



Checkpoints

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- MAR 16 VMSC Rally, OD'ed by Neale Dickinson and Lewis Parsley. Party follows. See flyer in this issue for details and specifics.
- MAR 21 VMSC Monthly Meeting at Skipjack. The Enochs may have a speaker for this meeting - Bob Hasty. Bob is better known as the voice of the Frito Bandito. He is a race driver and knows karate - if you don't come to the meeting, don't be surprised if you wake up some morning and your head is broken (Bob is Vito's fifth cousin, twice removed). In the future, Jack and Nita plan films and various other amusements for post-meeting activities. Arriba!!
- MAR 24 VMSC Practice Autocross at AJD (See flyer). No points, no classes, no trophies - free form autocrossing at its very best.
- MAR 30 VMSC Precheck of Ski Club Rally. Group official checks usually degenerate to a basic fun event with the opportunity to practice and learn what the experienced people look for in generals and route instructions. Info from Beth Mills or Gerry Eberhard.
- APR 4 VMSC Board Meeting at the home of Bill and Carla Gilchrist.
- APR 6 Ski Club Rally. VMSC members will work this event (but then, VMSC gets half the gate receipts). All workers and precheck get to attend the post-rally party FREE! Not too bad a deal.
- APR 18 VMSC Monthly Meeting
- APR 21 VMSC Autocross at Ft. Lee. OD'ed by Bill and Sheilia Hunter. Details next month.
- APR 22 jet's birthday. (See - it pays to be the typist!)
- MAY 2 VMSC Board Meeting at the Weirs.

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SCHEDULE

AJAX: A party with a rally beforehand.

First the rally. As advertised, this was a simple rally, almost trap-free. The first couple of legs just got the contestants awake and ready for the more interesting stuff. This was probably a good idea since the rules required at least one non-member per car (I thought about running with Floyd and having Jan in the back seat).

When the rallymasters finally hit us with a trap it wasn't really a trap. They simply set up a checkpoint just past a checkpoint we had already been through. We knew the way was clear till the next intersection...Wrong.

Then they hit us with the old "change the speed on the leg slip" trap. We fell for it again.

They ended the rally with a simple trap that tried to get the contestants to execute instructions out of order followed by an interesting DIY leg. Then came the party.

There was a time when the party would have been dominated by beer and games. This party was dominated by beer and games. There was beer in the form of a keg provided by the rallymasters. There were games in the form of two trivia games going at once. We can't speak for the group in the other room (their roars of laughter told us something) but our group had a great time.

Those who missed this party-rally combination should plan to run the next one. Each half was well worth the entry fee and we thank Bill and Gary for making it possible.

In closing, we have one question for those trivia-nuts out there. AJAX: Was that the one with the white knight or the white tornado? Or both? Or neither?

