



Checkpoints

VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB

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9th Annual Awards Banquet



presents.....cocktails at 6:30
.....dinner at 8
.....dancing at 10

Jan 9th

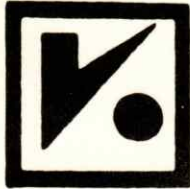
presents.....Don Warner's Combo
presents.....a bill for members:
\$3.50
a bill for guests:
\$5.50

HOLIDAY INN WEST at 3200 W. Broad St.

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ALLEY



- Old 1964 is leaving and with the arrival of New 1965 look for lots of changes, not the least of which will be a change in the editorship of Checkpoints. Caryl and Dick Hatch will bring their talents and enthusiasm to the job beginning with January's issue. We look for a bigger and better club publication.

- Old 1964 also left VMSC'ers with some pleasant memories and souvenirs (tax free) of Nassau. Once again Ronald Rhodes and The Seaboard did a masterful job of getting everyone there and back and catering to their many whims (scuttle butt says they even had Roger Penske win all three races just for the ladies). Good show, Mon.

- Mention of Old 1964 cannot pass without acknowledging the accomplishments of VMSC'ers Irving Sanderson, Alan Waldron and Billy Stewart and their terror in the voiturette class, the Boulevard Import Saab 96.

Most outstanding was their 4th Overall and 2nd in class in the Marlboro 12 Hour behind Colin Chapman's Lotus Cortinas and another Saab (that didn't have to take a 2 min. push start penalty). Green #36 collected the SCCA Regional Championship for under 1300 cc sedans, the state record for the N-stock class in dragging and a total of 32 silver trophies! Nuff said!

- Elsewhere in this issue will not be found the results of the Greenwood's Cadence Count rally. Come to the Awards Banquet to find out who could keep in step the best.

- Plan ahead! Fliers and order forms have been received for the 12 Hours of Sebring, March 27, 1965. Florida in March really clears out the cobwebs.

- Also received is notice of the establishment of the "Pit Stop" a private key club in D.C. under the sponsorship of the Lavender Hill Mob Racing Association. Fifteen bucks a year will do it for you.

- If John Kessler ever sends VMSC a bill for services, we'll have to fold. This month's Checkpoints is indebted to him for the cover and then just wait till you see the Old Heads certificates which he also contributed.

NEW *Members*

Mr. and Mrs. Gary S. Dwyer
Miss Sarah W. Clary
Emory M. Anderson

3514 Floyd Ave.
2826 Monument Ave. Apt. 4
505B N. Hamilton Ave.

Richmond
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Richmond

FOR THE RECORD

Dear VMSC Members:

Fourteen years ago, or thereabouts, some of the earliest of sports car drivers in this area got together to compare notes and cars. Out of their association came an organization called Virginia Motor Sport Club.

There is a wealth of history connected with the Club, and it includes the names of many outstanding members. Some of them have moved on or are inactive for one reason or another, while others still maintain an active role in the Club.

The present membership of VMSC, wishing to provide a means of recognizing members of long standing who have served the Club faithfully and well, have amended the by-laws as follows:

"Members who have maintained Regular Membership in the Club for eight years shall receive Life Member status. Life Members shall not be required to pay annual dues and shall receive all privileges of Regular Membership."

At the January banquet, certificates of Life Membership in VMSC will be presented to those listed below. If you know of anyone else, including yourself, who is eligible for Life Membership, please let me know as soon as possible. We will not fail to recognize anyone intentionally, but the Club's archives do not contain a complete roster of members back to 1951.

