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- MAY 15 VMSC monthly meeting at 8:00 PM at La Siesta on Patterson Avenue.
- MAY 18 VMSC Autocross at AJD. Oded by Jay Dorsk, Rich Fohl, and Greg Miller. Flyer this issue.
- MAY 24 VMSC Autocross. Oded by Doug Burton, Bill Hunter, Gary Stout, and Floyd Mills. Yes, once again VMSC has taken the motoring world by surprise. VMSC is the first car club to lay its hands on an immense, recently-vacated parking lot near Chernobyl, U.S.S.R. So what if it's on the other side of the world- so is Petersburg! Government officials have even agreed to supply VMSC with brooms to sweep the course. And they said detente was dead!
- MAY 25 The Hunter's Annual Picnic. Flyer this issue. What could be more relaxing after a long plane flight back from Russia than the festivities at Bill and Shelia's annual Indy 500, Volleyball Gathering. Don't worry about jet lag. Cow pies maybe, but not jet lag. An annual good time--bring friends.
- MAY 29 VMSC board meeting at the Hunters. If you didn't notice the odd date last month, you probably won't notice it this month. But we'll mention it anyway- and see how many functional illiterates show up on June 5.
- JUNE 1 VMSC Rally. Oded by John and Sue Adams. Flyer this issue.
- JUNE 19 VMSC monthly meeting. This will be a dinner meeting at La Siesta- be there around 6:30 and enjoy some truly exquisite Mexican cuisine at reasonable prices.
- JUNE 29 VMSC Series 3 Roadcross at Southside Speedway. Flyer in this issue. This is the first event of our annual Series-- the other dates are July 13 and 27.
- JULY 3 VMSC board meeting at Gary Stouts- let's have a quorum for a change!

I'M OKAY, YOU'RE OFF-COURSE

by Gary Stout

As boring as I had anticipated last month's article being is about how difficult I expect this edition to be. The General Instructions- God Incarnate to some- the Prince of Darkness to others--the Almighty Rules of the Rally- only one problem, the rules are never the same. They change from rally to rally, from rallymaster to rallymaster. Sometimes different wordings will mean the same thing, sometimes not. Yet knowing what the Generals say and how to apply them is the difference between the fast lane to a trophy and a disappointing trip down the toilet.

Firstly, you should read the Generals, then read them again, and again, and again- am I making myself clear? It's astonishing what each reading yields. Apparent traps disappear, like so many mirages in the desert, to be replaced by others that are real, actual, and eminently usable. With only one or two perusals, the obvious is often overlooked (I can still remember going off into never-never land when we "knew" what a "jog" was, right? Wrong! And I'd been rallying for five years and my partner eight- and it was a simple, novice rally!). Under ideal circumstances, I prefer getting the Generals about ten days before a rally and giving them two good, thorough, and I-mean-read-everything readings. Then I put them aside for three or four days to let the information be absorbed into the sub-conscious (biologists call it osmosis- or is it frog's intestines?). About five days prior to the rally, I start reading them at least once a day. This has an almost superstitious ring to it, but it has worked (of course, I also kiss the computer four times on all its displays always starting at the top, and I inscribe a large zero on my chest with a green magic marker), and I never argue with success.

I always read the Generals with a pen in hand (you can't make notes with a hi-liter). You'd be surprised how you can forget an important point from one reading to the next. Write it down! It may wind up being nothing, then again..... As often as not, the Generals will answer the question in a subsequent section. If the problem persists, I always call the rallymaster (hard experience has taught the lesson of never jumping to a conclusion that may prove to be highly, protest-denied ambiguous). Believe it or not, most rallymasters want the questions because: 1) it keeps them on their toes and thinking about the rally; 2) you may have just unearthed some oversight that can now be corrected with addenda and save a leg on the rally (and no rallymaster ever wants to lose a leg). You should however always attempt to word your questions (i.e., problems) in such a manner as to elicit one of four responses: "yes", "no", "does not occur", or "come again" (this means, "you may have a point, and, if you do, I have a problem"). The posing of a question is only important in that it displays good rally etiquette, for no rallymaster wants to carry an ill-prepared rallyist through the Generals, like some first grade teacher. See-Dick-run is not part of a rallymaster's chores. Rallyists are intelligent people, and they should ask intelligent questions. This last bit of editorializing was not directed toward the novice, because a rallymaster will expect the most basic, fundamental questions from them and gladly answer them (rallymasters don't like people calling collect from Atlanta about as much as they don't like losing a leg). No, it was directed at people who should know better.