Marvin & Jan

THE AJAX RALLYE
FEBRUARY 16, 1985

RALLYMASTERS: BILL HUNTER
GARY STOUT

OFFICIAL PRECHECKS: JOHN ADAMS
SUE ADAMS

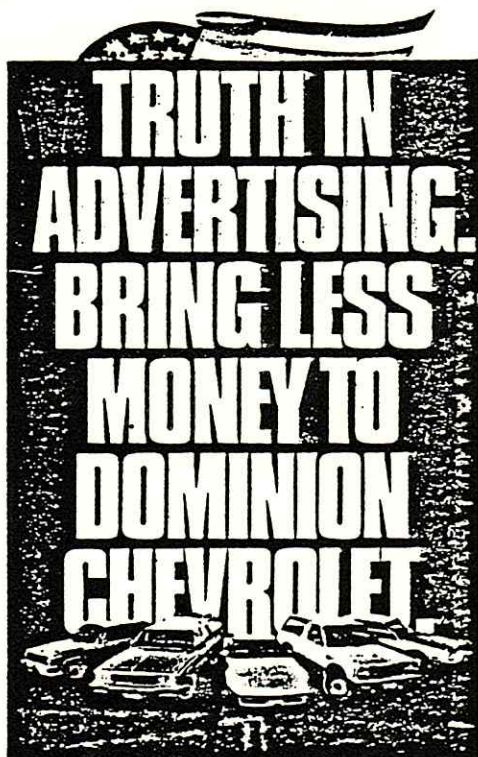
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1	1-E (T)	T.C.G. WAGNER *	HONDA	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
2	2-E	RITA WAGNER *	HONDA	13	11	15	16	4	9	16	0	84
3	1-UE (T)	MARVIN MILLS JAN MILLS *	DATSUN	33	11	1	7	23	20	5	0	100
4	2-UE	BETH MILLS PETE EVANS *	HONDA	32	12	20	23	1	18	24	0	130
5	3-E	SHELIA HUNTER GEORGE PAGE *	HONDA	12	15	37	2	24	41	14	0	145
6	3-UE	CHRIS TAYLOR * FLOYD MILLS GERRY EBERHARD	DODGE	36	17	27	25	7	53	50	0	215
7	4-UE	SANDY POOLE * KAY BROWN *	DODGE	25	5	0	3	1	6	180	0	220
8	5-UE	ALAN ARMSTRONG NAT HAMNER *	BMW	28	12	105	16	18	47	28	0	254
9	1-R (T)	SCOTT POWELL ED HARRIS *	HONDA	0	9	53	80	2	75	44	96	359
10	2-R (T)	DAVE WALLACE * WARREN BEAM GAY BEAM *	PONTIAC	200	67	1	131	5	37	14	2	457
11	3-R	CHRIS DARSCH * MIKE RAINER *	PONTIAC	33	0	123	16	11	200	170	0	553
12	4-R	JIM HIGGINBOTHAM * CAROLYN HIGGINBOTHAM *	DATSUN	181	29	70	200	20	39	5	15	559
12	4-R	CHUCK MADISON PATRICIA ERVIN *	DATSUN	29	74	43	113	24	167	102	7	559
14	6-R	OLIVIA CABIGAO * ED CABIGAO *	DATSUN	200	48	23	20	63	200	46	200	800
15	7-R	RICHARD PRESTON * CHRISTIE BARNES *	HONDA	300	300	300	200	4	84	52	2	1242

* INDICATES: NON-VMSC MEMBER
(T) INDICATES: TROPHY POSITION

MANY THANKS TO OUR WORKERS - IT'S NOT A WHOLE LOT OF FUN ON A COLD, WINDY DAY IN FEBRUARY.

JOHN ADAMS, BILLIE PAYNE *, DOUG & JET BURTON, NEALE DICKINSON, BILL INGRAM, MARIAN & FRED DeBARdeleben, ALICE JONES.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SPEED REGULATIONS March 7, 1985

The autocross competition committee met on Feb. 16, 1985. Four of the six members were present; the other two members were contacted. All of the proposed changes were passed unanimously by the committee.

STOCK CLASSES:

Add to section 7.3.2 B: Cars with 12" or less diameter wheels may use 13" diameter wheels.

Section 7.3.2 C: Delete first two sentences. Replace with: Tires may be one profile lower than original standard equipment, but not lower than 60 series unless stock from the factory.

Section 7.3.2 M: Change to read: The steering wheel may be replaced provided that the outside diameter does not vary more than ± 1 ".

Drop E STOCK due to lack of cars. Cars in E Stock will be moved to D Stock.

PREPARED CLASSES:

Section 7.4.1 O: Change section to read: Any DOT-approved tire may be used provided that the cord is not showing. No racing tires as defined in Regulation 7.3.2 C may be used with the exception of the Pirelli P7. Recaps are allowed in prepared classes provided they are on DOT-approved casings and have a street tread pattern.

MODIFIED CLASSES:

Section 7.5.2: Change to read: Single-seat open wheel cars which comply with current or past rules and specifications of SCCA, USAC, FIA, and other organizing bodies will compete in FORMULA CLASS with the exception that SCCA legal FORMULA V will compete in class B/M.

