



Checkpoints

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- OCTOBER 19 VMSC regular monthly meeting, 8:00 p.m., back room of the Hickory Hearth Restaturant at Holiday Inn North. Social hour with refreshments available after the meeting, and possibly a rally film or two.
- OCTOBER 22 PCA (DC) Autumn Color Championship Rally. Starts at the Boulevard Shopping Center on Rt. 50, Fairfax VA. Reg. 7 a.m., FCO 8. \$5.00. OD's Brooke and Mark Minor, 301-948-5462. About 200 miles, straightforward TSD event. Prereg. Phoebe Harper, 703-560-3584.
- OCTOBER 27 VMSC Gala Social Event - a chance to get to know your fellow members in a non-competition atmosphere. Held in the Chalet of the Bull & Bear Club, 25th floor of the Fidelity Bldg. at 9th & Main. 8-11 p.m. BYOL. \$5.00 per person includes rental of room, bartender, setups, hors d'oeuvres, tax and gratuities. Parking is available on the street and in the lot at 8th & Main. Take the elevator to the 24th floor, go down hall to stairs marked "Chalet." Ed Buck must have your money by the 21st so he can tell the club how many to expect. Make check out to Ed Buck (8941 Elm Road, Richmond 23235, 272-8788); it will be cashed in November after Ed gets the bill. Mail check today or bring it to the meeting and save a stamp.
- OCTOBER 29 VMSC "It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo', No Mo' (Than Last Year)" Autocross (read Watercross). OD's Dick Jones (262-7807) and Alan Weinstein (353-2040). Friedman Marks parking lot, reg. 10 a.m., 10-car heats, first heat 11:30. As we all know, the Club desperately need an autocross timer so that our speed competitors can get what they deserve, so ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A TIMER. No trophies will be given; non-Club winners will receive dash plaques.
- AND
- OD Dick Jones will sketch your car in glowing ink and charcoal suitable for framing, for only \$10.00. Call him for details.
- NOVEMBER 16 VMSC regular monthly meeting.
- NOVEMBER 19 VMSC Rally, OD's John and Kathy Chehaske. Starts & ends at Staples Mill Shopping Center, Staples Mill & Glenside. Over 100 miles. Prereg. 282-9115. Ends at Dino's Restaurant, which will close to the public so that we can have a private party. Let's show our appreciation by patronizing this fine establishment. Italian food, steaks, seafood, reasonable prices, cocktails. Very nice.

The "Let Them Eat Cake" Rallye

September 17, 1972

O/A	Class	Place	Place	Driver/Navigator	Club	Car	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
# 1	1U			James/James	VMSC	Porsche	+1	+2	+30	+7	+47	+2	-1	-4	94
# 2	2U			M & F DeBardleben	VMSC	240Z	+6	-35	+11	-17	-22	+3	-19	+9	122
# 3	1E			Parsley/Britton	VMSC	Volvo	-67	-16	-4	-7	-14	-1	+8	+7	124
# 4	2E			Chehaske/Chehaske	VMSC	AMX	-13	+11	-3	-29	+28	+28	+3	+10	125
# 5	3U			Westbrook/Westbrook	VMSC	Fiat	-10	-64	+5	-33	+9	+7	-8	+1	137
6	4U			Young/Young	VMSC	Vega	-9	-60	+21	+11	+9	-7	-10	+18	145
7	5U			Powell/Dickinson	VMSC	Buick	+12	-120	-6	-7	+23	-8	+5	-20	201
# 8	6U-1N			Phillips/Phillips	VMSC	Porsche	+96	+35	+155	+57	+5	-27	+4	-49	328
9	3E			Farr/Farr*	SCCA	240Z	-2	-26	+230	+3	+13	-2	-32	-28	336
10	4E			Hoelzel/Hoelzel	VMSC	Porsche	-34	+228	-10	-5	-63	-10	-13	+11	374
11	5E			Greenwood/Greenwood	VMSC	Corvair	+17	450	0	-27	+1	+4	0	+8	507
12	7U-2N			Wilson/Wilson	VMSC	MGB	+17	-263	-73	-7	-59	-28	-41	+56	544
13	8U-3N			Martin/Williams	VMSC	Porsche	-16	450	0	-30	+14	-6	-78	+15	609
14	9U			Blot/Blot	VMSC	240Z	-43	-65	-297	-132	-32	-39	+9	+8	625
15	10U			Mitchum/Mitchum*	SCCA	Peugeot	+3	-92	+282	-27	-23	-22	-19	-300	768
16	11U-4N			McRoberts/McRoberts	VMSC	MGB	-15	450	450	0	+113	+41	-30	+55	1154
17	12U-5N			Green/Green	VMSC	MGB	-24	450	450	0	-300	-101	-75	-124	1524
18	13U-6N			Jacob/Talley*		VW	-6	450	450	0	-300	+191	+107	-9	1963

