



# Checkpoints

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- MARCH 12 VMSC RALLY, "CLOSE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE THIRD KIND," OD'ED BY LEN WELLS & TOM BLOT. STARTS AT WOOLCO ON ROUTE 60, 12:00 NOON. SEE FLYER ON PAGE 9.
- MARCH 16 VMSC MONTHLY MEETING, GATEWAY APARTMENTS CLUBHOUSE, 8:00 PM. SEE MAP ON PAGE 3.
- MARCH 19 SEVSCO AUTOCROSS, ANDIAMO MOTOR SPORTS CLUB.
- APRIL 1 SCCA NATIONAL RALLY, "FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX."
- APRIL 1 SCCA NATIONAL RALLY, "MARCH LION."
- APRIL 9 SESCA CHAMPIONSHIP "RALLY-A-GO-GO."
- APRIL 15-16 BOB RIDGES MEMORIAL RALLY.
- APRIL 16 SEVSCO RALLY, BEACH FORD MUSTANG CLUB.
- APRIL 23 VMSC RALLY, OD'ED BY PETER WILSON & JUDY MC GOWAN. DETAILS NEXT MONTH.
- APRIL 23 SEVSCO AUTOCROSS, ANDIAMO MOTOR SPORTS CLUB.

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11 JUNE, 9 JULY, 23 JULY.



# SCHEDULE

# Members' Forum

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DEAR ED.,

I WRITE YOU THIS LETTER IN HOPES THAT MY GRIEVANCE WILL BECOME BETTER KNOWN SO THAT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE.

THE MERITS OF A SPORTS COMPETITOR DURING A GAME ARE MEASURED BY HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. A RUNNING BACK IS MEASURED BY HOW MANY YARDS HE GAINS; A PITCHER BY HOW MANY STRIKEOUTS; A QUARTERBACK BY HOW MANY PASS COMPLETIONS. THE MORE STRIKEOUTS OR COMPLETIONS CAN ONLY ADD TO HIS ABILITY. THE RALLYIST, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS MEASURED BY THE POINTS AGAINST HIM. AS THE RALLYIST ACCUMULATES POINTS, HIS ABILITY LESSENS, WHICH LEADS TO MY HYPOTHESIS:

NO ONE WINS A RALLY. SOME JUST LOSE MORE THAN OTHERS.

THIS I FEEL IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE SPORT. FOR INTEREST TO SPREAD, WE MUST CONVEY THE MESSAGE OF HOW GOOD RALLYING IS AND NOT HOW BAD (QUESTION: HOW GOOD IS IT?). I OFFER THIS SOLUTION: CHANGE THE SCORING SYSTEM FROM PENALTY POINTS TO ACCOMPLISHMENT POINTS. THAT IS, THE HIGHEST SCORE WINS. A ZERO WOULD BE THE LEAST DESIRABLE SCORE. THIS SYSTEM WOULD ALSO LOWER THE COST OF BEING COMPETITIVE, BECAUSE A RALLY COMPUTER WOULD BE THE LEAST DESIRABLE OF EQUIPMENT: NOBODY WANTS A LOW SCORE.

YES, OF COURSE, THE CLASSING SYSTEM WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED. I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

EQUIPPED: THOSE TEAMS IN WHICH NEITHER MEMBER HAS EVER TROPHIED IN A TSD OR SIMILAR EVENT.

UNEQUIPPED: CARS IN WHICH BOTH MEMBERS HAVE RUN LESS THAN 100 RALLIES AND WHICH CONTAIN NONE OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT: BRAKES, GAS PEDAL OR SPEDOMETER, TIRES.

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THESE CLASSES ARE STRUCTURED AS THEY ARE TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF EQUIPPED CARS BEING AT THE GREATEST ADVANTAGE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE A FEW BUGS TO BE IRONED OUT. THESE I INTEND TO FIND SOLUTIONS FOR IN MY CONTINUOUS SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT SCORING SYSTEM. LET'S WIN A RALLY AND NOT LOSE ONE. OH YES, TELL DAD TO SEND MORE MONEY.

