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America's Newsletter

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- JAN 12 VMSC Awards Banquet. Flyer in this issue (it wouldn't do a lot of good to put in the February issue - would it?) At \$22.00 a head, it's really an entertainment bargain. Good food, great music, ample libation, a good time. It's never too late. Dennis and Debbie have put considerable effort into the presentation. So those who don't show up - Vito will be taking names.
- JAN 17 VMSC Monthly Meeting. This month at the SKIPJACK as we continue our nomadic existence.
- FEB 7 VMSC Board Meeting at Bill & Shelia Hunter's house.
- FEB 16 VMSC Rally - see flyer in this issue. Only one VMSC member per car but there's a PARTY afterward with a KEG. And Vito will be taking names.
- FEB 21 VMSC Monthly Meeting - probably at the Skipjack but you never know.
- MAR 7 VMSC Board Meeting at Floyd & Beth Mill's house.
- MAR 16 VMSC Rally - Flyer next month. OD's Neale Dickinson and Lewis Parsley. Easy - no course following traps - and - can you stand it - another after party.

NEW MASTHEAD - LIKE IT?

Checkpoints recently conducted a nationwide contest to find a new masthead. The winner was Thelma Scorgeplatt of Boise, Idaho. Her grand prize was a 1954 DeSoto and removal from the Checkpoints mailing list. Thelma, we love ya, and the car is in the mail!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to save a copious amount of currency (that means big bucks, so put that dictionary down) in printing costs, Checkpoints needs to be completed a bit earlier than usual. All material to be included must be submitted by the first Thursday of the month (a.k.a. the board meeting). That will also provide us with the opportunity to censor, delete, alter, and/or omit any or all of the aforementioned garbage (you may like to read junk, but we aren't going to print any).

Fellow Members:

The position of President of the Virginia Motor Sport Club, Inc. is a position of responsibility, trust, determination, and dedication. I offer no empty promises, set no unreachable goals, nor make any hollow commitments concerning both the upcoming year and the overall future of VMSC. I will serve the club and will, to the best of my ability, do whatever is necessary to help the club grow and prosper. Thank you.

VMSC has managed to survive several years of near financial disaster and potential extinction, due primarily to a lack of new members and attendance, and there is no reason to believe that 1985 will bring any instant relief. We need to make a concentrated effort to raise attendance, to increase our total membership, and to return the club to a solid and respected organization.

This means that each and every member must; try to encourage new people to attend some of our events, take the time and effort to make guests and new members feel welcomed, look for and suggest ways to make our club grow, and generally do whatever we can to ensure the stability and longevity of VMSC. It means that we have to; give serious consideration to changing some of the ways that things have been done in the past, put aside our differences and work for the common goal, be willing to experiment with new ideas and when necessary accept new procedures, and recognize the fact that ALL members have a duty to perform.

VMSC is a great club with a proud heritage and deserves only the "best" from every member. All of us must now set aside our personal feelings, our likes and dislikes, our own desires, and work in total unity and harmony for the good of the club as a whole. If each of us will make the success of VMSC a personal goal and strive to see this goal become a reality, then and only then will we see the club prosper.

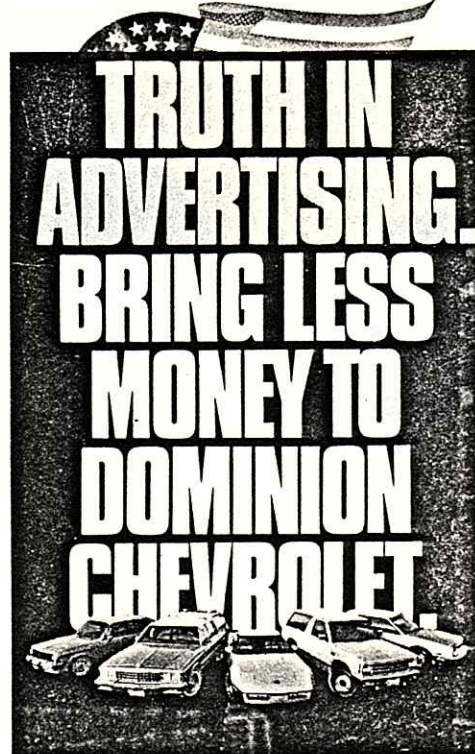
The old saying that "you get out of something only what you put into it" applies very well to the stability of most organizations, and this process of input is never ending. PAST club achievements and individual performances do not guarantee future club success, but with a little "extra" effort and some old fashioned hard work on everyone's part, WE CAN SUCCEED.

