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- JUNE 14/15 1986 Harbor Fest in Baltimore. Car show June 14, autocross through the streets on the 15th. Limit 150 entrants, \$15.00 per driver. Cut-off date was May 23 but it would never hurt to check- or just to watch....shades of Series 3 at the Fairgrounds. Details from Libby Schroeder, 9255 Hour Glass Pl., Columbia, MD.21045
- JUNE 14/15 TSCC RAT Weekend out of Norfolk. Car show Sat., rally Sat. night, autocross Sun. at Pungo Fairgrounds. For general information call Mike Phillips 428-3141.
- JUNE 19 VMSC Monthly Meeting at La Siesta on Patterson Ave. This is planned to be a dinner meeting- show up around 6:30 and enjoy some truly fine Mexican food without destroying your monthly budget. Leave your preconceived notions about Mexicans and their penchant for jalopeno peppers at home- La Siesta's basic sauces aren't much more zesty than a good Italian tomato sauce, so there.
- JUNE 21 The 21st Virginia Reel National Road Rally. Headquarters, the Old Town Motor Inn, Manassas, Va. More info, Dave Gomberg 301-231-8665.
- JUNE 29 VMSC autocross- first event of Series 3 at Southside Speedway. Flyer this issue. This is VMSC's premier autocross, any and all help, aid, and comfort will be appreciated.
- JULY 3 VMSC Board Meeting at Gary Stout's.
- JULY 13 VMSC autocross- second event of Series 3.
- JULY 17 VMSC Monthly Meeting at La Siesta.
- JULY 27 VMSC autocross- final event of Series 3.
- AUGUST 1 VMSC pool party- details next month.

SCHEDULE

I SURVIVED A MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT CHARLOTTE IN THE INFIELD

by

Carla Gilchrist

Bound and determined to go to the races for Memorial Day, I checked over the car, took Angela complete with chicken pox to her mother's, took Thomas to grandma's, packed the camping/racing gear, clothes for chilly nights and a 4 pack of Bartles and Jaymes, and prepared to leave after work on Friday for the six-hour drive.

I left Richmond at six and drove on adrenalin and one cup of coffee for five and one-half hours, averaging 63 mph, slow judging by the traffic, watching the over-70's get ticketed. I found my way to the line into the infield behind about 20 campers, stopped, parked and slept the night until 4:30 a.m. in my backseat (in the Monza, a tight fit for the petite, let alone slightly-overweight me), when someone decided to enlist my help in looking for his camper, which he had lost somehow. At six in the morning, I was awakened by the start of engines to proceed into the infield, which actually began some time later, as I went through the gate about 7 a.m., hoping for a place to eat breakfast. I found my way to Turn One, set up camp all by myself (I'm exhausted already and the weekend hasn't even started!). Luckily, the facilities were numerous, cold water only, the places to eat rather exceptional but very high-priced, the souvenirs nice, and the walk from my car to the john entirely too far, but you can't have everything, right? Luckily for my pocketbook, the two races and the car only cost \$50, so I had plenty for food, drinks, and souvenirs, and one more tank of gas to get me home.

T-shirts for everybody, sizes 5T, 14-16, large and a small in a long sleeve Winston Cup shirt, everyone had cars and pit crews on the back except Thomas, who of course was disappointed that his shirt, the nicest one, had no race cars on it.

The London Broil sandwich, breakfast at the Pitstop Restaurant, Bojangles Chicken, Italian sausage, beef BBQ, ice cream of all kinds, and the usual foodstuffs were very good, but at \$2.75-\$3.50 alone, \$1.50 minimum on everything, \$2 for ice, etc. two days can get pretty expensive. I think I spent about \$50, since the weekend cost about \$140, with \$50 for entry, \$40 for souvenirs, \$13 for gas, and that left consumption alone. And most of that was drinks. Incidentally, no alcohol for sale.

