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CALM BEFORE THE STORM ...

October to be Lively!

September was a quiet month, and gave everyone a chance to take a deep breath before lighting into the October activities. The calendar of events, which has been considerably revised now looks something like this:

October 6 - Marlboro	Nov. 21 - Meeting
October 17 - Meeting	Nov. 24 - Turkey Rallye
October 20 - All Day Rallye	Dec. 15 - Christmas Rallye
October 27 - Danville Races	Dec. 19 - Meeting
October 31 - Halloween Rallye	Jan. 4 - Annual Banquet
Nov. 2 - 3 - Old Dominion Rallye	Jan. 12 - Kick Off Rallye

The Third Annual Old Dominion Rallye will be planned this year by the Old Dominion Region S.C.C.A. (formerly the Tidewater S. C. C.) As noted above, the date is Nov. 2 and 3 and we hope to have a large number of WMSC entries for that one.

Starting place will be at the Virginia Diner, Wakefield, Virginia, 10:00 A.M. November 2nd. \$22.50 per couple will include meals & lodging. As this is not a WMSC event no points will be given this year.

MGA GIVEAWAY NEARING...

At the risk of sounding like a stuck phonograph needle...let's get with these ticket sales!! There isn't much time left before the Dec. 15th drawing date. At the September meeting, our treasurer reported that we have sold less than \$1500 worth of tickets. And no matter how you look at it, \$1500 just won't pay for a new MGA!!

WADE NORTON BITTEN BY RALLYE BUG

The team of Norton and Clark has been seen popping up all over the countryside for rallies. Wade and Stan took 5th overall in the 2nd Annual New York Historic Rallye and even managed to get their pictures in SCCA's "Sports Car" magazine as they blasted into a Checkpoint.

Then they headed for the Rip Van Winkle Rallye and copped 6th place in that one. Right after the September meeting, Wade (this time navigated by wife Frances) took off for Chicago to rally around Lake Michigan in the Michigan Miglia. We're wondering just how many rally-miles the Jag has by now! Best of luck to these Enthusiastic Enthusiasts!

JETT'S NOTES ON THE RIP VAN WINKLE

by Ed Jett

Wade and Stan caught the silver for sixth place, out of nine teams our team finished third. Incidentally, our third member of the team was a husband and wife from Arlington, and at the end of the first days run, our team was 1700 points ahead.

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Wade will not admit it, but Stan had to help the Jag along, by pumping his arms, when the Norton car, lucky #13, was behind $6\frac{1}{2}$ minutes and made it up in 15 miles with an average speed of 45 m.p.h. Let us not forget that the Porsche, with the Jett boys was also $5\frac{1}{2}$ minutes behind also made it up on the same stretch, and I might add without arm pumping by the navigator.

The rallye was really terrific, timed to the second, with all control points hidden and when we find people who can go through 20 check points with an error of 48 seconds, you can readily see that the real pros were on the job. Norton and Clark averaged a 30 second error on the 20 check points and the Jetts averaged 40 seconds error per check point, (finishing 13th).

We came over a rise in the road to find Wades Jag, in a herd of cows. The herd opened up and let the Jag through, but not so with the Porsche. The cows let us in, but would not let us out. They liked the Porsche, thinking it was a new king of cow. Anyway they leaned against it and almost bent it, besides they tasted it and the final insult came when the farmer tried to put a bell on the Porsche and add it to the herd.

Directions for the entire rallye were precise and how anyone could possibly become lost is beyond me, although the sterling driver MR. NORTON managed to make a wrong turn and caused about ten cars to make the same error since they thought he could make no mistake.

As a check point was passed, hidden of course, the time of the car was sent by short wave radio to a central point at Margarettsville, New York. Therefore, when a car finished any circuit, the point standing had been computed prior to the car reaching the finish point.

They arranged for food throughout the trip. The entire rallye was wonderful and all in all we had a wonderful time.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Discussions and Good Movies...

The Branch House was once again the scene for the regular VMSC meeting on the 19th. However, they switched rooms on us and for awhile many members found themselves surrounded by Girl Scouts.

Veep Walker most ably conducted the meeting in the absence of Pres Lewis who was honeymooning at Sea Island.

Unfortunately, the folks from Arlington got lost on the very last leg of the run.

After getting the silver, Wade Norton was really impossible, he would allow no smoking in his room for fear of tarnishing the silver. He also suggested that all people should walk two paces to the rear of the sterling driver, MR. NORTON.

The man who did the work, Stan Clark took it all in his usual modest manner, but that Wade, gosh his head got so big we started to cut it for a watermelon.

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First thing to come up was the MGA giveaway, and it is hoped that a number of tickets can be sold on the car at the State Fair.

