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POWHATAN ROUTE RALLYE
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Powhatan ??? Rallye
with Bob Kwass & Ed Cobb
or
(Looking Thru The Looking
Glass)

Surprise --- Friday night call. Navigator is invited to weekend at the Beach. (Don't get mad -- he's a real cute intern is the reply.) Oh well, can't win them all.. Saturday search with negative results -- everybody is at the beach! Conclusion -- don't fight it; I'll go to the beach too. Always cautious; check weather forecast -- Cool and cloudy for Sunday. That does it -- Saturday night facing the liquid is the only solution....

2nd Surprise --- Sunday (early) AM call. Ed Cobb also stranded.... The driver half of the Geddy-Cobb team had the nerve to get married and take off on a honeymoon with a rallye scheduled!!! (Just can't rely on anybody these days.) "Wonder if these guys are going on the rallye?" as mob after mob of "Wild Ones" complete (black leather jackets, boots, molls, etc.) ROAR By. And we slide into the John Marshall area still trying to get the feel of a smooth little Chia.

Go - Go - Go "Hey, you ought to get that Powhatan map ready!" Here's the odo check. "Stop" (I refuse to block road which is good for one swift kick!) Lot's of company coming from three directions. CON-FUSION *** Wonder what Sam's looking for in there? Here we go again. Musgrove has the whole 'unit with him', but looks like even that doesn't help today. Watch it -- here comes the AKE again. Boy, is he rolling. Sure glad Ed knows what he's doing -- (I'll just enjoy the ride.) %*#&%:"(, etc.(It did seem to be going too smooth.) "I can't stop there. Yes, I know that --- electric odometer measures 1/100th, but I can't stop there!!!" (Another kick) "Well. VMSC rallye rules say that.... This isn't really a road is it? Where did we goof? I know the average is 40.1, but we just sunk. Ever onward --- Could the date be on a tombstone? Maybe.... Arrival of George and Shirley --- both cars dash off. (Is all fair in love, war, and rallies, really?) Shirley looks suspicious....

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"You still holding that Powhatan county map Cobb?" (Beginning to look like I'll get to the beach, clouds and all.) "Faster, we're late again. "Stop ! Stop ! Stop ! Whose excited? %;#.*@"

"That looks like Dave Fox's car parked there. Blow at them. Hey, isn't he supposed to end the rallye??? With all four locked and a frantic screech, it ends. "Whadayamean -- Car #1 isn't due for 20 more minutes, thats us !!!" (Distractions of a cute blonde and a cool beer!) Look out -- here comes Shirley with fire-in-the-eye.

'And there, as the sun begins to sink in the west, the battered survivors and tormentors adjourn to Williamsburg and Chowning's where a considerable thirst was quenched, or maybe that's better said that the thirst was quenched considerably.... (The first waiter departed for a younger and faster replacement.)

(Seriously, it was an enjoyable and well run rallye, and we were only sorry that more VMSC members were unable to take part. Thanks again to Dave and Al and their staff.) We're sorry Shirley !

Bob Kwass

How they finished on the Powhatan Route Rallye

1. Kwass and Cobb	Karmann Ghia
2. Larus and Smith	MGA
3. Patteson and Ward	Porsche
4. Buchanan and Parker	Austin Healey
5. Musgrove and Musgrove	Pontiac
6. Ruble and Ruble	A.H. Sprite
7. Wright and Wright	Triumph
8. O'Neill and Spiler	XK-E Jaguar
DNF Carmine	Mercedes

The sign was not up !

POINT STANDINGS THRU THE POWHATAN
ROUTE RALLYE

Ed Cobb	3750	Bob Buchanan	1550
George Patteson	3600	Al Smith	1500
Shirley Ward	3350	Charlie Larus	1350
John Musgrove	2700	Bill Brown	1250
Tom Geddy	2650	Tucker Smith	1250
John Thornton	2100	Peggey Brown	1200
Carey Marble	2100	Barney Bothwell	1150
Bob Kwass	2050	Sam Carmine	1150
Marge Thornton	1850	Dave Fox	1100
Ken Parker	1600	Porter Seay	1000
John Kessler	1600		

NEW V M S C MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Whitehead	Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Inabinet
Mr. Patrick J. Karn	Mr. Kermit B. Cavedo
Miss Bruce Smith	Mr. and Mrs. William R. Holley
Mr. John Ruble	

VMSC salutes these new members and hope to see you all often.