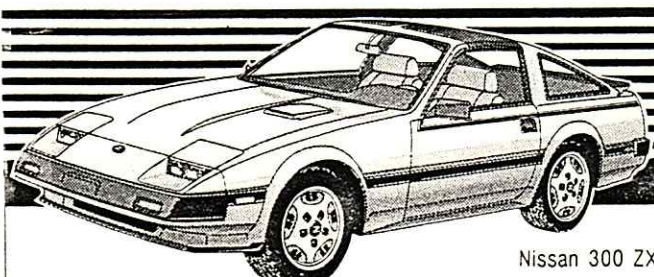
There was a small set of bleachers from which could be seen the center of turns one and two around to turns three and four, which was good unless you wanted to see the pits, the start/finish line, and turn one. But they were well placed for those of us who wanted to be cheap and go the infield route and still be able to see the race, which I most sincerely did. I picked the winners of the 300 mile on Saturday and the 600 mile on Sunday, in advance of the race from the starting lineup, so I was pleased my two favorite drivers were able to pull it off. I had seen Tim Richmond win before, but had never see Dale Earnhardt win a race which I attended, and the races were very close, with the 40 cars qualifying for Sunday's 600 within one minute!

Saturday was hot, but luckily I had suntan lotion and it was windy in the late afternoons. Since I was busy doing everything Saturday, I thought that I might sleep when things cooled off Saturday night. Wrong! If anything, things heated up, with everyone partying all night, radios and firecrackers blaring, people walking in circles all night, heat lightning and 100% humidity to top it off, and around midnite I finally

got sleepy enough to sleep, but, lo and behold, late in the morning when everyone finally passed out, the sky opened up and dumped elephants of water for at least an hour, so that when I awoke and decided to go to the back seat again, there was already four inches of water outside of the tent, but after a few minutes hesitation, I made it to the car safely, however wet. Two and one-half hours later, the hot sun woke me up again, reminding me of another day and the drive home at the end of it. Thank God for the holiday on Monday. I knew what I would be doing.

Everything finally dried out, and when the clouds came ominously during the race, I rushed back to pack up in hopes of going home dry although dirty (it would take two days to clean everything from me to the tent!), so I did miss 100 laps from 230-330 where Bill Elliott lost the race, but then I was ready for the finish, And much to my surprise and amazement, after walking back to my car and getting in to force my way into the line to leave the track, I only sat about 30 minutes before the traffic moved, I edged my way in, changed lanes once, and by 6 p.m. I was heading north on Route 29 on my way to 85. One stop for gas and I was on the road at 6:30! It takes longer to leave the Richmond race than that. The Charlotte Police Dept. and state police are to be commended for getting 300,000 people moving that quickly.

At least I was lucky - nothing was damaged, stolen, lost or broken down on the entire trip, and although I didn't win any money, everyone was very nice to the crazy race fan from Richmond who dared to do it alone in spite of all the obstacles, and who looks forward to a more enlightened trip next year.



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ODS Dennis Weir, Debbie Weir, & Neale Dickinson

April 27, 1986

AS				
T John Sheally*	Morgan	1:08.81	1:07.94	<u>1:07.46</u>
Gary Stout	Honda	1:09.59	1:08.88	<u>1:07.65</u>
CS				
T Cortes Pauls	Westfield	1:12.06	<u>1:10.13</u>	1:42.60
Daniel Hicks*	Dodge	<u>1:10.98</u>	1:42.55	1:12.09
Ed Myers	Triumph	1:13.74	1:12.98	<u>1:12.87</u>

