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VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB

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1959 Calendar of Events

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| Aug 30 - Marlboro Races | Nov 7-8 - Old Dominion Rallye |
| Sep 6 - Concours - Johnson & Crenshaw | 19 - Meeting |
| 13 - Gymkhana - Winslow & Chamberlain | 22 - Thanksgiving Rallye -
R. Walker & L. Wells |
| 17 - Meeting - Hare & Hounds Rallye | Dec 17 - Meeting |
| 20 - Rallye - Thornton & West | 20 - Christmas Rallye -
S. Clark & G. Williams |
| Oct 15 - Meeting - Dinner at Dunn's on
Mechanicsville Pike
Speaker: Tex Hopkins | Jan 9 - Annual Banquet |
| 31 - Halloween Rallye - E. Wright &
Harding | |

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Petersburg Motor Sport Club

On August 4 a group of sports car enthusiasts met in Petersburg and formed the Petersburg Motor Sport Club. Officers elected were W. F. Dance, III, President; Dick Akin, Vice President; Pete Burk, Secretary-Treasurer.

Meetings will be held every 1st and 3rd Thursday at the Bank of Virginia, Franklin Avenue, Petersburg.

The organizational meeting was addressed by John Romey, Jr., of VMSC, who outlined the programs and activities of other sports car clubs. Lt. Robert Miller of Fort Lee and the Porsche Club also offered some timely tips on sports car activities.

The new club already has run two rallies and looks forward to a full program of activities and events. VMSC members are cordially invited to attend and participate as often as they are able. A schedule of events will be published in Checkpoints as soon as it is available.

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HELP VMSC GET RID OF A FLEA!

A FLEA will be given away at the November meeting. A dollar contribution to VMSC will make you eligible to win it. Get your tickets from Dick Gunn-- sell them to your friends, family, etc. The Club member who sells the most tickets will be awarded a VMSC blazer emblem or a new VMSC car badge.

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GET SPRUCED UP FOR THE CONCOURS - SEPTEMBER 6.