SINCERELY,

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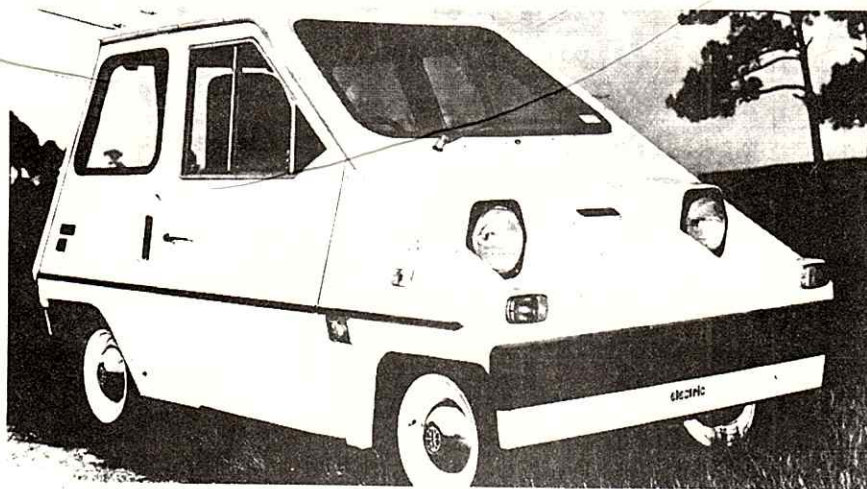
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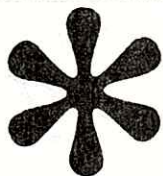
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18	14U/3N	VW	J.Humphreys	F.Humphreys	70	300	209	300	300	254	89	700	25	2247
19	15U/4N	Buick	F.Bennett*	J.Bennett*	158	300	300	300	74	300	300	300	300	2332
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CHANGE THE COMPETITION REGULATIONS,  
SECTION 11.A, 3RD PARAGRAPH, TO READ:

THE AWARD OF COMPETITION POINTS SHALL BE BASED ON THE FINISHING POSITION IN CLASS IN RALLIES AND ON THE FINISHING POSITION IN CLASS OR HOMOLOGATED CLASS IN SPEED EVENTS. EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1979.

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by ENO NASH

## CHANGES TO THE SPEED EVENT REGULATIONS:

1. ADD SECTION 7.3.2 N: ANY TYPE IGNITION SYSTEM MAY BE USED WITH THE STOCK DISTRIBUTOR, PROVIDING IGNITION TIMING IS WITHIN THE FACTORY SPECIFIED RANGE.

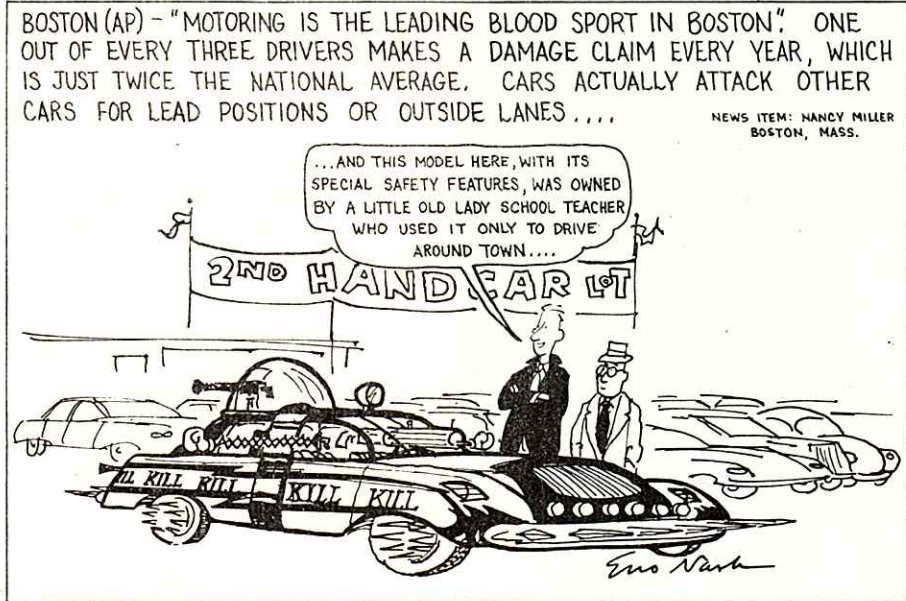
2. CHANGE SECTION 7.4.1 D TO: DISTRIBUTOR MAY BE INTERNALLY MODIFIED; VACUUM CONTROL MAY BE DISCONNECTED; DISTRIBUTOR ADJUSTMENT MAY BE MODIFIED.