CLASS CHANGES:

Adopt MWCSCC class changes as noted below:

Car class changes as proposed by the classing committee: *C Stock cars to be moved to D Stock: Alfa Romeo sedans not otherwise classed; Arrow 2.6; Datsun 810 and Maxima; Fiat 124 Spyder/Coupe, 131 Brava; Mazda Cosmo: MGC; Toyota (all 6 not otherwise classes). *C Stock Camaro/Firebird V6 to be moved to GTS; *C Prepared Renault Fuego Turbo to be moved to E Prepared; *D Prepared Honda CRX 1.5 to be moved to C Prepared; *E Prepared Dodge GLH to be moved to D Prepared; *D Prepared Opel GT to be moved to E Prepared; *E Prepared swing axle Corvairs to be moved to F Prepared.

New car classes: *Honda CRX Fuel Injection A Stock, C Prepared; *Honda Prelude Fuel Injection B Stock, C Prepared; *Dodge GLH Turbo and Charger Turbo, B Stock, C Prepared; *Fiero V6 B Stock, C Prepared; *Isuzu Impulse Turbo B Stock, C Prepared; *Mitsubishi Mirage Turbo B Stock, C Prepared; *Toyota Mid-engine MR2 B Stock, C Prepared; *Audi 4000 Quattro C Stock, D Prepared; *BMW 325e C Stock, D Prepared; *Datsun 200SX Turbo C Stock, D Prepared; *Fiat 2000 Spyder C Stock, E Prepared; *Renault 2.2 C Stock, E Prepared; *Saab 16V Turbo and SPG C STOCK, D Prepared; *Toyota Corolla TwinCam C Stock, D Prepared; *VW GTI C Stock, E Prepared; VW Golf D Stock, E Prepared; *All FWD V6 Sedans not otherwise classes D Stock; *Sunbird/Skyhawk Turbos D Stock, F Prepared.

LEARNING CURVE

SUNDAY

A VMSC PRACTICE AUTOCROSS **MAR. 24**

NO TROPHIES - NO CLASSES - UNLIMITED RUNS

Morning and Afternoon Courses

At AJD parking lot, Castlewood Rd. off RT. 1.
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TECHNICAL EDITOR

Response to Our technical column has been so overwhelming that We felt it Our responsibility to help the Club out by charging for advice - free enterprise, don't you love it. You will find below the rates We are currently charging.

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Dumb looks are still free of charge.

New Member

Christie Barnes lives at 9703 Springfield Woods Circle in Glen Allen, Va. 23060 (747-9323). She works for the Federal Reserve Bank - Our money worries are over!! We're not in the habit of giving out ages (half of Us is getting sensitive about such silliness). She owns at Plymouth Champ and is interested in rallying, social, skiing, tennis, and needlework.



