





Checkpoints

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- FEBRUARY 12 WRC WINTER CERIES, RALLY #2.
- FEBRUARY 16 VMSC MONTHLY MEETING, GATEWAY APARTMENTS CLUBHOUSE, 8:00 PM.
SEE MAP ON PAGE 4.
- FEBRUARY 19 VMSC RALLY, "NO NAME," OD'ED BY GARY STOUT & BILL ARMSTRONG.
STARTS AT MEMCO ON MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE (ROUTE 60), 9:00 AM.
SEE FLYER ON PAGE 5.
- FEBRUARY 26 WRC WINTER CERIES, RALLY #3. 
- FEBRUARY 26 SEVSCO RALLY, ANDIAMO MOTOR SPORTS CLUB.
- MARCH 5 TENTATIVE DATE FOR THE HEART FUND AUTOCROSS; TENTATIVE OD'S
ARE FRED DEBARDELEBEN, PETER WILSON, & SHELIA HUNTER.
- MARCH 5 SEVSCO AUTOCROSS, TIDEWATER SPORTS CAR CLUB.
- MARCH 12 VMSC RALLY, OD'ED BY LEN WELLS & TOM BLOT. DETAILS NEXT
MONTH.
- MARCH 12 SEVSCO RALLY, COLONIAL RALLYE MASTERS.
- MARCH 12 WRC WINTER CERIES, RALLY #4.
- MARCH 16 VMSC MONTHLY MEETING, GATEWAY APARTMENTS CLUBHOUSE, 8:00 PM.
- MARCH 19 SEVSCO AUTOCROSS, ANDIAMO MOTOR SPORTS CLUB.
- MARCH 26 EASTER SUNDAY.
- APRIL 1 SCCA NATIONAL RALLY, "FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX." 
- APRIL 1 SCCA NATIONAL RALLY, "MARCH LION."
- APRIL 1-2 BOB RIDGES MEMORIAL RALLY.
- APRIL 9 SESCA CHAMPIONSHIP "RALLY-A-GO-GO."

SCHEDULE

Editor's Page

THE FIRST EVENT OF VMSC'S 1978 RALLY SEASON WAS NOT AN EASY WAY TO START THE YEAR. AND, AS THIS WRITER SEES IT, IT'S ABOUT TIME. THERE IS SOMETHING INVIGORATING ABOUT BOTH BEGINNING AND ENDING A COMPETITIVE YEAR WITH A CHALLENGE.

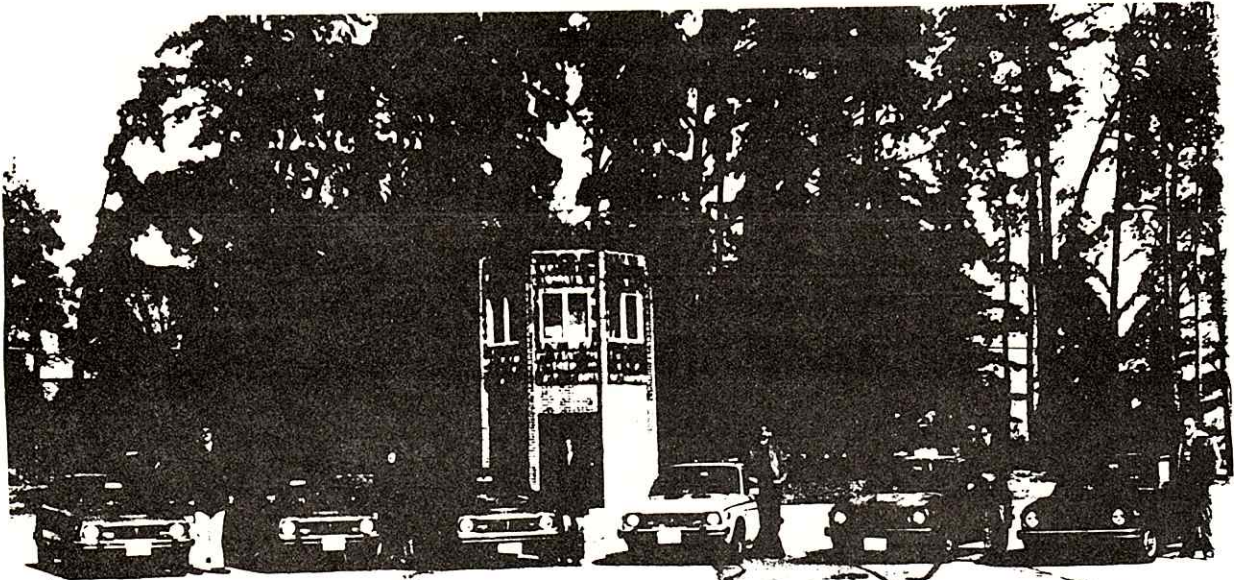
THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID, OF COURSE, FOR THE RALLY DESIGNED WITH THE NOVICE IN MIND. THERE IS ALWAYS A PLACE FOR THE SIMPLE EVENT, FOR ONE THAT PROVIDES STEP-BY-STEP TRAINING. BUT IT STILL IS APPARENT THAT THE BEST WAY FOR A BEGINNER TO LEARN THE INTRICACIES OF RALLYING IS FOR HIM TO BE EXPOSED TO THEM ON THE ROAD.