Congradulations to Sam and Barbara Perry for their new arrival of a little bouncing boy, Sam III. Congradulations Sam.

The SCALEXTRIC was won by Mr. Floyd Wheeler, and Bob Buchanan was to deliver the set to him. How was the fun at your house Bob? Everyone at the May meeting had quite a laugh as they watched Sam try his darnedest to get that set.

Small talk

There is a very good article titled Sports Cars, For the Man Who Never Owned One, in the June edition of Changing Times magazine. It tells what a sports car is, about them, the fun and games(competitive), the art of driving them, the characters you find in them, and much interesting information about them. You'll find it a good article to read.

SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

16-17 June	Marlboro 6 hour Sports Car Races.
16 June	George Patteson and Shirley Ward's wedding, Roanoke, Va.
21 June	VMSC Monthly Meeting 7:30 at the Branch House, Monument and Davis Avenues, Richmond, Virginia
21 June	Short Night Rallye to follow meeting.
24 June	Gymkhana, Od's are Wray Bragg and Jim Morrissey. Details will follow later
8 July	Gymkhana, Od's are Madison McClintoc and Bill Harding.
22 July	"All Day Bring Your Lunch Rallye", Od's are Charlie Larus and Tucker Smith.

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16 June There is a night rallye sponsored by the Peninsula Sports Car Club. The rallye starts at 6:30 PM (EDST) at the picnic area across from the Riverdale Plaza Shopping Center in Newport News, Virginia. You can contact any of the following members of that club for more detail information.

Pres.	Bob Polydye	PA 2-1407
V.P.	Wayne Peters	826-4540
A.Chair.	L. Schultz	723-2616

LOOSE LINKAGE

IS IT TRUE that in Germany a trolley car driver is called an - - -
ELECTRISCHESTRANSENBAHNWAGENFUEHRER ???

READ AN Article that stated "Every motorist should look upon his car as having some human characteristics". Even if it's a Jaguar ???

A WOMAN has a reason for everything she does - until she gets at the wheel of a car!

THEN THERE the woman who told her husband she backed the car all the way out to the street, but it just wouldn't come out of the garage.

THREE CHEERS FOR MASS PRODUCTION

A friend of mine told me the other day how thankful he was for American cars and their hurried mass production and generous tolerances! Just the other day his child shut the door of his car (on a large American built sedan) on his fingers. This could have been rather painful, but thanks to thick rubber door seals to correct poor fitting doors, the child suffered no adverse effects !!

CAN'T BLAME HIM !

Roland Borchers (who now lives out towards the country) told me about the local farm machinery dealer who stands behind every farm implement he sells -- except the manure spreader !

DISCOVERY

A short time ago I realized I told a story adverse to a lady driver. This is a rather dangerous thing to do! Being already in the dog house, I might as well tell another.

A service manager at a new car dealer told me about a lady customer who admitted the huge dent in the side of her new car was her fault, but said she had not seen the other vehicle. "The mirror shows nothing but my own face." She was almost happy when the service manager demonstrated and showed her how to operate the adjustment on the mirror.

LEXICON FOR AUTHOPHILES

(Cribbed from John Jerome's 'Sports Car Digest')

Not to be patting ourselves on the back, we do feel that a sport is often the product of its literature. And when a sport has been around for awhile, the literature tends to forget that there is anyone who might not know anything. Therefore we feel it necessary to explain some of the jargon and nomenclature of sports cars - particularly in the realm of abbreviations. A dictionary follows:

B.M.E.P. - Beveled main end bearing parallax. Very important. This is possibly the single most important term to throw into casual conversation. Very good effect. However, one must not use it unless one understands it, so study it carefully.

CAM DWELL - Slang for where the cam shaft is located. From French, "It is that this is where the cam lives." (See SBTHC)

CAM FOLLOWER - Abyssinian prostitute. Abyssinians are well known for their inability to pronounce the letter "p".

COUNTER SHAFT - Getting the other guy before he gets you.

