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Coming Events

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NOVEMBER 17

VMSC rally starting at
of routes 301 & 638 in
Mills. See flyer

CANCELLED

Shopping Center, corner
Oded by Floyd & Marvin



NOVEMBER 21

VMSC regular monthly meeting at the Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad Building, 5327 Forest Hill Avenue, at 8:00 p.m.
Nominations for 1992 Officers will be presented.



DECEMBER 1

VMSC rally starting at the Hanover Square Shopping Center, Route 360 near I-295 in Mechanicsville, Va. Oded by Lewis & Barbara Parsley. See flyer inside.



DECEMBER 5

VMSC Board of Directors meeting at the home of Scott Powell at 8:00 p.m.



DECEMBER 19

VMSC Annual meeting at the Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad Building at 8:00 p.m.
1992 Officers will be elected.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.....

The November 21st meeting and nominate your 1992 Officers.
The December 19th meeting and elect your 1992 Officers.
The January 11th Awards Banquet and have loads of food & fun.

We hope to see YOU at all three





FOR YOUR INFORMATION



OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 10 = One day Autocross. TSCC event in the Tidewater area. First event in the Winter Four Series.
- 23 = One day Rally. MCT Turkey day rally in the Tidewater area.
- 23 = Two day School. CAR GUYS at Summit Point, W.VA.
- DECEMBER 8 = One day Autocross. THSCC charity event in Goldsboro, N.C.
- 8 = One day Show. MCT Joy Fund car show in the Tidewater area.
- 8 = One day Autocross. TSCC event in the Tidewater area. Second event in the Winter Four Series.

FOR MORE DETAILS, CALL: TSCC = David Lee at 1-423-1396
 MCT = Doug Sample at 1-825-9295
 THSCC = Stan Vann at 1-919-398-3955



Introducing...

**** JAMES C. CARUTHERS ****

James resides at 5402 Carriageway Lane in Richmond, VA. (23234) and can be reached at 271-4993.

James is a Research Engineer for the DuPont Company. He and his lovely wife Diane have two children, Ellen and Justin. James is currently a member of both the National Miata Club and The Central Virginia Miata Club. He is interested in rallying, autocrossing, and tinkering, with a primary interest in autocrossing. His hobby is reading.

James cruises around in a 1991 Mazda Miata and Diane drives a 1990 Honda Accord.

A warm and hardy VMSC welcome to our newest member.

**** The CENTRAL VIRGINIA MIATA CLUB ****

The Central Virginia Miata Club is Richmonds newest motor sport organization and like most marque clubs is dedicated to the enjoyment of ones Miata and the companionship of other Miata owners. In short, having FUN and sharing Miata stories. CVMC members Linda Harris and George Ferrell have autocrossed with VMSC this year and James Caruthers has joined our club. Any VMSC member who knows a Miata owner should recommend CVMC and as CVMC grows, we may see more of them at our events. CVMC may be reached at:

CENTRAL VIRGINIA MIATA CLUB
 P.O. BOX 555
 MIDLOTHIAN, VA. 23113
 276-7460

VMSC appreciates the support of CVMC and all other motor sport clubs. Such intra-club support is beneficial and necessary for all of us to survive. We hope to see more members of all area clubs attending each others events in 1992. Thanks for 1991 participation.

Who? What? When? Where? Why?

Are the newest 'young lions' on the various American racing circuits? For 1991, two come quickly to mind. First is 21 year old Del Worsham who rocked the NHRA crowd by beating almost every top Funny Car driver in his first year in those machines and many fellow drivers say that Del will be the next John Force or Kenny Bernstein. Not bad for a 21 year old. Second is 24 year old David Donohue, yes he's the son of the late great Mark Donohue, who ran a Porsche (what else) in the IMSA Firestone Firehawk Endurance Championship. David plans to continue learning on the road courses and then move up to CART or even F-1.

Is FOR SALE this month? Well John Wilton has decided to part with his 1980 Mercedes 300 TD wagon. This fine automobile is white with blue leather interior. A dealer offered John \$3,000 for this car on trade-in, but John will consider a VMSC members best offer over that paltry amount. Give John a call at 794-3196 (evenings) or 794-4362 (days).