INTERPRETATIONS VARY WITH THE COMPLEXITY OF THE RALLY, TO BE SURE. TO HESITATE AT AN INTERSECTION AND THEN MUDDLE THROUGH SEVEN LEVELS OF LOGIC IS AN EXPERIENCE IN ITSELF. AND A RALLY THAT ENCOURAGES THE CONTESTANT TO OUTSMART HIMSELF WHILE TRYING TO OUTGUESS THE RALLYMASTER SHOULD BE APPLAUDED FOR ITS EFFORT.

AT THE VERY LEAST EVERY RALLY TEACHES SOMETHING — EVEN IF IT IS OLD TRICKS TO FORGETFUL OLD DOGS. AS COMPETENCE INCREASES, SO DOES THE LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY OF THE ZERO-HERO RALLY. A RALLY THAT RELIES ON LOGIC AND APPLICATION OF GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS EVENS OUT THE ODDS AMONG THE COMPETITORS. FIRST PLACE IS OPEN AND BECKONING. AND THAT'S THE WAY RALLYING SHOULD BE.

VERY SIMPLY, IT IS ENCOURAGING TO BE OFFERED A CHALLENGE RIGHT FROM THE START.

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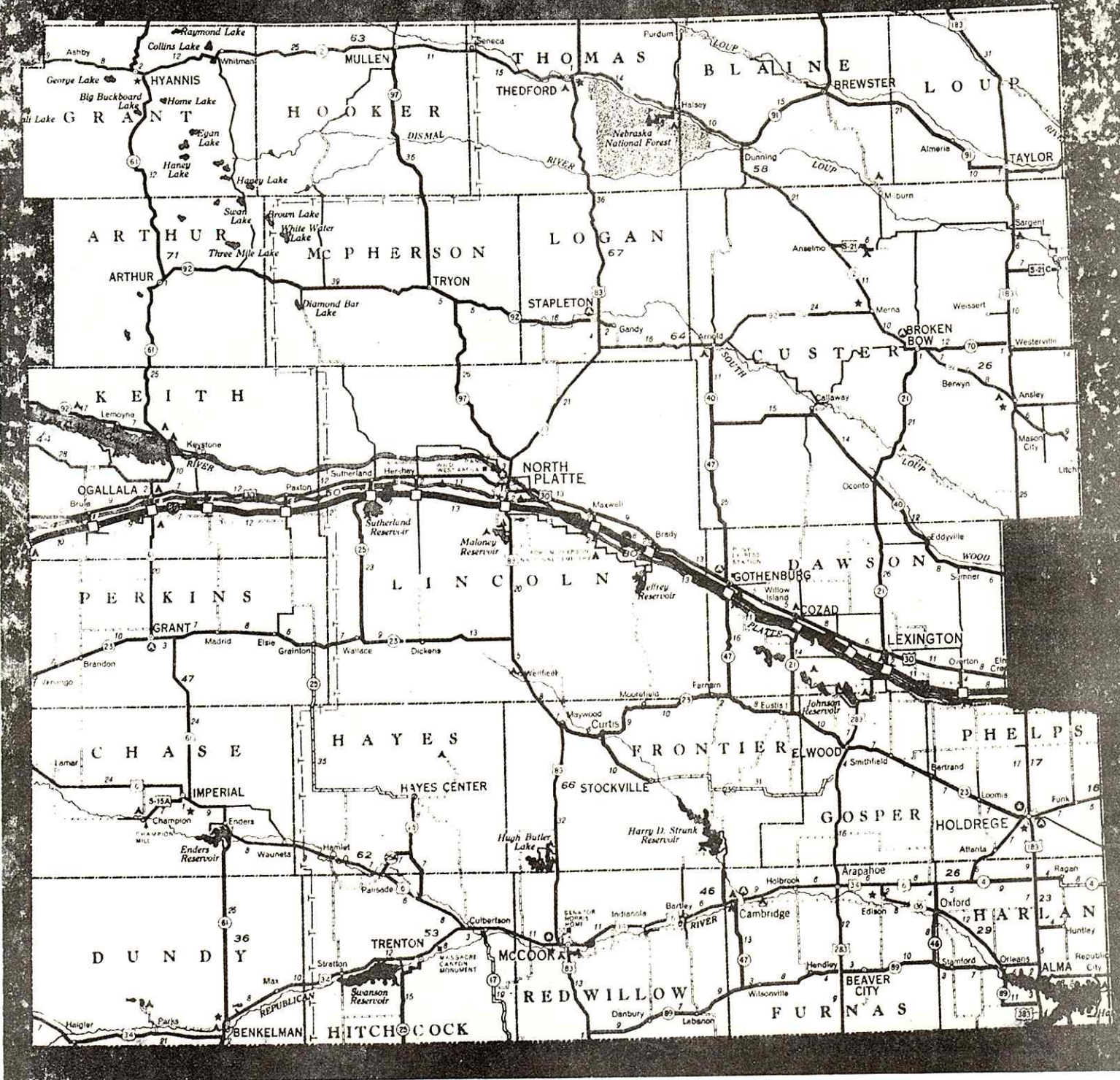


HONDA

what VMSC is coming to.

**RICHMOND HONDA
7400 MIDLOTHIAN TRNPK.**

MAPPIT



HIGHWAY MAZE

Road maps sometimes bear a striking resemblance to mazes. (Who hasn't had the experience of puzzling over the best route between two or more stopping places on a trip?) The official state highway map reproduced here shows the southwestern portion of Nebraska and is the setting for the following labyrinthine problem:

Without retracing or crossing your path at any time, plan an itinerary that will take you in the shortest possible mileage to all 23 coun-

ties outlined in black and yellow. Mileage figures are indicated in black or red alongside some, but not all, of the roads. Any road whose mileage is not given must be assumed to be too rough to travel in your old jalopy. The Interstate highway (double red route) is likewise off limits because you can't maintain the 40 mph minimum speed. And you must, of course, start and finish your trip in towns large enough to have overnight accommodations, that is, whose names are printed in capital let-

ters. If you wish to avoid marking the map, tape a thin sheet of tracing paper over it on which to plan your route.

