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SPRING THAW RALLYE

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Well, that's how it happens to fall this far into 1962, with Ed Cobb and George Patteson battling it out with a deadlock tie into our fourth month of club competition. There's still a lot of time for some of the rest of us to gain acknowledgement on this list, and a lot of time left to have this tie go one way or the other.

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ODE WRITTEN ON NOT FINDING OLD ROUTE 360

After one full evening and a six-pack of Richbrau, we were no further along in writing a story about the Spring Thaw Rallye than right here! So we decided to see what Bill, who had some experience at composition, might have said about this rallye:

All the world's a rallye, And all the men and women merely rallyists: They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his time plays many parts, His acts being usually wrong.	As You Like It	Act II	Scene VII
The time is out of joint: O cursed spite, That ever I was born to set it right!	Hamlet	Act I	Scene V
Beware the eighteenth of March.	Caesar	Act I	Scene II
Yond Cobb has a lean and hungry look; He computes too much: such men are dangerous.	Caesar	Act I	Scene II
Fie, what a question's that, If thou wert a lewd interpreter! But come, I'll tell thee all my whole device When I am in my Porsche, which stays for us At the Plaza gate; and therefore haste away; For we must measure over a hundred miles today.	Merchant of Venice	Act III	Scene IV
Is this a Stevens which I see before me, The handle toward my hand. Come let me clutch thee.	Macbeth	Act II	Scene I
Wisely and slow; they stumble that run fast.	Romeo and Juliet	Act II	Scene III
To turn, or not to turn: that is the question: Whether tis nobler in the mind to suffer The gravel and dust of outrageous Carmine, Or to take our own course, And say "Old Route 360" doesn't exist?	Hamlet	Act III	Scene I
O navigator! thou must untangle this, not I; It is too hard a knot for me to untie!	Twelfth Night	Act II	Scene III

Neither a follower nor a leader be;
For a leader oft loses himself and rallye,
And following is no fun.

Hamlet Act I Scene III

I have been studying how I may compare
This corner where I stopped unto the Marble ORCHARD.

Richard the Second Act V Scene V

Lay on, Musgrove,
And damn'd be him that first cries "Protest!"
(Exeunt, fighting. Alarums).

Macbeth Act V Scene VIII

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

The Bard and Bardot

There were quite a few words about that old "Route 360" sign from what we hear, but for the satisfaction, or dissatisfaction as the case might be (Cecil) that particular leg of the rallye has been counted out. I'm sure that either John or Carey will have a couple of words to say about this at the meeting.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE BRANCH HOUSE ONCE AGAIN THIS MONTH, SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE USUAL ATTENDANCE AGAIN. THE MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY FILMS OF SEBRING, TAKEN BY CLUB MEMBERS. AFTER THE FILMS THERE IS A SHORT NIGHT RALLYE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT FULL MOON WE'RE TO HAVE. IF THE MOON ISN'T FULL AND BRIGHT, BLAME ED.

REPORTS OF SEBRING

By
Ed Cobb

V.M.S.C. was well represented in Florida over the race weekend of 23-25 of March. We didn't have anyone on the track, but we had quite a few around it.

Ken Payne was down; although we didn't see him we talked to others who did.

Chuck Jett and Bruce Conley were down in a nicely furnished double deck bunk V W Bus, completely equipped with necessary food and drink.

Irving Sanderson and Fleetwood Howell drove down in an MGA coupe in 21 hours, observing all traffic regulations along the way. It's approximately 850 miles from here. We made it in 15½ hours, of course not the MGA way.

Irving told us that it was a little cold at their campsite Friday night and that they had to get some reinforcements to keep warm.

In the way of an advertisement, we'd like to say that the Karman Ghia made the trip down and back at the rate of 33.8 miles per gallon. How does that stack up

with your gas guzzler?

There was a really out of this world, and we mean out of this world custom red automobile designed by Ghia at the races. We hope Madison McClintic got a few shots of it with his movie camera, cause it was a car one dreams about.

Yes, Mac was down there along with Tommy Elliot and Ralph Gentry. They made the trip in Mac's VW (32.3 MPG). Don't know if they camped out or where they might have stayed, only know that they were really in the know with a couple of "Pit Passes" tied on their shirts.

This is merely a personal opinion, but we didn't like the Sebring Races too much. First, it's kind of like a "con" show. You pay \$4.00 just to get in through the gate; then if you want to get into the pits you pay \$5.00 more. Then, to park in certain places it costs \$25.00, but this includes the general admission of \$4.00. Then certain places around the track, the best places of course, cost \$5.00 to \$6.00 or more to see.

