

# Checkpoints

VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB

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#### EVENTS CALENDAR



3/17

General membership meeting of the Virginia Motor Sport Club in the meeting room at the Forest Hill Volunteer Rescue Squad.



3/19

Autocross school at Paramount's King's Dominion. OD's Dick Boogher, Ken Van Horn.

See flier inside.



3/20

Initial Autocross IV. The first autocross of the season to be held at the Ft. Lee McElhaney dropzone. OD's Dick Boogher, Ken Van Horn and Phil Webster.

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VMSC Board meeting at the offices of Datura.

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#### ATTENTION!!!

To all our readers! Get your thoughts, tips or ideas published here. I am looking for articles and other note worthy tid bits to fill these wonderful pages. If you have something you would like to submit, please call or write me at:

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This months tips come from Richard West. TNX. Ed.

#### **TIRES**

Good autocross tires are the single mopst important item you can but to improve your autocross times. There currently seems to be 2 to 3 main choices; B. F. Goodrich BFG-R1-226 Autocross #1, B. F. Goodrich BFG-R1-230 Roadrace #2 and Yokohama A008 RS2 #3. The previous generation BFG autocross tires may still be available and would fit in near the Yokohama tires.

Second choice tires include all other S and R compond tires, not equal by any means. A distant third choice would be high performance street tires along with their high prices. Some of these street tires are availble as original equipment, such as GSC, Re71, A022, Expedia, Sport 8000 and D 40 M2.

If you can't afford two sets of wheels and tires, the wise choice and best compromise, would be to mount a set of BFG-R1-230 roadrace tires for the autocross season. These are a tick slower but longer wearing than the 226. After the season switch back to your all season radials for the rest of the year.

I need to insert a couple of warnings here. #1 - R & S compond tires go nowhere on even unmeasurable snow regardless of tread depth or pattern. #2 - Rain. Don;t expect to cruise down I-95 at 65MPH in heavy rain with less than half tread (i. e. 3/32) on all first choice tires. You will be at great risk for an accident.

Before I change the subject, I should mention Hoosiers are also quite good but not legal in stock classes.

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Although I have no personal experience with these tires, their main attraction would seem to be some unusual sizes, 225/45/13 for instance. These tires are street legal but, as I understand, tricky to drive on the street.

Years ago you drove to your local autocross, pumped up your street tires about 10PSI and went to it. Not so anymore, unless you're still on ordinary street tires. Hoosiers pressures typically run in the mid teens to upper 20PSI range, Yokohamas run at about the same pressures as your factory recommended street pressures, and the new BFGs run about 2 to 9 PSI less.

Front wheel drivers will probally need an additional 10PSI above these figures for the BFG and the Yokohamas in the front.

More next month? Richard.

#### CRUISING

Once again a cruise is being offered up where you can rub elbows with racings' stars. The cruise is sponsered by The Miller Genuine Draft Racing Team. It's their anual Motorsports Cruise to the Caribbean. The Norway will leave Miami on December 3 and return on December 10. Highpoints include; Motor sports interview and presentations with reknowned drivers, on-board race cars, ondeck radio controlled races, photo sessions, contest and much more.

If you want more information, you can contact Norway Cruise Lines or if that doesn't work, Shelia Hunter.

### JAM!





There is a traffic jam below. 85 cars names from the past 60 years are hidden amoung the many letters. Names may be forwards or backwards, up or down or even diagonal. The left over letters go back to the beginning of the automobile, to the first mass produced horseless carriage and it's inventor.

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#### Rob Tait

Rob is an assistant manger at Sam's Club in the bakery department. He has a wife and two children, Lisa, Josh and Jennifer respectively. He has both rallied and autocrossed in the past and has interest in maintaining these activities. Rob has a pair of cars, both 1990 Mitsubishis. The first is an Eclipse GSX and the second is a Galant. He also enjoys non-motorized sports such as cycling, hockey, volleyball, basketball, football, etc. Rob makes his home in Midlothian, Virginia.



#### Randy T. Agee

Randy is an instructional technology specialist at the Virginia Department of Education. He and wife, Linda, live in Mechanicsville, Virginia. Randy also has two offspring, Randolf and Lee. Automobiles include a 1988 Fiero Formula and a 1987 Fiero Coupe. Randy has autocrossed before. He listed many hobbies, from amature radio to woodworking to computers and camping. Randy is also an EMT which is comforting though we have thus far not needed one at any of our events. He joins us with a single membership.

#### David England

David is an anesthesiologist at MCV Hospitals. He is married to Marty and has three children, Jozlyn, Addyson and Macy. They reside in Richmond. David has a Ford Mustang convertible of 1987 vintage with 5.0L to push it around. He is also a member of the Central Virginia Mustang Club. Dr. England's interests include running, weight training and with VMSC, autocrossing and rallies. He is sponsered by Chip Williams.

#### Nick Fisher

Nick is a past member who is re-joining the club. He owns and works at his business, Fisher's Imported Auto Salvage. He and his wife Katy live in Mechanicsville. Nick has many cars which we'll probally see throughout the year. He has rallied and autocrossed in past.

#### A. Wiltshire Greenwood

Wilt Greenwood is not a new member. As a matter of fact, he not even close to being a new member. However he is, like all members, valued. What brings his name to this page is a copy of a fax I recieved at the last board meeting. It is a fax of his original membership application from February 20, 1964. When he filled out this application he was only... lets just say, it was a time when his outside was as young as his inside. Wilt had a 1962 Triumph TR-4 and he worked for the Federal Paper Board Co. as a clerk. The VMSC applications back then ask for your reasons to become a member. Wilt replied, 'I feel that owning a sports car is pointless unless it is used as it was designed to be and V.M.S.C. seems to be the only place to accomplish this objective locally'. As true today as it was back then. He has helped put on an event ever year since he joined. Today Wilt keeps our rally program together and is one of the best rallist we have. Of the many reasons to join VMSC, getting to know Wilt is one of them.