If the Virginia Motor Sport Club is to remain a viable entity in area motor sports, NOW is the time that we stop our bickering and join together into a VMSC team working to assure the club a long and prosperous future.

If we don't ?

Respectfully,

Neale



FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The direction I hope to take the Financial Committee this year will be one of more than just an opinionator and problem solution suggestor. I hope to have a committee that will go further than this and also be an organizer, coordinator, and doer. This might include any facet of the Club's financial ties.

As the Financial Committee chairman for 1985, I will be seeking club members who are interested in being a part of this committee. If you are interested, please contact me by February 15, 1985.

John Adams
730-9157

1985 BOARD MEETINGS

DATE	PLACE
Feb. 7	Bill & Shelia Hunter
March 7	Floyd & Beth Mills
April 4	Bill & Carla Gilchrist
May 2	Dennis & Debbie Weir
June 6	Gary Stout
July ?	Jack & Nita Enoch
Aug. 8	Doug & jet Burton
Sept. 5	Scott Powell
Oct. 3	Bill Ingram
Nov. 7	Lewis & Barbara Parsley
Dec. 5	Neale Dickinson

COMPETITION COMMITTEES

<u>RALLY</u>	<u>AUTOCROSS</u>
Gary Stout	Floyd Mills
John Adams	Doug Burton
Fred DeBardleben	Dennis Weir
Beth Mills	Chuck Madison
Marvin Mills	Joe Bainbridge

FORGIVE OUR PAST TRANSGRESSIONS.....

Correcting an oversight from 1984, John and Sue (mostly Sue) Adams gave birth to Heather Marie. Her weight has changed markedly but not her birthday - Sept. 18. We at Checkpoints commend the efforts of all the new parents - in 25 years the Club should reap the benefits. Long range planning at its very best.

AN EDITORIAL

A new year begins and as expected a keynote New Year obligatory editorial! Yet the New Year finds VMSC in rather dire straits - involved in self-examination, internal unrest, searching for self-preservation. Doom you say! Far from it, We say! After years of apathy and self interest, we're looking for an answer. We're taking positive measures. We're looking at ourselves as others see us and trying to improve our image. This is an important year, a critical year. What we're doing may not seem to yield shot-in-the-arm type results but take heart, stop-gap measures have never cured long term problems. VMSC is much stronger than a lot of us give us credit because we really do care. VMSC has meant a great deal to us over the years - the competition, the arguments (a subliminal form of competition), the camaraderie and friendship. Let's preserve it and to preserve it we all have to do our share. Remember - when in doubt, do something positive!

YOUR 1985 VMSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHECKPOINTS EDITORS - DOUG BURTON (262-6898)
GARY STOUT (288-0174)

Doug and Gary are the people you call when you're ready to submit your article for club publication, when you want to rave about their creative abilities, or if unavoidable, complain about something concerning our literary masterpiece. If you wish to continue receiving Checkpoints, you are hereby notified to provide Doug and Gary with any address change.

PRESIDENT - NEALE DICKINSON (272-7610)

Neale is the person to call if you have any questions, suggestions, complaints, or general items of interest to the club. He can advise you on the how and why something is done, the proper Board member to call with a specific problem, or on club policy in general. He also handles P.R. work with other clubs and the general public. If you have anything you want to discuss, call Neale.