Starting point: _____

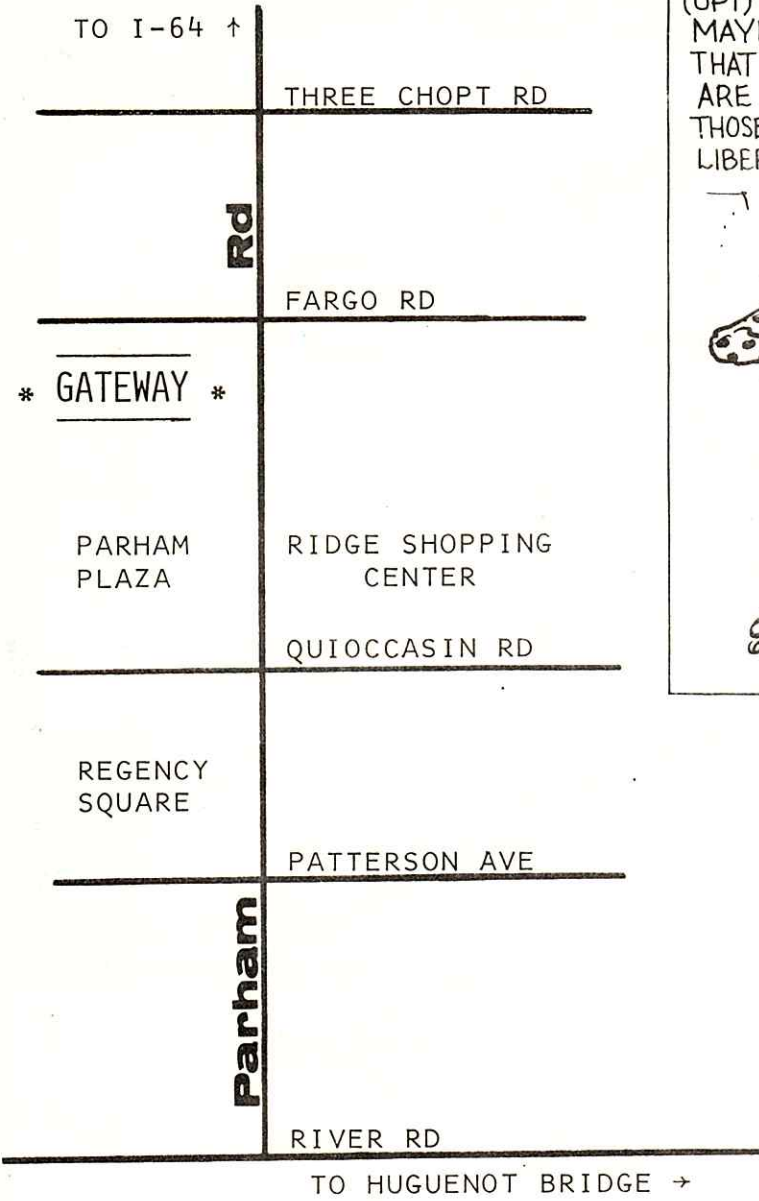
Ending point: _____

Total mileage: _____

To GATEWAY

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by Eno Nash



(UPI) WILL PEOPLE WHO OWN FORDS VOTE FOR GERALD? MAYBE NOT, BUT A NEW NATIONAL SURVEY INDICATES THAT FACULTY MEMBERS WHO OWN SWEDISH CARS ARE THE MOST POLITICALLY LIBERAL, FOLLOWED BY THOSE WHO OWN GERMAN AND JAPANESE CARS - THE MOST LIBERAL OWN NO CAR AT ALL....

NEWS ITEM: LIN ROBERTS
HARTFORD, CONN.



