



Checkpoints

VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB

VOLUME XVII

NUMBER 8

August 1972

ABOUT TO BE:

- AUGUST 17 VMSC regular monthly meeting, back room of the Hickory Hearth Restaurant, Holiday Inn North; 8:00 p.m. Followed by a night rally OD'd by Tom Blot and Chris Young.
- AUGUST 19-20 L&M Continental races at Road Atlanta.
- AUGUST 19-20 Tarheel Sports Car Club "Bad Moon Rising" all-night rally, Raleigh NC. 250 miles, 2 standard TSD sections and one POR-type section. Pre-registration \$6.00; late registration 5.30 p.m. on Saturday \$8:00. FCO 8:01 p.m. Registration forms available from Mike Castleberry. Rally ends 8:00 a.m. Sunday, and yes, you can get back in time for:
- AUGUST 20 VMSC "Brisk British Brute" autocross at Friedman-Marks parking lot. MWCSCC classes, 10 car heats. Reg. 10:00, first heat starts 11:00 a.m. \$3.00/ members any club; \$4.00/nonmembers. Prereg. OD's John Bergeron 703-276-3985 or Bob Hollinger 703-320-1675.
- AUGUST 27 VMSC "The Apres-Agnes, or, Over the River (If Possible) and Through the Woods" picnic rally. OD's Barbara and Wilt Greenwood. Starts Ridge Shopping Center, Parham Road. Reg. 3:00 p.m., FCO 4:01. Described as, but not guaranteed to be, a simple straightforward TSD event. Ends Bon Air Community Center; BYOL and food.
- SEPTEMBER 9 VMSC Autocross (tentative).
- SEPTEMBER 17 VMSC "Let Them Eat Cake" rally. OD's David and Kathi McCall. Starts Eastgate Mall (next to Sears); reg. 12:00 noon, FCO 1:01. \$3.00/members, \$4.50/nonmembers. A TSD event of about 90 miles - a novice rally for experienced novices.
- SEPTEMBER 21 VMSC regular monthly meeting.

Mutterings

Real Live Editorial #1

In the past several months there has been a great deal of discussion in the club (and in Checkpoints) about VMSC rallies and what is wrong with them. There has also been much talk about what is wrong with the club that it puts on such unsuccessful events.

Solutions abound. The most prevalent one is to make the rallies easier. Why? To get more people interested and keep them interested in rallying.

There are fallacies in this point of view. I'm greatly in favor of novice rallies (some of my best friends are novices); we're putting on a novice event ourselves. If, however, all that the club ran were novice type events, then that's the only kind of rallyist we would have. In rallying, like everything else, you learn by making mistakes. The greatest learning experience I have ever had in rallying was to run the BRM this year. Castleberry and I (mostly me) bought every trap that Bill Gronning laid out and a few we made up ourselves. It helped, though; Mike and I did as well as we did on the Ladies Rally because we caught the four bridges trap by reading the generals very carefully. Of course, we came up with a whole new set of blunders, but that's another story.

A steady diet of novice rallies is out.

A subgroup of the easy-rally school of thought likes the navigator's nightmare sort of rally, with easy course following, but multitudes of speed changes and other busy work. They claim these are good because nobody gets lost. Unfortunately, this type of event strongly favors the Equipped rallyist, so that the novice and Unequipped classes could easily get discouraged; and even the Equipped people can get tired of purely mechanical calculations. The mark of a really fun rally is one in which an Unequipped team can run on almost equal terms with an Equipped team just by staying super alert and outguessing the OD. After all, a computer isn't a great edge over a Stevens or even seat of the pants when you get lost or miss a timing trap.

So, it seems that what is needed is a rally program with something to interest everyone.

It would not be at all difficult to design a program which utilized what is the slack season in Richmond for rallying, the summer, for a series of novice events set up so that each one introduced the novice to something different. They would be short, and would not need to be hard or tricky and so could be easily laid out with only one or two traps. Three or four events such as this, possibly in connection with a school, could give the fledgling crews enough knowledge and confidence so that they wouldn't immediately give up the first time they hit a hard rally. They would hopefully instead figure out what they had done wrong and not make the same mistakes again.

The rest of the year could be given over to the usual sort of event. Presumably there would be enough variety both to keep the more experienced rallyists interested and to complete the education of the beginners.

It sounds rather simple; only four months of the year would be affected, easily laid out events, a whole new set of interested rallyists. Personally, however, I have few hopes that even such a small change as this could be effected.