	DS				
T	Jack Enoch	VW	1:30.22	1:11.69	<u>1:11.29</u>
	Nita Enoch	VW	1:20.71	1:19.92	<u>1:17.56</u>
	Chuck Madison	Datsun	DNF	<u>1:21.37</u>	<u>1:37.70</u>
	ES				
T	Gerry Eberhard	Dodge	1:17.98	1:25.46	<u>1:17.74</u>
	FS				
T	Mac Davis*	Chevrolet	1:08.20	<u>1:07.49</u>	1:13.11
	Don Charles	Mercury	1:35.86	DNF	<u>1:14.31</u>
	Bill Smith*	Pontiac	<u>1:19.42</u>	1:27.95	<u>1:20.59</u>
	GS				
T	Jim Wells*	Triumph	1:11.82	1:16.81	<u>1:11.41</u>
	Keith Harrison*	Ford	1:25.38	<u>1:15.61</u>	<u>1:17.49</u>
	HS				
T	Bill Lloyd	Chevrolet	<u>1:11.15</u>	1:18.59	1:11.47
T	Joe Bainbridge	Mazda	1:18.97	1:16.97	<u>1:15.81</u>
	Michael Weedon*	Toyota	1:27.81	1:20.81	<u>1:18.91</u>
	Paul Prideaux*	Toyota	1:43.56	1:35.16	<u>1:18.95</u>
	Robin Hayth*	Plymouth	2:01.92	<u>1:21.70</u>	1:31.44
	Earl Rogers	Toyota	1:46.81	1:29.06	<u>1:24.27</u>
	Lois Hofstra	Toyota	1:40.74	1:40.66	<u>1:34.10</u>
	ASP				
T	Delphino Cavazos*	Porsche	1:23.09	1:11.65	<u>1:11.56</u>
	Deborah Neighbors*	Porsche	1:20.60	1:17.06	<u>1:16.52</u>
	BSP				
T	Thomas Womack*	Chevrolet	1:13.91	1:54.72	<u>1:07.16</u>
	CSP				
T	Bill Hunter	Honda	1:16.96	<u>1:08.36</u>	1:11.28
	Mark Miller*	Dodge	1:11.06	<u>1:10.20</u>	1:17.70
	Shelia Hunter	Honda	<u>1:16.16</u>	DNF	1:20.83
	Jim Dickinson*	BMW	1:52.82	<u>1:25.88</u>	1:28.84
	Elizabeth Smith*	Dodge	1:36.29	1:32.62	<u>1:27.64</u>
	DSP				
T	Richard West	Dodge	1:11.43	1:10.60	<u>1:09.22</u>
T	Bill Gilchrist	Plymouth	1:11.55	<u>1:10.65</u>	1:13.10
	Dennis Gilchrist*	Plymouth	1:15.29	1:16.95	<u>1:11.44</u>
	Larry Allamong*	MGB	1:35.94	<u>1:15.23</u>	1:17.59
FR	Michael Weedon*	Datsun	1:18.56	1:15.81	1:15.39
	Tom Yost*	Datsun	1:50.70	1:19.37	<u>1:16.38</u>
	CP				
T	Dave Cutchins*	Shelby (Ford)	1:51.23	1:50.81	<u>1:17.94</u>
	DP				
T	Bill Ingram	Honda	1:14.49	1:11.65	<u>1:10.66</u>
	EP				
FTD	T Len Wells	Mazda	1:12.06	1:06.45	<u>1:06.33</u>
	Bill Enos	Mazda	1:11.30	<u>1:07.09</u>	1:19.46
	Lewis Parsley	Mazda	<u>1:08.27</u>	1:13.32	1:08.95
	DM				
T	Gene Cooley*	Fiat	<u>1:10.22</u>	1:11.81	DNS

A special thanks to all the workers for making this event a success: John Adams, Angela Gilchrist, Richard West, Joe Bainbridge, Gerry Eberhard, Bill Hunter, Shelia Hunter, Will Hunter, Gary Stout, Anne Wilson*, Jessica Mills*, Floyd Mills, Beth Mills, Wes Tutwiler, Chuck Madison, Mac Davis*, Jennifer Davis*, Scott Powell, Libby Wells, Lindsay Wilson, Anita Enoch, Alice Jones, Len Wells, Ed Myers, Cortes Pauls, Bill Ingram, Sandy Spence, and Bill Smith.*

* non-VMSC member

T Trophy

FR Fun Run

FTD Fastest Time of the Day

MOTORHEAD MADNESS IN MAY AUTOCROSS

The AJD parking lot was transformed into a "mini" road course for the inaugural running of this "could be annual" event. Inspired by their recent competition in the Walter Mitty Challenge at Road Atlanta, event OD's Greg Miller, Jay Dorsk and Rich Fohl laid out an open, yet "challenging", course.

Several interesting "challenges" were undertaken and hotly contested by the modest, but enthusiastic, group of participants. In the "Gilchrist-Plymouth Arrow" challenge, Dennis edged out Bill. Len Wells slipped by his competition in the "Mazda RX-2" Group. Tom Yost won in the "Green 510" series. In the "Edwards 911" series, Gary reclaimed "top dog" status over spouse Barbara.

Perhaps the most interesting challenge on the day developed in the Fun Runs. FTD winner Rich Fohl volunteered his surprising Yokohoma-shod Morgan +8 to three other Morgan Club members to set up the "Morgan-IROC Shoot-Out". When the dust had cleared (literally!), Rich's FTD time barely prevailed as John Sheally and Jay Dorsk were only .01 and .28 sec., respectively, off the pace. Greg Miller easily bettered his Porsche time despite being off the pace a bit more.

