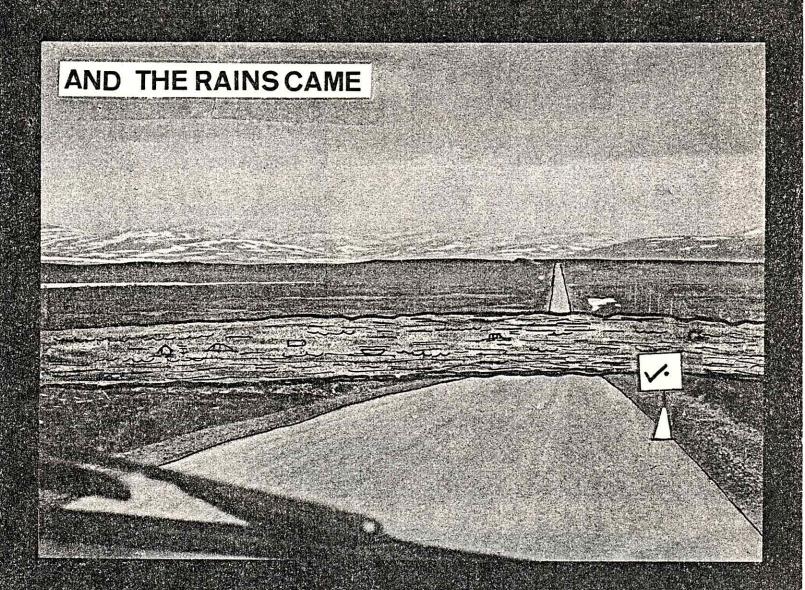


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GETTING "CHECKPOINTS" IF YOUR DUES AREN'T PAID. 1979
MEMBERSHIP LISTS ARE BEING MADE NOW. COME ON, JOIN
THE FUN. PAY YOUR DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



& OLD SPICE

WELL, WINTER SEEMS TO BE OVER AND WE ALL LOOK FOREWARD TO GOOD RALLY WEATHER AND THE START OF THE AUTOCROSS SEASON.

AUTOCROSS, BY IT'S VERY NATURE REQUIRES GOOD WEATHER AND THUS THE SEASON SEEMS TO BE VERY BRIEF, BUT WHILE IT LASTS DURING THE YEAR, AUTOCROSS ADDS A VERY VALUABLE FACET TO OUR CLUB.

FIRST, IT INVOLVES SPEED. SPEED
HAS A VERY LURING EFFECT, AND
BRINGS OUT MEMBERS WHO WOULD
PROBABLY DROP OUT IF IT WEREN'T
FOR THE FASCINATION WITH DRIVER
AGAINST CLOCK IN RELATION TO
SPEED. ALSO, TRYING TO GO AS
FAST AS POSSIBLE AROUND A COURSE
SEEMS TO BRING OUT A FREEDOM AND
VITALITY THAT PERMEATES THE
ENTIRE CLUB.

SECOND, IS EXPOSURE. OUR AUTO-CROSSES ARE VERY VISIBLE. PEOPLE DRIVE BY A PARKING LOT FULL OF CARS, DRIVERS, AND SPECTATORS; STOP TO LOOK AND OUR CLUB IMAGE IS ALL THE BETTER.

THIRD, IS FINANCIAL. AUTOCROSSES ARE MONEY MAKERS. SERIES THREE FOR INSTANCE, PAYS FOR ITSELF AND NUMEROUS OTHER EVENTS THAT AREN'T QUITE SO FISCALLY SOUND. WITHOUT AUTOCROSSES, THERE IS NO TELLING WHAT OUR DUES WOULD BE.

AUTOCROSS SEEMS TO BE TAKING ITS RIGHTFUL POSITION IN "VMSC" AND IT'S FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT. RALLYING AND AUTOCROSS: A GOOD MARRIAGE.

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- March 15 VMSC Monthly Meeting. Gateway Apts. Clubhouse, Parham Road. 8:00 P.M.
- March 24 & 25 SCCA Driving School at Summit Point Raceway, Summit Point, Va. See Stopwatcher for details.
- March 25 VMSC March Ralley. "Last Annual Simon Says Ralley" ODed by Len Wells and Tom (lake front lot) Blot. See Flyer this issue for more details.
- March 25 ODZCC Autocross Driving School for Z cars only. For more info, contact Richard West.
- April 7 & 8 PSCC Ralley. "The BRM Ralley" Novice ralley ODed by Mike Leeper.
- April 22 Beach Ford Mustang Club Ralley.
- April 22 TENTATIVE Autocross VMSC at Thalhimers Westmoreland. ODed by Bill Hunter. More Details in co coming issue.
- April 29 VMSC Ralley. "You Only Live Twice" ODed by Bill Armstrong & Bookie Westbrook. TSD Ralley of Moderateldifficulty. About 100 miles. More details next issue.
- May 6 & 20 5th Annual Series 3 Autocross. State Fairgrounds. June 17 Flyer in coming issue with Preregistration info.