The outdoor activities chairman has enough problems now just to get people to put on any kind of event. The battle cry of many members of the club is "This is not Washington," as indeed it is not. In the D.C. area, being an OD is more of a privilege than a burden; there are waiting lines of would-be rallymasters. There, it is simple to tell someone, you will put on this kind of event because that is what we need to complete the season. Here, the activities chairman is lucky to get enough OD's at all.

The problem is just beginning, however, when the OD volunteers for a rally. First, there is the matter of a checkout crew. If finding OD's is difficult, finding qualified checkouts is almost impossible. Basically, the best rallyists, the people you want for checkouts, can only do so many a year; after all, they want to rally too. Add to that the perennial scarcity of checkpoint workers, and you have a discouraging prospect. No wonder finding OD's is difficult.

Can you imagine putting on a series of events in which people have to work, or else the thing will collapse?

What am I getting at, you ask? Well, there are in this club about 130 memberships. A large percentage of these are family memberships, so a good estimate of club members would be 200. Okay, out of that 200, about 60 have run rallies this year (including last December's rally), and around half of them have run only one or two. This leads us to the conclusion that there are only 30 hard-core rallyists in the club. Even eliminating diehard autocrossers, this is not a very good showing.

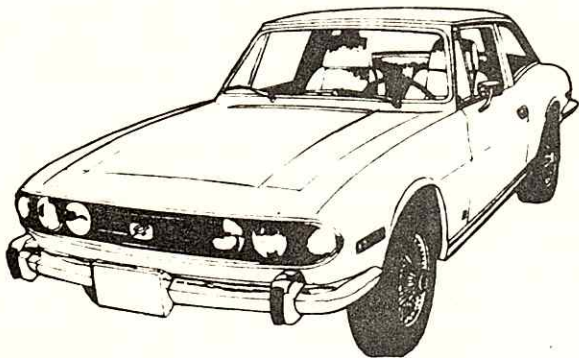
It's the proverbial vicious circle. We can't attract new people because we don't have a decent rally program and we can't have a decent rally program without more people.

To be painfully honest I have no solutions. Appeals have been made before to the membership as a whole to come out and do something rather than just sitting around and asking what's wrong with the club. I can only hope that people will realize that a club is made up of members, and that when a majority of the members do little for the club, they can't expect the club to do much for them.

Checkpoints is the monthly publication of Virginia Motor Sport Club, Inc. It is mailed free to members; subscriptions to non-members are \$1.50 yearly. President, John T. Chehaske, 7504 Woodley Rd., Richmond VA 23229. Editors, David and Kathi McCall. Send all contributions to 3427 Stuart Ave., Richmond VA 23221, or call 353-7184. Deadline for material is the first of each month.

Stag

A new kind
of Triumph.



E.G. Bradley

621 West Main St.
Richmond, Virginia

FOR SALE

1972 MGB-GT, 12,000 miles
Autumn gold w/dark blue int.
Wire wheels, radio, all
service slips
Moving out of state - must sell
Allan Bergroos
3752 Guilder Lane
Richmond VA 23224
(Dutch Village Apts.)
233-8497

RALLY!

FOREIGN CAR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES

SPECIALIZING IN:



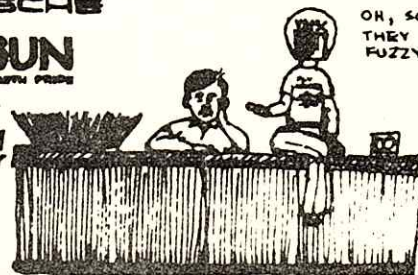
PORSCHE

DATSUN
FROM HONDA TO VW

PARTS, ACCESSORIES
AND HIGH PERFORMANCE
EQUIPMENT FOR MOST
IMPORTS!