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT and
COMPETITION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - BILL HUNTER (1-883-6557)

Bill is the person you call if you want an answer concerning any of our Competition Regulations. All corrections and suggested changes to the Bylaws and Competition Regulations should be given, in writing, to Bill. He is in charge of technical inspections at all autocrosses, the handling of all protests, and the disbursement of our Regulations. Bill presides over any Regular or Board meeting that Neale can't attend.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT and
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR - BETH MILLS (798-5536)

Beth is the person you call if you have a mad desire to O.D. an event, if you have an idea as to a specific type of event you would like to see, or if you would like to know about some out of town events. Beth handles the scheduling of all our events, the selection of O.D.s and Official Checkers, the ordering of club insurance, and other details related to any competitive event.

TREASURER and
FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - JOHN ADAMS (730-9157)

John is the person you call if you want to make any cash donations to the club. He handles all the club finances including paying all debts, filing tax returns, collecting of all funds, keeping the club books, issuing and redeeming club tickets, and generally watching our financial status. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments about money, call John.

SECRETARY - JET BURTON (262-6898)

Jet is the person you call if you want to know about your year end point totals, she can not give you anyone elses totals. Jet will also handle most club correspondence, the updating of the club membership list, and the collection of required data for the club files.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY - RUTH WILLIAMS (275-1007)

Ruth is the person you call if you need access to the club files. She takes the minutes at our meetings, and generally helps the Secretary. She also handles the sending of cards and flowers to a member or the members family in case of an illness, birth, death, wedding, etc.

PAST PRESIDENT and
NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - FLOYD MILLS (798-5536)

Floyd is the person you call with all general questions, suggestions, complaints, etc. about the club, as he has the most recent experience in these matters. He will also act as a sounding board and a panic stopper for the President. All members who are interested in being Officers or Board members for next year should advise Floyd of their interests.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - DENNIS WEIR (794-5715)
ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - DEBBIE WEIR (794-5715)

Dennis and Debbie are the people you call when you have a friend or relative that would like to fill a void in their life by becoming members. They would also like any member who has an idea on how we can increase our membership role to advise them of all such ideas.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR - CARLA GILCHRIST (743-1294)
ASSISTANT PUBLICITY DIRECTOR - BILL GILCHRIST (743-1294)

Carla and Bill are the people you call if you know of someone who would like to be on our mailing list. They would also like any help or suggestions you may have on how to get our events publicized in the newspapers, on radio, on television, etc. and any ideas you have on how to reach out and touch more people in the Richmond area. ALL O.D.'s are advised to get their event flyers to Carla and Bill at least two months prior to the event.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR - BARBARA PARSLEY (346-0150)
ASSISTANT SOCIAL DIRECTOR - LEWIS PARSLEY (346-0150)

Barbara and Lewis are the people you call when you have an idea about a social event you would like to see VMSC attempt. Such an event does not have to be related to any automobile type event and should be something that the club can do just for "fun".

TROPHY DIRECTOR - SCOTT POWELL (784-5180)

Scott is the person you call if there is a type of trophy that you would like to see presented. Also, if you know of some company who would like to donate a permanent year end award, let Scott know and he will be glad to help such a company spend their money for a good cause. ALL O.D.'s are required to advise Scott of the trophy requirements for their event.

MERCHANDISE AND SALES DIRECTOR - BILL INGRAM (262-3547)

Bill is the person you call when you want to expand your wardrobe to include the elite and highly coveted line of VMSC clothing and other assorted club merchandise, including name badges. He will also check into any ideas you may have on merchandise that we might add to our club list. Bill will also handle the selling of soft drinks at our autocrosses.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR - JACK ENOCH (270-7499)
ASSISTANT INDOOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR - NITA ENOCH (270-7499)

Jack and Nita are the people you call with your ideas for activities that we can indulge in after the monthly regular meetings. If you know where we can borrow a good racing film or obtain a knowledge guest speaker or the like, let them know.

BANQUET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - SHELIA HUNTER (1-883-6557)

Shelia is the person you call if you know of a good place to hold the year end banquet and/or if you know of a super band who would be willing to donate their services for the banquet. Shelia will also check into any idea you may have about a dinner meeting during the year for any good reason.