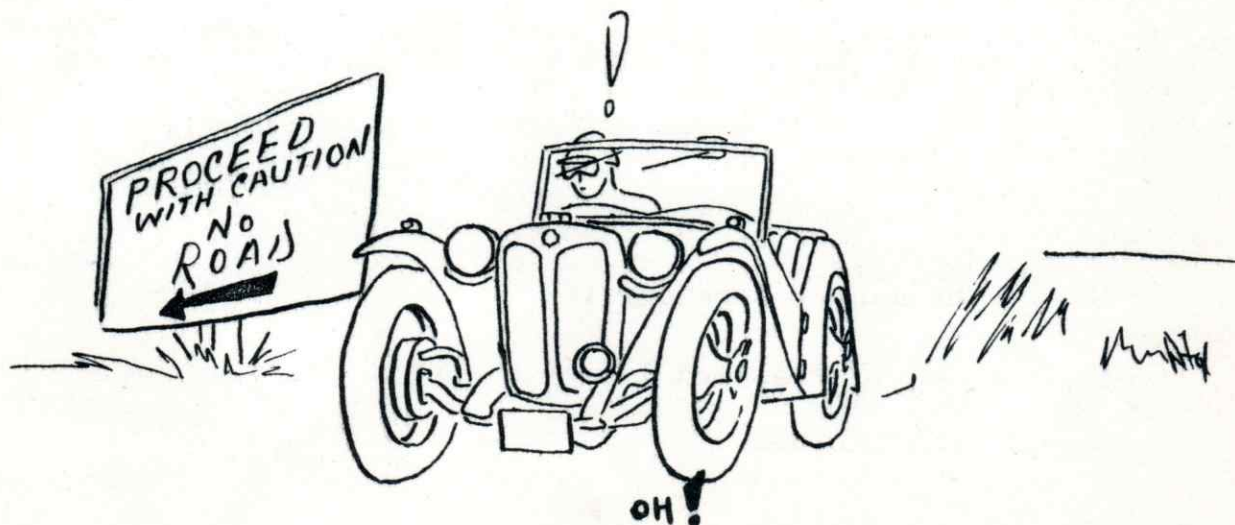
KINGPIN INCLINATION - Hero driver's deviation from the vertical at a cocktail party.

OCTANE - Number of pints to gallon of gasoline.

SBTHC - Single between the head cam. Commonly pronounced "SBTHC"

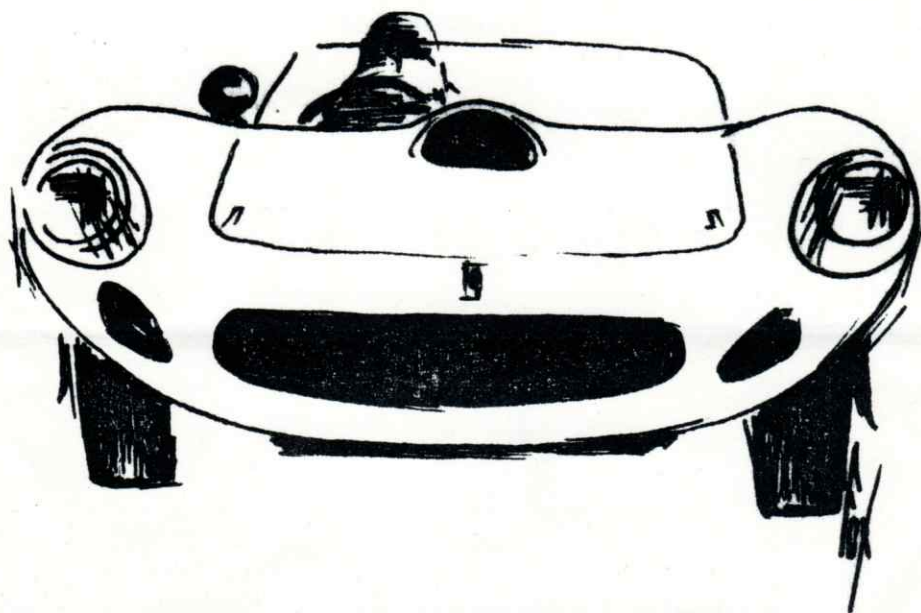
TYRE - To overtax.

Ed Cobb



JUNE 24

GYMKHANA



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MECHANICSVILLE "500"
TO BE HELD AT THE COLONIAL STORE
PARKING LOT, FARTHER OUT THE MECHANICS-
VILLE PIKE THAN WRIGHTS RESTAURANT.
THE SAME PLACE AS LAST YEARS EVENT.