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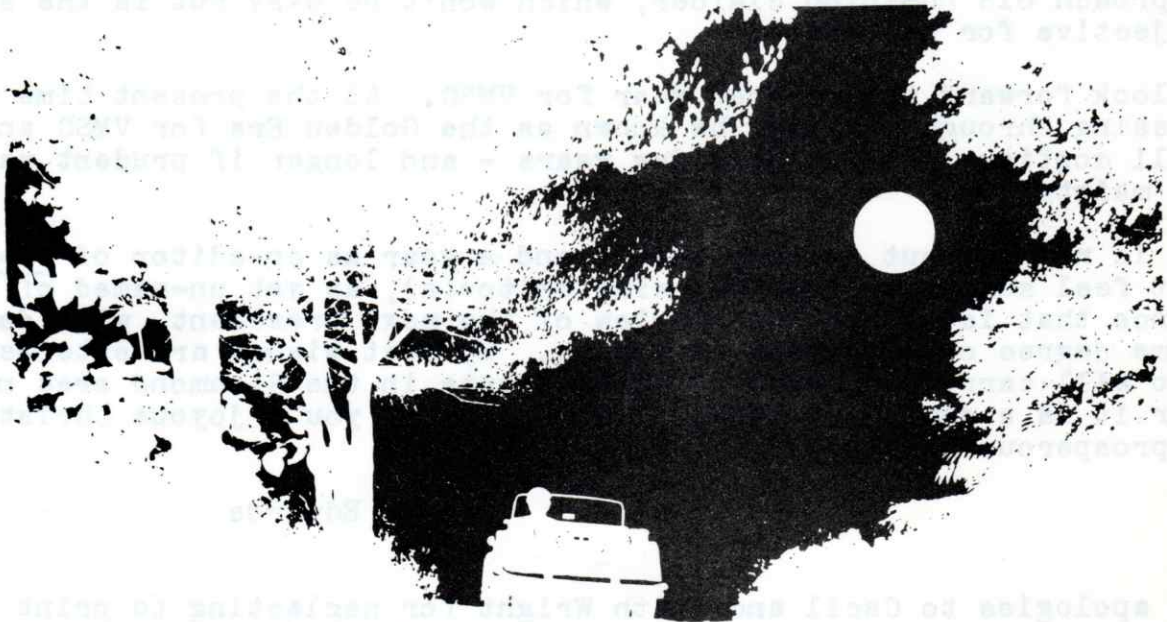
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Merry Christmas



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EDITORIAL

The lack of speed events in this area has hit a critical level. This past year has been the most difficult year for securing sites that I can remember. The Board of Directors has been concerned with this plight for some time but to date has not been able to resolve the deadlock with local law enforcement officers, Boards of Zoning Appeals, landowners, and our insurance agent. Those who have tried to stage events know of the frustration encountered. The administration has not remained idle, however, and is presently pursuing a course which will ensure at least five speed events in 1969. The go-kart track at Ellerson is a prime location and is presently the object of a concerted effort begun by Bob Clements, a local attorney and VMSC member, and being carried on by Wilt Greenwood and Brad Peaseley. Negotiations are being carried on with another area club for the use or co-sponsor use of their facilities. A manufacturer in the west of Richmond area is being explored for the use of their parking lot. The field trial site is always available and will be used during 1969. A strong friend of this writer has proposed what may be the bomb-shell of 1969, but the availability of this site is contingent upon many things. Next year promises support from the Washington area as long as our events approach Old Dominion caliber, which won't be easy but is the stated objective for next year.

I look forward to a banner year for VMSC. At the present time we are passing through what may be known as the Golden Era for VMSC and this will continue for the next few years - and longer if prudent management is maintained.

It is not without sadness that I end a year as co-editor of Checkpoints but feel sure that the following editor(s), as yet un-named of course since that is within the purview of the next president, will derive the same degree of enjoyment as I have. My best wishes are extended to all who will carry the cause of motor sports in the Richmond area next year for it is a demanding task. I wish each of you a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Chuck Edwards

My apologies to Cecil and Edith Wright for neglecting to print their article last month on the Old Dominion. Their article appears in this issue.

Old Dominion Rally

We ran by the seat of our pants and slacks to have fun and fun we did have.

Fast average speeds, beautiful scenery, no mistakes in the instructions, new roads, some tricky but well thought out instructions, friends old and new; all this and more made the 14th ODR a wonderful rally.

