



# Checkpoints

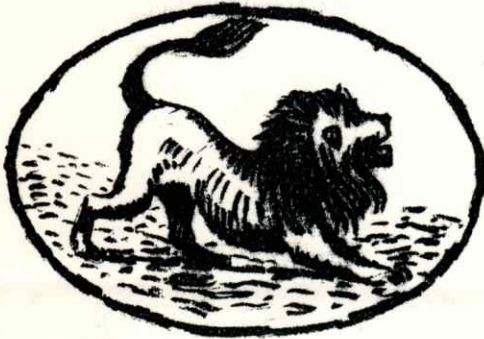
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## RALLY LEO



**STARTS:** A & P parking lot (Thompson St.)  
**TIME:** 1:30 (but drivers' meeting at 1:15)  
**DATE:** July 28  
**O.D.'s:** Wayne Campbell and Paul Gandy  
**REMARKS:** No questions  
Navigation equipment  
IS...NECESSARY!  
**CLUE:** Title of rally has nothing to do  
with anything.

## 4-TEE RALLY

BEFORE YOU RUN "LEO",  
YOU MUST RUN THIS ONE  
AFTER THE MEETING THURS-  
DAY. IT STARTS AT THE  
BRANCH HOUSE AND ENDS AT  
DAILEY'S. KENDALL PARKER,  
THE O.D. SAYS "No average  
speeds and bring a strong  
light."

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## ALLEY



• Word comes from Carolyn Perkins in Hampton to "HAYAKU". It seems a new sports car club has just been organized by that name which means, incidentally, "Hurry Up" in Japanese.

• Your attention is directed to the COMPETITION REGULATIONS elsewhere in this issue. There will be a 30-minute quiz given at the next meeting and it will be graded by Bill Harding.

• Tip on tire care---Run four Grands Prix and win three of them on one set of Dunlop R-6's! That's the method used by Lotus driver of note---Jim Clark---this year.

• You say the Seaboard-Nassau trip is not enough? Well, try the Atlantic Coast Line Labor Day trip to the Darlington 500. \$12.95 gets you there and back and race tickets start at \$8. Warren Taylor at the railroad has the poop.

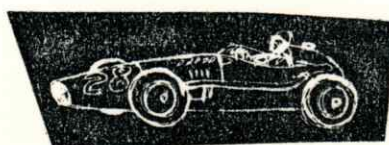
• Still more things to do. Ed Cobb has eight tickets to the Tobacco Bowl game right on the 50-yard line. They are yours at cost. (How did this get in here?)

• Ann Potts in Norfolk reports that Miniature Marlboro is now scheduled for August 11 at the Riverdale Plaza in Hampton. (Turn on Mercury Blvd. off 168 just before the tunnel). Starting time on this is indefinite but it is felt that activity will get underway at 10 or 11 a.m.-----Also in the wind is a sports car day at the drag strip with money prizes. More on this later.

• As we have said before, what would we ever do without our commercial artist friends? Thanks to Ted Remick for the front page of this issue.

• Open letter to whom it may concern: Will Craige Pelouze please bring back my tire. Signed: Bill Harding

• Word has it that Paul Gandy is moving to Florida. He will be on hand to oversee the "Leo" rally. VMSC will miss him.



# anything else?

JULY 18 Regular Meeting  
and Rally (VMSC)  
27-28 Regional Races  
Marlboro (SCCA)  
28 Rally (VMSC)  
28 Rally (TSCC)

AUGUST 4 Rally (VCW)  
10-11 Night Rally (PMSC)  
11 Autocross (AJSTC)  
11 Miniature Marlboro  
Gymkhana (SCCA)  
15 Regular Meeting (VMSC)  
18 Rally (VMSC)  
18 12-Hr. Sedan Race  
Marlboro (SCCA)  
25 Rally (ACTC)

## POINT STANDINGS (thru June 30)

1	Bob Kwass	4650
2	John Ruble	3500
	George Patteson	3500
3	Al Smith	3250
4	Bill Whitehead	3100
5	Cecil Wright	3050
	Edith Wright	3050
	John Kessler	3050
6	Jim Spivey	2900
7	Berle Wilson	2750
8	Milford Brinton	2550
9	Shirley Patteson	2500
10	Porter Seay	2450
11	Ed Cobb	2350
12	Jan Griffin	2300
13	Ed Inabinet	2050
	Lauretta Marsh	2050
14	Paul Gandy	2000
15	Dickie Dickerson	1900
16	Kendall Parker	1850



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# BUCKET SEATS, STICK SHIFTS AND SEAT BELTS ?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: To quote John Kessler about his story---"The story you are about to read is (more or less) true.")

