



Checkpoints

VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB

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COMING EVENTS

October 18 VMSC Monthly meeting. Ginter Park Community Center. 8:00 PM.
For location, see map below.

The following two events have been previously announced, but at this time Checkpoints has no further information. For more information, call Dave McCall (353-7184), Bookie Westbrook (288-4939) or Mike Castleberry (320-0108).

October 20 } Rally Schools, conducted by Dave McCall at ~~the Tivoli Clubhouse.~~?
October 27 } Novice school on 20th, Advanced school on 27th.

October 28 THE GREAT RIGHT WAY rally. O.D.'s Jim Muller & Gordon Paterson.
Checked by Len Wells & Ed Buck. Time & Place? Call Jim or Gordon at 271-4913. Or else see the flyer inside back page.

November 10 1973 REBEL YELL Divisional rally. Information and registration to Ms. Ellen Brown, 6004 Windham Rd., Laurel, Md. 20810. 301-797-0350.
Runs out of Frederick, Md. this year.

November 11 AUTOCROSS. O.D.'s Lew Parsley & Tom Blot. Time & Place? Try calling Lew at 285-4301 or Tom at 266-6133. Probably at Thalhimer's Westmoreland.

November 15 VMSC Monthly meeting. Ginter Park Community Center. 8:00 PM.

November 18 Rally. O.D.'s Dave & Kathi McCall. Checked by Wiltshire & Barbara Greenwood. Time & Place? Try Dave & Kathi at 353-7184.

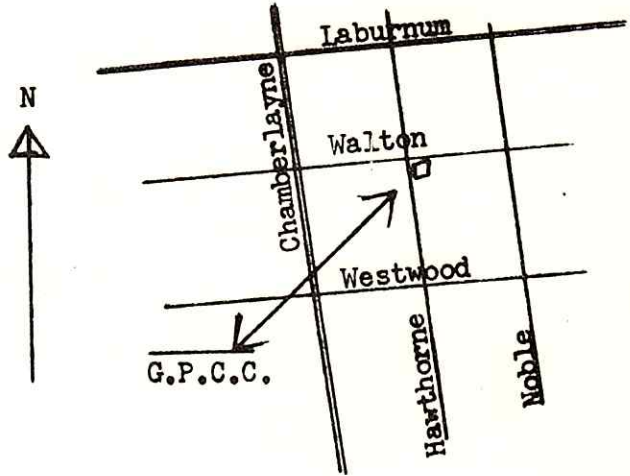
December 9 Rally. O.D.'s Mike & Beth Castleberry

December 9 Autocross.

November 17 WINE & CHEESE PARTY
Place and time to be announced, but be sure to save the date!



SEE YOU THERE!



A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS --

Last January when we started all this, we offered to publish whatever seemed to be of interest to the Club. And indeed, we have published articles from various club members, some were unsolicited and some we had to fight for. Until now, though, we have not been rewarded with an anonymous letter. We are not overly fond of anonymous letters, feeling that for us, if it was worth saying, it was worth signing. Nevertheless, the letter which you see below has some interesting and pointed commentary. We would not publish it if we as Editors did not concur with its content and its intent. We believe that it was written by someone who cares about VMSC and its future. Furthermore, even if we knew the author's identity and he (or she) wished to remain unnamed, that's the way it would be. Finally, if you need someone to be angry with, just pretend that it was signed by

Charlotte & Chuck

As a new member in VMSC, I don't know whether I should speak out or not, but after observing some really absurd happenings in the last few months, I just have to say something.

I joined the club because I love autosports, and to meet some nice people with similar feelings. I was told that the people put on good, fun events and that the people were friendly. The events that I have been in so far, with the exception of the "Balloonman", have left me cold. The majority of the members I have met were equally cold and I was either ignored or was spoken to only after I spoke first. I would now like to list a few of the things that have upset and confused me. In the "8-hour" rally a certain sign was so obscure that almost everyone missed it. If deliberately losing contestants is the name of the game, then I was misled as to what rallying is all about. Also, I have never been in any organization where non-members have voting rights in club policies.

I did not run the picnic rally but I was surprized when the awards turned out to be dash plazues. It wasn't so advertised and no one knew about this until after the event. Had I run and received one of them I would have been really disappointed. Doesn't the Board think things like this should be know(n) before an event or is it policy to deceive the members?