Was the last time we saw almost 90 cars at a VMSC autocross? The final autocross (Oct. 20) of our 1991 season was blessed with 88 entrants and a good time was had by all. OD's Bill Hunter, Shelia Hunter, and Mike Weedon did a great job. Let's hope we can sustain such attendance at our 1992 events.

Have all our Marque (and Jett) trophies gone? It is that time of year for holders of said classic hardware to retrieve them from dark closets and return them for new engraving and old repairs. PLEASE bring them to either the November or December regular meeting and bestow the beloved things on Tony Santagata, who will take the appropriate (but probably not the desired) action. For those of you who have mentally blocked out ownership of these trophies, here is a list of last years winners! Jett trophy = John Wilton, Chevrolet = Bill Lloyd, Datsun/Nissan = John Hartka, Honda = Chip Williams, Mazda = Dick Boogher, SAAB = The Greenwoods, Triumph = Doug Burton, Volkswagon = Mike Weedon, and Volvo = The Santagata's. Your help may be appreciated. THANK YOU.

Attend the 1991 Annual Awards Banquet? Simple really. You can not have a more FUN filled evening for such a low price anywhere. Here is a review, or preview if you have not been to VMSCs big bash before, of our Annual Gala Event. The evening begins with cocktails and conversations at 6:00 p.m. It is during this hour that you enjoy the FUN of guessing who is whom, for here is a roomful of gentlemen in suits and ties (many clean shaven) and ladies in gowns (also clean shaven) whom you have seen all year wearing only their grubbies. You also get the FUN of identifying all those mystery spouses you have never met. Then at about 7:00 p.m. you get to enjoy one of the best meals in Richmond (this is also a FUN time as you wait to see who puts their arm in the potatoes or spills their veggies onto the person seated next to them). The awarding of year end trophies begins promptly around 8:00 p.m. and the FUN of seeing who won what occurs (for you new members, VMSC maintains a year long points race with such points being awarded for attending meetings, working events, competing in events, etc. Then we award year end trophies in a vast variety of categories to the top point earners in each category). We also award Life Memberships to those who have been members in good standing for eight years, past Presidents in attendance are recognized, and the 1992 Officers are presented. Then the FUN of dancing to the music of the greatest performers of all time occurs from approximately 9:00 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Since we will be using a D.J. again this year, WE get to select the songs we wish to hear and dance to (send a list of your favorite music to Beth Mills, today). If this were not enough FUN, we usually get a group together and proceed from the banquet to a restaurant for breakfast. In short, each of you should plan to attend because it's FUN.

The VMSC Annual Awards Banquet is not limited to members only, so please call Beth Mills at 798-5536 (evenings) and reserve space for you, your spouse, and ALL of your friends.

See flyer in the December issue of Checkpoints for details as to time, place, and cost. We hope to see everyone at the Banquet on January 11th, 1992. Remember, it's FUN.



THE RIGHT - ON RALLY

~~JULY 14, 1991~~

~~AUGUST 4, 1991~~

~~OCTOBER 13, 1991~~

DEC. 1, 1991

- START LOCATION:** THE RALLY WILL BEGIN AT THE UKROPS SUPERMARKET LOCATED IN THE HANOVER SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER, ROUTE 360 (MECHANICSVILLE TURNPIKE) AND I-295 NEAR MECHANICSVILLE, VA.
- REGISTRATION:** REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN FROM 12:00 NOON UNTIL 12:45 P.M. AND THE FIRST CAR WILL LEAVE AT 1:01.00 P.M.
- CLASSES:** COMPETITION IN THIS EVENT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE CLASSES; EQUIPPED, UNEQUIPPED, AND ROOKIE. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHICH CLASS YOU ARE IN, CHECK WITH THE REGISTRAR.
- COST:** THE ENTRY FEE FOR THIS RALLY WILL BE \$10.00 PER TEAM.
- FINISH:** THE RALLY WILL END AT ANDY'S BARBECUE RESTAURANT LOCATED IN THE SPRING GREEN SHOPPING CENTER OFF MECHANICSVILLE TURNPIKE.
- GENERAL:** THE RALLY WILL BE A TRAPPED TIME-SPEED-DISTANCE EVENT OF EASY TO MEDIUM DIFFICULTY. ALL INTENDED TRAPS WILL HAVE COMPLETE FAILSAFE MEASURES. A SMALL AMOUNT OF DIRT ROADS WILL OCCUR DURING THE RALLY. MOST ROADS TRAVELLED DURING THE RALLY HAVE BEEN USED BEFORE, BUT NOT IN SEVERAL YEARS.
- DETAILS:** PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED. RESERVE YOUR FAVORITE NUMBER, GET YOUR GENERALS EARLY, AND/OR OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION BY CONTACTING THE RALLYMASTERS:

BARBARA AND LEWIS PARSLEY
9207 EMMETT ROAD
GLEN ALLEN, VA. 23060
(804) 346-0150



CLASS	ENTRANT	MARQUE	1st Time	2nd Time	3rd Time	Best Time
CSP	T Bill Hunter *	Honda CRX 1500	44.44 lpy	44.53	DNS	44.53
	Doug Burton *	Honda CRX	45.06	45.09 lpy	44.89	44.89
	Floyd Mills *	Honda CRX	49.27	47.20	45.13	45.13
	Andrew Siff *	Mazda RX7	47.23	45.99	45.37	45.37
	Tom Parker	Mazda Miata	52.33 2G	49.78	49.91	49.78
DSP	T Dick Boogher *	Mazda RxZ	45.75	44.40	43.67	43.67
	Nick Fisher *	Honda Civic	47.03	46.08	45.83	45.83
	Don Gartner	Honda Civic	48.77	48.63	46.81	46.81
	Tom Yost *	Honda Civic	48.49	47.66	47.46	47.46
ESP	T Nick Smilek	Chevy Monte Carlo	50.37	49.78	50.15	49.78
BP	T Bob Matthews	Corvette	42.53	40.98	41.01	40.98
CP	T Dave Cole	Pontiac Gran Prix	48.50	46.97	45.20	45.20
DP	T Shelia Hunter *	Honda Civic 1200	50,69+10	49.98	50.66	49.98
EP	T Joe Bainbridge *	Toyota FX	53.39	52.09	50.13	50.13
FP	T Brandy Woodell	Datson 240Z	45.73	48.79	48.12	48.12
B/M	T Jeff Chasen	Sport Racer	46.33 lpy	44.98 lpy	DNF	46.98
C/M	T John Adams *	Red Devil 440	41.02	41.25	39.98	39.98
E/M	T John Wilton *	Mazda RXZ	45.88	46.33	44.31	44.31
S/S	T Troy Jones	Corvette	49.47	50.53	DNF	50.53
A/S	T John Kessler	Porsche 911	48.22	47.66	47.52	47.52
	Doug Nelson (Fun) *	* BMW M-3	55.17	53.37	53.95 1G	53.37
	Doug Nelson	* Lotus Elan	54.87	53.11 1G	51.97 1G	54.87
C/S	T George Ferrell	Mazda MX5	54.00	54.97	53.43	53.43
D/S	T Chip Williams *	Honda CRS Si	44.81	DNF	DNF	44.81
	Richard West *	Plymouth Colt	47.93	46.39	45.09	45.09
E/S	T David Langston *	Plymouth Colt	48.04	46.63	46.49	46.49
	Tyler Hancock *	TR6	54.19	56.92 2G	54.18 1G	54.19
F/S	T James Barton	Mustang LX	46.63	50.17	50.33	50.17
	Allen Roach *	* Mavick 302	1.00.18	51.07	50.35	50.35
	Allen Roach (Fun) *	* Mavick 302	1.07.91	57.80 1G	57.65	57.65
H/S	T Bill Lloyd *	Chevy Vega	46.24	45.39	45.73	45.39
	Paul Hale *	Mustang II	48.55	47.45	47.61	45.45
	Forrest Keaton *	Honda Civic	51.97	55.87	55.59	51.97
ASP	T Roger Garrett	Corvette	44.22	42.37 1Py	42.07	44.22
	Bill Whitehead *	Porsche 911	47.05	47.77	46.86	46.86