Even though all sections of the General Instructions are, in their own way, important, some are naturally more important than others. "Roads", "Course Following", "Glossary", and, to a lesser degree, "Signs and Landmarks" are where you'll find the heavy-duty, industrial-strength, world-class traps and all the wording/mind games happening (this is not to say that some creative and demented rallymaster will try to shove a trap into "Protests"). Those four sections (or whatever they're called in a particular rally) are the heart and soul of any rally. They will dictate damn near everything you'll do during the rally (except, maybe, signing your name at registration and bending your elbow at the finish).

Some of the high points to look for: what roads exist and what roads don't (simple on an easy rally, a bit more convoluted on the difficult events); priorities- the whole word should be capitalized, okay- PRIORITIES, this is how you follow the course, etch them in stone, know when to use them, know how to use them, know why to use them, if you don't- ask (or start looking for a phone booth in Atlanta); what causes a change in route, what doesn't; weird-looking definitions- what does a T really look like- does S/straight have to be done at an intersection (I'll explain this one in another chapter)- do we have to go under and/or over a bridge for it to be a bridge- how does a free zone work; what signs can they quote, what signs can't they quote.

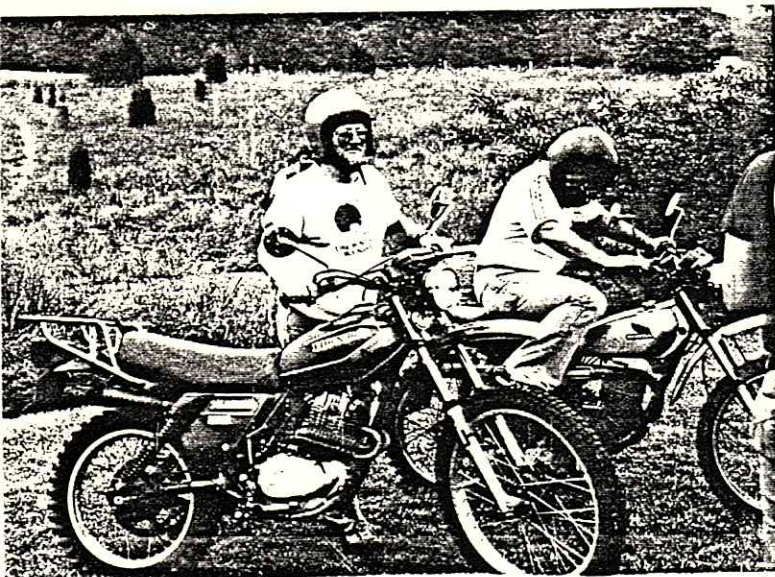
Reading the Generals is one of those facets of rallying that is truly experience-related. Fortunately, novices compete against novices rather than being thrown, largely unarmed, to the wolves, so to speak. Experience tells the seasoned rallyist to look for what's not said as much as what is said. Omissions of key phrases are usually intended and are used as the bases for often mind-boggling traps. To use a perfect example, most Generals state: "The execution of a Route Instruction must cause a change of route by number unless the Route Instruction contains the abbreviation NRC". Without the normally accompanying statement, "...conversely a Route Instruction containing the abbreviation NRC cannot cause a change of route by number", Pandora's box has just creaked its way open- an instruction containing NRC may or may not cause a change of route. To most rallyists, NRC means No Route Change, we've learned it, we know it, and we read the latter sentence into the Generals whether it's there or not. Traps based on omission are far and away the most difficult to find. It takes a wary, often jaundiced, eye to spot them.

The last point I'll make about reading the General Instructions is that you should stay in contact with your partner. He/she/it (some people rally with whatever is available) may give insight into problems, questions, and quandries- rallying is a team sport- remember? This has the added benefit of keeping open the lines of communication which are so critical while you're actually running the rally.

And that brings us to the next article, when the fun finally begins, and you get your Route Instructions, and discover America- or at least Goochland County, anyway.