The Rallymaster and four leg O.D.'s have to be commended for putting on the most successful Old Dominion in the history of the event. The Checkpoint Crews did a fine job and they really did have to work with more than 40 cars running. Even with no more than three on some of the checkpoints we found they did their job well. Some of the things that stood out in our minds on the checkpoints were John Rubel's crew of attractive ladies, Henry Wheeler's loudest whistle, Lynn Wells's very relaxed group, Al Smith and the Hatches located where you just knew a checkpoint wouldn't be and how can we ever forget Hart Grundy on the last checkpoint with a worried look on his face and the question, "where are the rest of the cars?"

Saturday morning's leg was long and fast with plenty of dirt and six checkpoints. Al Smith had checkpoint 5 and 6 only $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles apart and caught us napping. The lunch stop certainly looked good about 1:00 P.M. since breakfast was 5:30 and the seats in the 912 were plenty hard before noon.

The Saturday afternoon leg was all on blacktop which was a pleasure. We have no love for dirt roads having bent two cars on dirt roads while on rallies. The speeds were lower in spots but some of the instructions became trickier. The "Milemaster" instruction lost a lot of the cars. A State Police License check in route gave us a small delay. Billy Dixon played games with us for some 6 or 8 miles as we held a 32 mph AS from the last checkpoint (but we didn't know it was the last) to the end of the timing instructions.

The motel was fine, the Cocktail Party loud and fun with a very good buffet dinner. The protests were few but grading for the Saturday run took some time. We were pleased to find out we were First Unequipped and twelfth over all. So off to bed we went with it raining and Brad Peaseley having a kitten. (This we understood after running his leg Sunday morning.)

When we got up Sunday morning the rain had stopped but no sun and it was foggy. We were very happy it cleared up as the day went on as we had a mountain road under construction; or perhaps they were doing the whole mountain over. This interesting road with a pretty view would have been impossible if the rain had continued. We are glad we didn't have to miss it. There were some long stretches with many turns but no route changes. We drove and drove at one point which seemed forever, looking for "Andrew Morse" and believe me when Andy showed up we were two very happy people. We both feel this is a good rally practice but it does make you uneasy. Speeds on the hard surface roads were high enough to make the driving exciting. A few trick instructions kept you on your toes and cost us a minute plus at the second checkpoint.

The Sunday afternoon leg was fast and tricky. Late in the leg there were two instructions reading R at RIP Coca Cola. The first sign came just after a checkpoint and a route change. While we had no trouble with these instructions they did make Pepsi drinkers out of a good many people running the event.

The end of the Rally Cocktail Party was loud and even Chuck was putting it away. The dinner was enjoyed by everyone and again the protests were not too numerous. The grading was much faster and more pleasing than we had expected. Special praise must be given the Rallymaster for the way protests were handled.

In all we had a ball and feel that we couldn't have put on a rally nearly this good.

Cecil and Edith Wright

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in the full knowledge that it may not be printed since it is in reference to the election of officers for 1969 and since the editor is a nominee for one of those offices. Nevertheless, I hope you will see fit to print it since I believe it to be in the best interests of the club.

Fellow VMSC members:

I have watched with interest the ebb and flow of opinions that have come before the meetings of our club for the last few years, but somehow the events of this last meeting have prevailed over them all and stimulated me to express my opinion to each of you.

The event was the November club meeting in which we traditionally have been presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for the upcoming year, to be voted upon at the December meeting.

The Nominating Committee had been appointed with Hart Grundy, 1967 VMSC President, as chairman. The committee had met, considered the necessary requirements of each office, selected a slate from the membership at-large, and contacted each member of that slate to inform him (her) of the duties of that office and ask if he would accept the nomination.

So it was that Hart Grundy stood before the club in November and presented the following slate of officers for 1969:

President, Chuck Edwards; Executive Vice-president, Henry Wheeler; Second Vice-president, Brad Peaseley; Treasurer, Reggie Williams; Secretary, Brenda Turner; Assistant Secretary, Joanne Purgason.

Traditionally the slate presented by the Nomination Committee has been warmly received and accepted by the membership, but that was not to be the case this year. With the utmost aplomb three of our members, Bill Dixon, Laurette Dixon, and Al Smith, presented the following nominations from the floor contesting the positions listed:

President, George Winfree; Treasurer, Caryl Hatch; Secretary, Nancy Witschey.