p= pylon G=Gate Fun=Fun Runs

T= Trophy

*= VMSC member

Thanks for all the workers: Floyd Mills, Richard West, Chip Williams, Doug Nelson, Nick Smilek, Joe and Cindy Bainbridge, Brady Woodell, Tom Parker, Forrest Keaton, David Langston, Allen Roach, Dave Cole, Tyler Hancock, Shelia Hunter, John Adams, Jeff Chasen, Andy Siff, John Wilton, Scott Powell, Bill Whitehead, Doug and jet Burton, John Kessler, Bill Lloyd, Dick Boogher, Paul Hale, George Ferrell, Don Gartner, Mike Weedon, Bill Hunter, Bob Matthews.



Virginia Challenge

AutoCross

October 20th, 1991



() = indicates penalty for pylon(s) @ 2 seconds each and/or gate(s) @ 10 seconds each

OD's Bill & Shelia Hunter and Mike Weedon

T = Trophy Position

POSITION	DRIVER	CLUB	MARQUE	1ST RUN	2ND RUN	3RD RUN
<u>A/M</u>						
FUN	John Sheally	SCCA	Carden FF	48.66	48.16	47.73
T 1.	Mike Carden	SCCA	Carden FF	59.03(10)	DNF	48.03
2.	Allen Goode	TSCC	VW Sport Racer	51.86(2)	49.60	49.49
3.	Robert Evans	--	Carden FF	67.85	62.07	56.51
<u>B/M</u>						
T 1.	Jeff Chasen	--	Sport Racer	53.76	50.83	49.93
<u>C/M</u>						
T 1.	David Lee	TSCC	Zink Z19	49.33	46.99*FTD*	47.69
<u>E/M</u>						
T 1.	Bobby Smith	PCA	Porsche 914/4	48.05	48.00	47.45
2.	John Wilton	VMSC	Mazda RX2	59.78	58.85	54.35
<u>A/P</u>						
T 1.	Charlie Powell	SCCA	Chevy Corvette	66.74	62.43	60.59
<u>B/P</u>						
T 1.	Dave Cutchins	TSCC	Chevy Corvette	52.85(2)	51.50(2)	54.23
<u>C/P</u>						
FUN	Brady Wooddell	SCCA	Pontiac Grand Prix	61.20(2)	56.67	55.77
T 1.	Dave Cole	SCCA	Pontiac Grand Prix	67.14(10)	56.99	56.97
FUN	Allen Roach	VMSC	Ford Maverick	59.05	61.93	61.05(2)
2.	Forrest Keeton	VMSC	Ford Maverick	61.52	60.64	59.91
3.	Allen Roach	VMSC	Ford Maverick	63.63	63.16(2)	60.85
<u>D/P</u>						
T 1.	Shelia Hunter	VMSC	Honda Civic 1200	59.81	57.74	58.16(2)
2.	Joe Creery	VMSC	Dodge Colt Wagon	59.26	60.19	60.83
<u>E/P</u>						
T 1.	Mont Linkenauger	SCCA	BMW 2002	58.09(2)	54.27	53.49
2.	Joe Bainbridge	VMSC	Toyota FX	56.39	55.37	55.69
3.	Jason Whipple	--	VW Jetta GLI	DNF	60.27	58.07
4.	Rob Saunders	--	Honda Accord	62.94	85.41(30)	61.01
<u>F/P</u>						
T 1.	Brady Wooddell	SCCA	Datsun 240Z	49.34	50.04	48.61
2.	Chris Lee	SCCA	Datsun 240Z	51.78	50.53	50.63
<u>A/SP</u>						
T 1.	John Phillips	HRCC	Chevy Corvette	50.27	49.72	49.08
T 2.	Greg Bauer	HRCC	Chevy Corvette	51.67	49.59	49.43
T 3.	Andy Chisholm	TSCC	Porsche 911E	52.01	50.74	49.92
4.	Roger Garrett	--	Chevy Corvette	50.53	50.19	50.45
5.	Bill Whitehead	VMSC	Porsche 911	52.44	52.13	52.46
6.	Terry Gonyaw	HRCC	Chevy Corvette	57.29(4)	52.89	60.61(10)
7.	Marc Lisner	TSCC	Porsche 914	68.43(10)	53.61	54.20
8.	John Hartka	VMSC	Datsun 240Z	55.48	54.82	56.88(2)
9.	Delphino Cavazos	--	Porsche 914	75.17(10)	56.59	55.78
10.	John Kessler	--	Porsche 911	60.59(2)	56.62	66.42(10)
11.	Jim Linkenauger	SCCA	Porsche 911	63.93(6)	72.68(16)	57.97
<u>B/SP</u>						
T 1.	Ken Taggart	NVCC	Chevy Corvette	51.90	51.59	51.27
<u>C/SP</u>						
T 1.	Nic Monterastelli	PCA	Honda CRX	49.39	54.82(6)	54.91(6)
T 2.	Ben Schaeffer	SCCA	Honda CRX	50.24	DNF	49.64
3.	Bill Hunter	VMSC	Honda CRX	53.03	53.23	52.40
4.	Andy Seward	VMSC	Honda CRX Si	53.31	53.10	53.46
5.	Floyd Mills	VMSC	Honda CRX	54.04	66.45(10)	53.55
FUN	Andy Siff	VMSC	Mazda RX-7	56.47	55.19	54.42
6.	Andy Siff	VMSC	Mazda RX-7	57.01	56.69	55.34
7.	Doug Burton	VMSC	Honda CRX	55.89	56.90	56.33
8.	Jeff Fischl	SCCA	Fiat Spyder 2000	57.94	59.07	56.56