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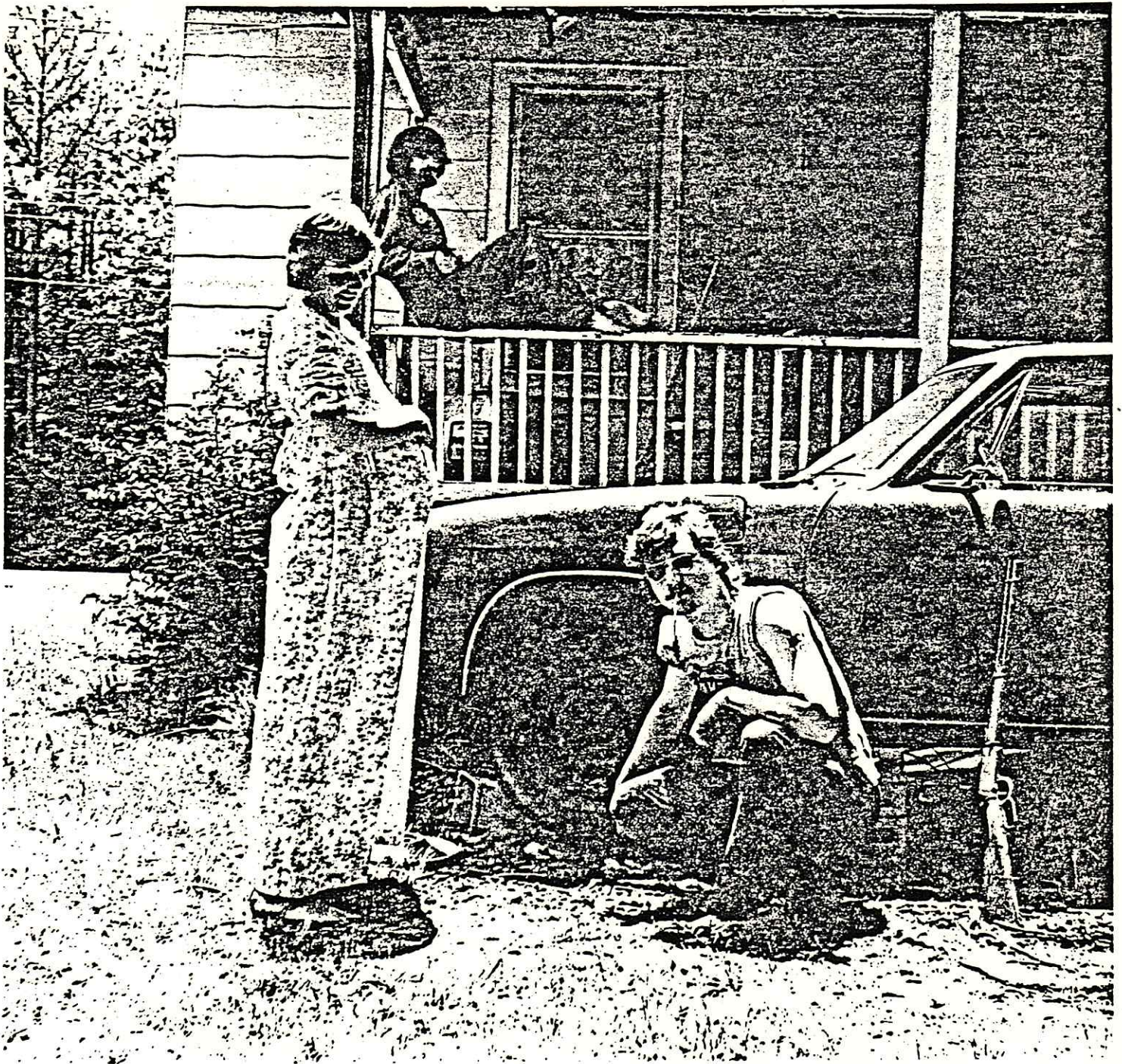
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BLAST FROM THE PAST

FROM AFAR

It's been two years since we've heard anything from our European Editor, but it was worth waiting for--Checkpoints has scooped the motoring press by finding out about a new car introduction:

"This September, Maserati will introduce its all new Kama Sutra--the latest in auto-eroticism. The engine is well-contoured with two huge carburetors, a glistening wet sump, and a deep, throaty exhaust. I slipped into its warm, lush interior and the fit was perfect--tight and snug. The seat adjusts so that everyone can use their favorite position. A further innovation is a coin operated starter (American Express, VISA, Master Charge accepted), \$5.00 for each additional gear, but \$50.00 if you want to get into reverse. Trips had better be short, after a half-an-hour the car stops and won't go any further until you pay again."



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REFLECTIONS by Gary Stout

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This column is written just two days after I traded My Prelude for a new CRX Si. The whys are really unimportant; it's the impressions that are worth expansion for they give some revelations for the problems that the Club is experiencing. Yet, before you read on, no solutions are to be found or offered.

