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- DEC 14 5th Annual etc. Christmas Party. Flyer in this issue. Show up, relax, and enjoy. Vito will be at the door taking names.
- DEC 19 VMSC Annual Meeting at La Siesta on Patterson Ave. Elections will be held and the video of Series 3 will be shown. The video made it to the November meeting - the video equipment didn't.
- JAN 2 VMSC Board Meeting. Hung over, hung up, and hanging low - should be an interesting meeting. At the Mills, unless something untoward and unexpected happens in December.
- JAN 11 VMSC Annual Awards Banquet at the Westwood Racquet Club. Merely trying to explain how good last year's banquet was would so expand this issue to such a degree as to give any self-respecting treasurer heart-burn (you can thank Us later John). The food is Westwood (high enough praise), the ambience is spacious yet relaxing, and the music is enthusiastic. Last year's banquet evolved into a celebrational party. It's a pleasant evening with good friends and well worth the money - a good excuse to have a good time.
- JAN 16 VMSC Monthly Meeting.
And if you're looking waaaaay ahead
- JUN 1 Charity Autocross to benefit Children's Hospital at Landmark Shopping Center, Rte 395 and Duke St., Alexandria, Va. Registration at 7:00 AM (let's see, leave Richmond at 5:00 AM - I'm not sure I'm alive at 5:00 AM), FCO 9:00 AM. Four runs (two each on mirror image courses), cost is \$10.00. Person(s) who collect most sponsorship money will win a grand door prize. Info from Tom Dudley 1-301-681-6132.

SCHEDULE

Announcing
The 35th Anniversary Awards Banquet
of the Virginia Motor Sport Club
January 11, 1986
at the Westwood Racquet Club
at a cost of \$24.00 per person

6:00 P.M. - Cocktail Hour

7:00 P.M. - Dinner

8:00 P.M. - Awards Presentation

9:00 P.M. - 12:30 A.M. - Dancing

All past and present members
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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

DECEMBER

The 1985 year has been one of both joy and frustration. While some of the ideas, goals, and dreams that I had at the beginning of the year have come to be, many others have fallen by the wayside. I offer no excuses for the lack of more positive results with the clubs problems and I assume full responsibility for these shortcomings. I can only hope that 1986 will begin a new era for VMSC and that we can solve the remaining problems faced by the club, especially the problem of attracting more members. We need to concentrate on long term remedies in lieu of short term fixes and with careful planning and dedication on the part of all members, I am convinced that we can and will conquer all our problems.

I want to officially thank all my fellow Officers, Directors, and especially all of those members who were not on the Board but who still worked their butts off to make 1985 as successful as possible. There are no words that can adequately express the appreciation I have for each and every one of you. The club needed your help and you gave both time and money. The work you did was essential, no matter how distasteful, and did not go un-noticed and for your efforts I want to offer all of you a deep and heartfelt, THANKS FOLKS.

I also want to thank all the members for allowing me the opportunity of being your President for this past year. I really did enjoy the challenge and can truthfully say that it was one Hell of a learning experience. While I am not totally satisfied with the results of my presidency, I feel that some good was accomplished and I will continue to support the club in our quest for stability.

Finally, I want to ask every member to give the same and even more support to the 1986 Board of Directors than you gave this year. The Virginia Motor Sport Club is YOU and what you do and say DOES make a difference.