The comments voiced concerning the course lay-out were overwhelmingly favorable and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves--isn't that what it's all about?! The "Challenges" that evolved were fun, but prompted the OD's to ponder - maybe this could be developed into an intergral part of further competition? Let the officers know your opinion.

Lastly, but most importantly, THANK YOU to all the following workers (and any others I may have overlooked mentioning) who helped to make this event a success: John Adams, Joe and Candy Bainbridge, Neale Dickerson, Shelia, Bill and Will Hunter, Floyd, Beth and Jessica Mills, Scott Powell, Gary Stout, and Dennis Weir.

RESULTS:
 MOTORHEAD MADNESS IN MAY AUTOCROSS
 OD'D BY RICH FOHL, GREG MILLER, AND JAY DORSK

5/18/86

CL.	POS.	CAR	NAME	1 TIME	2 TIME	3 TIME
A/S	1	T F MORG.	RICH FOHL	1:13.38	1:12.10	1:11.06
A/S	2	T PORSC.	DOUG HARREL	1:14.96	1:13.39	1:12.65
A/S	3	MORG.	JOHN SHEALLY*	1:16.62	1:15.29	1:14.18
A/S	4	HONDA	GARY STOUT	1:14.45	1:14.70	1:14.32
A/S	5	MORG.	JAY DORSK	1:23.23	1:15.76	1:14.74
A/S	6	PORSC.	GARY EDWARDS*	1:16.87	1:14.91	1:16.06
A/S	7	PORSC.	GREG MILLER	1:15.34	1:17.82	1:15.18
A/S	8	PORSC.	BARBARA EDWARDS*	1:26.23	1:17.24	1:18.27
C/S	1	T TR-8	ED MYERS	1:21.59	1:19.06	1:37.13
D/S	1	T GTI	BILL SCHACHAT*	1:26.20	1:16.20	1:17.24
D/S	2	GTI	JACK ENOCH	1:19.02	1:17.44	1:16.76
D/S	3	PONT.	GREG TAYLOR*	1:27.73	1:25.66	1:31.16
F/S	1	T MERC.	DON CHARLES	1:51.83	1:22.99	1:21.79
G/S	1	T TRIUM.	JIM WELLS*	DNF	1:18.95	1:23.12
G/S	2	STANZA	GORDON PATERSON	1:27.21	1:22.49	1:22.41
G/S	3	TRIUM.	GEORGE PERRY*	DNF	1:30.62	1:29.84
H/S	1	T CHEV.	BILL LLOYD	1:17.06	1:16.65	1:28.40
H/S	2	MAZDA	JOE BAINBRIDGE	1:22.87	1:20.86	1:20.17
A/SP	1	T PORSC.	DELPHINO CAVAZOS*	1:22.53	1:26.57	1:24.80
B/SP	1	T CHEV.	DAVID WHIPP*	1:39.02	1:29.24	1:25.69
C/SP	1	T HONDA	BILL HUNTER	1:16.73	1:15.52	1:20.64
C/SP	2	FIAT	TIM WINTER*	1:19.31	1:28.29	1:17.28
C/SP	3	HONDA	SHELIA HUNTER	1:20.41	1:18.37	DNF
D/SP	1	T DODGE	RICHARD WEST	DNF	1:14.14	1:13.66
D/SP	2	MGB	LARRY ALLAMONG*	1:21.83	1:20.71	DNF
D/SP	3	DAT.	TOM YOST*	1:23.67	1:21.43	2:01.25
D/SP	4	DAT.	MICHAEL WEEDON*	1:48.03	1:27.32	1:28.29
D/P	1	T HONDA	BILL INGRAM	1:23.91	1:25.29	1:19.63
E/P	1	T MAZDA	LEN WELLS	1:12.84	1:11.52	DNF
E/P	2	T MAZDA	BILL ENOS	DNF	1:13.09	1:14.85
E/P	3	MAZDA	LEWIS PARSLEY	1:14.71	1:13.82	1:17.24
E/P	4	PLY.	DENNIS GILCHRIST*	DNF	1:17.12	1:16.37
E/P	5	PLY.	BILL GILCHRIST	DNF	1:23.04	1:16.91
E/P	6	PLY.	CARLA GILCHRIST	1:39.46	1:33.38	1:30.05

* - NON-MEMBER T - TROPHY F - FTD

MANY THANKS TO OUR WORKERS: SHELIA, BILL, AND WILL HUNTER, FLOYD, BETH, AND JESSICA* MILLS, JOE AND CANDY BAINBRIDGE, GARY STOUT, DENNIS WEIR, JOHN ADAMS, NEALE DICKINSON, AND SCOTT POWELL.