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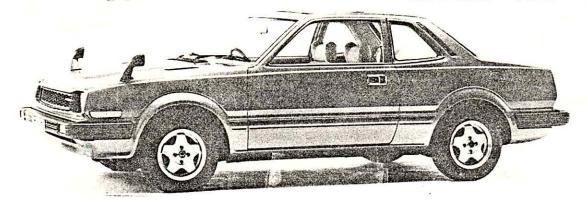
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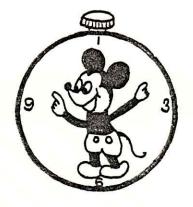
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** THE LOGIC RALLY I **

The Logic Rally I was run on a very unusual course, long ago in the land of Oblivion. The drivers and thier navigators were put through a grueling test of thier abilities and the results were quite amazing. Using the clues and solving chart below, try to find who the teams were, what car they used and how they placed.

- L. Wells placed 2 less than the Honda and 2 above B. Greenwood.
- 2. B. Phillips didn't team up with D. Jones.
- 3. C. Hoelzel finished 1 place lower than the Porsche.
- 4. The BMW placed higher than B. Westbrook, whose partner was not B. Greenwood.
- 5. The 6th and 9th places were caught by B. Westbrook and D. Mc Call, posibly in that order.
- 6. The VW placed higher than the Z.
- 7. M. Castleberry did not take 1st place.
- 8. The Z finished 3 places below B. Westbrook.

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WHO'S NEW

Our new member this month is Christopher Smith, sponsered by Bill & Sheila Hunter. He works at Foreign Car City with Bill as a 1st class Mechanic. He owns a '70 MGB-GT and a '74 Yamaha 175. He's 27 and seperated and interested in Autocrossing and Tinkering. He has Autocrossed in Richmond and done some Drag Racing in New England. He will probably be at the coming Autocross events so be sure to welcome him to our club.

Note to Chris--If a tall, bearded, happy-looking fellow approaches you at an Autocross event claiming to be an expert driver and requesting your permission to take your car through the course for a fun run....TURN HEEL AND RUN!!! This person is Mike Castleberry. Do Not give him the keys to our car OR your bike.

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Logic Ralley I

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3rd Wells-Phillips-BMW

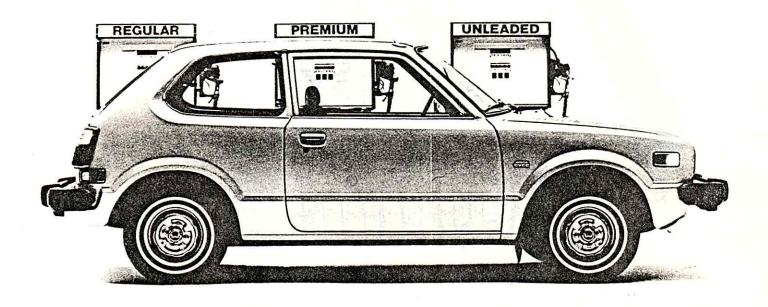
5th Castleberry-Greenwood-Porsche

6th Westbrook-Hoezel-VW 9th Hunter-McCall-Z

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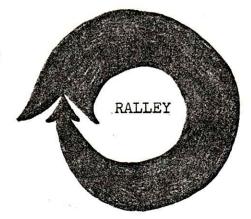
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Question; What do you call this ralley?

Answer; You call it the Ralley, whatever that means.

The concept was to run the ralley course at your own speed the first time through and then to run the same course acheiving the same elapsed times the second time through. Your score was the difference between the two runs. The first part was the navigator's job. Second time through was the navigator's revenge, i.e. each point scored was from the driver's lead foot or the lack thereof. After three ralleys with Bookie, it was nice to know I wasn't the cause of each point. It was a good event to pull in new people. At the break there were alot of happy faces because no one had gotten a single point!!!

At this point, Bill became tired of writing and said to me "You finish the thing".

I agree that it was a ralley divided in two parts. During the first run through Bill was working his tail off. Writing times, mileages, and instructions. At the break there was a very entertaining waitress at Wimpy's Hamburger Emporium. Those who took the opportunity to grab a coke determined it was well worth it.

The second leg, it became my job to reenact the first leg. Interesting...Deja Vu... We passed the same cars at the same points we did the first time. (Glad I picked good passing points) It was tough to maintain the earlier average speed. I think everyone worked out thier own system.

Our Congradulations to Lewis for reviving an interesting type of event. Other OD's take note--one of them a year is at least enough.

Respectfully submitted; Bill Armstrong Bookie Westbrook

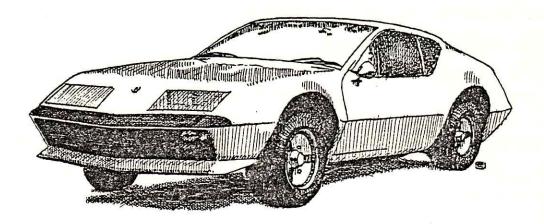
CHANGES

Make the following changes to the Speed Event Regulations:

- Page 4. Delete Section 5.10.
- Page 6. Add Section 7.2 F:
 All open-topped cars must have SCCA-approved roll-over protection.
- Page 5. Amend Section 6.1 L to read:

 Cars with swing-axle drive wheels must have camber compensation or negative camber.

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