Sincerely,

Kendall P. Parker

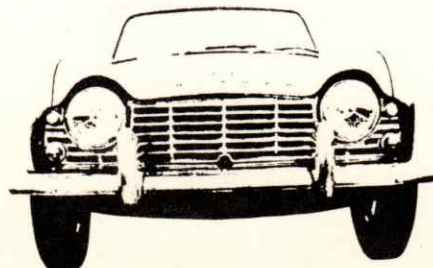
Kendall P. Parker
President



The following members and former members of VMSC will receive Life Member certificates at the Annual Awards Banquet, January 9, 1965:

Harold S. Applewhite
Evelyn C. Applewhite
Julia C. Baylor
Sam A. Carmine, Jr.
Jacqueline L. Carmine
William W. Cato
Joseph P. Crenshaw
Caroline C. Crenshaw
Allen B. Fine
William C. Harding
E. W. Hawthorne
John M. Kessler
Suzanne B. Kessler
Charles D. Larus, IV

Madison P. McClintic
George W. Patteson, III
Bill Pettit
Wendell B. Powell
Loraine S. Powell
Edward T. Remick
Kenneth N. Payne
John L. Thornton
Marjorie L. Thornton
W. Leonard Wells
Alfred E. Wood
A. Edward Wright, Jr.
John S. Wylie



SCORECARD

VMSC elected its officers for this year at the annual business meeting in December and here's the story on VMSC's All-Star Combo who will be putting down some swinging jive in '65.



President Cecil Wright, last year's ubiquitous executive vice-president, will tap out the call-to-order with a syncopated gavel. Cecil's unerring sense of timing through the gears of the TR-4 as well as on the dance floor will create melody from the cacophony of straight pipes and disputatious competitors.

Wray Bragg, executive vice-president, will occupy first chair in the brass section when Prez is doing one-nighters on the road. Wray served as acting second vice-president for most of last year, arranging all those way-out outdoor sessions.

Milford Brinton will wield the baton over the fresh-air concerts as second vice-president. His Halloween concertos have gained wide acclaim, but these are just one facet of his immense repertoire of rallies, trials, and gymkhanas.

Lauretta Dixon, acting treasurer for part of last year, will officially stash the cash as treasurer in 1965. She can elicit sweet sounds from the cash register with the help of the dues-payers chorus.

Kathleen Hickman will keep the book for the VMSC symphony as our secretary and speed-writing expert. If sessions continue as rehearsed, Kathleen should have no problems with playbacks of her recordings.

Patty Phillips will serve a second successive term as assistant secretary, with the job of checking in the band for each session plus filling in for Kathleen in the secretary's chair.



BRIDGE RALLY

JANUARY 24, 1:30 p.m. with drivers' meeting at 1:15.

Rally instructions are completely made up of route numbers. The route is less than 100 miles.

O.D.'s Edith and Cecil Wright say the affair will be fun and easily timed.

RAIN OR SNOW YOU BETTER SHOW FOR THIS ONE!!!!

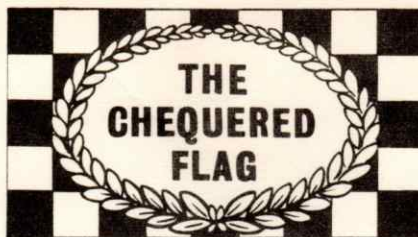
MEETING NOTICE

January 21, 1965

8 p.m.

Branch House on Monument Ave.

BRING YOUR NASSAU
SLIDES AND
MOVIES !



"30" on the end of newspaper copy means "the end" of a story. The following two-year story represents our "30" as editors of Checkpoints.

Before we say "farewell" and fade into the sunset, we would like to travel down memory lane and remember some of the "highlights" from the 26 issues we've published. (Those of you who would like to go to the refrigerator, go on; this might get long ---and sickening!) SO, let's turn back the pages of time (by now you should be good and sick) and proceed.

Remember:

October '62

PENSKE was scheduled to speak to the ladies --and gentlemen of VMSC at the October dinner meeting. He came, saw, and conquered! (TELAR doesn't taste like tomato juice!)

The Q and A column was introduced with this question: What is the displacement of a 1932 MG-J2? Ed Inabinet whipped off a postcard to us with the correct answer-- whatever it was?

Milford Brinton was a new member.

We had a Tran-Sport ad.