One quick editorial comment to Greg, Jay, and Rich from two members of the Old Guard of VMSC: thanks for a well-run, well-conceived, and, above all, entertaining event (although half of us still wishes it would have run to the left). Too often new members shy away from staging events for myriad reasons; as editors and burn-out victims, we would like to state that we appreciate your effort and enthusiasm, anticipate your next autocross, and hope others will follow your lead. Thanks again.



THE VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE
 9TH "SERIES 3 ROADCROSS"
 JUNE 29, JULY 13 & 27, 1986



THE COURSE WILL UTILIZE THE 1/3 MILE OVAL AND INCORPORATE THE PAVED INFIELD CROSSOVER. THE COURSE WILL BE WIDE-OPEN AND CHALLENGING; WITH SAFETY A PRIME CONSIDERATION.

THE EXCELLENT ORGANIZATION AND EVENT ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS BECOME A HALLMARK OF "SERIES 3" WILL CONTINUE. REGISTRATION WILL BE RESTRICTED TO 150 CARS. PRE-REGISTRATION PRIOR TO JUNE 18 GUARENTEES YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE AND RESERVES THE SAME CAR NUMBER FOR ALL THREE EVENTS. THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL THREE EVENTS IS \$25.00 OR \$10.00 FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT. DASH PLAQUES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FIRST 100 ENTRANTS.

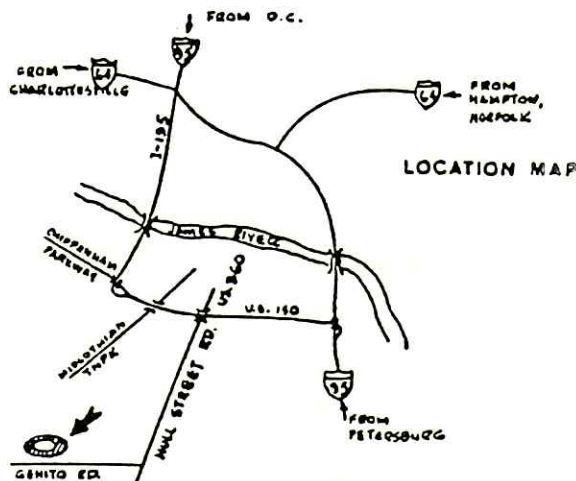
THE EVENT WILL BE RUN RAIN OR SHINE. REGISTRATION AND TECH INSPECTION WILL OPEN AT 8:00 AM, FIRST CAR OFF AT 9:00 AM. REGISTRATION WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 3:00 PM.

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POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH EVENT AS FOLLOWS:

9	POINTS---	1ST
6	-----	2ND
4	-----	3RD
3	-----	4TH
2	-----	5TH
1	-----	6TH

ONE TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH 5 CARS (AVERAGE) OR FRACTION THEREOF IN CLASS BASED ON POINT ACCUMULATION FOR THE SERIES.



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB'S 9TH "SERIES 3 ROADCROSS"

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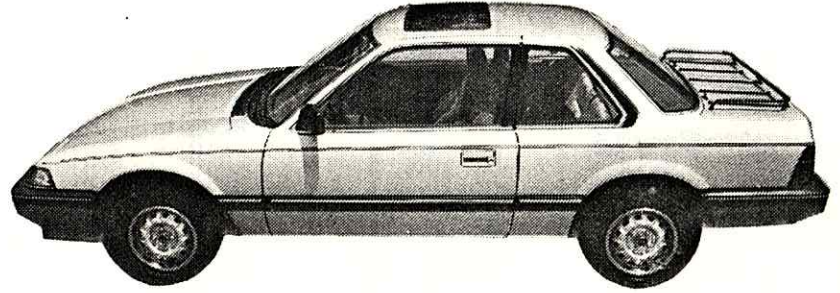
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