AUTOCROSS SITE DIRECTOR - RICHARD WEST (271-8424)

Richard is the person to call if you know of a place, preferably close to Richmond, where we can hold an autocross. He will gladly accept any help in finding and checking out possible new sites.

HISTORIAN - JOE BAINBRIDGE (1-526-7804)

Joe is the person to call when you have some award quality photographs of VMSC people and events that you would like to see preserved for posterity in our club scrapbooks.

DATA PROCESSING DIRECTOR - MARTHA DICKINSON (272-7610)

Martha is the person you call if you have any suggestions on club data that could be stored on computer. There is a sizable amount of such data already on disks at various members homes and offices. Martha will keep a list of what is on whose computer and will gladly advise members of these locations should you need access to these materials.

ADVISORS - FRED and MARIAN DeBARDELEBEN (784-3746)
BARBARA and WILT GREENWOOD (282-1493)

Fred, Marian, Barbara, and Wilt will be the people that members of this years Board may call upon for verbal assistance with any problem they may have related to the workings of the Club. Board members are encouraged to talk with these people if they want a second opinion on an idea, if they want a recommendation on the best way to handle a particular idea, or if they just want to talk with someone who has experience in the various functions of the club. Their long association with and knowledge of club operations will make their input a valuable tool for this years Board.

NOTES ABOUT YOUR 1985 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. Joe Bainbridge and Martha Dickinson have consented to performing their respective duties without being voting members of the Board. They will not be required to attend any board meetings nor will they be included in establishing a quorum.
2. Fred DeBardeleben, Marian DeBardeleben, Barbara Greenwood, and Wilt Greenwood have consented to being advisors to but not members of the Board. They will not be required to attend any board meetings nor will they be included in establishing a quorum.
3. The Assistant Directors will be voting members of the Board only in the absence of the applicable Director. They will not be required to attend any board meetings except to fill in for their Director nor will they be included in establishing a quorum except when they are present.
4. The Board of Directors primary function is to determine policy for the efficient operation of YOUR club and to perform their respective duties to the best of their abilities. We are not, contrary to popular opinion, here to tell you what to do, but to assist you in getting the various jobs done necessary to the success of VMSC as a whole. EACH members suggestions are solicited, encouraged, and necessary for the continued future of the club. If you have an idea, make it know to a Board member; for without your input, we have to do what we feel is best for the club and not necessarily what other members feel is best for the club. This is YOUR club and we are YOUR representatives, so give us YOUR help and support.

This column will appear in Checkpoints on a regular basis during the upcoming year. I will be using this space to advise the membership of some of the happenings occurring in the club, to request comments from the general membership, to applaud and to criticize, or for whatever purpose I deem worthy or necessary.

JANUARY

I wish to remind all members that this is YOUR club and that your input is both solicited and necessary. The VMSB Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. The location of each month's meeting will be published in Checkpoints and if you wish to attend, you may do so. You may address the Board if you have a specific proposal, but you can not participate in the discussion of any other business nor may you vote on any motion. If you have a proposal, suggestion, gripe, etc. that you wish to be heard by the Board but you don't want to attend, call me and I will deliver your request.

The focal point of our club is our events, therefore, I request that ALL O.D.'s attempt to get a contestant to write a brief report on the event and forward a copy to both Checkpoints and to the Publicity Committee. This will allow us to inform those people who so unfortunately missed your outstanding event, of all the "fun" they could have enjoyed. Also, since we can't get people to run an event if they don't know about that event, I request O.D.'s to get their flyers to the proper people well in advance of their event.

There seems to be a rather large group of members out there that don't attend many of our events. If you don't like an O.D., if you don't care for that particular type of event, if your dog has fleas that day, or whatever; please come out and support YOUR club anyway. We can't expect non-members to attend if our own members won't, workers are always needed, and we would like to see you once in awhile.

This year's Social Committee will be conducting several purely social events, unrelated to any particular competitive event, and your presence is requested. Bring your friends, neighbors, in-laws, and anyone you can drag to one of these events, so we can show them that we know how to have a good time as well as inflict pain and suffering upon ourselves.