YOU TELL HIM HE GOT A MAX



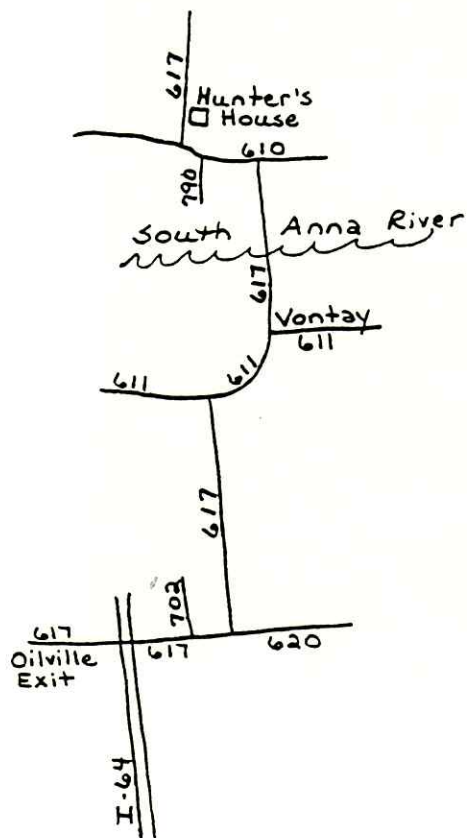
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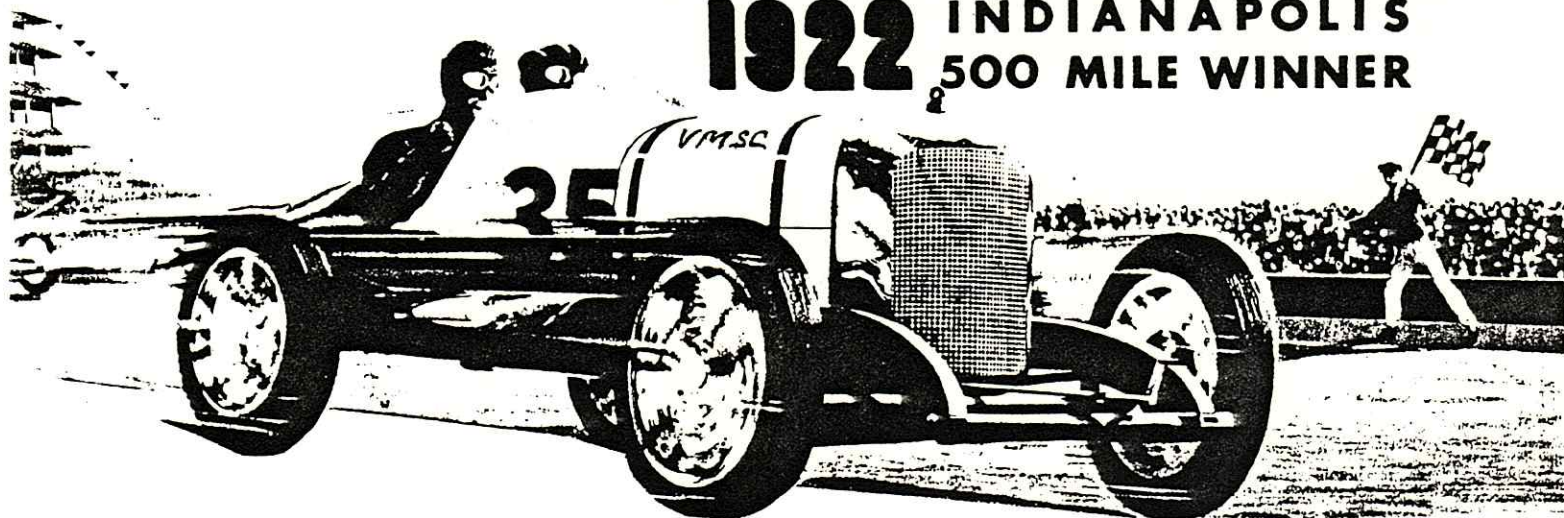
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2ND O/A 2ND U	BETH MILLS JESSICA MILLS *	21	15	28	1	8	12	2	0	87
3RD O/A 1ST R	DENNIS KAISER * T ANGELA KAISER * T	16	2	87	27	13	0	7	0	152
4TH O/A 3RD U	SUE ADAMS JOHN ADAMS	1	24	40	41	5	53	2	0	166
5TH O/A 4TH U	JET BURTON JOYCE STANLEY *	3	66	61	10	25	28	8	2	203
6TH O/A 2ND R	EMORY LEAR * T MARY SCHULTZ * T	52	40	4	73	23	31	33	0	256
7TH O/A 3RD R	MIKE WEEDON * TOM YOST *	49	75	49	10	15	83	33	2	316
8TH O/A 4TH R	JIM COX * LINDA RAHVAR *	47	57	66	18	34	122	45	3	392
9TH O/A 5TH R	JEFF SCHELL * TERRY EBBETS *	42	137	40	1	85	62	91	0	458
10TH O/A 5TH U	DEBBIE WEIR DENNIS WEIR	11	110	400	0	22	39	8	1	591
11TH O/A 6TH R	PHIL MARTIN * EVA MARTIN *	24	200	200	200	21	50	8	0	703
12TH O/A 7TH R	DENNY COVINGTON * BRIAN DAWKINS *	99	2	200	400	0	160	148	0	1009
13TH O/A 8TH R	JEFF WHEELER * DEBBIE WHEELER *	74	76	200	90	5	400	400	0	1245

