



# Checkpoints

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## CHECKPOINTS PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS ALL NEW, LOW-BUDGET, SAVE-THE-TREASURY, ECONOMY ISSUE....ALL YOU EVER WANTED IN A NEWSLETTER ————— AND LESS

- June 11 - VMSC Wine and Cheese Party. See flyer this issue. We've been asked to mention that the object is to try someone else's wine, so don't get bent out of shape if you find someone pouring a drink out of your bottle. Just vintage stuff, okay, leave the Ripple at home. After all, We're your friends.
- June 15 - Generals reading party for the Colonial Trail Rally. Bill Gronning's apartment at 8:00 PM. BYOB
- June 16 - VMSC Regular monthly meeting. 8:00 PM St. John's Woods clubhouse.
- June 18 - Colonial Trail National Rally. Registrar is Charlotte Meyers, 565E Turnberry Blvd., Newport News, Va. 23602 (804-874-1835). Contact Bill Gronning for information.
- June 25 - Appalachian National Rally. Newark, Delaware. Entry fee: \$30.00 (both contestants SCCA members), \$32.00 (one contestant SCCA member), \$34.00 (non-member entry). Registrar is Linda Hudson, 4834 W. Brigantine Court, Wilmington, Delaware 19808 (302-239-2955). Contact Bill Gronning for more information, if your'e interested.
- June 26 - VMSC Rally OD'ed by Len Wells and Tom Blot. See flyer this issue.
- July 21 - VMSC Regular monthly meeting.

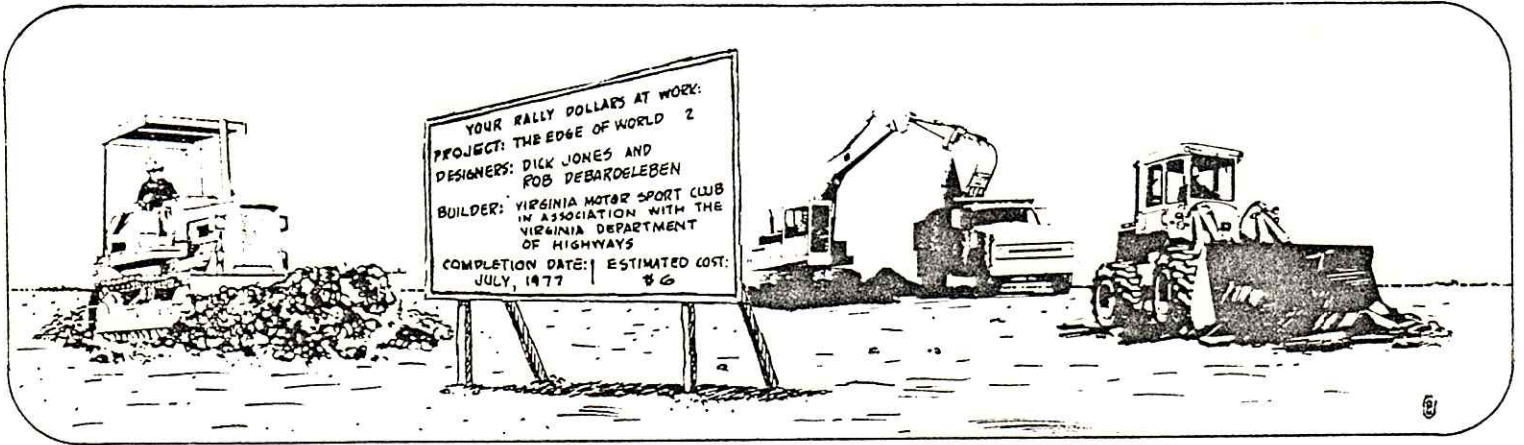
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## NEW MEMBERS

Asoka Ganhewa- 8713 Greycliff Road, Richmond, Va. 23229 (270-2861). This is a family membership and his wife's name is Eileen Padmini.

Asoka works for Richmond Newspapers Inc. They own a 1976 Mazda sedan. Main interests are rallying and reliability trials.

Kevin Paul Sutton- 8361 Emerald Lane, Richmond, Va. 23235 (272-3448). Kevin works at Buford Exxon and owns a 1971 Pontiac Firebird and is interested in rallying and autocrossing.