Finally, I can not emphasize strongly enough the problems we are having do to a decreasing active membership base and a lack of attendance at our events. Elsewhere in this issue is a listing of your 1985 Board of Directors, pull this section out, attach it to your refrigerator or forehead, and if you have any suggestions, please call one of these members and lay it on them. Your suggestion may be the one that works.

Respectfully,

Neale

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- JANUARY/FEBRUARY - Charge ahead with great enthusiasm.
- MARCH/APRIL - Rush ahead with mild excitement.
- MAY/JUNE - Hurry ahead with average concern.
- JULY/AUGUST - Proceed ahead with waning interest.
- SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER - Plod ahead with total disillusionment.
- NOVEMBER/DECEMBER - Plan ahead for next year.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB.....

The Finance Committee will start its investigation into the legality of a campaign contribution that Martha Dickinson made to husband Neale's Presidential fund. Campaign treasurer William Henry, at a hastily convened press conference, stated, "It was a \$100 a plate dinner and she was the only one who showed up."

At the December meeting, outgoing President Floyd Mills was overheard saying, "I just don't understand it - the polls had me ahead in every state. I underestimated Neale's rainbow coalition."

Geraldine Ferraro turned down our offer to be Checkpoints business manager. The pay was right, but she felt she couldn't handle all the travel.

Perennial third party candidate Scott Powell demanded that all ballots be held and audited. The Landfill Commission is checking its files.

On the rally scene, plans are being finalized for the First Annual Downtown Charlie Brown Pro Rally. It's scheduled to run shortly after the spring thaw. Second Vice President Beth Mills said, "This rally will present real challenges to the factory teams- speed bumps, potholes, and cobblestones. It won't be like those wimpy forest trails they're used to seeing."

Autocrossers haven't been forgotten either. Series 3 should be bigger and better than ever, two events have been set: one at Road Atlanta and the other at Laguna Seca. "The third event will be held at one of the better Canadian circuits. This will, once and for all, give Series 3 the international flavor and charm it so richly deserves", a VMSB press release stated.



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MWCSCC Announces '85 Events Calendar

by Sue Graalman

MWCSCC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET - Saturday, January 26.

CHAMPIONSHIP RALLIES:

WRC WINTER RALLY SERIES (C2Rs) - January 27, February 10, February 24, March 10.

BRANDED SUMMER RALLY SERIES (C2Rs) - Friday, May 17; Sunday, June 23; Friday, July 26; Sunday, August 25.

STOPWATCHER RALLY (C2R) - March 24. MORGAN RALLY (C1r) - May 19.

SESCA RALLY (C2R) - June 2.

BRANDED RALLY (C1R) - September 15.

WRC RALLY (C1R) - September 29.

SESCA MADHATTER RALLY (C1R) - October 13.

VMC RALLY (C2R) - November 3.

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OTHER RALLIES:

SCCA NATIONAL RALLY - Saturday, August 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSSES:

SESCA CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS - April 21.

AJSTC CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS - May 5.

LOTUS CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS - May 26.

SCCA CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS - June 30.

USCC CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS - September 8.

PCA CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS - September 22.

SCCA CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS - October 6.

SCNCA CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS - October 27.

OTHER AUTOCROSSES:

AJSTC MARCH TWISTER AUTOCROSS - March 31.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BENEFIT AUTOCROSS - June 16.

AJSTC PETIT GRAND PRIX AUTOCROSS - September 29.

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*You are cordially invited
to attend*

The Virginia Motor Sport Club

1984 Awards Banquet

to be held at

Westwood Racquet Club

January 12, 1985

<i>Coctails</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
<i>Dinner</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
<i>Awards Presentation</i>	<i>8:00 pm</i>
<i>Dancing</i>	<i>9:30 pm</i>

Music by Flashback

\$22.00 per person

R.S.V.P.

by January 8, 1984

B.Y.O.L.

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Richmond, Virginia 23226*

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