3. CHANGE SECTION 7.4.1 P TO: INSIDE AND OUTSIDE FENDER LIPS MAY BE MODIFIED FOR TIRE CLEARANCE; SUSPENSION COMPONENTS (EXCEPT AS IN J ABOVE) MUST BE STOCK.

4. CHANGE SECTION 7.8, NEXT-TO-LAST SENTENCE, TO: ANY DRIVER MAY VOLUNTARILY PLACE HIS CAR IN A/M.

5. CHANGE SECTION 7.4.1 N TO: WHEELS MAY BE OF ANY MANUFACTURE, UP TO 1.5" WIDER THAN STOCK, AND THE TRACK MAY BE UP TO 1.5" WIDER THAN STOCK (OR UP TO 1.5" NARROWER THAN STOCK). V8 AMERICAN SEDANS AND SPORTY CARS AND SOLID AXLE CORVETTES ARE CONSIDERED STOCK WITH 7"-WIDE RIMS; OTHER CORVETTES ARE CONSIDERED STOCK WITH 8"-WIDE RIMS.

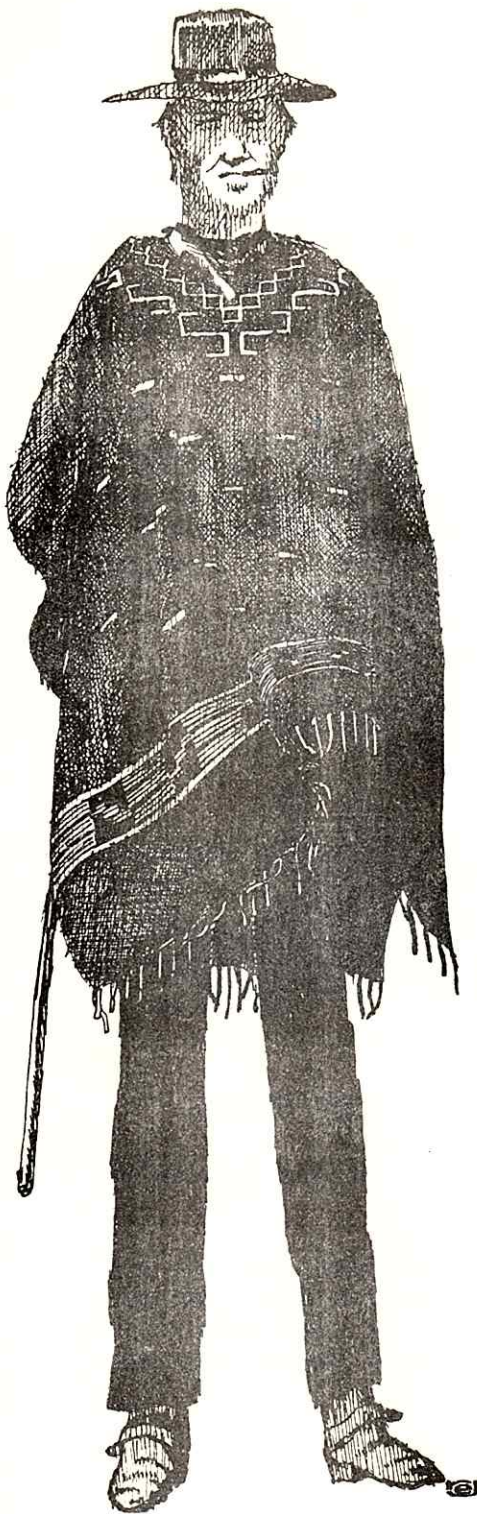
6. CHANGE SECTION 7.6 BY DELETING: FORMULA CLASS.



