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George Washington's Birthday Rally

Stratford Hill's Shopping Center

Sunday, February 21

Seems the rally bug has really bitten a large percentage of VMSC members, if the turnout at the GWB Rally was any example.

This one ran through the wilds of Chesterfield County at an extremely sedate pace of 22 mph. (We understand that the O.D.'s knew the gendarmes would be out in force - and in unmarked cars - so decided to protect our budding Fangios by electing a speed slow enough to prevent our driving too fast to make for errors.)

Although there were the inevitable protests, no one became so lost as to have to open an escape envelope.

Thanks to O.D.'s Jack Palmer and Ronnie Vincent for a very straightforward rally - one which gave many a novice his first chance to really understand what rallies are all about - and gave the old timer lots of practice in curbing his desire to make like S. Moss.

Charlie Larus

Smoke DOMINO

Results

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| 1. Charlie Larus & Pat Ballard | 9. George Patteson & K. P. Parker |
| 2. John & Marge Thornton | 10. Alton Davis & L. P. Seay |
| 3. Hubel Robins & Ed Cobb | 11. John & Suzanne Kessler |
| 4. Stuart & Mary Jenks | 12. L.D. Hatch & Terry P. Garbrough |
| 5. Hume Gooding & Billy Brown | 13. Wendell & Lorraine Powell |
| 6. Wray & Martha Bragg | 14. Bill Hart & Patti Glenn |
| 7. Rip Radcliffe & Tom Vaughan | 15. Ian & Bettie Davis |
| 8. Gordon & Gloria Williams | 16. Laura & Carlos Garza |

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WHAT'S THE SCORE DAD ?

We always enjoy the VMSC gymkhanas, whether we participate or merely watch. It is very disturbing, however, to spend an entire afternoon at one of these events and not once learn the score.

Nevertheless, we were not going to make an issue of this situation until, at a recent gymkhana, the eldest son innocently inquired who was winning. We had to confess, after several fruitless attempts to change the subject, that we had no idea what the score was, or for that matter, who was on first. The look on his face convinced us that something must be done about this sort of thing -- A SON'S FAITH IN HIS FATHER HAD BEEN DESTROYED!

Just think of all the fathers who watch our gymkhanas -- NONE OF THEM KNOW THE SCORE! This is a terrible thing, a stumbling block to "togetherness" at least, perhaps even a contributing factor to juvenile delinquency. Anyhow, in order to correct this, we must devise some way to announce the score at all times during our gymkhanas.

We suggest a committee be appointed to purchase or manufacture a scoreboard similar to the one sketched below.

		CLASS			
		OVER 1600		UNDER 1600	
BEST RUN	#6	2	: 10	#8	2 : 12
LAST RUN	#5	3	: 16		

The background could be of $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood. The numbers could be similar to the kind used on baseball scoreboards painted on $\frac{1}{8}$ " masonite. The bottom row would be changed after each run. The top row would be changed after the best time up to that point had been beaten.

There we have a scoreboard, easy and economical to construct. If put in use our gymkhanas would be more interesting to watch, the feeling of competition would be intensified and fathers all around the parking lot could announce with conviction and authority, "THERE, SON, IS THE WINNING CAR!"

NEW BUSINESS

MURRAY O. (MO) CLARK is open for business at 5600 West Broad Street. We understand that "Mo" will specialize in high performance engine tuning. A dynamometer and other instruments have been ordered. AMOCO service is available. Good luck, Mo!

BLESSED EVENT

Dr. ED RUCKER has added a FARRARI to his family offine cars. A roadster with lots of liters - one of the first of its breed in town.

NOT IN THE NEWS

The "well-heeled" elderly gentleman who locked himself out of his VW after starting the engine and pulling the choke w-a-a-a-y out. This happened the other night during a snowstorm, within sight of a former CHECKPOINTS editor who promptly offered to help. They found it impossible to discuss what might be done to correct this unfortunate situation because the roaring of the mighty VW engine made it difficult to hear the spoken word. Former editor decided to stop the engine by pulling the wire from the distributor. Shocked to learn that 6 volts are quite a lot, he picked himself up out of the snow and proceeded to "jimmy" the very tight VW window with a coathanger obtained from his apartment four floors above. Finally success. The "well-heeled" elderly gentleman tipped our former editor five dollars in spite of many feeble protests. MORAL - Never judge the size of a man's heart by the size of his car.

NEW SCCA CLASSES

The new SCCA production racing categories announced at the 1960 convention are as follows:

CLASS B -- Ferrari Berlinetta and California, Corvette, Aston Martin DB4.

CLASS C -- Mercedes Benz 300SL roadster and coupe, Jaguar 150 and 150S (with 3.8 liter engine), Aston Martin DB2/4, Ferrari 250 GT, Porsche Carrera and GT.

CLASS D -- Jaguars with 3.4 engine (XK-120, 140, 150 and 150S), Austin-Healey 3000, BMW 507, Morgan Plus 4 (excluding aluminum-bodied Morgans), Porsche 1600 Super 90, Ace-Bristol, Aceca-Bristol, Arnolt-Bristol, Frazer-Nash Bristol.

CLASS E -- Triumph TR2 and TR3, Austin-Healey 2.6, MG-A Twin Cam, Porsche 1500 and 1600 Super, Alfa Veloce, Alfa 2000, Lotus Elite, AC-Ace and Aceca, Daimler SP 250, Lancia Aurelia and Spyder, Fiat 1500.

CLASS F -- MG-A, 1500 and 1600, Fiat-Abarth 750 (dohc), Porsche 1300 and Super, Denzel 1300 and Super, Turner 950 Stage II, Austin-Healey Sprite, Berkley B95 and B105 (600cc), Fairthroe Electron, Elva Courier 1500 and 1600, DB 750 and 850, Siata 208S, Mercedes Benz 190SL, Porsche 1500 and 1500 Normal.

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CLASS G -- Alfa Romeo Giulietta, Sunbeam Alpine, Fiat-Abarth 850S, Renault Alpine, MG-TD and TF, Berkley 492cc. Fiat 1200, Lotus Mk 7A, Electron Minor.

CLASS H -- Fiat-Abarth 750 (pushrod), Lancia Appia GT, Berkley 328cc, NSU Sport Prinz, Auto-Union 1000 SP.

DON'T FORGET - March 26-----SEBRING 12 Hour Race (Sports & GT)
April 15-17-----Marlboro SCCA National Races
April 30-May 1-----Danville SCCA National Races
March 17-----VMSC Meeting, Branch House, 7:30 p.m.

A Hearty Welcome to these new members; Wray S. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Alton T. Davis, Dick Hatch, Patricia Glenn, Perry Hart, Kent Johnson, Janie Mahoney, Carl Moss, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Seay, Jr., Webb Sherrill and Chris Wenk.

1960 POINT STANDINGS (through February 21 rallye):

1. John Thornton	1850	6. Mary Jenks	1400
2. Stuart Jenks	1650	7. Gordon Williams	1300
3. Marge Thornton	1600	8. Harold Applewhite	1150
4. Wray Bragg	1500	Robert Walker	1150
5. Charlie Larus	1450	9. Ed Cobb	1000
		10. George Patteson	950

SEE YOU AT THE "FOOL'S RALLYE" APRIL 3, 1:30 P.M., STRATFORD HILLS SHOPPING CENTER - O.D.'s John Thornton and Stuart Jenks.

(NOTE: Date changed from one published earlier)

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF CHECKPOINTS MAILED TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR DUES. SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL IMMEDIATELY BE REINSTATED UPON RECEIPT OF SAME.

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