It was quite a presentation with one making the nomination, another seconding the nomination, and even an occasional "I yield to the distinguished member on my right for the next nomination."

So it is that I feel compelled to express my humble opinion on the matter. To put it quite simply, I urge the members of the Virginia Motor Sports Club to cast their votes for the slate presented by our Nomination Committee. Now I am not opposed to a democratic election or to nominations from the floor. After all, they, as much as apple pie and dear old Mom, are a part of our way of life. What I am opposed to is power politics being brought into play in an organization which depends on the harmonious social relationships of its members for its very existence.

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Letter to the Editor, continued:

In the further interest of the club I should add that the additional nominations make it necessary to consider the votes of those members not able to attend the December meeting. The membership voted to appoint an election committee and to make absentee ballots available to any member who cannot be present at the December meeting. If you cannot be present be sure to request an absentee ballot from Hart Grundy, Chairman of the Election Committee, 1518 Monmouth Court, Richmond, Virginia 23229.

In closing I would like to state that my urging you to vote for the Nomination Committee's slate of officers does not come out of any disrespect for the three members who presented the nominations from the floor. Indeed, I consider them to be close friends in VMSC and it goes without saying that I hold their three nominees in the highest esteem. I do, however, respectfully disagree with them in the manner of presentation and in their attempted political factioning of an otherwise homogeneous organization.

Respectfully,
John H. Bergeron

I gave quite a bit of thought before printing John's letter. Although editorially I am precluded from taking a position I am required by the nature of this newspaper to print all signed letters submitted by a member. In view of the foregoing I have no alternative. It is unfortunate that factions must arise but such is the nature of elections.