Those of us who have owned some type of sports car for more than...say, a couple of years, are sometimes looked upon by the average layman as "experts" on the subject. When Detroit Dan thinks he's ready to take his first giant step into the mysterious world of midget cars, he immediately button-holes a "sports car expert" to get the authoritative low-down on our strange way of life.

And so it was, that I was cornered one day by Henry, an eager friend on the verge of buying a sports car.

"John," he said. "What do you know about the Spitfire?"

I began to swell with enthusiasm. Having driven Triumphs for about eight years, I felt that Henry had really come to the right person for advice.

Henry went on. "I've been looking at a new one over at Mooers and ..."

"Mooers? They don't sell Spitfires at Mooers. You must mean McGeorge."

"No, it was Mooers, all right. Well, maybe it wasn't a Spitfire. Is there a...a... Starfire?"

"Not in the category you've chosen!" My day was shot.

Henry scratched his head. "All I know is, they said it's about the same thing as one of those little MG's, but it doesn't say 'MG' on it anywhere."

"Must be a Sprite," I said. "That's what it is. I knew it started with an 'S'. I have it at home now. They let me try it out over the weekend."

"You have it at home?? And didn't even know the..." I couldn't go on.

Henry was saying, "I'm not so sure I like that top arrangement. I've got that flat thing snapped over it now, but if you're caught out in the rain you could drown before you get the top up."

"That's right," I said. "I've nearly drowned dozens of times. You get used to it."

"I'm a little confused with all those gears. Tell me, when are you supposed to shift?"

"Well, there are certain 'shifting points' you must learn..."

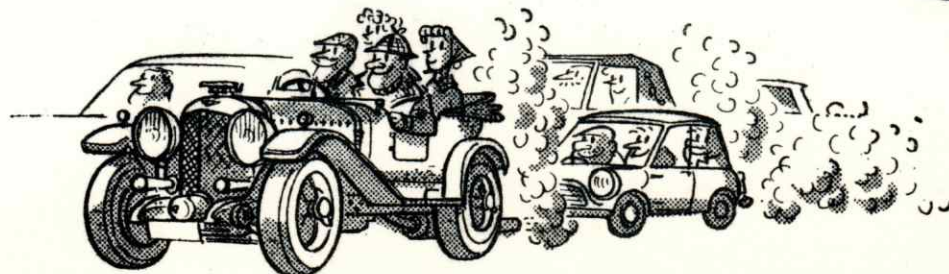
"You mean, like when I slow down and it starts to buck?"

I knew an explanation at this point was futile. So I said, "You get used to it."

But I wondered if he really would. As I left him, I had a brilliant suggestion:

"Henry, have you looked at the Chevy II? You can get a real sporty little convertible with power top and automatic shift, besides!"

His eyes began to light up. I felt I had done my duty.



# TOTE-A-TON-ODO

Webster gives the definition of a "ton" as the weight of 2000 pounds. He also tells the meaning of the word "egg" as the reproductive body of a bird---you know, what you have for breakfast every morning.

But we don't believe Ed Inabinet and Jim Spivey, the O.D.'s of the June rally, know the difference.

It all started when they named their event the "Tote-a-Ton-Odo" rally. As the name might imply, rallyists were required to carry around an egg---we mean a ton which was really an egg marked "One Ton". The object, of course, was not to break the ton---we mean egg---during the course of the 83-mile route through Hanover County and to return the egg, or ton, to the O.D.'s at the end.

Rallyists also were designated to keep account of the weight of the bridges crossed in eggs---oops, tons. At the end, they were directed to count up the total number of eggs, or tons, for the bridges.

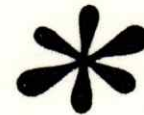
Some participants got 129 eggs---oops, again. Oh, why don't we just skip the whole thing. Whether it's tons or eggs, or pounds or pickles---Inabinet and Spivey put on a good show for their very first rally. We enjoyed it!

Finally won one again!  
Shirley and George Patteson

MEMO to Al Smith and John Ruble: We picked tails and will defend the south goal!