Thank You again for the opportunity and support, I remain

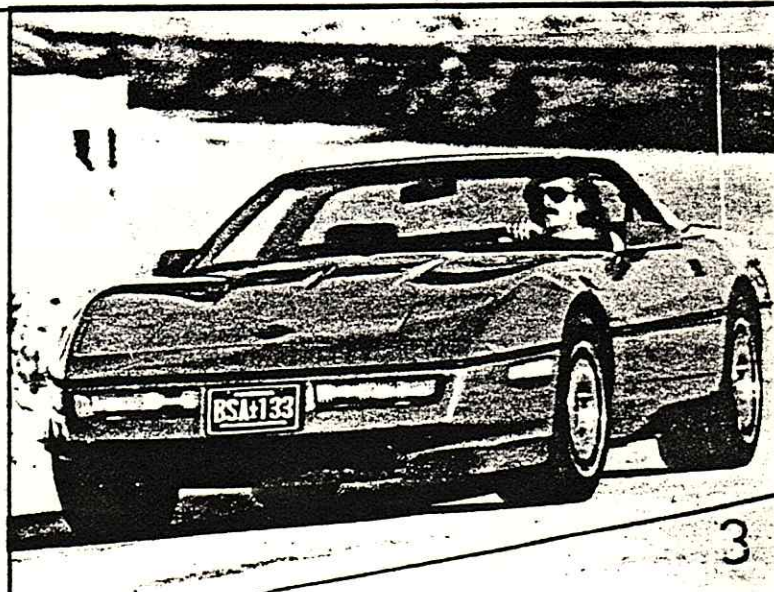
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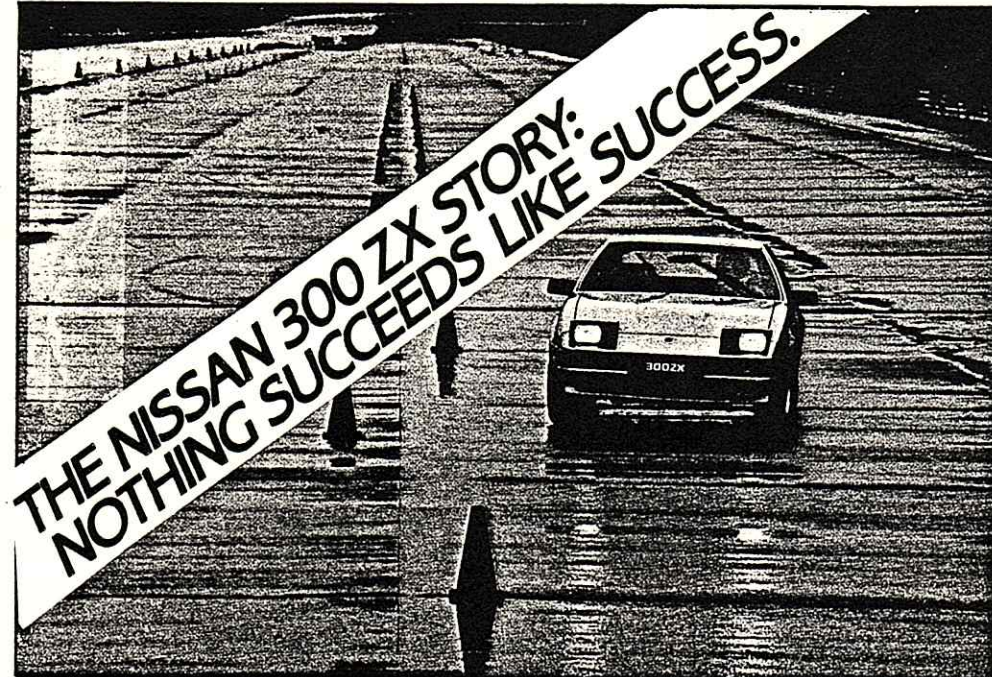
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New Member

Cortes Paul lives at 5015 Devonshire Rd., Richmond, Va. 23225 (231-9481). He works for Fujinon, Inc and is in medical equipment sales. He is married to Susan and has a daughter, Ann. Avis or Hertz should have such a stable of cars: a 1985 Westfield Seven (soon to be seen at autocrosses), a 1968 Chevy Camaro SS; a 1984 Toyota Cressida; a 1954 Bentley R (limousine service to the banquet?); and a 1964 Camaro convertible. His primary interests in the Club are autocrossing and racing. Hobbies include sailing and raising teenagers - diverse but interesting nonetheless. He belongs to the Aston Martin Owners Club, Bentley Drivers (apparently nobody owns a Bentley) Club, and Lotus Ltd.

MAINFRAME II

By Gary Stout

On November 17, Floyd and Marvin Mills unveiled the second generation Mainframe rally - Mainframe II. The basic premise of the rally was the same as last year (with some embellishments and expansions thrown in to give the event an identity of its own): two sets of Route Instructions - MP (Main Program) and SB (Sub-Routine) Instructions - that kept you shuffling sheets of paper so often that there really should have been a moment of silence in sympathy for the roller-board types; I (Interrupt Instructions) that served the purpose of Special Instructions that came into effect upon completion of the immediately preceding Route Instruction.

The ODO leg ended at a sign that said "REDUCED SPEED AHEAD" but the instruction said "REDUCE SPEED AHEAD" (the I've-been-past-that-sign-27-times-I-know-what-it-says syndrome). This caused enough anguish to enough teams that Floyd and Marvin wisely administratively discarded the first leg. Starting fresh, though none of us knew it then, the leg slip at Checkpoint 1 gave us a free zone for .60 miles - we could still do Route Instructions because only free zones in Route Instructions could not overlap the execution of other Route Instructions.