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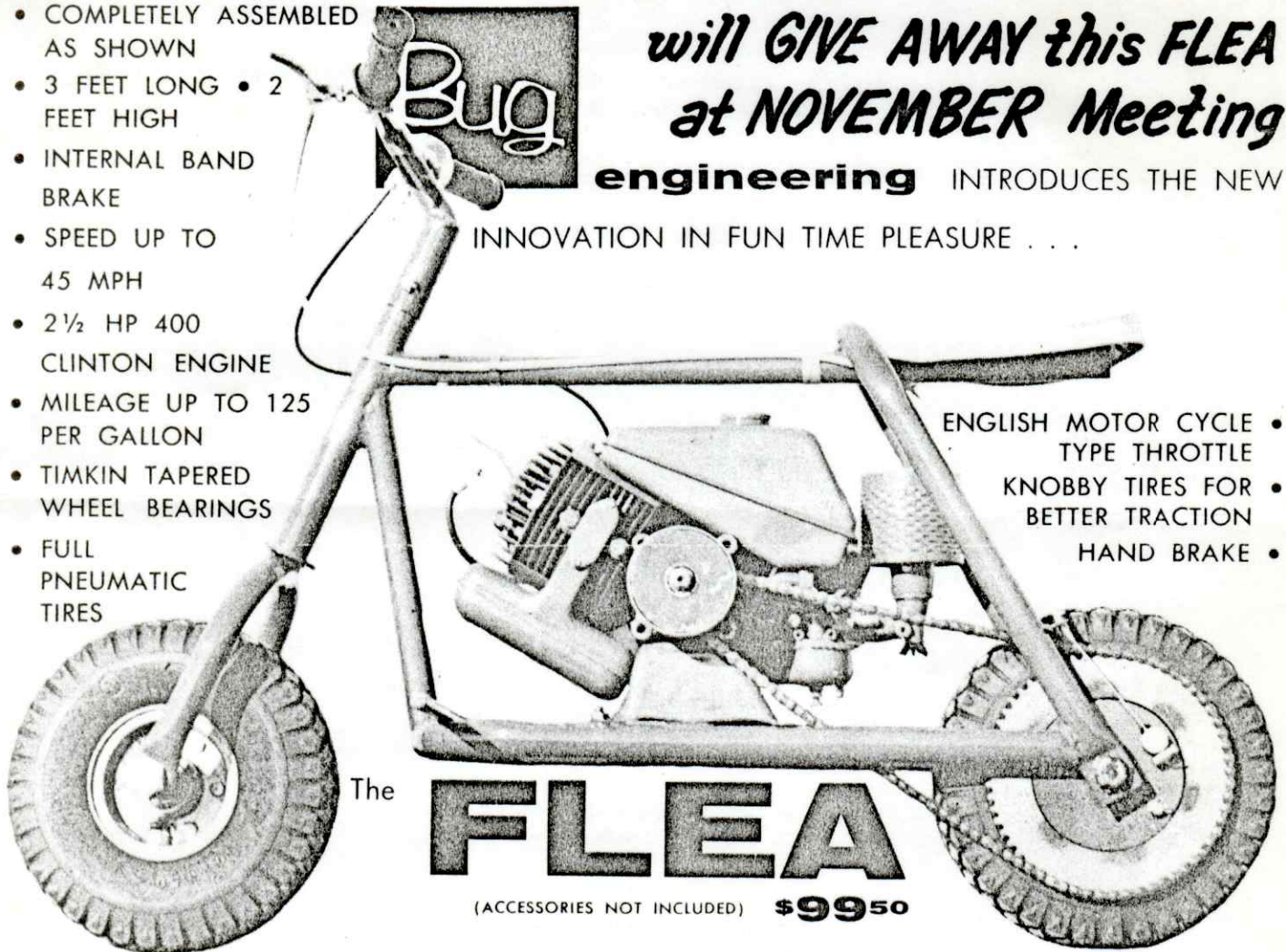
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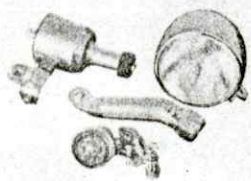


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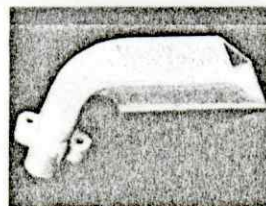
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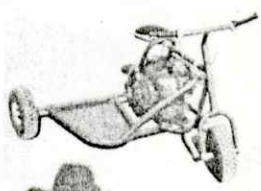
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EDITORIAL

Guest Editor - Don Wiseman

This past month the mortality rate among race drivers has been up. Within two weeks we lost both Jean Behra and Ivor Bueb. At Danville a young North Carolina driver lost his life in the first fatality since the course opened three years ago. I am not aware from the press reports of the circumstances of Bueb's death, but there is a similarity between the Danville demise and that of Behra.

As most of you probably know by now, Behra's Porsche took off over the high banked turn of the Avus. Mr. Behra was never known for his extreme caution. However, he met his death on being thrown from the car and smashing into a flag pole. The concussion cut the pole in two and nearly did the same to Behra. Although death was attributed to a fractured skull, every rib in his body was broken. Previously a similar car had gone over in the same spot, but the driver, still in the car after the accident, put the car back in gear and finished the race.

At Danville, a driver from North Carolina flipped his Ace and after turning over three times, was killed. The officials announced that his seat belt had not been fastened.

Whether or not these two men would have survived with seat belts cannot be answered for certain. However, insurance companies report that in cars equipped with safety belts, and the occupants use these accessories, fatalities and serious injuries due to accidents were reduced between 65 and 75 per cent.

In our drive for good public relations, the safety factor is either an important tool in our behalf or a weapon for our own destruction. In this case a belt does more than just hold up your pants. It may save your life.