## NEW IDEAS

CHANGE THE HOMOLOGATION SCHEME IN THE COMPETITION REGULATIONS, SECTION 9.0,  
TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

D/S → F/P → C/S → E/P → B/S → D/P → C/P → A/S → B/P → A/P → C/M → B/M →  
A/M OR TO THE HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY HOMOLOGATED CLASS.



## THE BRITTON & PARSLEY RALLY TEAM

THE "NO NAME RALLY" WAS REPORTED TO BE A NOVICE RALLY. BUT, EXCEPT FOR HAVING ALL OF THE TRAPS FAILSAFED OR YFU'D, THE RALLY TURNED OUT TO BE A HAIR MORE DIFFICULT IN LOGIC THAN ADVERTISED.

GARY AND BILL PICKED A COLD AND SUNNY DAY FOR THIS RIDE THROUGH CHESTERFIELD AND POWHATAN COUNTIES. THE ROADS USED WERE EXCELLENT, EVEN THOUGH THE SPEEDS SEEMED TO BE TOO SLOW. ONE OF THEIR MOST CONTROVERSIAL TRAPS USED THE FACT THAT YOU WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO LEAVE CHESTERFIELD AND POWHATAN COUNTIES. THE OD'S USED A HOMEMADE AMELIA COUNTY SIGN THAT NOBODY SAW OR USED BECAUSE THEY ALL KNOW THAT THEY WERE STILL IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY.

THE OVERALL CONCEPT WAS CLEAN AND ENJOYABLY. THE OD'S DID AN EXCELLENT JOB AND SHOULD BE PRAISED, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS WAS THEIR FIRST RALLY.

-LEWIS.

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# Mini Car Causes Maxi Problems For Occupants

CLARKSVILLE - "You wouldn't have believed it!" stated Clarksville Police Chief Wayne Hogan as he described the spot where a small foreign car finally stopped last Sunday morning after a high-speed chase.

Arrested and charged with

reckless driving, failure to stop for a police officer, felonious assault with a motor vehicle and resisting arrest was 22-year old Charles Wayne Irby of Halifax.

A passenger in the auto, 21-year old Gary Rupert Holt of South Boston, was charged with

felonious assault, possession of an illegal weapon (9½ inch knife) and resisting arrest. Both face preliminary hearings in General District Court on February 10. Irby was released on \$5,000 bond while Holt remains free on \$2,500 bond.

It all started Sunday morning around 12:40 a.m. when Chief Hogan, parked at Virginia Southern Bank, observed the small Honda auto pass another car in front of the Clarksville Post Office and speed through town heading west on Route 58.

Hogan said that he gave pursuit and approached the vehicle near the railroad trestle but when he attempted to pull alongside the auto, the driver swerved over into the passing lane in what he said was an effort to force the police cruiser off the road.

Hogan said that he made several more attempts to head the small car off while both vehicles approached speeds around 85 miles per hour.

Each time, according to Hogan, that he attempted to head the car off, the driver would swerve over into the passing lane.

The subjects turned south on Route 49 and later turned on to Route 735 at Averett Church near Nelson. The driver proceeded some two miles down Route 735 before turning off and heading across fields and then into a wooded area some two miles from the highway.

Hogan said that he gave pursuit as far as he could until his cruiser could not longer manage the rough terrain.

By this time, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Deputies Royster and Hinkle along with State Trooper Larry Bowman had joined in the pursuit.

Hogan said that the auto continued on through the woods an estimated half mile beyond the point where he was forced to end the auto chase. The officers took to foot and located the abandoned car but the occupants had fled the scene on foot.

After a vain search of the area, the officers walked back to the point where their police cruisers were parked only to hear the little Honda off and running again.