Leg 3 used a trap Bill and I had been waiting to see for two rallies - RAM 10. Whenever RAM, followed by a digit, appeared in an instruction, you were to go to the special memory card (more paper shuffling - made you feel like a bureaucrat) and pluck the appropriate RAM into the instruction - verbatim. The trick here was digit - any integer 0 through 9 - so RAM 10 was really RAM 1 followed by a zero.

The fourth leg had a trap that, speaking for this team, had a suckability coefficient approaching 100. As we crossed the timing line of control 3, we were in the midst of performing an instruction. However the instructions shown on the leg slip were defined as the ones we were seeking to initiate not just the ones in effect as is commonly used. A big ugly on that one to the inattentive - we were inattentive.

The fifth and sixth controls boiled down to the use of I instructions that had been in effect since time began and naturally their remembrance.

As one who has witnessed too many NI/SI/NRC/NVN rallies, it's refreshing to see an imaginative concept used effectively. About the only criticism (and a minor one at that) I can muster is to say that some of the legs seemed overly long, but that's akin to saying that you're serving that nice Moselle in the wrong glass.

RALLYMASTERS: FLOYD AND MARVIN MILLS

OFFICIAL CHECKS: ALAN ARMSTRONG AND GERRY EBERHARD

#	TEAM	CL.	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	POSITION
1	HUNTER/STOUT	E	-	29	2	200	1	1	233	1 OA-1 E (T)
2	SCHELL*/EBBETS*	R	-	200	192	99	44	200	735	7 OA-2 R
3	MILLS/HUNTER	U	-	15	199	35	200	38	487	3 OA-1 U (T)
4	WAGNERS*	E	-	171	23	6	47	2	249	2 OA-2 E
5	VON KAENEL*/HIGDON*	U	-	3	200	200	103	6	512	4 OA-2 U
6	BELL*/JACKAMEIT*	U	-	10	200	112	200	3	525	5 OA-3 U
7	HIGGINBOTHAMS*	R	-	11	200	200	76	48	535	6 OA-1 R (T)

THANKS TO OUR WORKERS: ALAN ARMSTRONG, GERRY EBERHARD, SANDY POOLE*,
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REFLECTIONS by Gary Stout

I started writing this article four different times - even finished it once and promptly dispatched it to the receptacle of My choice as contrived, boring, and forced. So I'll close the year with thoughts from scrbblings and notes. I'd call it Miscellaneous Ramblings but for the fact that the title's been taken by another rather literate publication. Doug leaves Checkpoints after three years as Editor and We all know He only hung around this year to become eligible for Checkpoints lucrative pension plan. We plan to stay in touch but everyone knows how that works. I didn't get to write my enlightening and inspirational series of columns on rallying - basically it was the time-consuming pressures of staging two rallies, staying on top of the house, the yard, the upstairs maid (just kidding, but I bet you're paying attention now). You know You are really running low on press type when You fing Yourself carving up a "Q" to make the number "1" And finally I'd like to answer the single question that I know has been gnawing at you for years - why do I pick on Idaho? The reasons are actually twofold: 1) New Jersey has become too easy and, besides, My brother lives there and he knows Vito better than I do; 2) I've never met anyone from Idaho, I've never known anyone who knew anyone from Idaho - I don't think Idaho exists, it's just Rand McNally's funny little way of filling an L-shaped hole on the map of the United States. I also have similar thoughts about South Dakota.

Your Editors would like to thank all those who contributed to the Checkpoints effort in 1985. Now, since "contributing" (as in delinquency) is prosecutable in Virginia, We thought long and hard about publishing these names. But, then again, Christmas is coming, and We need the money. So address your checks to the address on the masthead.

On second thought, you'll probably be as tightwad-esque as last year, so we'll just publish the names anyway.

John Adams
jet Burton
Howard Clarke
Neale Dickinson
Beth Mills
Floyd Mills
Marvin Mills
Scott Powell

And Editors of Checkpoints Past.

Seriously, folks - THANKS A LOT!

Marian DeBardleben works with a gentleman who just purchased a 280Z (1977) and is in dire need of an owner's manual - any hot leads, call Marian.

