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Month of April Activities  
MARLBORO and  
DANVILLE V.I.R.

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## MARLBORO NATIONALS 62

Like any other races at Marlboro, you must get up early and hit the road up 301, stopping just this side of the Potomac River Bridge for a bite to eat. After a hearty breakfast we hit the road again and joined that caravan of motor enthusiasts on the way. Arriving at 9 o'clock put us there just about the right time to wait, as cars from all over filed through the gates.

We were ready for a full day of racing, but hadn't counted on the weather getting colder. We met friends in our lofty perch in the stands and all gathered in with a chattering conversation about the field of cars on the ticket. The Ferraris seemed to dominate all talk, with the exception of the blonde that walked by occasionally.

After taking as much of the cold as we could, we left the perch and began to roam around, and to get the circulation going again. The races had already begun and were exciting, as Alfa walked home with the first victory.

The big race of the day was a thriller from the very beginning and was the same throughout. Dr. Dick Thompson drove his Corvette with much haste as two Ferraris were breathing down his neck for the first couple of laps. We heard a round of applause and gathered that the lead had changed--it did. Later, Bob Grossman took the lead and held on to it with some mighty fine driving. Thompson took first place in his class (B), and first for C production went to a Morgan.

Roger Pensky put on a brilliant display of driving in the final race, as he brought the Telar Cooper home for another victory.

All in all, it was a fine day of racing, with no serious mishaps, but just good all out racing.

Tom Jeffers

Words About the V.I.R.  
Bus Trip.

Well, the VMSC Danville V.I.R. bus trip is now history. Thirty brave souls gathered at Southside Plaza at 5:30 A.M. sharp and NO bus. Where's the bus? So Kendall Parker and Ed Cobb go in and get the tour agent out of bed at 5:30 A.M. to find out where the bus was. There had been a slight mix up and the bus had been scheduled to leave at 5:45, not 5:30. So, everyone waited a few more minutes and the bus did finally show up. Everything packed and under way by 6:00 A.M. Nothing eventful along the way-----actually our slogan of "go by bus and drink with us" should have been, go by bus and sleep with us, cause that's just what most of did - going and coming.

This set of races was probably the wettest in the history of V.I.R. If you don't think so, look at the picture page.

The drawing of the lucky number and subsequent free bus ticket was won by Shirley Ward. We all thought it was fitting as she and George are trying to economize as much as they can. (Their wedding takes place on the 11th of June) (Might not be a bad idea to run a rallye to Roanoke that day, anyone interested?)

Richmond wasn't represented on the track too well this year, but did have Waters in the Elliots old Sprite. Of course Madison did very well on "Fine's Folly" two wheel scooter until the engine blew. Well anyway, it wouldn't go any more and Mac had to walk the rest of the day.

Fast talking Sam Carmine got a pit pass for the bus, which got us all into the pit area with a terrific grandstand seat for everyone agile enough to get on top of the damn thing (bus). Sam made the climb and stayed there the rest of the day. (see photo page)

We don't have to tell you that if you didn't go by bus you should have, because you can plainly see that from the photos.

Ed Cobb

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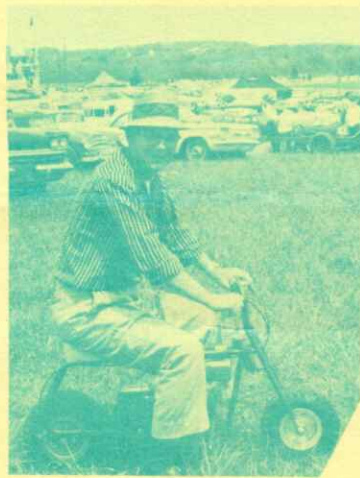
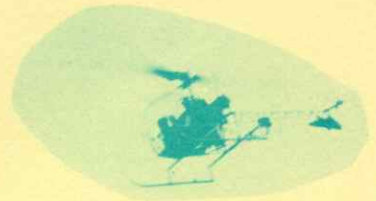
April seemed to be quite a good month for racing in the Virginia area, and of course Cumberland should offer some good viewing also. We understand that some 300 entrants are scheduled for that ticket. The Vandegrift Memorial Race will bring out such top competitors as Bob Holbert, who won the event last year, driving his RSK Porsche. The favorite for the day, however, is Roger Pensky driving the Telar Cooper (article of Pensky and Cooper in April issue of Road & Track).