The generals to the "Moonshine" rally were atrocious. They were both long and confusing. The course was enjoyable but all the close mileages were a bit to (sic) much to us novices. I have noticed that a lot of generals are repeats of previous ones and when I asked why a set of constant rules couldn't be written, I was told that this would be unfair to non-members and out-of-towners. I feel that if non-members are really interested they will obtain these rules before they run and if we must run our club to suit out-of-towners we are in worse shape than I thought.

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Datsun, 510 and Pick-up-1968-72

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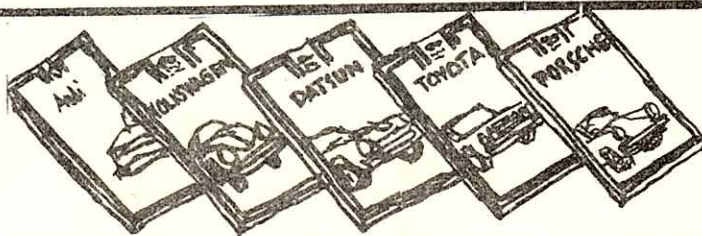
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At an autocross at Carousel and at another at Ninth Street, I noticed no rules or classes posted. How are we to know whats going on? I also saw several people speeding around the spectator area. Please lets not kill each other.

On September 30, came the most amazing bit of foolishness I have yet seen. First, the flyer about the location did not say that it replaced the one at Carousel and this was a bit confusing. Second, again no rules posted. Third, people still speeding and in some cases crossing Ninth Street rather recklessly. Fourth, why can't people be given numbers in order as they sign up? Having no first heat at all was also a bit confusing. Fifth, running over all the pylons on purpose was nothing less than childish, yet this could have been avoided if the rules had been better known. Also, why is it some people have been allowed to get back in line in past events but others couldn't? This isn't very consistent O.D.'ing.

At a meeting a while back, our president asked that the members please pay for the beer they drink. Yet, at that meeting and subsequent meetings and at the end of the Moonshine rally I saw many people drinking without paying. Maybe we should appoint a bartender?

At several meetings, we have been asked to quit bitching at the end of the events. Yet, the very person who requested this was the loudest griper at the end of the Moonshine. Come on gang, either follow your preachings or quit preaching. Remember that its your officers that must set the examples.


I could go on some more but I'm sure I've already upset enough people and I think maybe I've gotten my point across. I'm sure that the above is not true of all events and happenings, I hope not anyway, but there are just to (sic) many incidents like those. Maybe the Board has some ideas and could share them with us and we might have some to share with the Board. Also, maybe the Board could work a little closer with the membership or ask around for general feelings on important decisions before jumping head long into things.

One last thing, our public image is very important to the growth or our club. At the end of the last autocross I overheard a spectator say, "I wouldn't want to join that club. They act like a bunch of kids." This attitude isn't going to help us at all.

Please Board, help lead the way. Please Fellow members, help the officers and the club and each other. If all of us get off our butts or pedestals and pull together, like writing down your thoughts and sending them to checkpoints, maybe we can stem the trend of apathy. Maybe we could grow up and have fun events and maybe we could get to know each other and be proud of our club instead of ashamed and disgusted.

confused and angry,
new member

I am not signing this so as not to set up armed camps of pros and cons. Also, so that others who may have wanted to write in but were afraid to do so because they didn't want to sign their article may take pen in hand, namelessly. Come-on everyone, speak out.



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KANAWHA RUN AUTOCROSS

September 30, 1973

OD's: Baxter Phillips and Mike Castleberry

Helpers: Janet Rowe, Martha Moessinger, Gordon Paterson, Chuck Hoebel, Kitty Westbrook, Bookie Westbrook, Brad Peasley, Sharon Phillips, Beth Castleberry, Bill Clark, Ed Buck, Dave Preston, Tom Blot, Abby Thompson, Chuck Richards, John Ruble, Nick Buchholz, Jay Worden, Mike Bolton, Lil Young, Jim Muller, Dave McCall, Kathi McCall, Fred DeBardleben, Bill Whitehead, John Bergeron, Lancaster, Scot Martin, Bill Enes, Jim Rowe, Peter Wilson, Bruce Jones
(If you are not listed, please contact Kitty Westbrook to get your helpers points.)