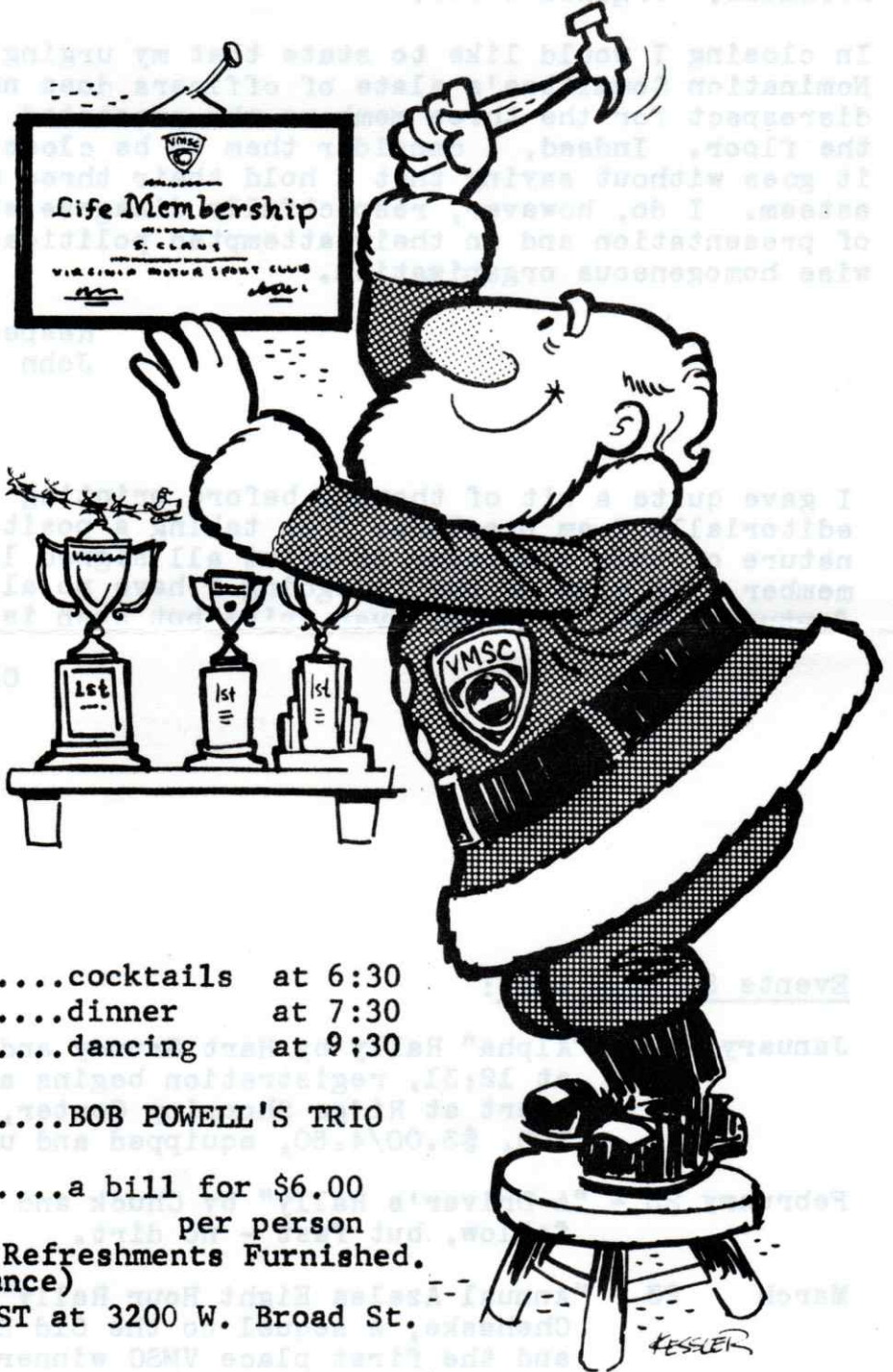
Chuck Edwards

Events Set for 1969:

- January 19 - "Alpha" Rally by Hart Grundy and Brad Peaseley, 1st car off at 12:31, registration begins at noon, approx. 125 miles, start at Ridge Shopping Center, Parham and Quiccasin Rds., TSD, \$3.00/4.50, equipped and un-equipped classes.
- February 23 - "A Driver's Rally" by Chuck and Kathleen Edwards, easy to follow, but fast - no dirt.
- March 23 - "Annual Azalea Eight Hour Rally" by Wilt Greenwood & John Chehaske, a sequel to the Old Dominion by Rallymaster Wilt and the first place VMSC winner John.



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ELECTION 1968

The following names were placed in nomination at the November, 1968 meeting of the Virginia Motor Sport Club.

VMSC Nominating Committee
Hart Grundy, Chairman

Nominations from the floor

President	Charles E. Edwards	George R. Winfree
Exec. V. Pres.	Henry Wheeler	Unopposed
2nd V. Pres.	G. Brad Peaseley, V	Unopposed
Treasurer	Reggie Williams	Caryl H. Hatch
Secretary	Brenda Turner	Nancy Witschey
Assistant Sec.	Joanne Purgason	Unopposed

Voting will take place at the December 19, 1968 meeting.

For those unable to attend the meeting absentee ballots may be secured from A. Hart Grundy, Jr., 1518 Monmouth Court, Richmond, Virginia 23229

We wish to extend the thanks of all VMSC members to the Richmond Camera Shop for the gratuitous use of their projector at our meetings. When thinking of anything in the photography line, please remember the Richmond Camera Shop. They remembered you.

The One is Two, Two is One, Combination, Birthday Rally

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2	E	2 7	POR	BILL WHITEHEAD GEORGE WINFREE	300	1	4	1	6	0	312	VMSC
3	E	3 1	SAAB	JOHN CHEHASKE WILT GREENWOOD	154	25	16	68	78	0	341	VMSC
4	E	4 3	TR-4	KATHLEEN EDWARDS CHUCK EDWARDS	124	19	75	204	600	0	1022	VMSC
5	E	5 16	POR	CARYL HATCH DICK HATCH	300	63	5	69	600	0	1037	VMSC
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7	U	1 4	TR-4	DAN HEMP JOHN BERGEROR	300	84	51	150	600	100	1285	VMSC
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One is two, two is one; Combination Birthday Rally

This event marked the debut of Mike Castleberry and Miles Turner as O.D.'s and their rally was an ambitious one with some good routes, an early trap, an incorrect mileage turn (shades of the undersigned), and a discarded checkpoint.

Prior to the first checkpoint which was on Elkhardt Rd. there was a mileage turn onto Elkhardt Rd. Elkhardt has been split by Chippenham Pkwy and the mileage turn actually occurred past Chippenham. However, a short length of Elkhardt occurred before Chippenham and a dummy checkpoint drew most rallyists off course.

Checkpoint 2 was on an endless dirt (?) road, and the one bad mileage was at the end of it.

We were happy to learn of our win. Thanks to Mike and Miles for their first effort. We look forward to them as O.D.'s in 1969.

The rally was interesting, but it had one major shortcoming, that being much mileage in predominately residential and urban areas.

Brad Peaseley for Hart Grundy & Myself

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