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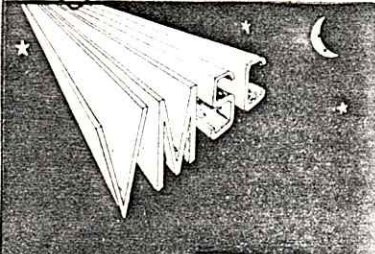
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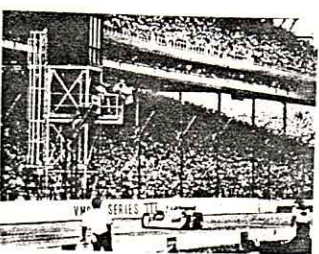
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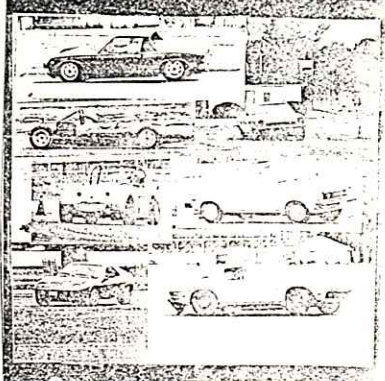
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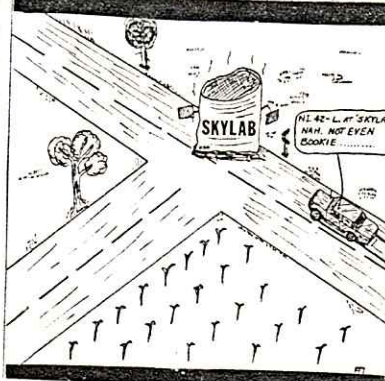


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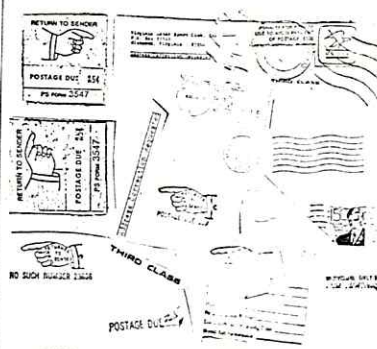


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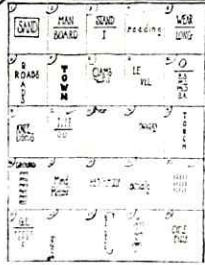
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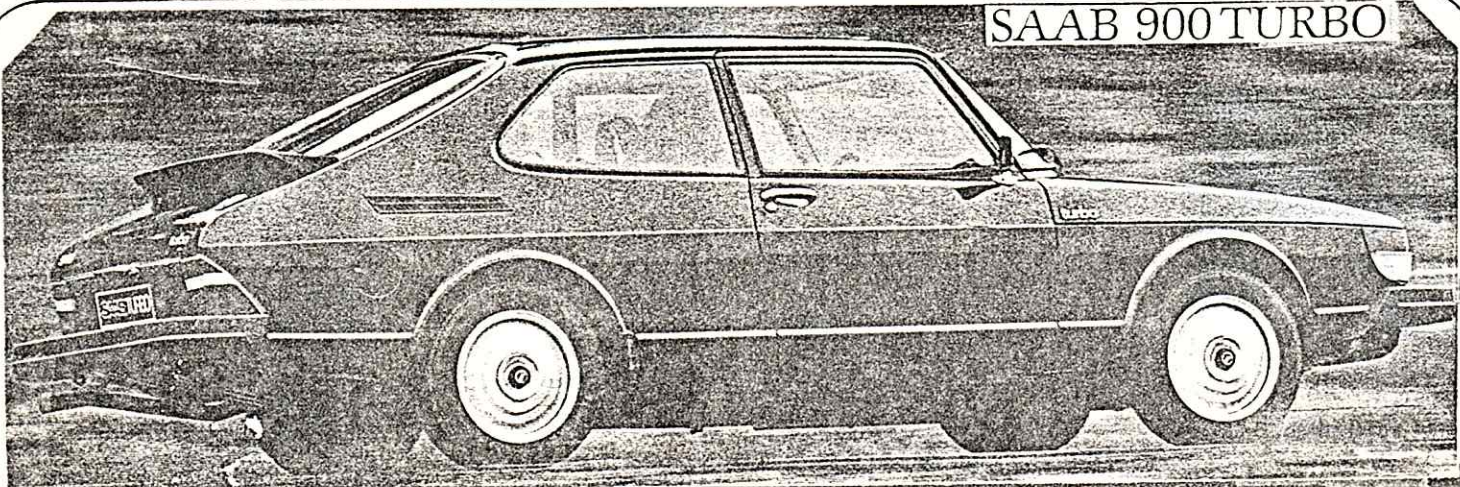
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WELL, ANOTHER YEAR HAS COME AND ALMOST GONE. IT ONLY SEEMS LIKE ELEVEN MONTHS AGO THAT I SAT DOWN TO WRITE THE FIRST OF OUR ISSUES. RIGHT AWAY I FOUND THAT JUST LETTING THE TYPE-WRITER ITSELF DO THE ISSUES WORKED BEST. THIS MACHINE WAS PICKED UP AS A FREE AGENT IN MID-SEASON, AND IT HAS PERFORMED ADMIRABLY AND A LONG TERM CONTRACT SEEMS TO BE A JUST REWARD.