- Trophy winner

+ early

* - Non-VMSC car

- late

Checkpoint 2 was dropped due to an incorrect instruction in that leg.

The "Let Them Eat Cake" Rallye

The day of the rally I did not know whether I was in shape for it or not. To top off everything my navigator did not get to the start until about ten minutes before our starting time. By the time we twisted and turned our way down Charles City Road to the odometer check we were prepared and confident for the competitive part of the rally, we thought.

We left the odometer check and in the first turn made our first mistake by not seeing the "Wallace Grocery" sign and had to back up for about 150 yards to get the mileage for the sign. This was our only landmark finding mistake in the rally though we did (better yet, I did) make some mistakes in staying on time.

The roads used went through some very scenic parts of New Kent and Charles City. They used a dirt road that I have always loved even though the 240Z's dragged bottom and my Volvo bottomed in a couple of places. This was the road that Bill would not allow me to use in our rally two years ago.

We enjoyed the rally and it was the first rally this year that my speedometer and Halda did not break or mess up. We hope other O.D.'s will follow Kathi and David's example and put on rallies similar to theirs.

Thanks for putting on a challenging and gratifying rally. Our hats are off to you.

Lewis and Bill

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TRANSITION

Lewis Parsley has taken over the position of Club Historian now that the Hatchs have moved. Plunging right in, he has already ordered a bigger scrapbook, and I'm sure I heard him muttering something about a special section for Volvo pictures. (VOLVO pictures??)

Married: Alice Kennard and Dick Jones, September 21. Alice will be joining the Club as soon as Dick can dig up a dollar for her dues.

Married longer: Marian Zalis and Fred DeBardleben, August 12, in a deliberate attempt to force me to increase the size of the rally results page. I know this is a bit late, M & F, but we didn't have this column in August.

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Due to lack of space, the series "Rallying Through the Ages" was suspended for a couple of months. Now that things have slacked off, here is what you have all been waiting for, the second in the series:

Rallying Around Rome

or

All Roads Lead to the Boonies

When Rome had finished conquering the world and after a couple of Emperors had reigned (letting the people get used to autocracy), the burgeoning middle class began looking for something to do in its spare time. The nobles had orgies to attend, and the slaves had circuses to watch and revolts to plan, but the inbetweeners needed their own national pastime. Fortunately, a scholar, reading some old papyri, rediscovered the ancient and honorable (most of the time anyway) sport of rallying. For this deed, Fortunately was given an annuity and told never to darken the gates of Rome again.

The Romans took to rallying avidly. They bred fleet horses and designed lightweight chariots especially for the sport. Some refinements built into the chariots were special boards with rollers on either side to hold scrolls for calculation, and scythes built into the wheel hubs to clear the road of plebians and other animals.

Roman rallies tended to be quite hectic, as all the vehicles were started at the same time. Due to the construction of the chariots, the attrition rate among horses tended to be rather high. Driver skill counted for much in these events, as they were very high-speed with simple course following. The rallymasters of that time tended towards simple instructions such as "left after viaduct" or "right after third crucifixion."

For a long time the events were what we would consider P.O.R.-type rallies because of the lack of paved roads; but as time passed and publican pressure grew, roads were covered with paving stones. Then instructions such as this were found: "Maintain XIV for the next III miles, CAS XVIII on dirt."