	NAME	CAR	CLASS	TIME
*	1. John Bergeron	TR4	B/M	1:19.963
*	1. Andy Anderson * FTD	BMW 1600TI	C/M	1:13.876
*	2. Dave Preston	Austin 850	C/M	1:28.758
	3. Lewis Parsley	Corvair	C/M	1:33.233
	4. Tom Blot	Corvair	C/M	DNF
	4. Chris Young	Corvair	C/M	DNF
*	1. Brad Peasley	Porsche 911S	A/P	1:16.003
	2. Abby Thompson	Porsche 911S	A/P	1:17.799
	3. Sam Perry	Pantera	A/P	1:19.393
*	1. Dick Jones	Camero	B/P	1:21.645
*	2. Charlie Richards	Camero	B/P	1:23.176
	3. Ed Buck	Camero	B/P	1:23.348
	4. Chuck Richards	Camero	B/P	1:25.081
	5. Michael Richardson *	A.H. Sprite	B/P	1:27.698
	6. Bob Blackburn *	Mustang	B/P	1:28.621
*	1. Mike Martin *	Austin Cooper	C/P	1:15.175
	2. Andrew Campbell *	Mini Cooper	C/P	1:22.326
*	1. Richard Carr *	MGB	D/P	1:16.802
*	2. Dave McCall	Corvair	D/P	1:19.592
	3. Scot Martin	Corvair	D/P	1:21.872
	4. Jim Rowe	Spitfire	D/P	1:22.499
	5. Peter Wilson	MGB	D/P	1:23.556
	6. Clarke Morrison *	MGB	D/P	1:24.123
	7. Fred DeBardleben	240Z	D/P	1:27.928
*	1. Bill Johnson *	Alpine	E/P	1:22.005
	2. Mike Bolton	MGC	E/P	1:22.375
*	1. Bill Whitehead	Pinto	F/P	1:17.735
***	2. Dave McCall	Datsun 1600	F/P	1:20.918
*	3. Charlie Alligrant *	Pinto	F/P	1:22.105
	4. Jay Worden	Pinto	F/P	1:27.386
	5. Tom Torrence	Grimlin	F/P	1:27.560
	6. Bruce Jones	Corvair	F/P	1:28.790

	NAME	CAR	CLASS	TIME
*	1. Mike Castleberry	Honda Civic	B/S	1:20.209
*	2. Stephen Toler *	MGB	B/S	1:20.503
	3. Paul Morton *	MGB	B/S	1:21.545
	4. John Hagerman *	Spitfire	B/S	1:22.799
	5. Baxter Phillips	240Z	B/S	1:22.929
	6. George Winfree	240Z	B/S	1:24.189
	7. Leroy Musolf *	MGB/GT	B/S	1:24.681
*	1. Chuck Houser *	Capri-V6	C/S	1:17.666
*	2. Chuck Meyst *	Capri-V6	C/S	1:19.144
	3. Bookie Westbrook	Fiat	C/S	1:21.424
	4. Nick Buckholz	Capri	C/S	1:23.614
	5. Jim Peters *	Capri	C/S	1:23.797
	6. James Muller	Fiat/124S	C/S	1:24.079
	7. Gordon Paterson	Fiat/124S	C/S	1:26.041
*	1. Douglas Markham *	SAAB	D/S	1:23.530
*	2. Terry Suarez *	Datsun 1200	D/S	1:23.868
	3. Norm Koslow *	VW	D/S	1:23.882
	4. Jerome Bennett *	Pinto	D/S	1:24.292
	5. Bill Enos	SAAB	D/S	1:26.673
	6. Bill Clark	Datsun 1200	D/S	1:27.238
*	1. Beth Castleberry	Honda Civic	Ladies	1.0111 (1:21.505)
*	2. Marion DeBardleben	240Z	Ladies	.9773 (1:24.255)
	3. Janet Rowe	Spitfire	Ladies	.9697 (1:24.914)
	4. Sharon Phillips	240Z	Ladies	.9276 (1:28.855)
	5. Nanci Belton	MGC	Ladies	.8380 (1:38.099)

* Before number denotes trophy winner.

* Following name denotes non-VMSC member

*** by number denotes fun run (not for points or trophies)

NOTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING

The Treasury		
Balance, 9/1/73		\$ 966.83
Receipts	\$ 234.32	
Disbursements	361.92	
Balance, 10/1/73		\$ 839.23

Don't believe everything you read on the front page!! The rally schools will not be held at Tivoli. Indeed, they may not even be held at all!!