**Do rodeo riders
get dirty?**

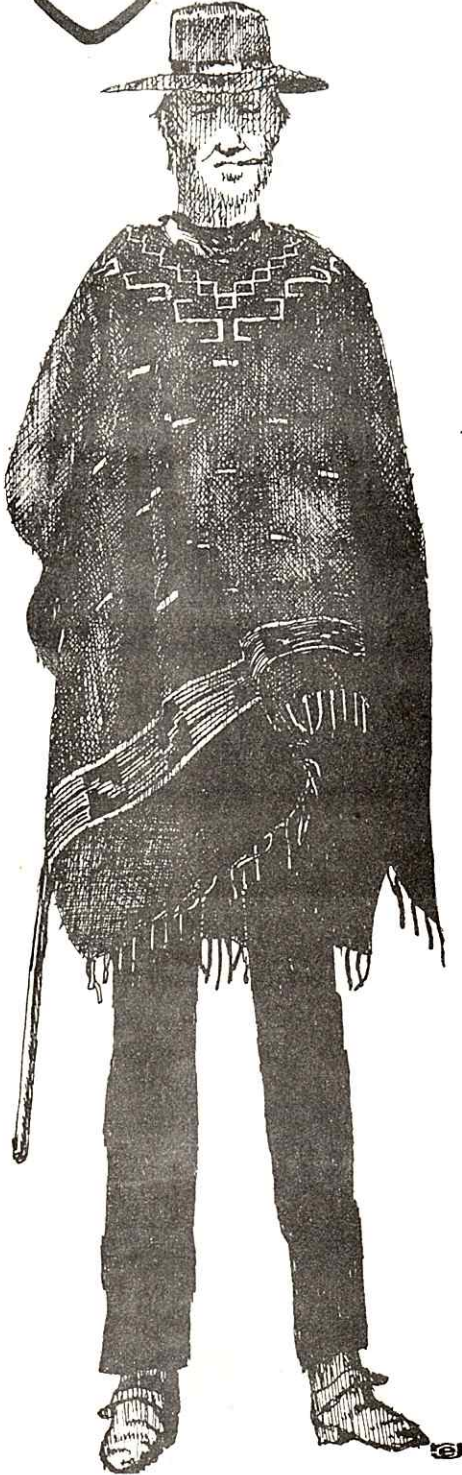
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THE NO NAME RALLY



February 19

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Parkway.

FINISH: Pizza Hut. .5 miles east of
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REGISTRATION: 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
First Car Off 10:00.

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4	2 E	1	DatsunZ	M/F DeBardleben		5	0	350	2	200	4	200	761
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6	4 U	14	DatsunZ	S Powell	G Eberhard	12	27	200	3	200	188	200	830
7	5 U	2	Dodge	L Wells	T Blot	25	10	13	200	200	200	200	848
8	6 U	9	DatsunZ	S Zonner	J Wimmer	8	18	350	67	200	162	96	901
9	7 U	8	BMW	D/V Ammentrout		8	142	20	200	200	200	200	970
10	8 U	15	Rambler	C Young	L Young	22	70	80	200	200	200	200	972
11	3 E	6	Datsun5	L Parsley	B Britton	0	192	1	200	200	186	200	979
12	9 U	13	Ford	E Wimmer	M Mills	82	97	16	200	200	200	200	995
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14	11 U	5	Honda	L Wilson	S Hunter	59	175	350	350	200	200	147	1481
			*=trophy position										

RALLYMASTERS: DAVID & KATHI MC CALL

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ART & DIANE WINGO, J. WHITE, LINDSAY WILSON, KAY WINGO

Highway Maze

The best route we could find begins at Ogallala in Keith County and ends at Theford in Thomas County (or vice versa), and covers a distance of approximately 695 miles.
From Ogallala:
North on Hwy. 61 to jct. Hwy. 2 (vic. Hyannis) 70 miles
East on Hwy. 2 to Mullen 37
South on Hwy. 97 to Tryon 36
East on Hwy. 92 to Stapleton 26
South on Hwy. 83 to jct. Hwy. 30 (vic. N. Platte) 28
West on Hwy. 30 to Sutherland 20
South on Hwy. 25 & 25A to Palisade (via Hayes Center) 81