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+ ... PRECHECKS
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Rookie Rally 2

Once upon a time around April 13th we embarked upon a journey. I believe it was entitled Rookie Rally 2. After a stop at McDonalds, the Adams family decided to give family rally running a whirl. We may never be quite the same again.

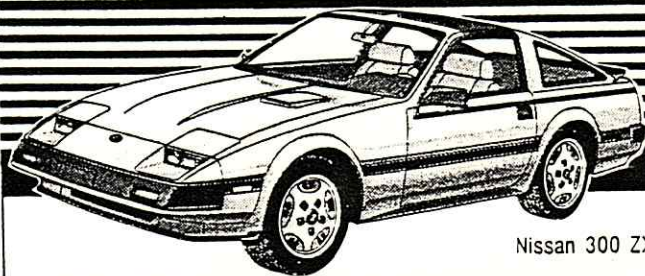
The rally began peaceably enough with all of us trying to find Big Balls. Amidst questions like "Mommy, what's a cemetery?", and "When will we get to the rally?", we made it to control 1. Easy we thought as we went on to test our skills. Leg 2 found us in a traffic jam of rally cars. However, even with cheers of "Hurry or the silver car will beat us," we found all the right routes and managed to make it to the control. Legs 3 and 4 were good legs for remembering route numbers and finding "signs." Good clues to reading NI's concurrently were well taken and I'm sure were helpful to the rookies in this event.

For some reason legs 5 and 6 seem fuzzy. Possibly due to a screaming contest in the back seat. I do seem to remember being cautioned to look up the definition of jog. After successfully completing this I could not help wondering how many definitions there were to the word jog. We had a lot of help finding the Large Tower but Mandi could not figure out what a Bear R was. Anyways, we completed the two legs and were on the road again only to have a last quickie control.

The day was a day not forgotten and all in all we did have an enjoyable time. I'm sure that the rookie rallyists who did participate learned a lot and I hope they will come back again. My wish is also for more of the "pros" to return to the sport of rallying.

Thanks for a good event Neale and Scott.

Sue Adams



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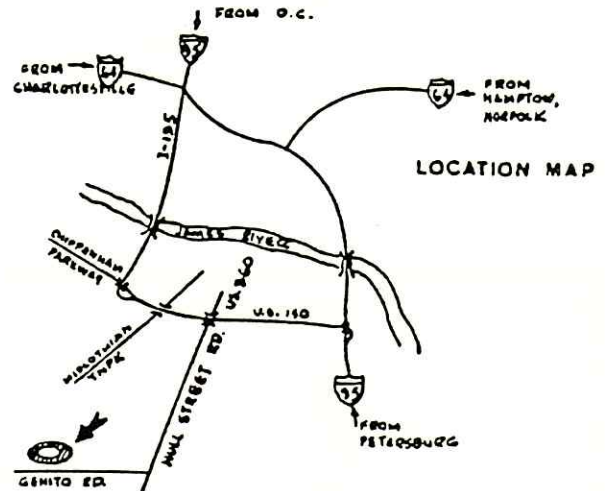
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3	-----	4TH
2	-----	5TH
1	-----	6TH

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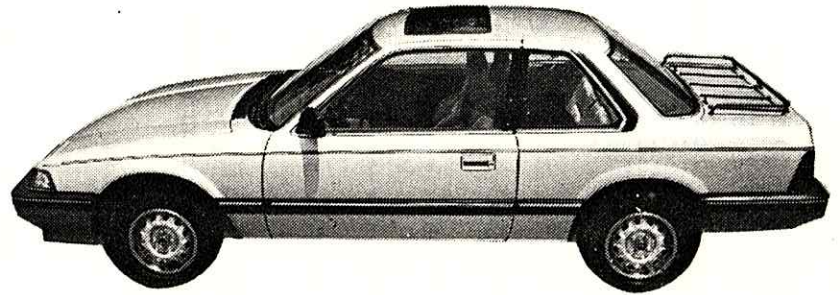
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