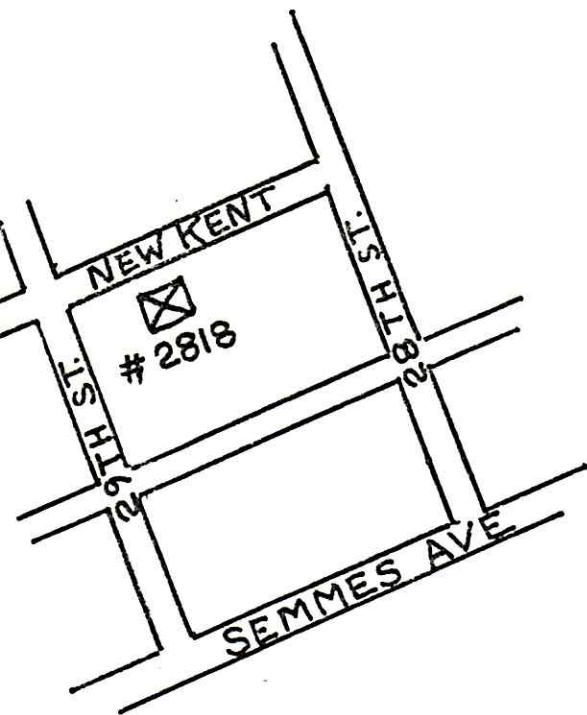
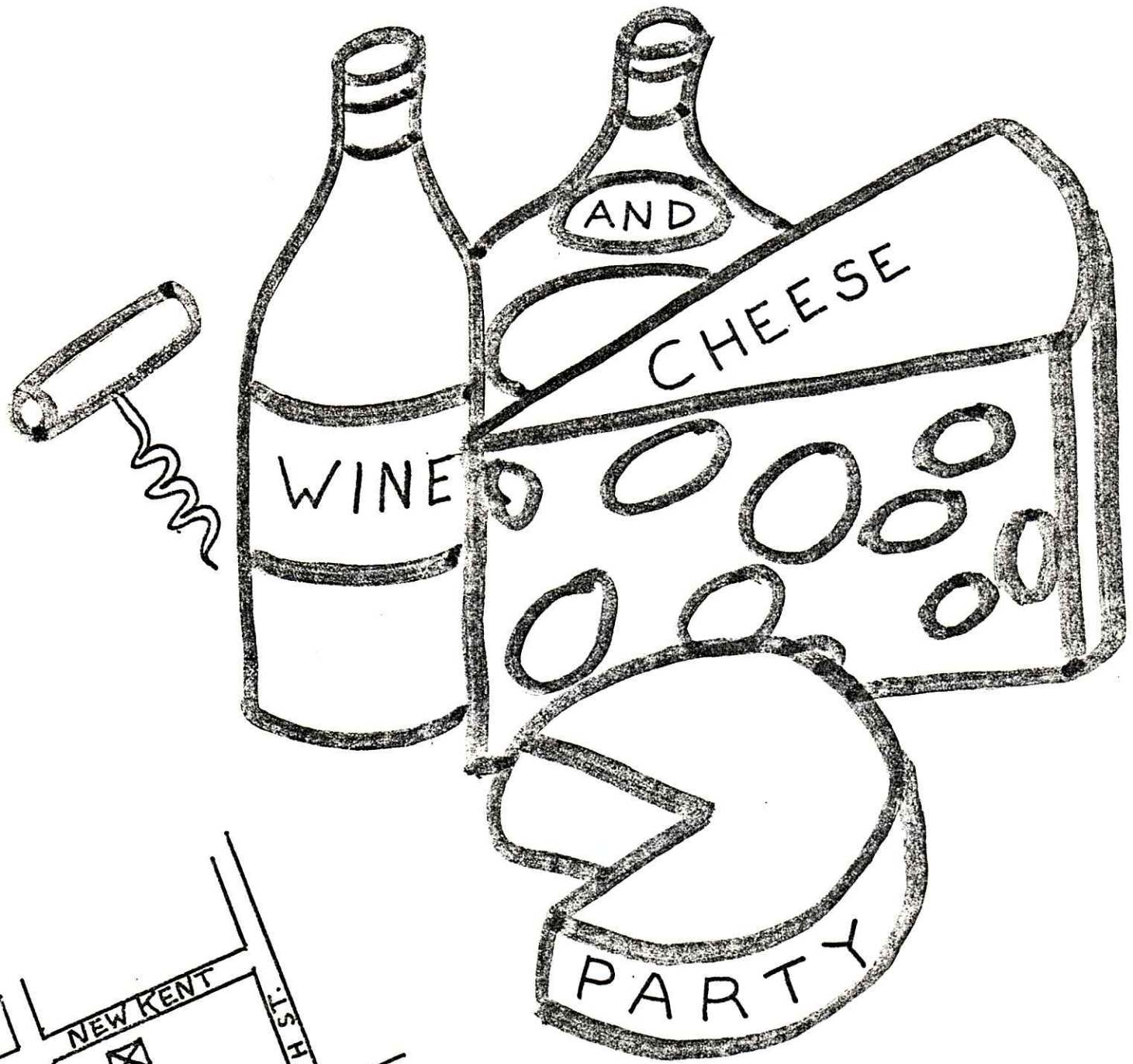
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# W M S C