West on Hwy. 6 to jct. Hwy 61 (vic. Enders) 23
South on Hwy. 61 to Benkelman 26
East on Hwy. 34 to Holdrege 125
West on Hwy. 23 to jct. Hwy. 21 (vic. Eustis) 38
North on Hwy. 21 to Broken Bow (via Cozad & Lexington) 75
East on Hwy. 70 to jct. Hwy. 183 (vic. Westerville) 13
North on Hwy. 183 to Taylor 25
West on Hwy. 91 to Dunning 46
West on Hwy. 2 to Theford 26
Total 695 miles
Let us know your route if it's shorter than this.

from
start

to
finish.

you know they're going to like it

IT WAS A COLD, CLEAR, JANUARY DAY. IDEAL WEATHER FOR BEGINNING THE FIRST VMSC RALLY OF 1978; IDEAL FOR BEGINNING A NEW RALLY TEAM; IDEAL FOR WESTBROOK AND CASTLEBERRY TO BEGIN THEIR SECOND DECADE IN THE SPORT.

THE TEAM MEMBERS SPENT WILDLY DIFFERENT SATURDAY NIGHTS PREPARING FOR THE RALLY. I WAITED QUIETLY AT HOME ADJUSTING THE HALDA, MOUNTING THE STOPWATCHES, AND GENERALLY BEHAVING MYSELF. MIKE, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAD DISCOVERED A NEW NIGHT SPOT THAT DOESN'T OPEN TILL 1:00 AM. WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD, HE PROCEEDED TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY, FINALLY GETTING TO SLEEP AT 6:00 AM. I THOUGHT TO CALL AT 9:30 JUST TO CHECK, YOU SEE, AND FOUND HIM STILL ASLEEP AND MOANING SOMETHING ABOUT FOOLS WHO RIDE AROUND IN SPORTY CARS LOOKING FOR CHECKPOINTS. THE RESULTS ARE POSTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE AND, FOR MY PART, ONLY ATTEST TO CLEAN LIVING.

AND NOW, THE RALLY. WE FOUND THE RALLY TO BE INTERESTING WITH SOME DIABOLICAL TWISTS TO IT. THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF THE RALLY FOR ME WAS THAT IT APPEARED TO BE A NORMAL RALLY. THE ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS LOOKED JUST LIKE ANY OTHERS, THE RE-EXECUTION POSSIBILITY DIDN'T JUMP OUT — I FORGOT ABOUT IT MORE THAN ONCE!

AS SOMETIMES HAPPENS, THE TRIED-AND-TRUE TRAPS WORKED BEST. TWO TRAPS, BOTH BASED ON THE LACK OF "NRC," COLLECTED MOST OF THE FIELD. AT THE RESTART, EVERYONE WAS FRANTICALLY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CLEVER NEW TRAP DAVE AND KATHI HAD COME UP WITH. WE LOOKED EVERYWHERE AND STILL DIDN'T PICK UP THE MISSING NRC.

HOW HARD IS IT TO AVOID GOING INTO A CHECKPOINT WHEN YOU'RE GIVEN THE MILEAGE AND "✓."? PRETTY DARN HARD. WE DID IT CORRECTLY, BUT I'LL NEVER TELL ABOUT IT IN WRITING. SUFFICE IT TO SAY CLEAN LIVING MUST HAVE PAID OFF AGAIN.

SOMEHOW, WE TOOK FIRST OVERALL, WHICH IS NOT TOO AMAZING BECAUSE AN UNEQUIPPED CAR WILL OCCASIONALLY WIN OVERALL. WHAT WAS AMAZING WAS STOUT AND JONES ONLY 40 POINTS BACK IN SECOND OVERALL. IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD YEAR. MY THANKS TO DAVE AND KATHI.

- BOOKIE, FOR ME AND MIKE.