Kudos and Thanks,

Ed.

#### **VMSC Autocross Schedule**

March

19 Autocross School at Paramounts Kings

Dominion

20 Ft. Lee Autocross

April

23 Southside Speedway Practice Series 3

24 Southside Speedway Autocross S3

May

8 Southside Speedway Autocross S3

June

5 Southside Speedway Autocross S3

26 Ft. Lee Autocross

July

17 Dinwiddle Motor Sport Park Autocross

August

28 Dinwiddle Motor Sport Park Autocross

September

18 Dinwiddle Motor Sport Park Autocross

October

30 Dinwiddle Motor Sport Park Autocross

November

6 Ft. Lee Autocross

#### **VMSC Known Rallies**

May

1 OD's Mike Weedon & Doug Burton

### FOR SALE

TIRES - Bridgestone RE 71R Set of 4, 195-60-14 \$60.00

> Yokohama A008RS Set of 4, 205-50-15 \$80.00

Yokohama A008RS2 Set of 4 205-50-15 \$250.00 Set of 3 225-50-15 \$150.00

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Bridgestone RE71S 2) 195-60-14 \$40.00

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# AUTOCROSS SCHOOL 1994

Saturday March 19th, 1994 9:00 AM Paramount's Kings Dominion Parking Lot

Many of tha area's finest drivers have offered their assistance for this once a year event!

Don't be left out, there will be a practice autocross after the school

School is limited to 25 students Pre-registration is required Call Ken at 598-4009 to register

School organized by Ken Van Horn and Dick Boogher School Only \$25.00

Autocross Next Day at Fort Lee!



# THE INITIAL AUTOGROSS IV



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### THE VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB

March 20th, 1994

Fort Lee Airstrip (McElhaney dropzone)
First Run 10:00 AM, Fun Runs If Time
REGISTRATION OPEN AT 9:00 AM

# NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED!

3 Timed Runs, 10 Car Heats, Solo II
Classing\*. Each Participant is
required to work a heat or forfeit your
best run.

I-95 S to exit 54 (Temple Ave.). Head towards Southpark Mall. About 3.2 miles later on Temple Ave. turn left onto Rt. 725. After another 1.7 miles look for the autocross site on the right.



### PRE-REGISTER AT 598-4009

OD's Ken Van Horn, Dick Boogher, and Phil Webster



## Beginners' Luck

### Sunday, February 27, 1994

OA	CLUB	CL	РО	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	MARQUE	1	2	3	4	DIY	TOT
1	None	R	T1	Greg Seagraves	Clay Holcomb	Honda	80	6	18	10	74	188
2	VMSC	IJ	T1	Chuck Hoelzel	Mimi Siff	Dodge	58	200	95	66	0	419
3	VMSC	R	Т2	Andrew Siff	Todd McConnell	Eagle	200	103	200	82	15	600
4	VMSC	R	Т3	Nick Fisher	Joe Condon	Volvo	200	200	84	52	68	604
5	None	R	Т4	Tommy Strickland	Melvin Woodcock	Honda	200	200	4	200	14	618
6	None	R	5	John Wood	David Gellis	Chevy	200	106	16	140	169	631
7	VMSC	R	6	Karen Knapp	Belinda Martin	Acura	200	200	32	200	12	644
7	VMSC	R	6	Charlie Passut	Mark Passut	Shelby	141	154	200	149	0	644
9	None	R	8	David Pitts	Helen Pitts	Ford	200	200	101	180	12	693
10	VMSC	R	9	Rob Tait	Brian Henne	Mitsubishi	200	200	6	119	196	721
11	None	R	10	Pat Wellford	Tom Wellford	Ford	200	200	90	200	32	722
12	None	R	11	Jim Spevak	Karen Spevak	Ford	200	187	142	200	14	743
13	None	R	12	Ginger Gibson	Sabra Harris	Jeep	200	114	71	200	200	785
14	VMSC	R	13	Peter Zubof	Chris Zubof	Honda	200	200	200	200	0	800
15	None	R	14	Mark George	Mike Hall	Nissan	200	200	82	200	132	814
16	None	R	15	Bonnie Rice	Lisa Childress	Mazda	200	200	24	200	200	824
17	VMSC	R	16	Chip Williams	Dave England	Honda	200	200	200	400	8	1008

RALLYMASTERS: Bill & Shelia Hunter

OFFICIAL PRECHECK: Wilt & Barbara Greenwood, Neale Dickinson & Mike Weedon, Scott Powell & Pat Concodora DAY-OF-EVENT WORKERS: Wilt & Barbara Greenwood, Neale Dickinson, Gerry Eberhard, Scott Powell, Doug Burton

Thanks to all the contestants who came out for the Rally School and Rally. We hope you had a good time, learned a lot about rallying, and will join us at future VMSC events.

The ODs had a lot of help in putting on this event, and we would like to especially thank the following people:

Wilt and Barbara Greenwood - for the use of their computer, (lots of) time spent trying to show us how to operate it, and the reams of paper that went through their printer.

Mike Weedon - for the use of his copy machine and (another) ream of paper.

The precheckers, workers, and Rally School instructors - for all their time and assistance--we couldn't have done it without you!

Last, but certainly not least, Andy and Mimi Siff - for opening up the Ironhorse Restaurant for the Rally School and providing a wonderful lunch. It was a perfect location--we really appreciate it.