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\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*

Please bring all proceeds from the sale of tickets and all tickets that haven't been sold to the meeting, Thursday night. It is very necessary to do so as the raffle will be held and proceeds must be in.



April 29, Sunday

4:15 a.m. alarm!

4:30 a.m. alarm! (again)

5:00 a.m. stop for ice

5:15 a.m. White Tower, Southside Plaza, for breakfast. Standing room only.

5:30 a.m. ready to board bus -- no bus!

5:45 a.m. telephone to locate bus.

5:46 a.m. bus arrives.

6:00 a.m. George finishes breakfast; bus departs. (Shirley wins free seat!)

6:05-9 a.m. naps and newspapers (Kessler has canned breakfast).

9:01 a.m. arrive V.I.R.; driver must have ticket.

9:02 a.m. Carmine "cons" official.

9:05 a.m. "Official" bus arrives Paddock area.

9:15 a.m. bus lands by helicopter strip.

9:30 a.m. Helicopter lands by bus strip.

9:31 a.m. second call for canned breakfast.

9:32 a.m. Mac's "hot-rod" scooter attracts Ferrari crowd.

9:33 a.m. ready for races; races not ready for us!

10:33 a.m. races start; Sunbeam wins; sun loses.

11:45 a.m. Carmine appears on top of bus defying 'copter!

11:50 a.m. second race; second rain; back to bus for canned lunch.

12:00 a.m. bus driver decides races compare favorably with southside Speedway.

12:30 p.m. Cobb gathers photographic evidence.

1:30 p.m. Formula Jrs. - Formula III's - sunshine!

2:30 p.m. Thompson, Grossman empty bus; Corvette holds together to take checkered flag.

3:30 p.m. President's Cup; PENSKE, Holbert, Hansgen.

3:45 p.m. rain; scooter and Hansgen drown out.

4:00 p.m. tea time on bus.

- 4:15 p.m. Barney misses tea; gets soaked; Sam (Perry) washes off top of bus.
- 5:00 p.m. rain stops; line to "ladies room" re-forms.
- 6:00 p.m. Penske roars in; bus roars out.
- 7:00 p.m. bus reaches highway.
- 9:00 p.m. chow call at "Chat n' Chew" (much chewing, little chatting)
- 11:00 p.m. bus driver awakens passengers at Southside Plaza; send them home to bed.

Monday, April 30

7:00 a.m. alarm!

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\* \* \* \* \* SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS \* \* \* \* \*  
 V.M.S.C.

- May 17 VMSC Meeting at the Branch House
- May 18-19 Virginia Reel Rallye, National S.C.C.A. Event, leaves Washington, D.C. Spends two nights at the Natural Bridge. Ed Cobb and John Kessler from our club are going to take place in this event, and want someone else to join them in making a team from VMSC.
- May 27 V.M.S.C. Powhatan Route Rallye, OD's for this event are Dave Fox and Al Smith.  
 The rallye is to start from the John Marshall High School parking lot. Dash Plaques will be given to the first 25 cars. It is a straight forward rallye.
- June Gymkhana:  
 Wray Bragg and Dickie Dickerson will OD this event, and from the turn out and fine event they held last year, we're looking forward to another great gymkhana again this year. Time, place, and date will be given later of this event, but you can count on a good one. Be sure to plan on this event.
- July Rallye:  
 OD's for this rallye will be Charlie Larus and Tucker Smith. If will be an all day event, and we're all hoping that it could be out Bon Harber way again this year.