P.S. DID ANYONE NOTICE "CLAY SPRINGS" RIGHT AFTER CHECKPOINT 5? NOW THAT IS A REAL BOOKIESIGN — GREY ON WHITE, ON THE OUTSIDE OF A TURN, AT THE TOP OF A HILL, AND OBSTRUCTED BY AN OVERHANGING ROSE BUSH. GOOD GOING, GUYS!

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BMW 620CSI	C/S	E/P	C/M
CHEVETTE	D/S	F/P	C/M
DATSUN 810	C/S	D/P	C/M
DODGE COLT LANCER	C/S	E/P	C/M
DODGE OMNI	C/S	E/P	C/M
F/V, SCCA LEGAL	-	-	C/M
FORMULA CARS MEETING PARAGRAPH 7.6	-	-	A/M
FORD FIESTA	C/S	E/P	C/M
GREMLIN 2-LITER	D/S	F/P	C/M
LOTUS ELITE	B/S	A/P	A/M
MGB (1975 OR LATER)	C/S	D/P	B/M
OPEL ISUZU	D/S	E/P	C/M
OPEL 1900 SEDANS/COUPES	C/S	E/P	C/M
PLYMOUTH HORIZON	C/S	E/P	C/M
PORSCHE 928	A/S	B/P	A/M
SPITFIRE 1500	C/S	D/P	B/M
YENKO STINGER	-	D/P	C/M