POSITION	DRIVER	CLUB	MARQUE	1ST RUN	2ND RUN	3RD RUN
<u>D/SP</u>						
T 1.	Dick Boogher	VMSC	Mazda RX-2	53.43	52.73	54.94(2)
T 2.	Larry Allamong	--	MGB	65.07(12)	53.93	52.89
3.	Danny Merkh	TSCC	Mercury Capri	54.50	54.32	54.74(2)
4.	Rick Giles	--	Honda Civic	84.55(32)	54.37	55.45(2)
5.	Mike Weedon	VMSC	Honda Civic	55.51	56.93(2)	54.66
6.	Nick Fisher	VMSC	Honda Civic	55.07	55.25	54.68
<u>E/SP</u>						
T 1.	Dale Blankenship	SCCA	Chevy Camaro Z28	52.27	53.76(2)	DNS
2.	Tom Stangler	SCCA	Ford Mustang GT	57.53(2)	54.34	53.96
3.	Don Walsh	TSCC	Mercury Cougar	58.59	56.55	54.27
4.	Nick Smilek	--	Chevy Monte Carlo	61.39	60.29	60.09
FUN	Nick Smilek	--	Chevy Monte Carlo	60.59	60.44	60.48
<u>N/S</u>						
T 1.	Douglas Nelson	VMSC	Lotus Elan	DNF	57.27	60.39(2)
<u>B/S</u>						
T 1.	David Robinson	SCCA	Eagle Talon	54.89	55.67(2)	53.43
2.	Lee Ann Derksen	TSCC	Dodge Stealth	69.71(12)	58.13	61.13(2)
<u>C/S</u>						
T 1.	John Sheally	SCCA	Morgan Plus 8	52.00	51.17	50.97
2.	Mike Harshbarger	TSCC	Toyota MR2	60.63(2)	58.98	59.05
3.	George Ferrell	CVMC	Mazda Miata	60.63	61.41	60.26
4.	Linda Harris	CVMC	Mazda Miata	65.66	61.48(2)	62.19
<u>D/S</u>						
FUN	Chip Williams	VMSC	Honda CRX Si	54.21	52.89	53.63
T 1.	Richard West	VMSC	Plymouth Colt Turbo	54.47	54.44(2)	53.18
2.	Chip Williams	VMSC	Honda CRX Si	56.75	54.97	56.47(2)
3.	Bill Shelley	VMSC	Bertone X1/9	59.97	67.47(10)	57.89
4.	Dana Cole	--	Nissan 300ZX	59.41	67.59(10)	58.03
5.	Andy Jhaj	--	Bertone X1/9	87.62(30)	DNS	DNS
<u>E/S</u>						
T 1.	Jim Adcock	VMSC	Saturn SC	55.29	53.84	53.29
T 2.	David Langston	VMSC	Plymouth Colt GTS	56.69	55.03	54.80
3.	John Maglieri	--	VW Rabbit GTI	57.76	55.37	55.18
4.	Joe Kallar	--	VW Jetta	56.86	56.32	55.68
5.	Bruce Thompson	SCCA	VW Rabbit GTI	69.18	56.39	55.90
6.	Frank Cottone	TSCC	Dodge Omni GLH	58.08	58.50	57.48
7.	Ed Montgomery	--	Saturn SC	62.67	59.62	58.71
8.	Tyler Hancock	VMSC	Triumph TR-6	62.79	60.25	59.09
<u>F/S</u>						
FUN	James Barton	--	Ford Mustang LX	57.13(2)	55.15	63.76(8)
T 1.	James Barton	--	Ford Mustang LX	55.73	56.44	55.24
2.	Phil Webster	VMSC	Pontiac Trans Am	58.83	64.50	57.50
<u>H/S</u>						
T 1.	Bill Lloyd	VMSC	Chevy Vega	55.48	54.67	55.90(2)
T 2.	Jim Clapp	--	Chevy Vega	57.57	56.46	55.01
3.	Al Hunt	--	Dodge Shadow	56.16	56.27	55.64
4.	Rick Carr	VMSC	Honda Civic Wagon	56.67	56.10	56.95
5.	Ray Elliott	TSCC	Plymouth Horizon	60.23(2)	57.61	57.67
6.	Paul Hale	VMSC	Ford Mustang II	63.93	59.54	59.23
7.	Ralph Mahtar	--	Toyota Celica	61.33	61.87	60.55
8.	David Glenn	--	Toyota Corona	64.56	63.05	62.63
9.	David Wright	TSCC	Chevy Monza	76.73(10)	63.36	62.89