Dues for 1986 are due (you probably think that's redundant - We think it's alliterative - that's right, the dictionary again). Remember, there's a \$10.00 reinitiation fee if you slip into arrears (there's something strangely erotic in that phrase - maybe accountants are more interesting than previously thought).

Dear Mr. Dickinson:

I just finished reading the November issue of "Checkpoints" and I enjoyed it very much. I am not a VMSC member but I do receive the tabloid. Since I am not a member I realize that I have no basis whatsoever to comment on the club, but your editorial prompted me to sit down and write to you. Since you are proclaimed to be Conqueror of Kenya, Emperor of the Realm and a bunch of other neat stuff I figured you could deal with me easily enough.

Your and other members comments in "Checkpoints" about membership, attitude, workers, internal strife, etc. were a bit disheartening. I have yet to do a rally with you folks, but I do fool around a bit in the autocross program. I have always found club members to be friendly, helpful, concerned, and, most important of all, maintaining a high humor coefficient. If there is a problem within the club it sure escaped me.

Since the Fort Lee autocross in Oct. I have been meaning to write to you anyway and tell you how good it was. The course was set up well for all types of cars (not always the case), and it was the most fun I have had in a long time. Do it again more often and I'll join tomorrow.

In the time that I have been both spectator and participant in VMSC events I have enjoyed it. That isn't to say it couldn't suit me better, but I am just one person. I trust the somber notes sounded in the newsletter were just an alarm. What would happen without an autocross or a laugh filled newsletter to look forward to? Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Charles

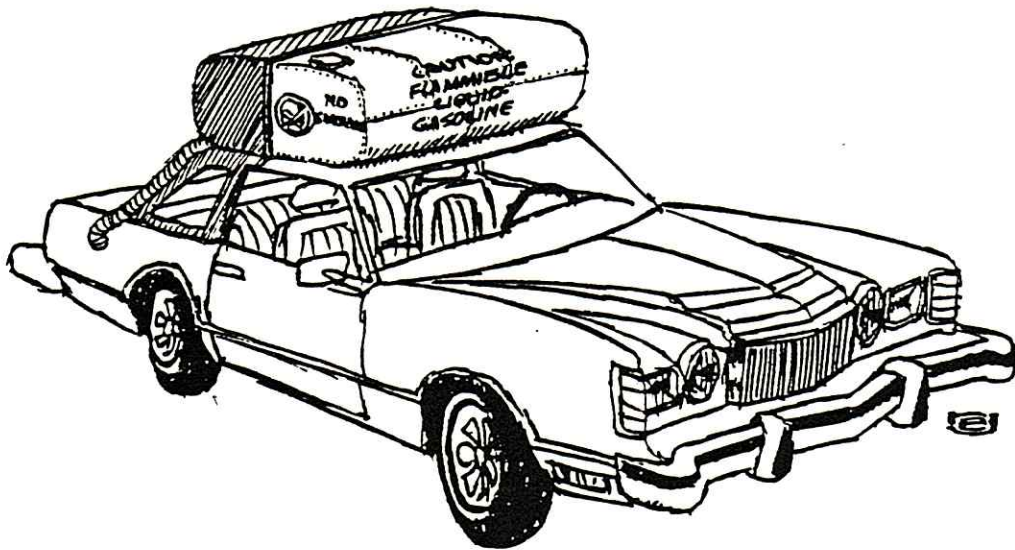


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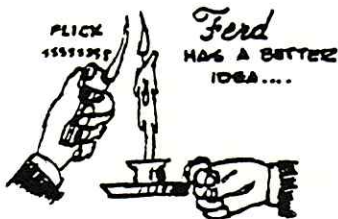
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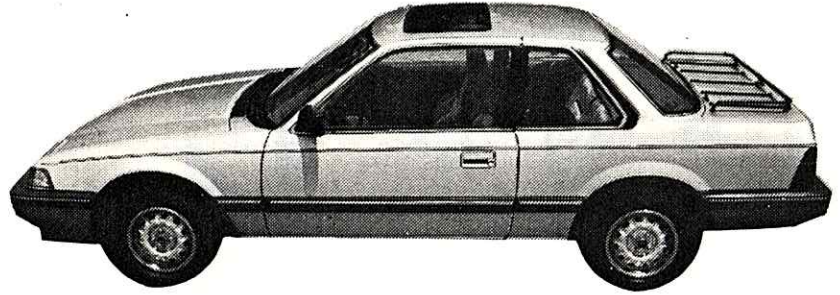
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