All in all, you can't beat our local Marlboro and Danville for seeing the races, etc. at a reasonable price. Watkins Glen, we might add, is better also. Anyway, it's good to have been able to say that we have been to Sebring.

BUS TRIP TO DANVILLE RACES

By
Ken Parker

We're still taking the trip by bus to V.I.R. and are still waiting for more to sign up for the go along. There are a couple of seats left, but be sure to notify us as quickly as possible and confirm your reservation. All checks must be in by the 13th to Bob Buchanan.

Checks must be made payable to Virginia Motor Sports Club, and in the amount of \$4.90 for each person. Remember, there will be a drawing at the bus that morning where the winner will have his money refunded. Take the Bus and Drink with us.

Bob's address is 43 Malvern Avenue, Richmond 21, Virginia. REMEMBER !!!
RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN THE 13TH OF APRIL.

APRIL SCHEDULE

April 13th through the 15th is the National sports car races at Marlboro, Maryland.

April 19th we have our regular monthly meeting back at the Branch House again. There will be home movies and a short rallye afterwards. Anyone having any additional films of Marlboro, etc., please bring them for showing.

April 28th there is a rallye leaving the Virginian Restaurant on New Route 60, Williamsburg, Virginia. This is the Easter Bunny Rallye, sponsored by the Motor Sportsman of Williamsburg. It is a night rallye and the first car pulls out at 7:30 P.M. Silver dash plaques will be given out for rewards to the first 3 places.

April 29th of course is the day a lot of us have been waiting anxiously for. That is the date of the Danville National Sports Car Races (VIR). The special bus will take you right to the door for only \$4.90 per person.

EXPLORER POST RALLYE - OD's ED COBB & JOHN KESSLER

April 3, 1962, we played host to the rallye with the Explorer Scouts, and had a good time at it. After the event, there were several comments made to the effect that the scouts were the best navigators so far. The boys did real well for being unaccustomed to this type of thing, and I'm sure they enjoyed it as well. The first place Scout received his trophy with that winner's grin, and will receive it again at our monthly meeting. The following is the list of results.

STANDINGS	VMSC MEMBER	EXPLORER SCOUT
1.	John Musgrove	Tom Cavendish
2.	Bob Kwass	Jack Abbott
3.	John Kessler	George Haller
4.	Cecil Wright	Bill Rose
5.	Porter Seay	Bill Fleet
6.	Ed Inabinet	Chris Conte
7.	Don Wiseman	Jim Irving
8.	Sam Carmine	Bob Whantos
9.	Jan Griffin	Mel Wright
10.	Dave Fox	Wharton Ramsey
11.	Ken Parker	Fred Boyd
12.	Bill Ivey	Ellis Wright

Bill Brown and Explorer Post advisor Ben Chappell tied with the fifth place car by the way.

We wish to thank the following who were out to offer their help with the rallye: Barney Bothwell, Tom Jeffers, Edith Wright, Jim Morrissey, and Jack McGee, (who is a nonmember.)

BE PREPARED !

Be Prepared!....the Boy Scout motto aptly applied to the special rallye sponsored by VMSC and staged by Ed Cobb and John Kessler on a windy Sunday afternoon. The conditions/possibilities for confusion - it was April Fool's Day; 13 cars participated; the rain threatened - did not deter these prepared Explorer Scouts of Post 860 from successfully guiding VMSC drivers along the Battlefield Route to Wright's in Mechanicsville. We were the second car out at a minute after 1:30 P.M. and one of the three cars that took the chance and left the top down. We made the habit of recording "our" mileage at each instruction and developing a factor every four or five instructions, which would help us generate the unknown mileages. Tom was very observant and quickly identified each sign or location. Before we had arrived at Fort Brady, Tom had been asked no less than four times if he had rallye experience. His answer to me was always "very, very little", but by the end of the rallye his figuring and alertness pulled us into first place. We lost one penalty point for being a tenth of a mile off on one answer. Some of the other participants had the benefit of special mechanical calculators, but we multiplied and divided, divided and multiplied all in long hand....Tom handled the calculations at the finish line while I handled the verification of totals developed.

We enjoyed our short association and look forward to future events. John Kessler and Ed did a fine job preparing and sponsoring this group. We would like to suggest more of the same....

John Musgrove
Tom Cavendish

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