Mr. Madison P. McClintic, Esquire, Vice-Pres. in Charge of Activities, clued us in on the "Gimmickhana" for September 29th, and Ed Wright handed out these hard luck trophies:

The perpetual trophy went to Les Baggett, whose wife, Phil, lost the Healey on Monument Avenue. A pair of "binoculars" were also given to Phil to improve the vision.

Bill Trevvett was awarded a box of Band-Aids for taking a Tumble on the Recuperation Rallye.

Mary Byrd Lewis was awarded a sponge for the Porsche...and Jack Lewis was given a brush...for the dishes. So much for the hard luck trophies.

The movies we could have sat through again! There were some mighty good ones of Sebring, followed by Jerry Chamberlain's Danville films, which included the shot of Greenspun flipping his Ferrari almost into Chamberlain's lap! Also shown were movies of the tragic 1955 Le Mans.

The meeting was over fairly early and the crowd adjourned to the Clover Room so Robert Walker could have his banana split. (However, it is reported that some "shady characters" went to Mike's Grill and drank BEER!!)

BUS TO DANVILLE??

With the races once more in the near future at Danville, it was suggested that WMSC charter a bus for the one day trip on October 27th. There will be no races Saturday...only time trials. Anyone interested in this idea please call Secretary Caroline Crenshaw at 4-1541. It would cost about \$3.75 per person with room for 45 people.

And speaking Danville, they are really planning some big "goings-on" race weekend. Ted Weems and his orchestra are to be on hand for a big Saturday night blow-out and they are even giving away an MGA (what an original idea!) Those people are all-out to make V-I-R a real race center. Let's give 'em all the support we can. Who knows? Danville could be as big as Sebring!!

BATCHELLER'S CORNER

by "Hap"

On the subject of wax jobs: the new one step waxes seem pretty good. I find Vista wax by Simonize to be the best from the standpoint of water spots especially on the aluminum panels. I notice at most concours d'elegance that the owners use Turtle wax because of its ease of use and its high luster but they state that it is short lived. If you prefer paste wax use two rags when rubbing off--use one (always the same one) to rub one layer off then the second to finish. Incidentally, "waste" (at any large hardware) is even better than a rag.

One of the hardest jobs after any do-it-yourself project is cleaning up yourself. I recommend the hand cleaners "Go-Jo" or "D-L" (available at auto parts wholesalers such as Richmond Auto Parts or Condrey's.)

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Nov. 19th. Mail check or money order and
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CLUTCH-CHATTER

Fred and Marilyn Johnson...Cato...Remick...all late to the September meeting.
These Porsches just won't get you there on time!

Notice to skiers (over & under 1600)! Ed Wright is making preparations for
the coming Ski Season. Anyone interested in this rapid sport, contact Ed at 6-0073.

R. Walker is destined to become a new TV Star!

Ed Jett Seen sporting a sign: "Help Stamp Out Cadillacs!"

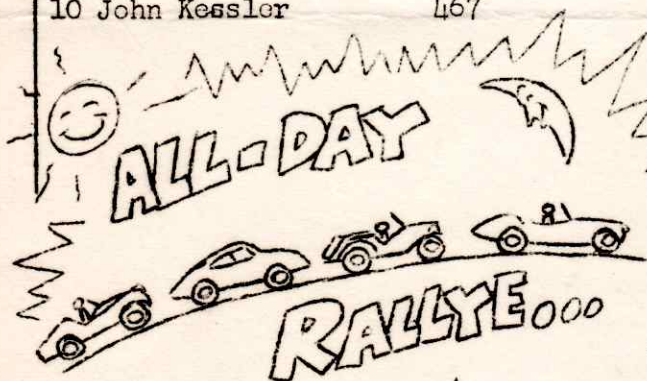
The Ed Ruckers...proud owners of Richmond's first XK-150.

Allen Fine last seen heading on a "secret mission" to Sun Valley, Idaho.

TOP 20 - 1957 POINT STANDINGS

The following points were compiled through the regular Meeting of September 19th.

1	Bill Harding	845.5	11	Wade Norton	466
2	Jack Lewis	800.5	12	Charlie Armstrong	464
3	Mary Byrd Lewis	793.5	13	Bill Pettit	459.5
4	Allen Fine	760.5	14	Marge Mayo	436
5	George Patteson	668	15	Bob Cook	431
6	Len Winslow	643.5	16	Suzanne Branner	429
7	Kay Weaver	574	17	Bob Mayo	413
8	Frances Norton	566	18	Tom Pendleton	402
9	Robert Walker	546	19	Allen Rennie	394
10	John Kessler	467	20	Jack Finnegan	337



SUN., OCT. 20th, 9 a.m.

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