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PER PERSON  
PREREGISTER - NO LATER THAN  
10 JUNE BY CALLING  
232-8252 AFTER 6PM

Four protests on The "MGB" Rally, held on May 1, 1977, were filed with and ruled on by the Competition Committee.

Two protests concerned leg 6 and contended that since the General Instructions did state "An LI...is no longer in effect when the first clue or action point for the next NI is encountered," then the contestants should have cancelled the LI they were working on and begun execution of the next NI even though they had seen the clue initiating the LI. Both cars requested that leg 6 be discarded. The Competition Committee unanimously felt since the Course Following Rules caused the contestants to give LI's highest priority and since an example was given in the Official Clarification posted by the OD's at registration showing that the LI was to be completed once begun, that the protest had no validity, and both were denied.

Another car protested the use of "overlap" on leg 5 and requested that the leg be discarded. These contestants had defined "overlap" in a very narrow way. The Committee felt that unless the Generals specifically define "overlap" or restrict its use, that the term means, following general rally practice, overlap of instructions in any way, shape, or form. The protesting contestants unnecessarily restrictive definition was therefore incorrect and the protest was unanimously denied.

The last protest requested that leg 1 be discarded on the basis of the ambiguity of a route instruction: "Turn right and CAS 36 as you pass the red "MGB". The OD's intended that the turn, the speed change, and the "MGB" sign should all occur at the same point. One car read the instruction as requiring a right turn at the first opportunity, then later requiring a speed change at "MGB", and acted accordingly. The Committee decided, based on rally precedent, that the instruction could be interpreted in more than one way and was therefore ambiguous. The Committee voted 3-1 to uphold the protest and leg 1 was discarded.

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Zero Leg 3 was administratively discarded due to interference by locals with the control operation.

There are times when life seems more like fiction than reality. Half of Us works with an elderly gentleman of Russian origin who has transformed the fine art of frugality into an obsession. However, there might be those among you who still have the first dollar you ever earned and who might further profit from this man's ingenuity.

Recently his car (a rather non-descript Dodge Duster) had a flat tire and, having long since sold his spare (for a premium price), he appeared to be without visible means of locomotion. It seems that he only buys the cheapest tires he can find and, then, only when they're on sale. But good fortune seemed to be shining on him because the lug pattern of the wheels of his old Ford truck (vintage unknown) matched that of his Duster. The only difference was that the truck tires were four inches in diameter larger than his car tires, thus giving his Duster a rather curious-looking stance on the road. When asked whether it bothered him to drive like that he off-handedly replied, "Oh, no, no, just maken funny noise when I turnen right." He drove like that for two weeks till some tire dealer in Mechanicsville had a clearance sale -- on his bottom-of-the-line tires.

A few years ago, that same old Ford truck (now deceased) had a leak in its radiator. Instead of having it fixed, he would carry a bucket of water out to the parking lot each evening after work so that he could fill his radiator thus enabling him to drive home. He did this every day and every night -- for six years and only stopped because his truck did.

Three years ago he lost the gas cap for his Duster. He stuffed an old red sock into the opening and drove it like that for two and a half years until he found another gas cap lying by the side of the road. It didn't quite fit at first but with a few well-placed raps with a ball-peen hammer it became "fabricated at assembly."

In all his years of driving, he has never once added anti-freeze to his radiator (even this past winter). All he does to prevent his engine block from freezing is to go out to run the car at midnight and 4:00 a.m. He also parks over a bed of rotting leaves which, he believes, produces enough heat to keep all the fluid in the automobile from freezing.

Finally, he has developed a sure-fire technique for only needing a state inspection every seven months, instead of the usual six. Two days before the end of an inspection period, he replaces two of his tires with his spare set of bald tires which he keeps expressly for this purpose. He goes to a service station; needless to say, fails the inspection; drives around on the rejection sticker until the beginning of the next month; puts his good set of tires back on his car; gets his car re-inspected; and, presto! he's gone seven months between inspections.

Perhaps there's some moral, some lesson to be learned from all this. Then again, perhaps there isn't.

