem was caused by the navigator, who insisted on tossing out pastries to the pedestrians when she should have been course following.

Some people never learn.

Points Standings as of November 1, 1972

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	B. Greenwood 1	1,150		11.	B.	Beverage	7300
2.	D. McCall 1	0,050		12.	K.	McCall	7200
3.	J. Chehaske	9700		13.	T.	Blot	6850
4.	W. Greenwood	9600		13.	L.	Parsley	6850
5.	B. Hollinger	9100		13.		Young	6850
6.	M. Castleberry	9000		16.		Westbrook	6800
7.	B. James	8850		17.		Westbrook	6050
8.	Chuck Hoelzel	8550		18.		DeBardeleben	5900
9.	B. Whitehead	8300		19.		Peaseley	5650
10.	K. Chehaske	8000		19.		Van Auken	5650
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4.	K. Chehaske	7000		4.	H.	James	5600
5.	J. Chehaske	6900		5.		DeBardeleben	5500
6.	M. Castleberry	6200		5.		Young	5500
7	L. Parsley	5900		7.		Blot	5000
8.	B. Britton	5300		8.		McCall	4900
9.	Charlotte Hoelzel	5200		9.		McCall	4500
10.	B. Beverage	4400		10.		Blot	4400
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1.	B. Hollinger	4900	18	6.	В.	Greenwood	4300
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3.	D. McCall	4800		8.	W.	Greenwood	3600
4.	B. Whitehead	4700		9.	В.	Beverage	3500
5.	J. Chehaske	4500		9.		Peaseley	3500

OUT OF TOWN RALLY REPORT

Very early Sunday morning, October 22, saw us shivering in the dawn waiting to start on the Potomac Region PCA's "Autumn Color" rally. Since we've worked so many rallies lately, we thought we'd better go out of town

to practice, in case we found we'd forgotten everything.

The course following was based entirely on route numbers: your numbered route until directed to leave. Sound simple? Not for long. The most frequently used special was "if the last digit of the route you are on matches the last digit of the instruction you are working on, get on a new route." This kept you busy with the numbered route instructions, since some were course following and some were confirmations.

miss one critical sign and motor off--far off--the rally route.

The specials were well balanced, and there was only one really dirty trap, involving a small road that I swear must have been invisible. Speeds were comfortably brisk for the most part, except for one stretch of Rt. 55, going 36 for about 4 miles in front of a long line of angry sightseekers rushing to the mountains to look at the leaves. I'm told the scenery was beautiful although all I clearly remember is a lot of

blurred trees and thousands of tiny white signs.

It was an excellent rally and an enjoyable day. So what if we got lost at the lunch break? We found our route again, by applying those driving and navigational skills, and we took third Novice, anyway.

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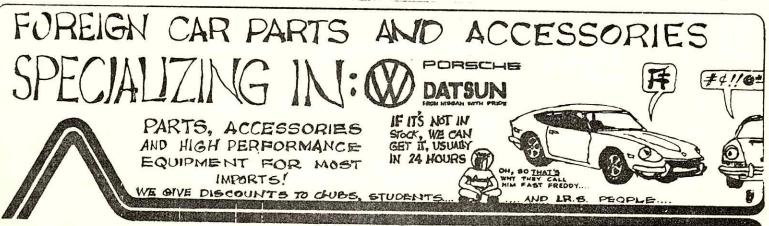
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