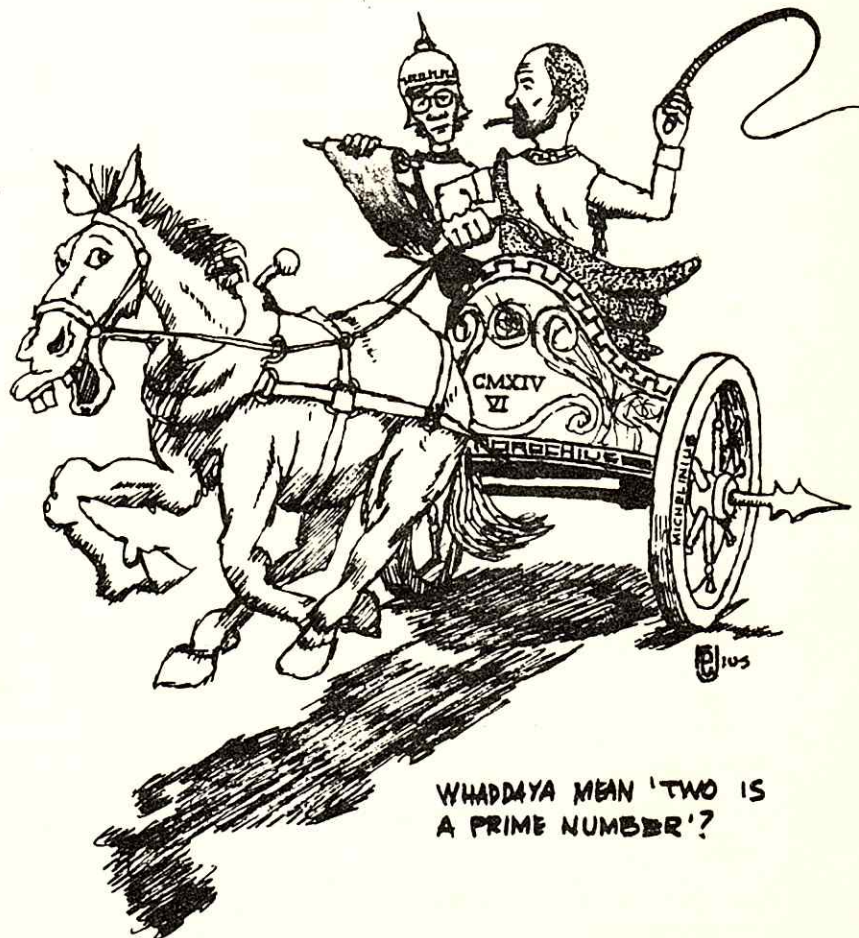
The Romans added very little to rallying except for the introduction of the two class system. Then, as now, an Equipped team was one which had an edge in calculation - they had a Greek slave along to do their long division.

Next month:

The Rallying Revolution

or

On The Road With Louis XVI



WHADDAYA MEAN 'TWO IS
A PRIME NUMBER'?

VMSC Points Standings as of October 1, 1972

As the year draws to a close and the competition becomes fast and furious, we will be publishing the latest standings each month. Speed points have not changed so if you've forgotten them, you'll have to dig out last month's Checkpoints.

Overall Championship



1. B. Greenwood	9500	11. L. Parsley	6000
2. D. McCall	8400	12. K. McCall	5950
3. J. Chehaske	8150	13. T. Blot	5900
4. W. Greenwood	8050	14. B. Beverage	5800
5. B. Hollinger	7650	15. F. DeBardleben	5450
6. M. Castleberry	7350	16. K. Westbrook	5400
7. Chuck Hoelzel	7100	17. C. Young	5100
8. B. James	7000	18. B. Westbrook	5050
9. B. Whitehead	6850	19. C. Blot	5000
10. K. Chehaske	6750	19. H. James	5000

Equipped Championship

1. B. Greenwood	7500
2. W. Greenwood	7200
3. K. Chehaske	6400
4. J. Chehaske	6300
5. Chuck Hoelzel	6100
6. L. Parsley	5500
7. Charlotte Hoelzel	5200
7. M. Castleberry	5200
9. B. Britton	4900
10. B. Beverage	3800