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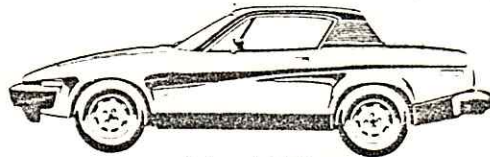
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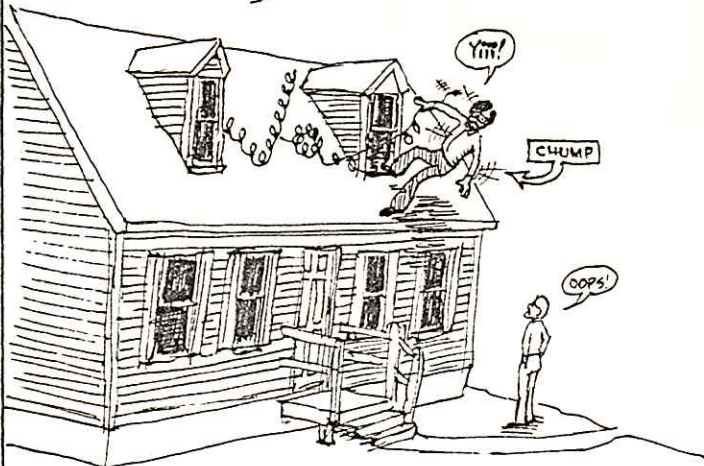
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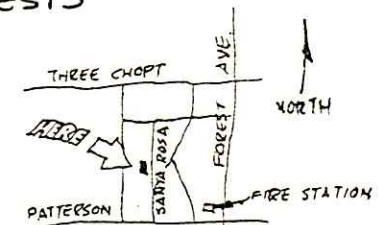


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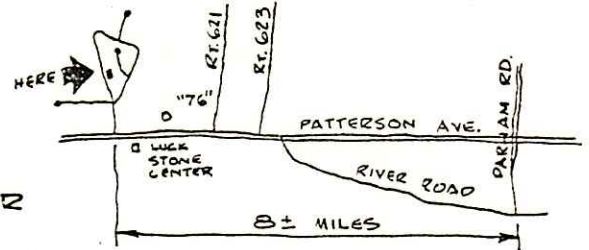
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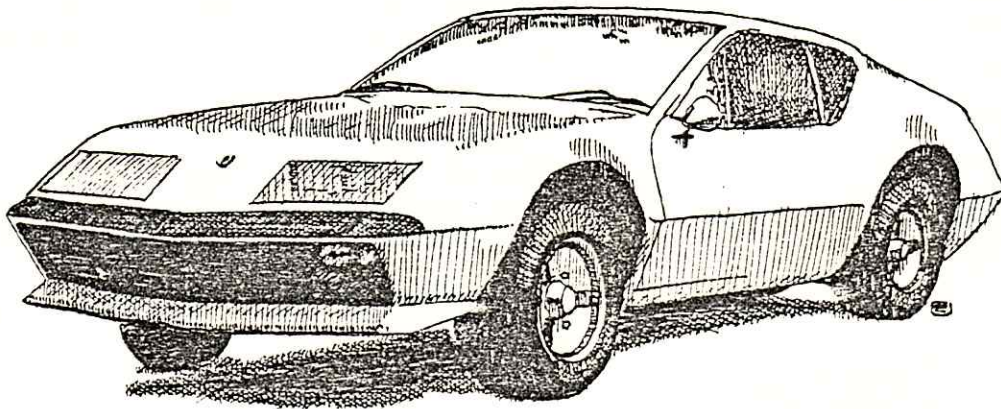