WE GIVE DISCOUNTS TO CLUBS, STUDENTS

IF IT'S NOT IN
STOCK, WE CAN
GET IT, USUALLY
IN 24 HOURS



OH, SO THAT'S WHY
THEY CALL HIM
FUZZY FREDDIE

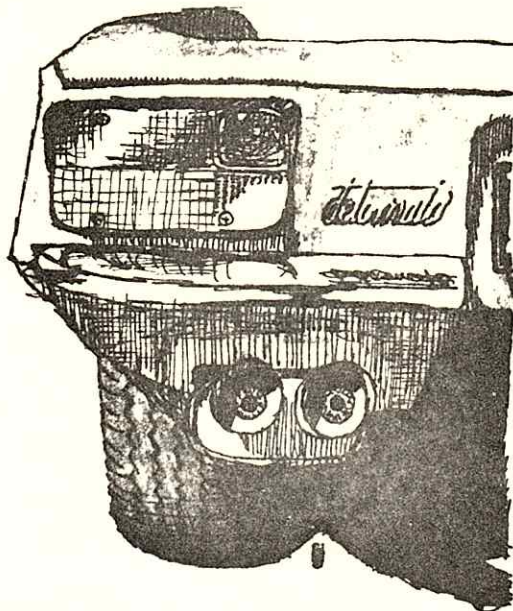
NOTE TO ALL
DATSUN FACTOR
REPS: ADDRESS
ALL FUTURE
CORRESPONDENCE
TO:
FUZZY FLEDDIE
LOSE

ATLANTIC IMPORTS CORP. 5409 LAKESIDE AVENUE
PHONE (703) 262-6579

Corvette Club Autocross - June 25, 1972

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>A/M</u>	1.	Tom Van Auken*	VMSC	Lotus Elan	45.0 (FTD)
	2.	Tom Stanley		Lister Corvette	49.2
<u>B/M</u>	1.	John Bergeron*	VMSC	TR-4	48.0
<u>C/M</u>	1.	Bill Johnson*	ODAC	Alpine	52.2
	2.	Lewis Parsley*	VMSC	Volvo	55.0
	3.	Dave Preston	VMSC	850 Mini	55.1
	4.	Ken Koslow		Datsun 510	55.2
<u>A/S</u>	1.	Brad Peaseley*	VMSC	911S	47.0
	2.	Wilt Greenwood	VMSC	914-6	50.0
				Lotus Europa	50.3
<u>B/S</u>	1.	Jim Maye	VMSC	Corvette	53.3
<u>C/S</u>	1.	Chuck Hoelzel*	VMSC	912	56.4
<u>D/S</u>	1.	Fred DeBardleben*	VMSC	240Z	53.0
	2.	Jim Rowe*	VMSC	Spitfire	53.4
	3.	Nick Buchholz	VMSC	Capri	55.0
	4.	Mark Pirozzi		Fiat 850	58.3
<u>E/S</u>	1.	Bob Hollinger*	VMSC	Healey 3000	50.0
	2.	Robert Bryan		MGB	51.8
	3.	Scott Martin		Corvaair	53.1
<u>F/S</u>	1.	Bill Whitehead*	VMSC	Pinto	51.4
	2.	Ray Hall*	PMSC	Vega GT	51.6
	3.	Jim Muller	VMSC	Fiat 124 Spyder	52.3
	4.	Jim Chandler	VMSC	Datsun 510	53.8
	5.	Chris Young	VMSC	Vega	55.0
	6.	Mike Castleberry	VMSC	Datsun 510	55.0
<u>G/S</u>	1.	Mac Buhrman*	PMSC	VW	50.3
	2.	Mark Dominey*	PMSC	Fiat 850	51.1
	3.	David McCall	VMSC	SAAB	52.1
	4.	LeRoy Small	VMSC	SAAB	53.0

<u>H/S</u>	1.	John Chehaske*	VMSC	Javelin	52.0
	2.	Dick Jones	VMSC	Camaro	53.8
	3.	Alan Weinstein	VMSC	Mustang	DNF
<u>L/A</u>	1.	Barbara Greenwood*	VMSC	914-6	53.0
<u>L/B</u>	1.	Nancy Mecham*		Camaro	55.4
	2.	Beth Beverage	VMSC	Datsun 510	57.4
	3.	Ellen Cassab		Chevelle	69.0



VMSC Points Standings as of August 1, 1972

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	Barbara Greenwood	6300	11.	Brad Peaseley	4400
2.	Bill Whitehead	5800	12.	Kathy Chehaske	4250
3.	John Chehaske	5550	13.	Fred DeBardleben	3900
4.	Mike Castleberry	5250	14.	Lewis Parsley	3800
5.	Wilt Greenwood	5150	14.	Bruce James	3800
6.	David McCall	5000	16.	Chris Blot	3750
7.	Chuck Hoelzel	4900	17.	Tom Van Auken	3700
8.	Tom Blot	4850	18.	Bill Britton	3550
9.	Bob Hollinger	4650	19.	Dick Jones	3400
10.	Beth Beverage	4550	20.	Kitty Westbrook	3300

