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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 16 Meeting
Oct 18-19 Sixth Point Event - Old Dominion Rallye
Oct 26 Tobacco Festival
Oct 31 Halloween Rallye - F. Johnson, D. Davis, J. Chamberlain
Nov 16 Seventh Point - Turkey Rallye - J. Crenshaw
Nov 20 Meeting - Nominations
Dec 14 Eighth Point Event - Christmas Rallye
Dec 18 Meeting - Elections
Jan 3 Annual Banquet

NEXT EVENTS

SIXTH POINT EVENT - OLD DOMINION RALLYE
October 18-19

The Fourth Old Dominion Rallye starts in Williamsburg and stays in Virginia. The entry fee is \$10.00 per car, which covers entrance only. More details at next meeting.

HALLOWEEN "LE MOANS" RALLYE
October 31

Details at next meeting and on cards.

NEW

There is rumored that there will be a G.T Dauphine. It is very faint at this time. Pro racing will be held shortly at Riverside, California; Moss, Gregory, Hill, Shelby and some American Indy drivers, et al. Largest car to be a 5.8 Ferrari! Frank Lewis, Inc., Dunlop dealer, is now handling Michelins.

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Our next issue will contain the final published point standings. They will not be published in December as the awards at the banquet should be surprising to a few, anyhow.

Will all O.D.'s who have not done so PLEASE get their results to Caroline Crenshaw as soon as possible so that she may compute the point stanings. Things come to a grinding halt when results are not forthcoming.

NEXT MEETING

IMPORTANT - DO NOT, repeat NOT, drop ashes or trash on the floor as we will no longer be permitted to use the building if this happens again. We have been very fortunate to have such a large place to meet for free and it would be ridiculous to lose it due to sheer carelessness on our part.

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EDITORIAL

It has come to our attention that certain rules of the SCCA pertaining to amateur status have been and are being administered and applied in a rather arbitrary manner. This brings to mind the old question "Pro or No Pro." Personally, we feel, in view of all the other countries attitudes toward this question, that there should be a revision in SCCA whereby it became incorporated with FIA to administer and to serve as the controlling body of ALL sports car racing in this country.

SCCA is in the position of being fully organized to govern and train drivers, oversee and control the events and to serve as a judicial body in the event of dispute. With USACs rapid and healthy growth in the few races it has had this year, it is not too difficult to see SCCA as the head of a large empty mansion as many of the good drivers go over to USAC.

We feel that now is the time for decisive action on the part of SCCA. Either go Pro with FIA or amateur with a more rigid and uniform enforcement of the rules.

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POINT GYMKHANA - SEPTEMBER 28, 1958

E. Remick, A. Fine, B. Harding and T. Enright - OD's

By "Mac"

Wonderful weather, wonderful people and a well-planned, carefully-thought-out course made for much lead foot fun.

It appears that those who own and drive sports cars and other kindred conveyances (some small and some not quite so small) like nothing better than a chance to go after the manner of Fangio.

The results which appear below speak for themselves though they do not tell of some of the most outstanding moments of the event. (drift to page 3)

Ach it iz taking zo long for getting der Volkswagen und I am needing vun chast now. Bot radder den buying anodder kar I am vaiting fur der bast kar und der whole veldt und at such ein low priz alzo. Ja, dis iss der kar fur me und vell worth vaiting for. TO THOSE WHO WAIT COME THE BEST THINGS.

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The over-all winner was Madison McClintic in his TR-3 closely followed by Tom Rennie in his new DB Coupe. Tom seems to have mastered the Chinese shift pattern in this going little bolide.

Sam (now known as Harry) Carmine put on a most remarkable display of how to **make** a not so small sports car fit where it shouldn't - even backwards yet.

Others of note were: George Patteson and his tongue-biting style; Ronnie Owen in his opps! I lost it in the chicane Mom; Fred Johnson looking like Von Hanstein; Wade Norton looking calm, cool and smooth; Hal Kirby amazing everyone by his shifting style; "Red" Ed Wright being beaten by, of all things, a VW; Charlie Armstrong making like a ballerina on his left front wheel; Ken Payne saying "I really don't have it set up right yet you see"; Billy Clift and his drag-strip-style first gear in the strangest places; and most outstanding Keith Gallant in his newly acquired white American sports roadster showing real gamesmanship and a slight coughing in really tight places.

All in all 'twere a slam bang success - good show, boys, good show!