## "TOTE-A-TON" RESULTS

- 1 Patteson - Patteson
- 2 Ruble-- Smith
- 3 Mosher - Brinton
- 4 Kwass - Eldridge
- 5 Seay - Whitehead
- 6 Cobb - Cobb
- 7 Wright - Wright
- 8 Wilson - Parrott
- 9 Dutton - Dutton
- 10 Gandy - Campbell
- 11 Marsh - Pycock
- 12 Ingram - Bushnell
- 13 Hundley - Laiblain
- 14 Rodgers - Morrissey
- 15 Graham - Bailey
- 16 Marcus - Lash
- 17 Haug - Daub
- 18 R. Wilson - Lippy
- 19 J. Wilson - Bernard
- 20 Osborne - White
- DNF Nicley - Price



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## Nassau

Needless to say, the Seaboard Railroad is pretty tickled that the Nassau Tour registrations have been so abundant, and VMSC, because it chose to sponsor it, should not be too unhappy either.

Applicants have long since overflowed the Dolphin Hotel, so late registrants have been accommodated at the Mayfair, only a half block down the street.

Last week, Seaboard said that people as far away as Tennessee and Pennsylvania were calling to see if they could get in under the wire before the July 15 deadline.

Here are the Richmond people who will be seen at the straw market, Dirty Dick's, Paradise Beach---hey, did anyone say anything about the races?

M/M Allen Bone  
M/M Ed Cobb  
M/M William Whitehead  
M/M Arthur Haase  
M/M Cecil Wright  
Lauretta Marsh  
Marie McCabe  
Madison McClintic  
Ted Remick  
M/M John Kessler  
Joyce Sarvay  
Betty Grosch

Bernice Simpson  
M/M Ralph King  
Matilda Scheitlin  
M/M George Patteson  
Doris Andrews  
Jo Jordan  
Betty Atkinson  
Catherine Harris  
Leonard Hatch  
Arthur Bjontegard  
Milford Brinton

Leo Fallstrom  
Virginia Ewing  
Catherine Carson  
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VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB, INC.

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

(As Amended May 9, 1963)

General

1. Officers of the Day

- a. One or more O. D. 's will be appointed for each event.
- b. The O. D. shall plan, organize, and carry out the event, having full authority to effect changes made necessary by unforeseen circumstances.
- c. He may enlist as many helpers as necessary. These need not be club members but should be thoroughly familiar with their assigned tasks.
- d. He shall notify the membership in advance as to the date, time, place, and special equipment necessary for the event.
- e. He shall secure the necessary equipment from the custodian and return this equipment promptly following the event.
- f. He shall collect fees from the contestants and deliver these, along with a statement of expenses incurred, to the club treasurer within one week of the close of the event.
- g. He shall promptly and accurately score the event and deliver the final results to the club secretary within one week of the close of the event.

2. Contestants

- a. Only VMSC members and invited guests may compete in events. Guests may compete for a maximum of two events per year after which they must apply for membership.
- b. For all events guest entries will be charged 1.5 (one and one-half) times the entry fee. (Charges for food, lodging, etc., excepted.)
- c. Vehicles must be in safe operating condition, display a valid state inspection sticker and be adequately muffled.

- d. Consumption of alcoholic beverages during an event shall be a cause for disqualification.
- e. Conviction for a moving traffic violation during an event shall be a cause for disqualification.
- f. In rallies, all cars shall contain one driver and one navigator. Other persons may be allowed by the O.D. Such additional persons may be a cause for additional penalty or disqualification at the discretion of the O.D. No person may compete in a rally alone.
- g. Automobiles entered in club events will not display any advertising or other writing which could be detrimental to the club or the sport; i.e., the words "racing" or "racing team." Judgment of borderline cases will be made by the O.D.

## Rallies

### 3. Route and Instructions

- a. Detailed scoring rules shall be provided to each contestant at the start. These rules are to be established by the O.D. and are to followed without change when scoring in accordance with rule (1)(g).
- b. It is implied that contestants will stay on route until instructed to change route. No instructions will be given that do not cause a change in route unless it is clearly stated that there is no route change at that point.
- c. Changes of route will be designated as to direction: right, left, or straight. The following terms will be used:
  - 1) Turn - a change in direction of roughly 90 degrees. The term turn may be understood, the instruction reading simply right or left at a certain point.
  - 2) Bear - a change in direction of less than 90 degrees.
  - 3) Acute - a change in direction of more than 90 degrees.
  - 4) Straight - a change in route without a change in direction.
  - 5) Jog - a turn to the right (or left) for less than 50 feet followed by a turn to the left (or right) to continue in the same direction as before but on a different route.