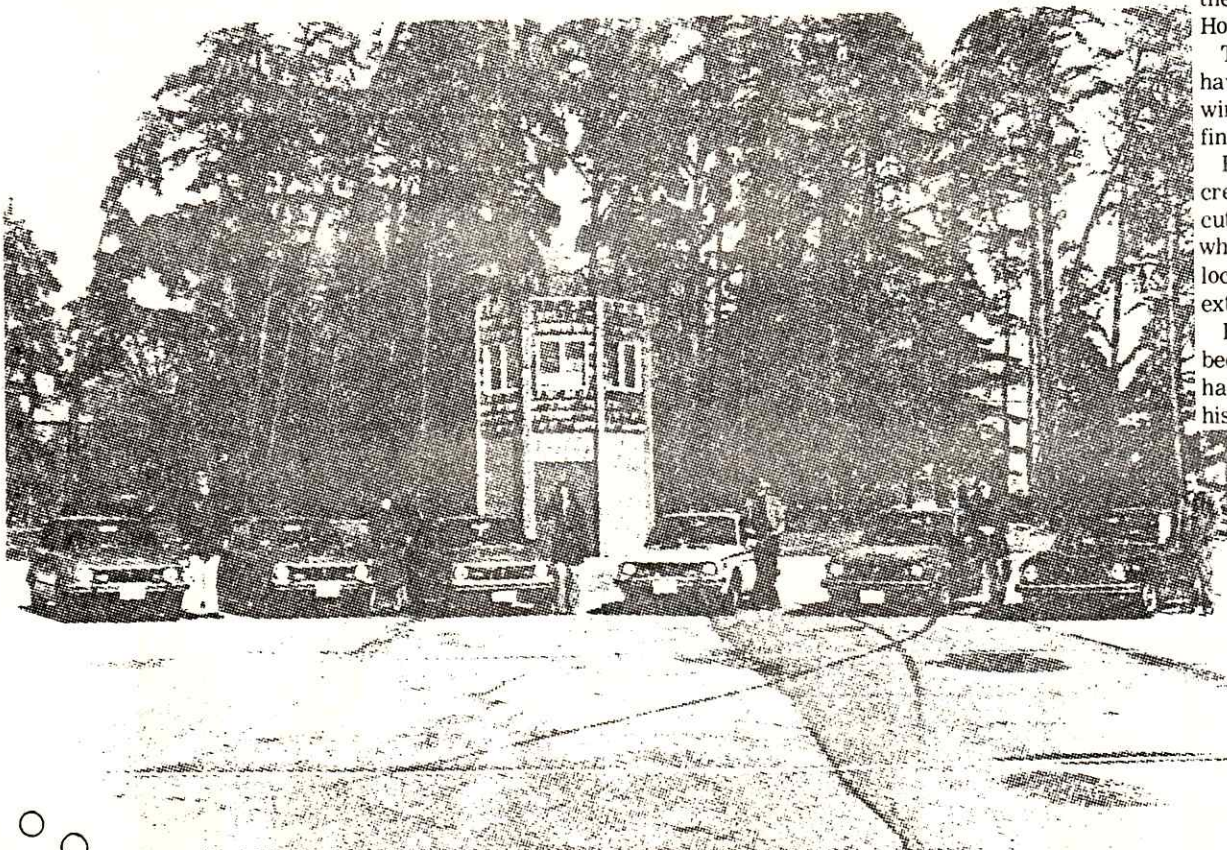
The officers caught up with the auto but the occupants had locked all the doors and made several attempts to run down the police officers according to Hogan.

Trooper Bowman was said to have broke out one of the windows with his flashlight and finally halt the driver.

Hogan said that a wrecker crew had to use a power saw to cut their way to the location where the Honda auto was located. The vehicle sustained extensive damage.

Hogan said that the vehicle, because of its front wheel drive, had managed to go places that his cruiser could not.

**RICHMOND HONDA**  
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**MARCH 12, 1978**

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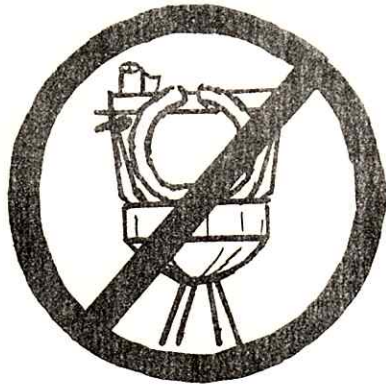
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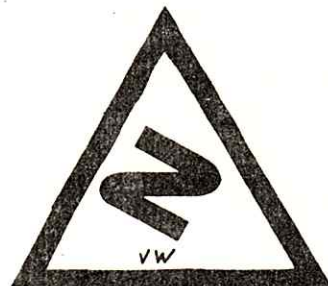
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