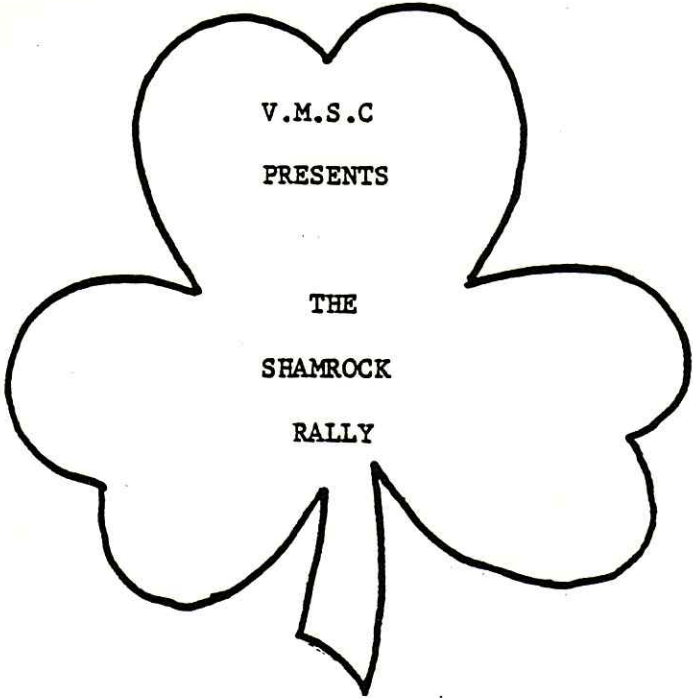
The difference between the two cars is more than cosmetic - for it lies in the heart and the senses. The Prelude is a GT in almost every sense of the word - good performance, comfortable, and with a degree of practicality. The CRX is a sports car - albeit not classically, but a sports car nonetheless - an automobile whose only reason for existence (and ownership) is fun. I am left with the feeling of a man who has taken a step backward in time, as if I were returning to my idealistic youth.

That last statement is the key to this composition. I find now, in retrospect, that I had fallen victim to creature comforts. Few people want to autocross in a Lazy-Boy - make up two minutes in my den - not on your life! I would venture a guess that most people have a better sound system in their cars than they do in their homes - and all the time bathed in the wonderfulness of air conditioning. The only thing missing is a hearth, mantle, and Sterno log but, not to worry, it's probably on the drawing boards even as you read this.

In my musings I truly lament the passing of the "them against Us syndrome" that used to prevail. "them" were all those who drove oversized, overweight non-descript, domestic barges. "Us" drove automobiles with character, charm, and flair (all no-cost options)- cars like the Porsche 356, MGA's and B's, the big Healeys (if you could stand the ride and that occasional exhaust system you'd lose on a speed bump). There was a certain camaraderie among "Us" - you'd see a Jaguar owner crossing racial lines to discuss ignition problems with a Sprite owner. Behind it all, though, the loathesome view "them" had of the automobile - the common bond - "Us" were different and unique - "Us" knew what cars were really for.

Today, "them" have discovered Europe and Japan, and Europe and Japan have discovered "them" (in the dollars-and-cents world there were always far more of "them" than "Us".) It hasn't happened overnight but there has been an insidious Continental drift and Detroit and Stuttgart are many miles closer together than they were fifteen years ago. A Buick owner will have a Honda, a Beemer will share a garage with an SVO. In simple terms, "Us" are no longer unique.

Perhaps we are entering another Golden Age for the automobile - all indications would seem so - perhaps we are on the verge of another Golden Age of the enthusiast. The former is in the control of the automakers and their marketing departments, the latter is in the hands of "Us".



V.M.S.C
PRESENTS

THE
SHAMROCK
RALLY

SATURDAY

MARCH 16, 1985

STARTS:

TUCKERNUCK SHOPPING CENTER
BROAD ST. RD. (Rt. 250) & WEST END DR.

TIME:

REGISTRATION 11:30 AM
F.C.O. 12:30 PM

COSTS:

\$9:00 (includes St. Patrick's Day Party
Saturday Night.)