**FOR SALE:**

John Bergeron is selling a car but, alas, it isn't his Triumph. It's a 1972 AMC Hornet Sportabout wagon. The car's equipped with a 304 C.I. V-8, power steering and brakes, air conditioning, wood siding, steel radials, and hasn't had much mileage put on it. It gets 19.8 mpg. and John's asking \$1975. If you're interested, call John at 276-3985.



Bill Hunter: "Mike, How could you do this? I raised it from a speckled puppy."

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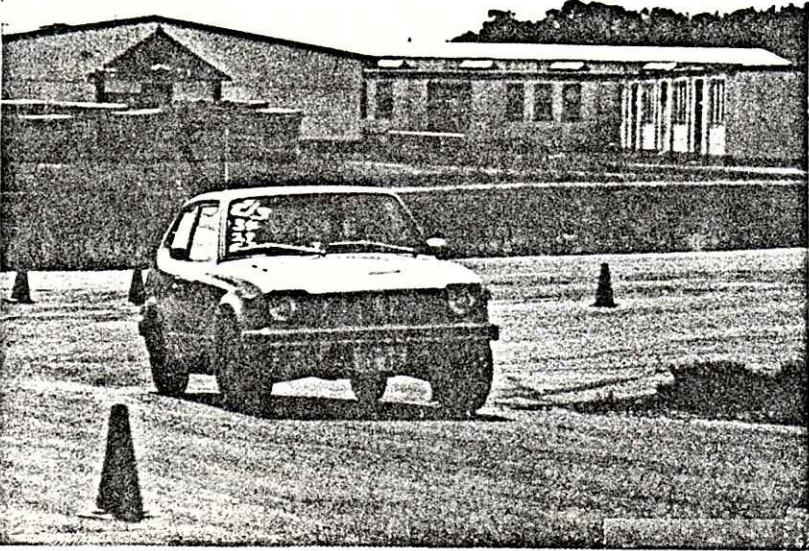
JOHN WHITAKER III

2305 W. BROAD ST.  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23220  
355-2809

Yes, VMSC is planning to have an autocross school in an endeavor to instruct novices in the proper techniques of high speed driving. The date is yet to be set but the instructors will be Neale Dickinson and Mike Castleberry with a special guest appearance by Rob Debardeleben. Keep watching this newsletter for further developments.

AUTOCROSS SCHOOL

# GARY STOUT FOR CRISCO MOTOR OIL ADDITIVE



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HI. I DON'T DRIVE LIKE THAT ON THE STREET, AND PLEASE, DON'T YOU EITHER



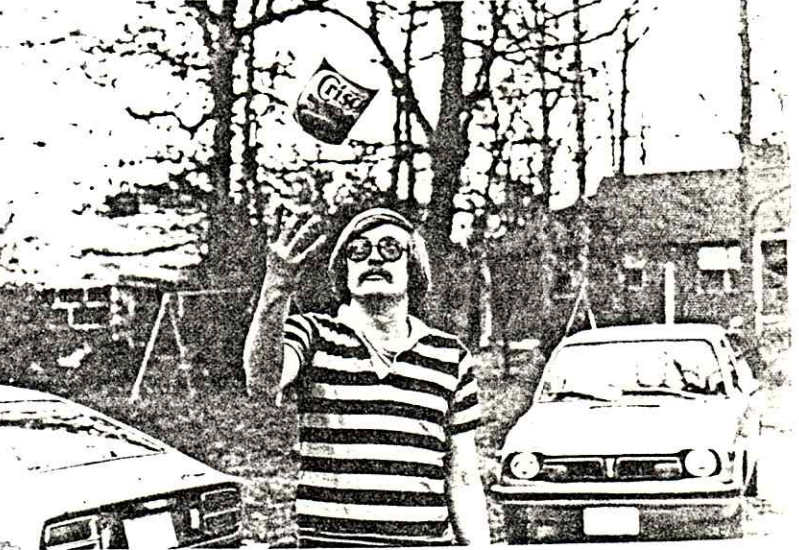
THE OLD GRAY GHOST RUNS LIKE A TOP ON THE INSIDE. I USE CRISCO IN ALL MY CARS -- EVEN MY NEW FAMILY WAGON HERE