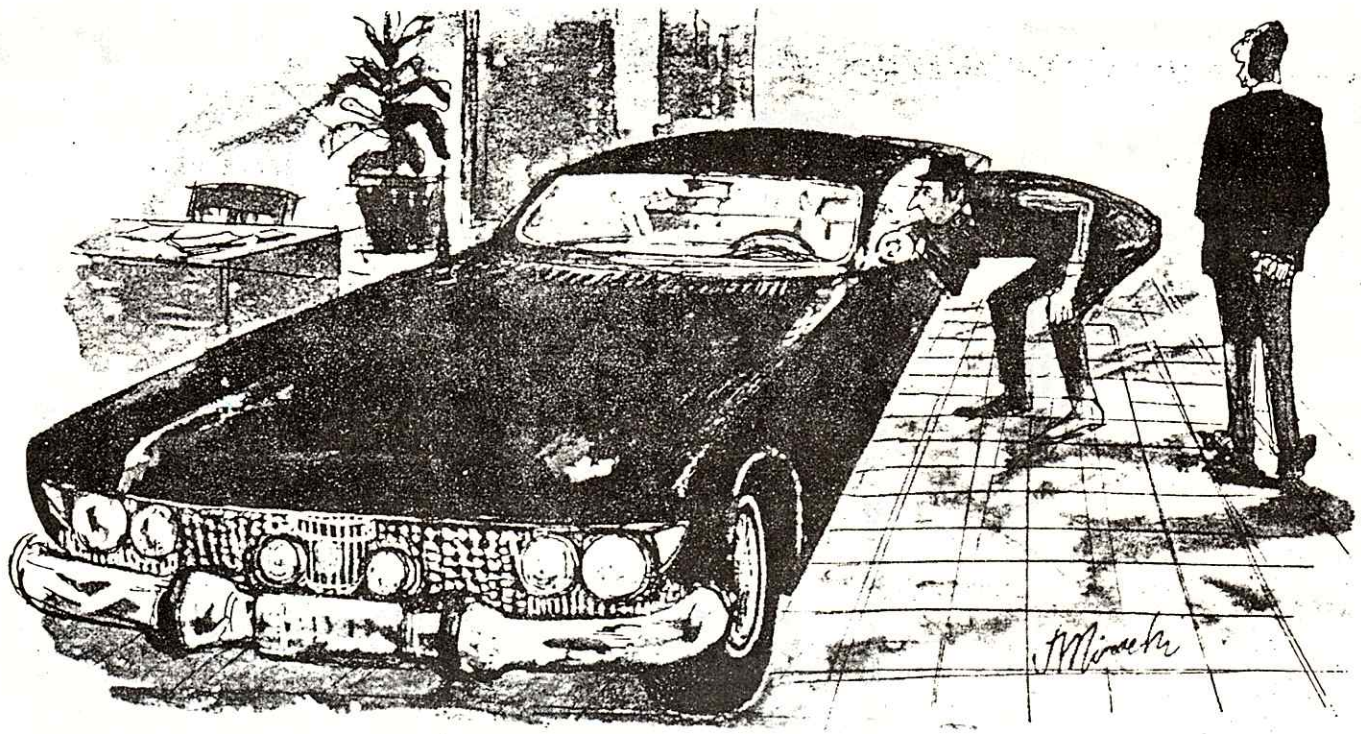


IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE SPEED EVENT REGS:

1. DELETE FORMULA CLASS.
2. PARAGRAPH 7.6: CHANGE "...IN FORMULA CLASS, CLASS F" TO READ "...IN CLASS A/M."
3. PARAGRAPH 7.6: CHANGE "...SCCA LEGAL F/V WILL COMPETE IN CLASS B/M" TO READ "...SCCA LEGAL F/V WILL COMPETE IN CLASS C/M."

NEW RULES WERE ADOPTED ALSO REGARDING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC IGNITION AND OUTSIDE FENDER MODIFICATIONS. THESE SECTIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THEIR ENTIRETY NEXT MONTH.

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THE COMPETITION REGS, SECTION 14-D, PARAGRAPH 3, WERE CHANGED TO READ:

"ALL BALLOTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING. THOSE ABSENT WILL BE MAILED BALLOTS ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. TO COUNT TOWARD THE SELECTION, COMPLETED BALLOTS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE PERSON CONDUCTING THE VOTING ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31. RESULTS SHALL BE CALCULATED AND FORWARDED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4."

AN ACT OF CONGRESS

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL WAS NOT ADOPTED: TO CHANGE YEAR-END SPEED AWARDS FROM THE TOP 5 OVERALL TO A TOTAL OF 9, SPECIFICALLY THE TOP 3 (BASED ON RAW TIME) IN EACH CATEGORY OF STOCK, PREPARED, MODIFIED; TO ABOLISH ALL HOMOLOGATION THAT CROSSES CATEGORIES FOR CLUB POINTS; TO ISSUE WORKER AND OD POINTS IN EACH CATEGORY.