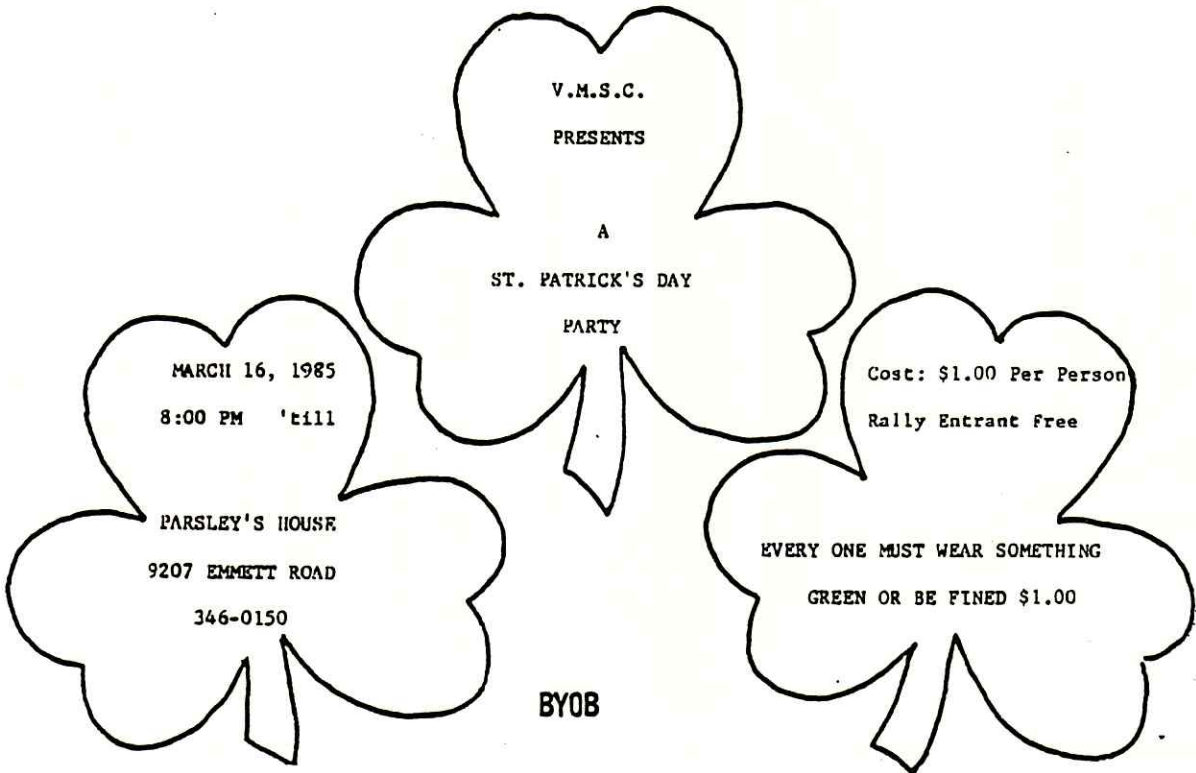
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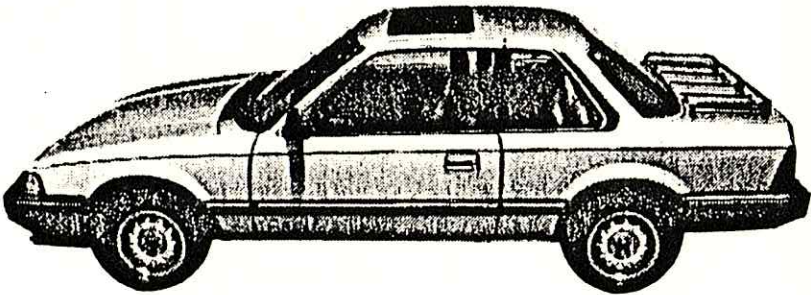
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