November '62

Ed Wright gave a few hints on how to warm up cold oil or cool down warm oil ---or how not to break your cold toes by kicking tyres (tires).

December '62

The Cobbs made news this issue. Joy was a new member and Ed was one everyone "knew". He had the number one spot on the totem pole of point standings with the largest margin of points for any point leader. (13450, if anyone cares!) Incidentally, your editors cared. George was sitting next on the pole with 8550 points and Shirley was third with 7900. This was a bad issue.

But Bob Kwass and Jo Eldridge cheered us up with their write-up on the Reflection Rally which included some hints:

1. Miss first turn, and in doing so, go 2.38 miles off course before odometer check. (This makes for more exacting odometer error computation.)
2. Always have female navigator as said navigator may have helpful equipment for reflection rally. (Other equipment also useful at times.)
3. (Enough said)

Q and A made its hasty exit from print. (No one cared enough to answer!)

January '63

John Kessler had a theory about VMSC presidents and their effects on the population and it went something like this: Robert Walker, 1958 president, became a father while in office; so did John in '59; (George didn't! in '60); Charlie Larus became a papa in '61; so did Sam Carmine in '62. The article ends---"And now we have as our president, newly-wed Ed Cobb. Bets anyone?"

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Also in this issue, John was awarded the Noel Prize for his poem after winning the "Rallye Noelle". One stanza, the last, went:

"'Twas a joyous event at the annual dinner
When Al read the names and proclaimed us the
 winner!
Sam and John and 190 SL...
NOEL NOEL NOEL NOEL!

February '63

Who were the ladies responsible for the very excellent rally?

- a. Mayor Sheppard, Ruth Herrink
- b. the "Boccoccio 70" gang
- c. Edith Wright, Laoretta Marsh

Who were the ladies responsible for VMSC's first protest?

In both cases "c" is the answer. (Everyone had a good time with this! Everyone ---except the ladies in "c"!)

Checkpoint Alley made its debut.

March '63

The team of Carmine and Kessler kept winning rallies and Carmine kept "refusing" to write the winning write-ups!

HAPPINESS is having \$145 for Nassau. We had just started hearing about this paradise.

April '63

How about a VW bus to Danville?

May '63

"Ceydith and Ecil" made its first appearance in print.

Ronald Rhodes, Nassau tour director, estimated that 80 people would be the probable tour enrollment. (Little did he know.)

Don Wiseman announced a photo contest.

June '63

The "Tote-a-Ton-Odo" rally gets the vote for the silliest rally name. OD's were Spivey and Inabinet!

Wray Bragg put on a BIG gymkhana. Remember the maze of pylons, lumber to saw, bouncing balls, pocket books, gates and bells?

An Indianapolis report from Wray proved interesting reading.

July '63

The competition regulations were revised and the ill-fated revised point standings tabulation was introduced.

August '63

Rally McGeorge got everyone in a gambling spirit when the OD'Ed Cobb insisted that rallyists play poker from checkpoint to checkpoint. Caryl Haug didn't mind since she got the winning hand. WRNL was on hand to interview contestants --oops--TR owners. Porsches didn't have a chance!

Don't remember these. We're trying to forget!

"I bought a new sports car," she said triumphantly.

"How many gears does your new car have?" she asked shiftily.

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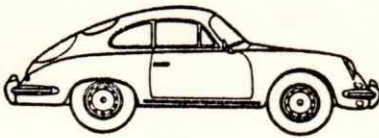
December '64

Another article to forget ---this one!

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- January 2-3 Refrigerator Bowl-Marlboro (SCCA)
 9 Ninth Awards Banquet (VMSC)
 21 Regular meeting (VMSC)
 24 Bridge Rally (VMSC)
- February 3-7 Auto Show - D.C. Armory

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RESERVATION - REQUEST

I will not attend.

Please reserve _____ places for me at the banquet table. The names of the members of my party are:

Signed _____

Send to: Mrs. Edith Wright
4407 W. Franklin St.
Richmond, Va.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Wednesday, January 6, 1965