WORKERS: Jim Adcock, Larry Allamong, Candy Bainbridge, Joe Bainbridge, James Barton, Greg Bauer, Dale Blankenship, Dick Boogher, Doug Burton, jet Burton, Mike Carden, Rick Carr, Jim Clapp, Dana Cole, Dave Cole, Frank Cottone, Joe Creery, Dave Cutchins, Lee Ann Derksen, Neale Dickinson, Ray Elliott, George Ferrell, Jeff Fischl, Nick Fisher, Roger Garrett, Rick Giles, Dave Glenn, Terry Gonyaw, Paul Hale, Tyler Hancock, Mike Harshbarger, John Hartka, Forrest Keeton, John Kessler, David Langston, Chris Lee, David Lee, Jim Linkenauger, Mont Linkenauger, Marc Lisner, Bill Lloyd, John Maglieri, Ralph Mahtar, Danny Merkh, Beth Mills, Floyd Mills, Jessica Mills, Nic Monterastelli, Douglas Nelson, John Phillips, Scott Powell, Allen Roach, David Robinson, Ben Schaeffer, Andy Seward, Bill Shelley, Andy Siff, Nick Smilek, Bobby Smith, Tom Stangler, Ken Taggart, Bruce Thompson, David Walsh, Phil Webster, Richard West, Chip Williams, John Wilton, Brady Wooddell, Dave Wright.

FUTURE EVENTS: This was VMSC's last autocross for 1991, but if you're looking for more pylon action, TSCC in hosting the "Winter 4 Autocross Series" at Fentress. Dates for the series are November 10, 1991; December 8, 1991; January 19, 1992; and February 23, 1992. For more info call Dave Hinde at (804)461-SCCA.