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## THE 21st OLD DOMINION RALLY

The 21st Old Dominion Rally, Oded by Dick Jones and Gary and Barbara Stout, featured two days of rain, good roads, great accommodations, and twenty-one of the most creative traps I've seen in a long time. I approached this rally with a bit more anticipation--and trepidation--than usual. This would be the first two-day rally I had run, the Old Dominion is a tradition in these parts, and there were lots of out-of-town teams (read "heavy competition") registered to run the event. Nevertheless, Libby and I met at the start at the appointed time, took a deep breath, and pressed on regardless.

The trap on leg 1 was not too complex. NI 16 contained an official mileage and therefore had priority over the SI in effect. Executing the SI instead of the NI caused you to enter the control backwards. Having figured that one out, Libby and I left control 1 with a pretty good score and a little more confidence. My famous flaw--not reading ahead in the instructions--struck on leg 2. We were working on SI 3, "Pause .25 minutes at 'Montpelier'. NRC.". We were so intent on counting the 15 Montpelier signs (of which we saw 8!) that we had already paused our 2 minutes when I realized we should have started executing the next NI back down the road before we saw most of the Montpelier signs. My trusty driver (AKA "Lead-Footed Libby") somehow made up the 2 minutes we were down in the 3 or 4 miles before we reached control 2, and I thought my calculator was terminally ill when it displayed a score of 13 for the leg!

Leg 4 contained our favorite trap of the day. Hidden within some witty verbiage about the radiation at North Anna Nuclear Power Station was a directive to cross Rt. 700, roll down your window, and grit your teeth. The rallyists who didn't entirely execute the instruction by waiting until they reached Rt. 700 to grit their teeth made several non-existent pauses which caused them to gnash their dentures when they read of their error on leg 4's control slip.

My memory of the rest of the day fades in a blur of pausing .25 minutes at every "Chancellorsville Campaign" we saw while touring Battlefield Park. I think we executed that somewhere in the neighborhood of 347 times!

Libby and I caught a lot of good-natured (?) flak at Saturday night's cocktail party because we were sitting on 1st place in Rookie class. Although we really wanted to win one of the beautiful trophies the ODs had on display, we assured our competitors they had no cause to worry because we were sure to screw up on Sunday.

We were right. We even managed to make a wrong turn on the ODO leg to really get us off to a terrific start. We sat at the end of the ODO leg and looked for traps in the route instructions. We couldn't find any. We decided that was OK because we make our own anyway. Then we figured out that what we had thought was a "typo" in SI 1 was really the trap of the day. It was similar to the "grit your teeth" trap on Saturday in that there was a directive hidden in the verbiage of the instruction, but this one was even less obvious because this SI contained 10 other directives that were given in list form. Having patted ourselves on the back for figuring out the trap, we proceeded to miss a sign (and therefore a speed change) and rolled into control 1 almost 5 minutes late! We tried to convince each other that it didn't matter and we really hadn't wanted a trophy anyway. Control 2 wasn't any better. We fell for "Turn toward 'Checkpcint'." and turned toward the sign that read "Check-point" and away from the control only to find that the instruction was invalid at that point because you could not change your route by making that turn.



The rest of the morning went better (there was nowhere to go but up!) but the last morning control was my "ASSUME" control. You've heard the old saying that when you "assume" something you make an "ass" of "u" and "me" (or, in this case, Libby and I). The official info on the leg slip of checkpoint 5 gave us the OET from the outmarker of checkpoint 5 to the timing line of checkpoint 6, and the route instructions had already given us the mileage to checkpoint 6. I knew that timing was from timing line to timing line, not from outmarker to timing line, and I assumed that the mileage between checkpoint 5's timing line and outmarker was .10 mile. I mean, isn't it always? (obviously not, or I wouldn't be relating this tale). The mileage turned out to be .15 mile, not .10 mile, and while my mistake didn't account for our highest score of the day, it was the one that made me feel the most stupid!