EQUIPPED RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	Barbara Greenwood	4800
2.	Wilt Greenwood	4500
3.	Kathy Chehaske	4200
4.	John Chehaske	4100
4.	Chuck Hoelzel	4100
6.	Charlotte Hoelzel	4000
7.	Mike Castleberry	3400
8.	Beth Beverage	3000
8.	Bill Britton	3000
8.	Lewis Parsley	3000

UNEQUIPPED RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	Kitty Westbrook	3700
2.	Fred DeBardleben	3500
2.	Bookie Westbrook	3500
4.	Bruce James	3300
5.	Harriett James	3200
6.	Tom Blot	3100
7.	Chris Blot	2900
8.	Bill Whitehead	2300
9.	Len Wells	2100
9.	Chris Young	2100

SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	Tom Van Auken	3000
2.	John Chehaske	2900
2.	Bob Hollinger	2900
2.	David McCall	2900
5.	Bill Whitehead	2700
5.	Brad Peaseley	2700
7.	John Bergeron	2400
8.	Barbara Greenwood	2300
9.	Dick Jones	2200
10.	Mike Castleberry	2100
10.	Wilt Greenwood	2100

B is for **B**ucks and their narrative rallye,
A is for **A**rmey of Pollocks,
M is for **m**anned controls who kept the tallye,
B is for **b**itching at our worthless clocks.

O is for **O**pen controls which were closed,
O is for the **O**.D.'s who kept us on our toes.

Z is for **Z**eroes, of which we got none-
L is for **l**ow pressure and lots of fun-
E is the **e**nd of the 50-mile run!

Put them all together, they spell Bamboozle - and a most delightful way to get to a party with kielbasa and fat pickles!

---Fred & Marian.

"Buck's Bamboozle" Rally - July 15, 1972

Trophy winners - complete results in next issue

1 o/a, 1U	Fred DeBardleben and Marian Zalis
2 o/a, 2U	Tom and Chris Blot
3 o/a, 3U	Janet and James Rowe
10 o/a, 1E	Barbara and Wilt Greenwood