The O.D.s would like to say a very large THANK YOU to all the competitors and workers--it was great to have such a big turnout (88 cars!) and we couldn't have pulled it off without you. In addition to all the people listed above, we'd also like to add special notes of appreciation to Tire Centers, Inc. of 1912 Maywill St. for bringing their tire truck to the event; to Lee Ann Derksen of TSCC for arranging it; to TSCC for the handling of the trophies and points for the autocross series and for the cupcakes; and last, but certainly not least, to Andy Siff of the Ironhorse Restaurant in Ashland for bringing lunch out to the O.D.s. Thanks, everyone. See you at Fentress!

Bill, Shelia, and Mike

Minitrack not quite real thing to Indy 500 winner

By Lewis F. Brissman
Times-Dispatch staff writer

Perhaps it's appropriate that Richmond International Raceway, home of a major stop on the NASCAR circuit, looms over the Marlboro Mini-Grand Prix at the State Fair. After all, Richmond is not an Indy car town.

But while the raceway is reserved for the big boys, just about anyone can try the minitrack, which features scaled-down models of Indy cars.

Yesterday afternoon, Arie Luyendyk, winner of the 1990 Indianapolis 500, was on hand to sign autographs for fairgoers. He tested the track.

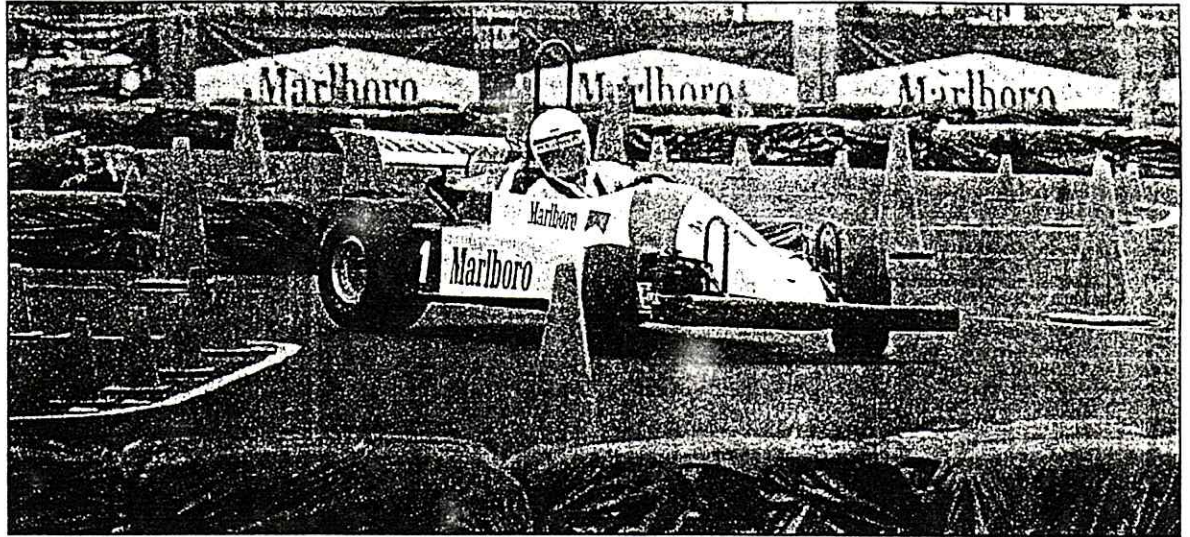
Not quite the real thing, he said. "The track's too narrow," he said during an interview. "But you'll find out yourself," referring to a racing challenge from a reporter.

Luyendyk, who had taken a couple of warm-up laps, clocked one at 33.06. The reporter, on his first and only lap, was just seconds (nine, to be exact) off the pace.

For \$2, which goes to Richmond Freedom House — an organization that helps the homeless — fairgoers can take three laps on the quarter-mile track. The course features more than two dozen curves, meant to give the effect of real Indy car street racing.

Does it? "Maybe this much," Luyendyk said, holding his fingers close together. The cars' top speed is around 60 mph, and the track design keeps speeds to about half that.

