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## RACING SEASON STARTS WITH A BANG

### MARLBORO - President's Cup, April 17

The most amazing thing about this year's "President's Cup Race" was the weather. It failed to rain! Even so, several thousand racing fans, including the usual good number of VMSC types, made the scene.

Representing Richmond were Mo Clark and Jim Waters who made their usual good showing.

Mo put on a most impressive display of racing finesse amidst puffs of blue and black smoke from the tailpipe and brake drums respectively. After a most interesting struggle with a potent "DB" driven by Howard Hanna, including much passing and repassing, Mo finished ahead of the "DB" with a well deserved third in class.

Jim Waters, starting in a field of no less than 35 cars, made his way skillfully up through the pack to finish ninth overall and first Triumph. Jim was awarded a unique trophy from Colombia Triumph Dist. for best performance by a Triumph Automobile.

In addition to the fine show by our local hero drivers, there were other races of note.

Bob Grossman made his usual overall and class win in his "street" Ferrari followed by Gene Hobbs and Bruce Jennings in their hot hot hot Porsche Carreras, pursued by a long chair of very disgruntled Corvettes.

There was also a feature race for Porsche Spyders of the RSK type. As is rather well known, this race was won by Roger Penske, followed at a short

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distance by Bob Holbert and about a lap behind, Dick Thompson in the Sting Ray.

To sum up we enjoyed wonderful weather, no serious accidents and the best in racing. GOOD SHOW !

DANVILLE - National Races, May 1

Again the weather held for a wonderful day of racing enjoyed by drivers and spectators alike. Richmond was well represented both on the course and in the infield.

Hero drivers Jim Waters, Mo Clark, Craige Pelouze and Sam Perry put on a good show for the local types.

First to appear on the starting grid was Mighty Mo in his tried and red MGA and a new Richmond driver Sam Perry in an Elva Courier. Despite some rough running in the early stages of the race, Mo went at his usual rapid pace to finish third overall and in class. Sam Perry was troubled by one particularly slick corner which spun him twice, but proceeded well until he was completely stopped when a freeze plug came adrift.

Race #2 produced Jim Waters and Craige Palouze in their TR-3's.

Jim led the Triumphs off the starting grid amidst a pack consisting of a Ferrari, many Corvettes, A.C. Bristols, Austin-Healeys, Triumphs, a couple of twin-cam MG-A's and a Porsche Super or so.

Craige shortly paid a visit to the pits to examine slight damage to his left front fender and quickly re-entered the race. There is a bent MG around somewhere.

Both boys went well and were a pleasure to watch. Good day for Richmond!

The big modified race was a sight to see. John Elliot (Hero watcher) lost

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a beer to brother Tom when a Porsche piloted by Roger Penske led the way around the first lap. Seems Thompson had difficulty getting the Sting Ray off the line. Next time around, Bob Holbert demonstrated his experience by being in front followed by Penske, Allan Connell in a mean looking Ferrari and Thompson in the Sting Ray. Thompson progressively moved up until he took the lead on about the seventh lap. He then proceeded to set a new course record. MAN, I want to tell you, he was what you call moving! Thompson went on to increase his lead to about 11 seconds when he spun and decreased it by 40 seconds.

The race ended with Holbert and his rapid RSK first, and Thompson second, and who knows third.

If the racing and the weather continue like this, we can look forward to the best season yet. See you at the hero watcher's stand at Cumberland.

Madison McClintic

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. McClintic is not only a hero driver, a hero watcher, but also a hero writer. We of the CHECKPOINTS STAFF wish to heartily thank him for these excellent race reports.

NEXT MEETING: May 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Branch House. Movies of the 1960 Sebring will be shown, it sez here.

CUMBERLAND NATIONAL RACES: May 14 and 15.

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