NEW MEMBERS

Judy and Robert Hamilton
2412 New Berne Rd.
Richmond VA

262-2526 70 Capri

W. Robert Nay
7602-A Wistar Village Dr.
Richmond VA

285-1606 69 MGB

Gilbert and Sheila Silverman
1500 Trebov
Richmond VA 23226

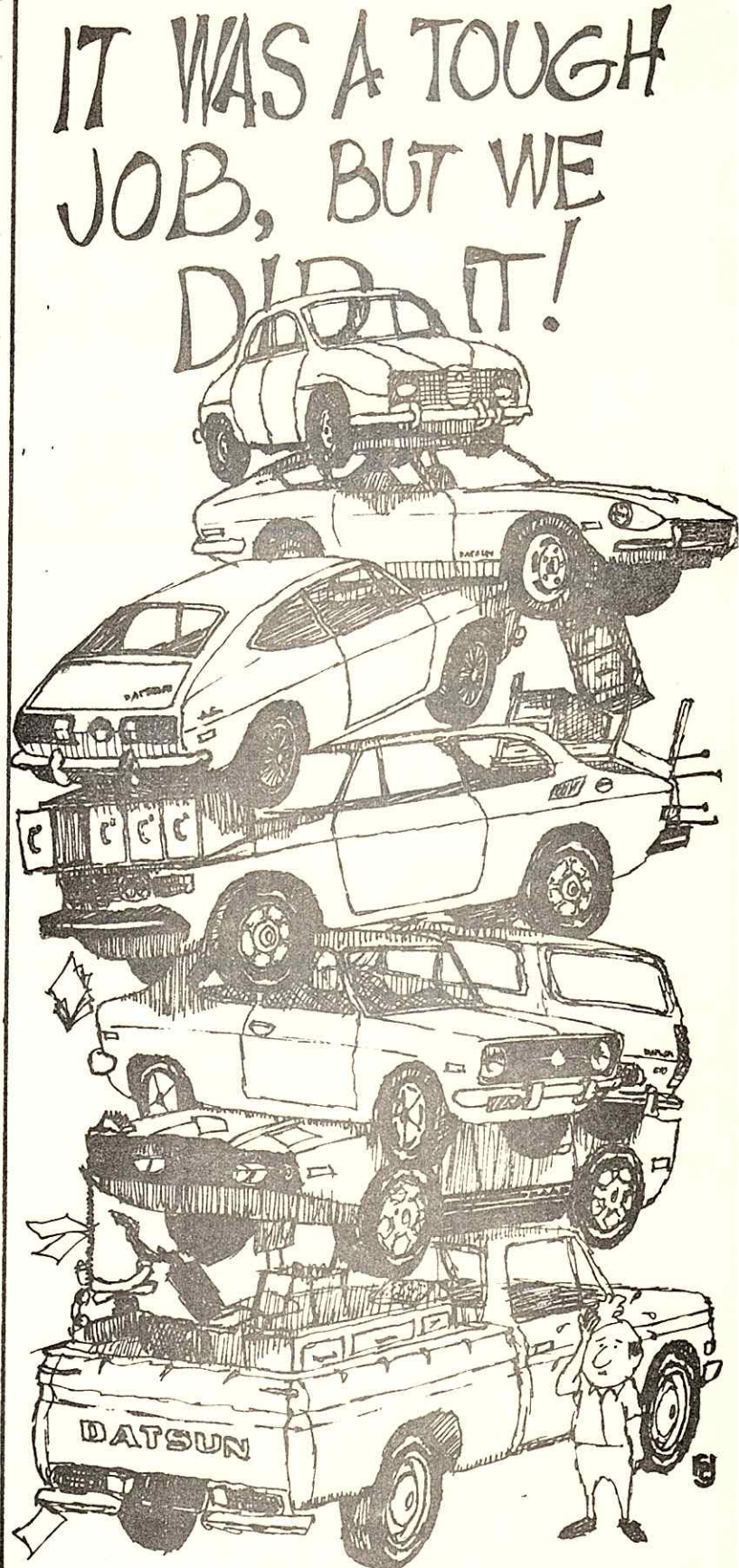
285-0898 71 914-4

Albert and Nancy Thompson
2510 Dovershire Rd.
Richmond VA 23235

272-5198 70 911T

Peter and Libby Wilson
5414 Grist Mill Dr. #34
Richmond VA

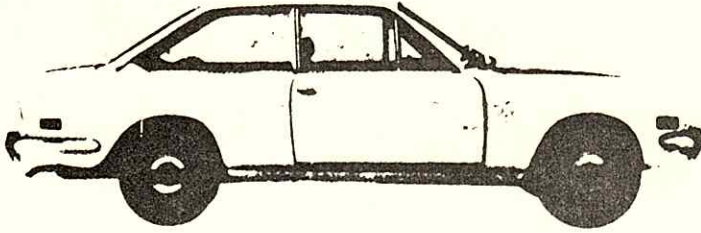
271-0005 72 MGB



BOULEVARD IMPORT
HAS MOVED TO
7903 W. BROAD ST.
270-4700

WE'VE GOT TICKETS FOR THE CAN-AM AND
25 CHALLENGE RACES AT ROAD ATLANTA, THE
WEEKEND OF AUGUST 19 AND 20.

A SPORTS CAR



THE FIAT 124

MOOERS MOTOR CAR
CO., INC.
1114 N. BOULEVARD DIAL EL 5-2873

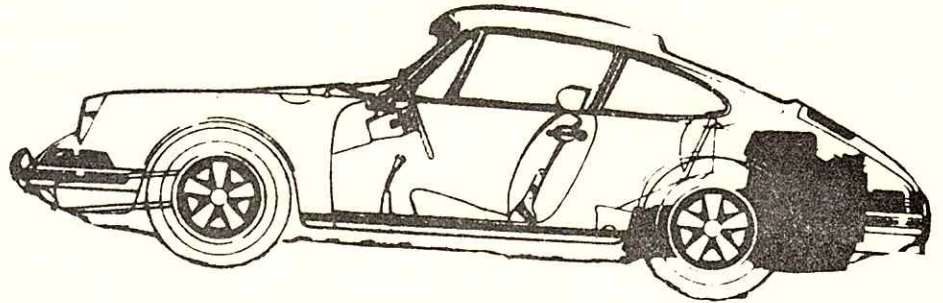
FOR YOU

CAVALIER

PORSCHE | AUDI

Just West of CHIPPENHAM PKY.
7720 MIDLOTHIAN PIKE

Phone 272-8871



PORSCHE 911S

Postmaster - do not forward
Return to 3427 Stuart Ave.
Richmond VA 23221