- d. Location of changes in route will be clearly and definitely indicated.
- e. Rallies will be run over public roads and streets unless instructions to the contrary are given at the start.
- f. No rally shall consist of more than 10% dirt roads. The annual Pathfinder Rally is excepted from this rule.
- g. An intersection may be designated as a T if it is a point at which the route along which the rally is progressing terminates in another route which runs at approximate right angles to it. A T-shaped intersection is not a T if the route does not terminate but turns right or left. An intersection will not be designated as Y, the terms bear left or bear right being preferable.
- h. All average speeds shall be within legal limits, both maximum and minimum. Speeds shall not be so slow as to hinder the free movement of traffic.
- i. It shall be announced at the start of the rally whether time is cumulative or non-cumulative. Where time is non-cumulative each leg is separate and deficiencies in one cannot be made up in another. The use of cumulative time in events of greater than 50 miles is to be discouraged.
- j. Speed change points shall be clearly and definitely indicated.
- k. No verbal instructions are to be given except in case of an emergency.
- l. An escape envelope containing directions to the finish and to the lunch break, if any, shall be provided.
- m. Where practicable the O.D. shall avoid routing rallies through densely populated areas.

#### 4. Mileage

- a. For all rallies in which mileage or average speeds are involved, an odometer correction point shall be given.

The distance covered will be at least ten (10) miles and shall be located at or near the start of the rally.

The route to this point shall be straightforward with no deliberately confusing instructions.

- b. The odometer correction point shall be located so as to provide room for cars to pull completely off the road.

## 5. Checkpoints and Timing

- a. Checkpoints may be open or hidden.
- b. No checkpoint may be located before, at, or within three (3) miles after the odometer correction point.
- c. Open checkpoints shall be:
  - 1) Located on the right side of the road
  - 2) Plainly marked and visible to the contestant
  - 3) Located so as to provide room for cars to pull off the road.
- d. Official club watches shall be used for timing.
- e. Time shall be recorded to the second. Scoring is at the discretion of the O.D.
- f. At each open checkpoint the time shall be announced to the contestant. Whether time in is time out shall be at the discretion of the O.D. and shall be announced prior to the start.
- g. A car shall be deemed to have arrived in a checkpoint when it passes the marking pylon or when it stops within sight of the checkpoint.

## Gymkhanas

6. Permission, in writing, for use of the property should be in the possession of the O.D. at the time of the event.
7. The course shall be laid out to insure the safety of the contestants and spectators. Crowd control shall be the responsibility of the O.D.

## Protests

8. All protests shall be in writing, shall be accompanied by a \$5.00 fee, and shall be delivered to the contest board within one hour of the finish time of the protesting contestant. If the protest is honored, the fee will be returned, otherwise it will go to the club treasury.

9. A written report by the contest board on each protest will be a part of the official results.

Points

10. a. Competition Points - for participation in club events such as rallies, gymkhanas, field trials, concours d'elegance, etc.

- 1) Points will be awarded on the basis of finishing position of club members as follows:

<u>No. of VMSC Starters</u>	<u>Points Awarded for Position(s)</u>
1-2	0
3	1st
4	1-2nd
5	1-3rd
6	1-4th
7	1-5th
8	1-6th
9	1-7th
10	1-8th
11	1-9th
12 or more	1-10th

- 2) Points for finishing positions are awarded on the following basis:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	1000
2nd	900
3rd	800
4th	700
5th	600
6th	500
7th	400
8th	300
9th	200
10th	100

All members entering an event and not receiving 100 or more points will receive 50 points for entering.

- 3) O.D.'s receive 600 points (fifth place points). Helpers receive 400 points (seventh place points).

- 4) In events, such as gymkhanas and field trials, where cars compete in classes, separate points are given to each class.
  - 5) A car with only non-members of VMSC is omitted in the scoring of an event. However, a non-member finishing in one of the top three places receives the trophy for that place.
- b. Attendance Points - for attending meetings and the annual banquet,
- 1) Members are awarded 50 points for each meeting attended.
  - 2) Members of the Board of Directors do not receive points for attending Board meetings.
- c. Year-end Point Standing

To determine the year-end point standings, only three-fourths of the total number of club events are counted. For example, if the club has had 16 events, then the number counted is 12, and the highest 12 scores of each member are added together to give his competition points. If a member participated in less than three-fourths of the events, all of his competition points are counted. The attendance points are added to the competition points to determine the year-end point standing.

### Changes

11. Suggested changes to these regulations shall be presented to the contest board in writing. Changes must be approved by the contest board and by the Board of Directors.