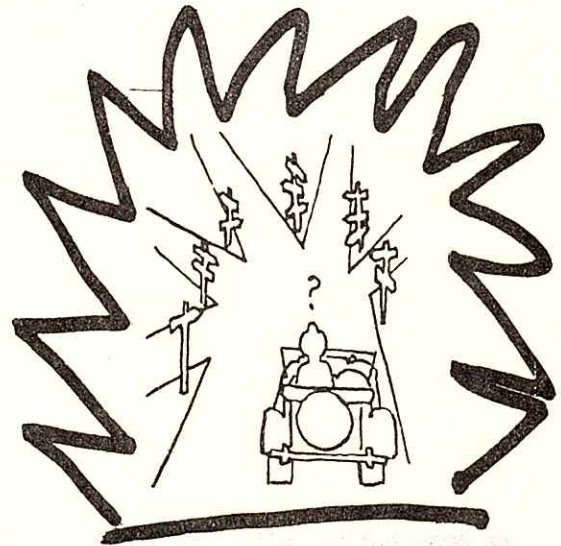


QUOTE WITHOUT COMMENT -

"Car #7 filed a pause claim for 14½ minutes for a drivers license check. The claim reads as follow: 'Car #7 requests a time allowance of 14½ minutes due to delay by a Va. State Police Drivers License check on Rt. 612 between Instruction 27 and 28. A longer than anticipated delay was required because driver did not have license in possession'. The SEVSCO Rally Code reads 'Pause claims are claims asked for by a contestant because he was late arriving at a control and the reason for his lateness was not his fault.' Since a large portion of the time requested was due to the contestant's error and since it was impossible to assign a portion of the claim to a delay that was not the contestant's error, the claims committee unanimously voted to deny the claim in total. Subsequent unauthorized altering of the posted results by the contestant, resulted in his disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct."

from the "Motor Meter", September 1973

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Suzanne L. James (daughter)
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Richmond, Va. 23229 Off. 643-4211 x 483

J. W. is an Assistant Controller at Thalhimer Bros., Inc. His automotive family is a 1969 Toyota Corona and a '73 Olds station wagon. He joined VMSC because he enjoys rallying and because of support of Explorer Rallies. Need we say more? J. W. and Suzanne are sponsored by Lewis Parsley and Fred DeBardleben.

On the Moonshine Trail

I've been looking for the railroad
All the live long day;
I've been looking for the railroad
Just to help me find my way...

Can't you hear a whistle blowing?
Were those engine clacks?
Can't you hear your driver shouting:
"Help me find those tracks!"?

I've been looking for the railroad
'Round bends, near trees and wires;
I've been looking for the railroad
But not beneath my tires...

Can't you see the cars around us?
Was that bump a track?
Can't you hear your driving groaning:
"Christ! We'd best go back."?

CHORUS

Where did they go?
Where did they go?
Where did they go, those car-r-rs?

Where did they go?
Where did they go?
Where did they go, those cars?

*(To be sung to the tune of "I've Been Working
on the Railroad," with the appropriate apolo-
gies. Damn if it isn't hard to write a rally
report when you've been lucky enough to stay
on course!)*

HERE IS A PAGE FOR ALL WHO HAVEN'T DONE THEIR JOBS
THIS MONTH. PLEASE SIGN, DON'T BE BASHFUL. WRITE
LARGE SO THE KING CAN READ IT WITHOUT HIS GLASSES!!

The Kanawha Run

It's Time to Sell the Computer

On an autocross day which is overcast, one has several options as to what to do about his/her run. He/she can run early (even though the track is not completely dry) to avoid the chance of running in a deluge of rain later, or he/she can run in the middle of the day if convinced that the rain will hold off at least that much longer, or he/she can chance it and run in the end, praying all the while that the rain will hold off all of the day. At the Kanawha Run autocross, there were those who did all three, and it just so turned out that the waiters (the third group) lucked out, ran in the dry, and had the advantage of the other cars (or people) drying off what water was on the track before their turn came. (Even though it was CS)

For those of you who missed the event, the O.D.'s tried something a little different, in that they used a slalom on which the driver could pick which way he wanted to go, i.e. he could go either outside or inside the first pylon. This, of course, caused much discussion all day, and the majority of cars used the inside line of entrance (perhaps or not because one COF - whose name we won't mention - used it on his first run). It was later discovered (by another not so COF) that the outside line was in fact quicker. (Luckily this anonymous person was generous with his knowledge, and did help a few he/she/it's out.) One of the O.D.'s continues to insist that it was a true measure of a driver's ability type event, but let's leave that judgment up to the contestants (one in particular who tried to jump the fence).