Unequipped Championship

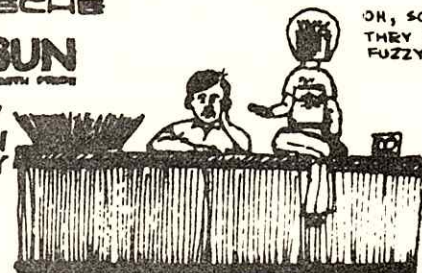
1. K. Westbrook	6100
2. B. Westbrook	5900
3. B. James	5300
4. H. James	5200
5. F. DeBardleben	5100
6. T. Blot	5000
7. C. Young	4600
8. K. McCall	4500
9. C. Blot	4400
10. D. McCall	3900

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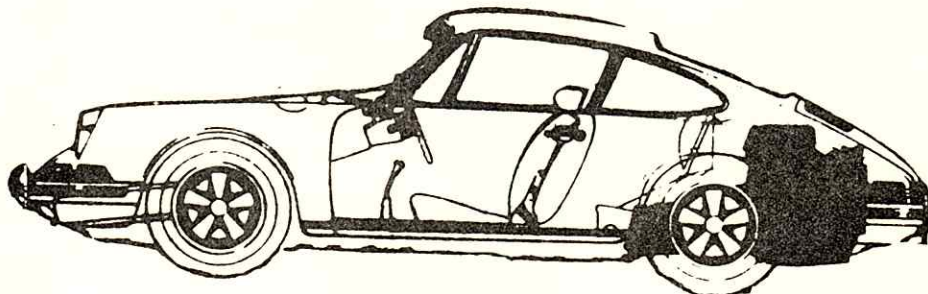
The Chehaskes now have available a limited supply of black and white kittens at just the proper age and state of cuteness for adoption. These kittens are descended from the famous "Azalea 8-Hour Rally," a cat whom we all know and have been scratched by. 1 male, 1 female. Be the second in the Club (sorry, the Bucks were first) to get one of these unique pets to name after your own favorite rally or autocross.

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PROGRESS REPORT

At the September general meeting, the membership voted to accept the proposed changes to the Club Bylaws which were printed in last month's issue. Briefly, here are the effects these changes will have on the Club:

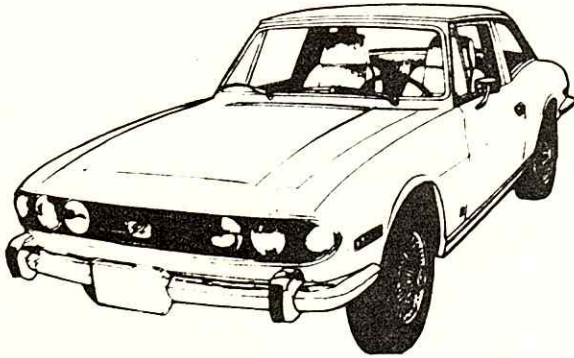
The Board of Directors will consist of the six officers, the immediate past president, and seven appointed directors. This will enable the president to appoint more members to committees; formerly the size of committees was severely limited in order to keep the Board at a workable size.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by the immediate past president, will consist of five members, including the current president and one or more past presidents. The names of the committee members will be announced to the membership to facilitate nominations for Club officers. In past years the membership did not know who was on the Nominating Committee and it was difficult for members to suggest possible candidates.

Appointed directors may not serve for more than three years in succession. This will insure a healthy turnover of Board members and make it easier for new members to be appointed to the Board.

Stag

A new kind
of Triumph.



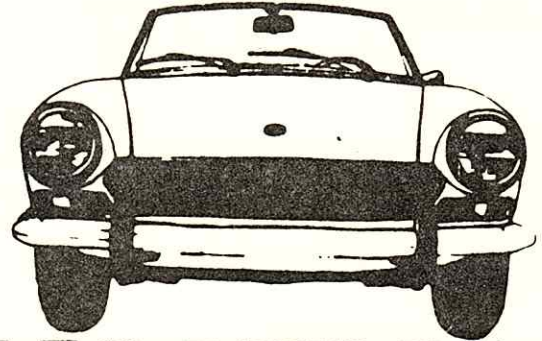
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