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THE HYSTERICAL HISTORICAL RALLYE

O.D.s Mayo & Armstrong

August 23

O.D.'s Mayo and Armstrong staged this one on August 23 with an excellent turnout of 19 cars lined up at the State Fair Grounds. Another VMSC "first" was the presence of an Isetta in the lineup. We followed this car, driven by Berle Wilson, through a couple of tight turns and it was quite a spectacle!

It was gratifying to have a number of cars from the newly-formed Petersburg club join us on this event. We are only sorry that a couple of them never made it to the finish. They are probably still wandering around the camping grounds across the Chickahominy Bridge where a number of us, including the Thorntons, Wisemans, Kesslers, West and Baylor, took the O.D.'s too literally when they said "Left on First Paved Road after brdige". We chose a private road which led back into the woods where some campers came out of their tents to find a half-dozen sports cars crunching through the underbrush!

After a wild and woolly chase on to Jamestown the rallye paused at the Festival Grounds for refreshments. We were then led caravan-style down the Colonial Parkway to the Williamsburg Information Center.

There O.D.'s herded us into the new modern theatre to witness the historical movie telling the story of Williamsburg. As was expected, these fiendish characters later gave us a questionnaire to fill out. The only thing we were sure was that the picture lasted 37½ minutes, but that question was, of course, not asked.

The next step on our History-learning trip was to board a bus at the Information Center for a tour of Williamsburg. This was a peculiar bus, in that no one ever got off...people just kept getting on. With the aisles filled to capacity all one could see on this sight-seeing ride were belt buckles and belly buttons.

At the finish there was another questionnaire.."how long was the ride?" "what was the average speed of the bus??" Even the bus driver didn't know!

The Historical Rallye was, as we said, Hysterical. Those who missed it, missed an entertaining, exciting and informative trip! Thanks to Bob and Charlie for a fine rallye.

Results on Page 4.

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RESULTS OF HISTORICAL RALLYE

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| 1. Rosalind & Leonard Schwab (Alfa) | 11. Ellie & Jack Hileman (MGA) |
| 2. Jackie Ridlehuber & Bob Miller
(Sprite)* | 12. Jerry Howren & Ed Cobb (MGA) |
| 3. George Patteson & Shirley Ward
(Porsche) | 13. Don & Ann Wiseman (DB) |
| 4. Thomas Vaughan & Stan Clark
(Sprite) | 14. Peter O'Keefe & Melita Clark (AH) |
| 5. Doug Mendell & Paula Benchley
(TR3)* | 15. Bob & Charley Andrews (TR3) |
| 6. Bev West & Judy Baylor (TR3) | 16. J. P. Griffin & W. S. Edwards
(Corvette)* |
| 7. John & Marge Thornton (TR3) | 17. Berle Wilson & Kitty Moore (Isetta) |
| 8. Cassel Adamson & Eleanor Bech (MG-TF) | 18. Chris Wenk & Ricky Hoggard (MG-TD) |
| 9. John & Suzanne Kessler (TR3) | 19. (DNF) Peter Bird & Sigrid Ketes
(Corvette)* |
| 10. Stuart & Mary Jenks (MG-TD) | |

* Petersburg

POINT STANDINGS

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Stuart Jenks	7405	Jack Palmer	4450
Marge Thornton	6655	Tom Rennie	3655
John Kessler	6505	Rip Radcliff	3600
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Mary Jenks	5405	Chuck Bress	3050
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VINELAND, NEW JERSEY - August 23

by telephone

The Sprints

- John Elliott - Sprite - 2nd in class
 Tom Elliott - Sprite - 1st on haybale
 Moe Clark - MG - 1st overall
 Jim Waters - TR3 - 2 ea. 1st in class
 Madison McClintic - TR3 - 3rd in class

The Four Hour (Rain)

- John Elliott -
 Tom Elliott - Sprite - 2nd in class
 Moe Clark - 3rd on index
 Jim Waters - TR3 - DNF
 Moe Clark

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