NEITHER WAS A PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE \$5.00 PROTEST FEE UPHELD.

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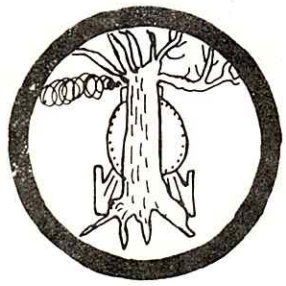
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*"If you'd argue with me,
 it would help me decide."*

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THE FOLLOWING FIVE RALLIES ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF RANKING FOR RALLY OF THE YEAR COMPETITION. THIS IS PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IF ANY RALLYMASTER WOULD LIKE TO COMPARE SCORES OR CHECK ON HIS OWN FINISHING PLACE, HE SHOULD CONTACT DAVE MC CALL. SUFFICE IT TO SAY, REGARDLESS OF COMPARISONS, ALL EFFORTS WERE APPRECIATED.

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DASTARDLY DIGIT₂
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 1-U: PETE WINTERS & BARBARA STOUT

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 1-U: PETE WILSON & JOHN DEBARDELEBEN

THE EYE-OPENER
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 1-U: PETE WILSON & BILL HUNTER

THE DECEMBER RALLY
 DECEMBER 1977

BOOKIE & KITTY WESTBROOK & BAXTER PHILLIPS,
 RALLYMASTERS
 1-E: FRED & MARIAN DEBARDELEBEN
 1-U: LEN WELLS & ROB DEBARDELEBEN

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