It almost seemed that there would be no ladies class, as there were several of the usual drivers missing, but but we made it anyway due to a few strong headed feminists who took the matter in hand. For those of you who have not run for one reason or another, I think that all of the girls who ran Sunday will tell you that you should give it a try. Although I usually go through a period of doubt as to whether or not I will run, once I get on the track, it is quite a lot of fun. You might also consider that if you are going to be there a lot of the day anyway, you might as well go out and run, and get more than 400 points for helping.

Oh well, autocrosses are fun, enough at least to cause at least a moment's interest by my rally partner on selling the computer. (Note, we go through a similar experience after some rallies though). Next event, come out and run or work, or better yet do both, and have fun with those who enjoy the same things you do. Who knows, you may even go home with a trophy.

We the contestant of today's rally (/ /) in car # _____, wish to protest:

- a) Generals
- b) Instruction (s)
- c) Rally Route
- d) Other _____

_____ between Instruction # _____ and Instruction # _____ on the _____ leg Of the _____

_____ run due to what is evidently a (an)

- a) error
- b) misplaced sign or other confirmation Point
- c) inadvertant change in physical makeup or condition of the Rally course
- d) other _____

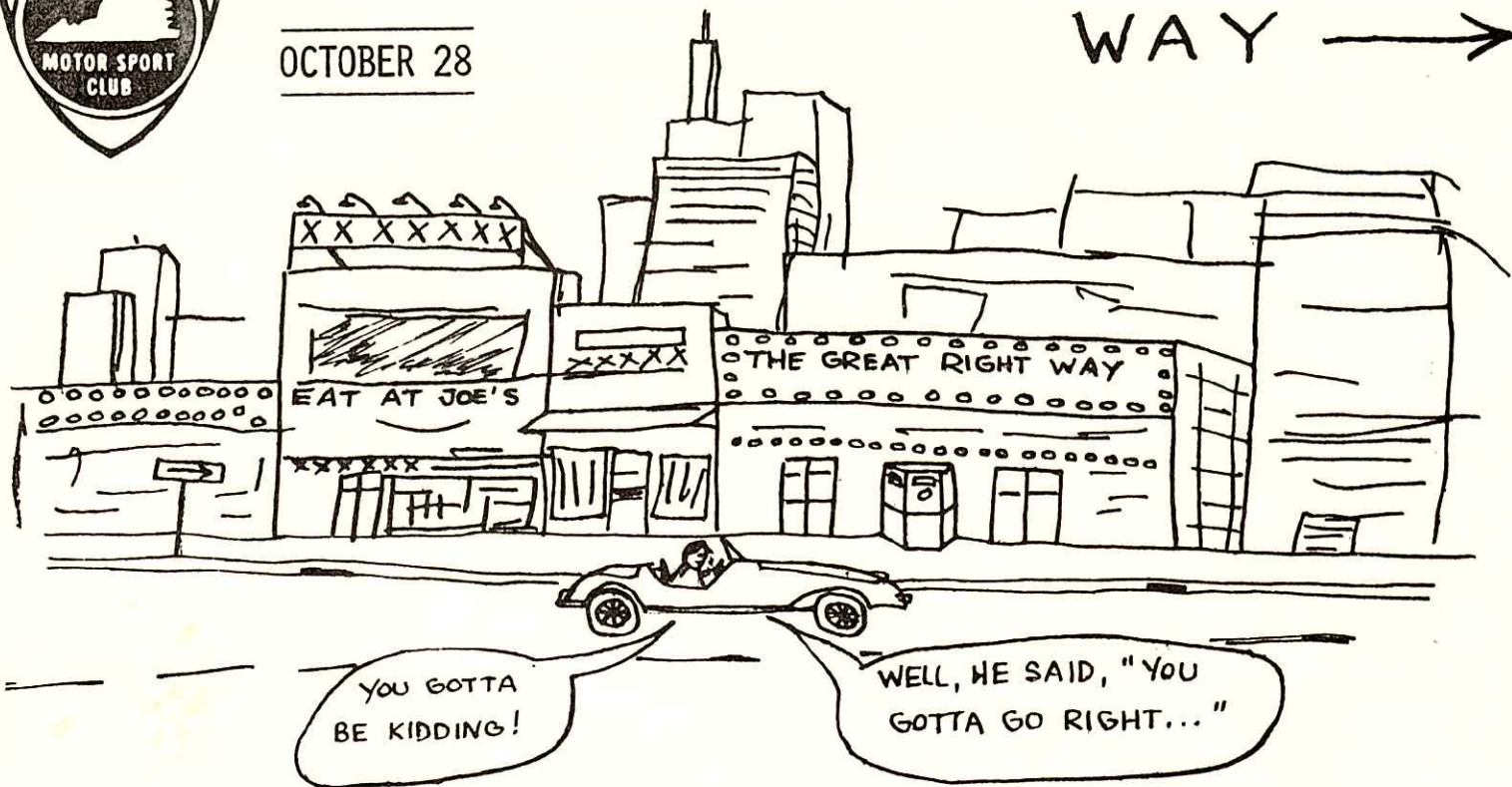
_____ as is here below described. _____

Driver _____
Navigator _____
Date _____



THE GREAT RIGHT WAY →

OCTOBER 28



An event that will allow the driver to look at roads instead of signs and the navigator to use his equipment for a change!

The rally will begin at MEADOWBROOK SHOPPING PLAZA at the corner of Chippenham Parkway (Route 150) and Hopkins Road in Richmond.

Registration begins at 10:00 AM, with the first car off at 11:00 AM EST. Prices are \$3.00 for members of any sports car club, \$4.50 for non-members.

The course will be about 95 miles long. Trophies will be given for equipped, unequipped, and novice crews.

Pre-registration and general instructions are available from the OD's, Jim Muller and Gordon Paterson, at 271-4913.

DRIVER's name _____ NAVIGATOR's name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone Number _____ Phone Number _____

Club's Name _____ Car Number Desired _____

Check one of the following: Club Member _____ No Club Membership _____

Amount of fee enclosed _____ Send check to the OD's at the following:
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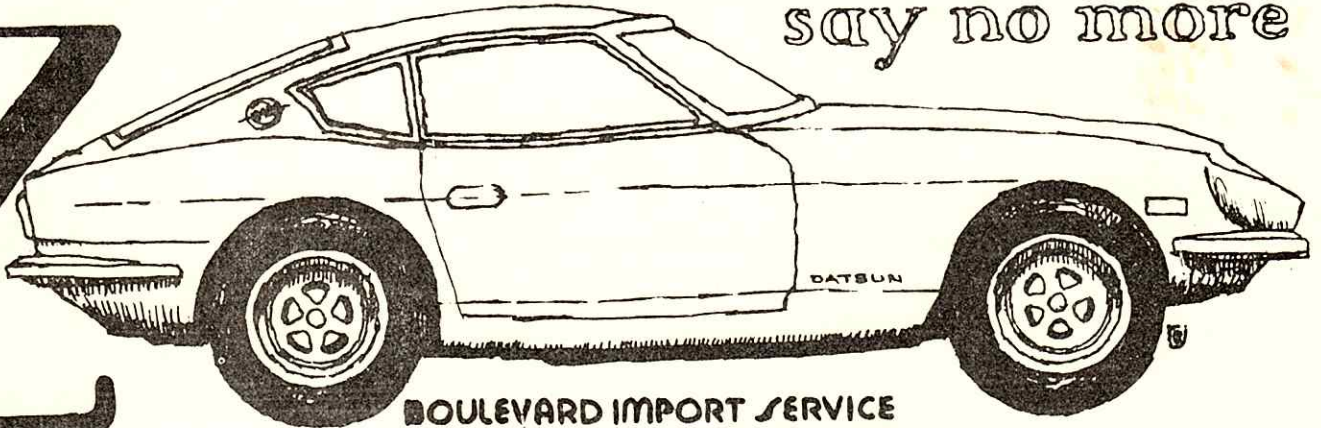
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