It did have some close competition, though. We fell hook, line, and sinker for a trap on checkpoint 8 that we had bitten just as wholeheartedly on Dick Jones' rally last year. SI 3 read "R onto a dirt road. Decrease your average speed by 10. Pause .50 minutes. Cancel this instruction before 'Stop'." In order to execute the instruction in its entirety you had to cancel it, so it therefore could be executed only once. Those of us who executed it twice felt pretty dumb when we read of our mistake on the control slip.

By the time our score card was taken at the 21st and final control, we knew our relatively good scores on Saturday would not be enough to make up for the numerous traps we fell for on Sunday. We headed for the cocktail party and awards banquet at the Executive Motor Inn and consoled ourselves with the fact that it had been a really good rally and we'd had a good time. We were therefore quite surprised to find we'd taken 2nd place in the Rookie class, and we got to take home one of those terrific trophies after all. However, we were really impressed by the rallying of Bill and Judy Chvala, who placed 1st in Rookie class. They ran a really good rally, especially on Sunday (sure hope they move up to Equipped or Unequipped so we won't have to compete against them next year!).

This year's Old Dominion was a really super event, and was well thought out to the last detail. The ten months of work (and 1500 miles) the ODs put on this rally was evident throughout the week-end, and was attested to by the well-deserved standing ovation they received at the awards banquet. I sure enjoyed the 21st Old Dominion, and I'm looking forward to the 22nd.

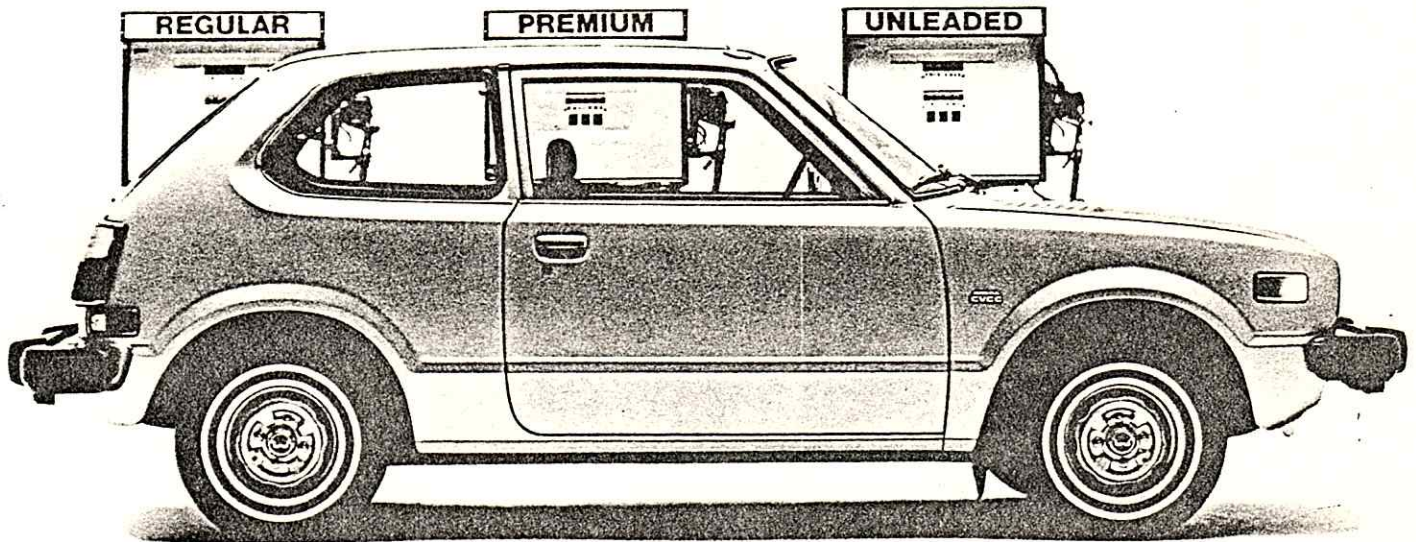
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