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Class	Over-all	
1	2	T. Rennie - DB
2	10	R. Owen - Berkeley
3	14	R. Walker - Berkeley
4	20	S. Jenks - MG-TD

1300-1600 SPORTS

Class	Over-all	
1	4	Fred Johnson - Porsche
2	7	Geo. Patteson - Porsche
3	10	C. Larus - MG-A
4	11	W. Fitch - Porsche

1600-2000 SPORTS

Class	Over-all	
1	1	M. McClintic - TR-3
2	5	H. Kirby - TR-3
3	6	J. Kessler - TR-3
4	12	Dickerson - TR-3
5	13	B. Clift - TR-3
6	20	D. Kirby - TR-3
7	25	M. Clark - TR-2

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1	3	Sam Carmine - Corvette
2	4	W. Norton - Jag XK140
3	8	Ken Payne - Jag XK150
4	18	J. Palmer - AH100-6
5	19	J. Chamberlain - AH100
6	21	J. Bell - T-Bird

SEDANS

Class	Over-all	
1	9	L. Wells - Dauphine
2	15	J. Bagley - VW
3	16	E. Wright - 4CV
4	22	F. Norton - 4CV
5	23	Dan Loh - Ford Consul
6	24	C. Armstrong - Chev 210
7	26	K. Gallant - Cad. Eldorado

500 TALES (Reprinted from Motoracing by W.R.C. Shedenhelm)

At Santa Barbara during the Formula III race, Red LaGrande was screaming around the venue in his single seater special when it burst into flames. LaGrande hit the binders, grabbed the fire extinguisher and leaped out. Then he realized that he had never read the instructions and didn't know how to work the thing. Had to stand there reading the fine print by the light of his burning car. Finally figures it out and pressed the release button. POW! Right between the eyes.....

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GRAMPA BUCKETBUPT'S BANALITIES #2

Once upon a time, there was to be a concours d'elegance. Mighty were the preparations throughout the land. Much waving of rags, consumption of beer, coersing of wives and friends, wielding of toothbrushes, painting of wheels and things and spilling of wax. Aspirin companies declared a dividend. At last, the great day dawned and the contestants gathered. Our attention is directed to two entries; one, a poor, but proud, elderly MG, the other, a rich glittering jewel of a 300SL, showing money in every gleam. The two owners busily ensured their chances. The MG erected a barrier, much to the amusement of the crowd, to keep the odd fingerprint on the finger and not on the car, The 300SL hired a group of small boys to smear grease and dirt on the cars when all the entrants were at the registration meeting before the judging. Then the whistle blew, and they all went to the meeting, after which the judging started. Many and loud were the cries of anguish and protest at the discovery of grease and dirt where there had been none before! Last in line were our two, the 300SL smiling and looking confident, the MG looking puzzled. The 300SL was judged. Dirt on the exhaust pipes. He blanched, reddened, then purpled. The MG was judged and won. The 300SL had forgotten to tell the small boys which car NOT to mess up.

Moral: The future belongs to those who prepare for it - properly.

Old Grampa has spoke.

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FOR SALE: Jaeger-LeCoultre Swiss Rally Timer - three-inch black face with illuminous hands and figures. Eight day clock incorporating two-inch sweep second hand with one-fifth second increments - one smaller face records up to 60 minutes with time-out feature, and other records up to twelve hours. Separate controls from front. Actually used about 72 hours. Unavailable in U.S. Value \$150.00 - price \$90.00. Selling to finance next season's motel bills at races. Bill Harding - Virginia Sports Cars, Inc. 6107 West Broad Street, Richmond.

DANVILLE - OCTOBER 5, by Mary Jenks

VMSC had reason to be proud this autumn Sunday at Virginia International Raceway, for two of our members took first in class, and a third one finished the race despite oil leakage. Bill Harding took first in K Production, in his Berkeley beating out two 3-cylinders; "Mo" Clark took first in F Production in his MGA, and "Mac" McClintic took seventh in E Production, even though he had to make a pit stop to add oil.

The "behind the scenes" action was as interesting as the races, and it was quite fascinating to watch the pit crews. The VMSC entrants were right up there with the best of them - Ed Wright in his "Maurice Chevalier" hat, Ronnie Owen with the trunk of his "sports Kaiser" filled with oil cans, and the Ruckers with their medical bag full of wrenches and other pertinent mechanical equipment. Each pit crew was all business, too, when their car was racing and used all of their "know-how" to help their driver to victory.

The feature race was won by Walt Hansgen, who is piling up quite a number of points in the Lister-Jag. It looked for awhile as if the Lister-Corvette would be in the winner's circle, but it conked out and ended up with a DNF on the official score sheet.

VIR has limited visibility for the spectator but certainly not limited excitement, and the sprawling fields and lend themselves perfectly to enjoyment for driver, pit crew, and spectator. -4-

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