JUST A SCOOP EVERY THOUSAND MILES'LL MAKE YOUR CAR RUN SMOOTH AND QUIET



AND YOU WANTA KNOW WHY I USE IT? ONA CONTA THEY PAID ME \$400,000

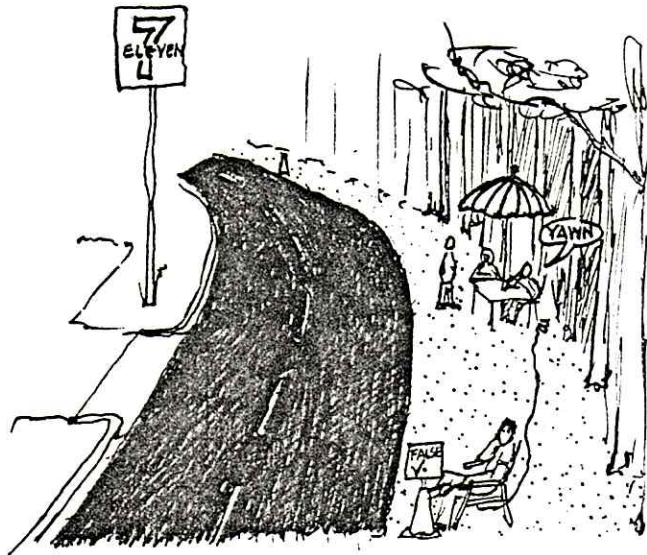


AND THAT'S THE NAME OF THAT TUNE



# The Pam Jones Memorial Rally, I

BEST ✓ LOCATION POSSIBLE



WORST ✓ LOCATION POSSIBLE



WHO? VMSC sanctioned Tom Blot and Len Wells to give you;

WHAT? A TSD Sports Car Rally.

WHEN? June 26, 1977, Sunday; Registration & safety inspection 10:00 AM, EDT. F.C.O., 11:01 AM, EDT.

WHERE? Staples Mill Shopping Center, Glenside and Staples Mill Roads. Finish, Greek Circus, ditto.

WHY? A relaxing drive in the country.

HOW? Unequipped, equipped, and novice.

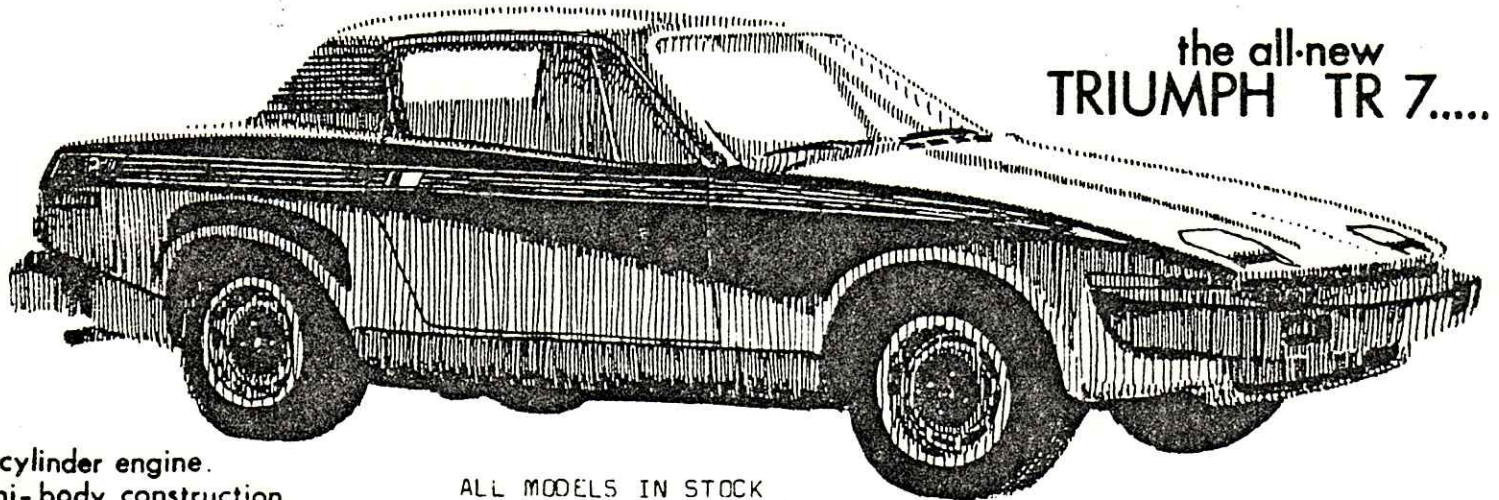
HOW FAR? Approximately 150 miles.

HOW MUCH? VMSC Members - \$5.00 per car; others - \$6.00

WHAT DO YOU GET FOR IT? Points, comradeship, what's coming to you, fun, and General Instructions at the June regular club meeting, 6-16-77.

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