Even if the minitrack doesn't approximate Indy or the Detroit Grand Prix, it's still enticing to patrons, Luyendyk said.



Staff photo by Don Long

IN CONTROL — Arie Luyendyk, winner of yesterday at the Marlboro Mini-Grand Prix second lap, will hop into his full-sized car the 1990 Indianapolis 500, blazed a lap at the State Fair. Luyendyk, who ran a 33- this weekend for a race in Pennsylvania.

"Usually when they come up here and ride around, they get bitten by the bug a little bit," he said. "It's an exciting sport."

In fact, "when I do this kind of stuff, there's always someone that beats me," Luyendyk said. Indeed, one fairgoer had a time of 31.4.

But it's getting tougher to beat Luyendyk on the real courses.

A Dutchman whose first serious

year on the American circuit was 1985, Luyendyk could place no better than second in his first five years.

Then he turned in a stunning performance at Indy 1990, averaging a record 186 mph over 500 miles.

He followed with a third-place finish at this year's 500 and won a race in Phoenix. Under trying circumstances (off-track disputes with a former team owner and no corpo-

rate sponsorship), Luyendyk also placed second in this year's Michigan 500 after starting near the back.

And for racing car hopefuls, he said to expect a rough track.

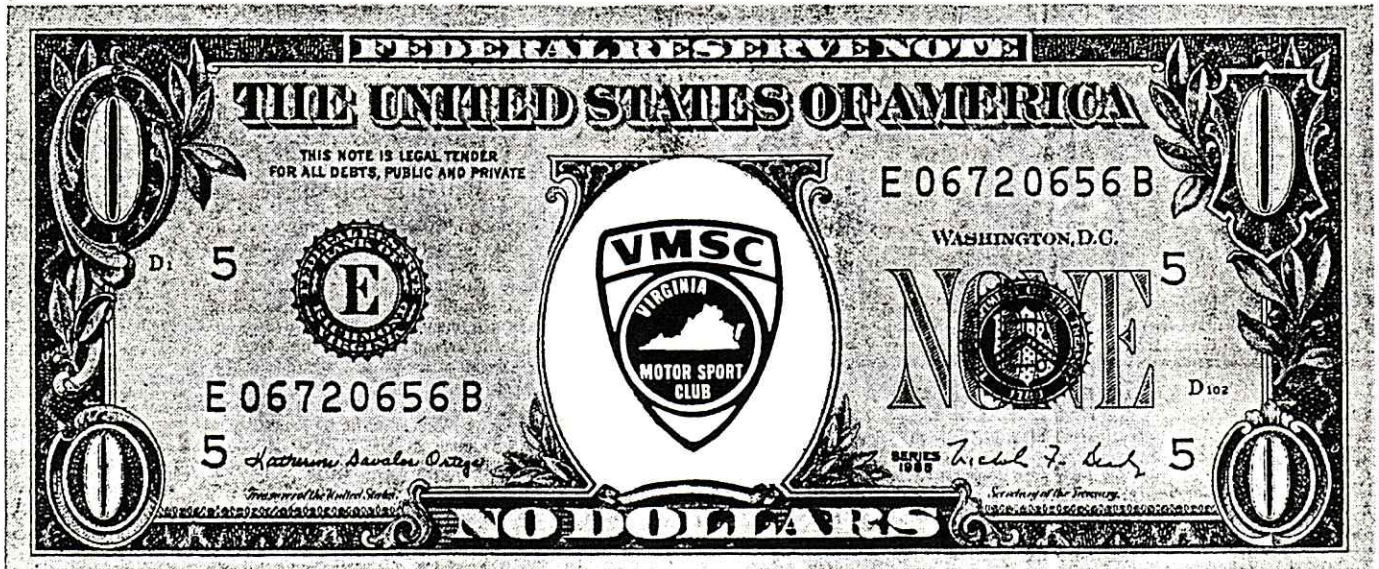
"If you want to become a race car driver, the only warning I could give is that it takes a long time before you can reach your goals," Luyendyk said. "It's not an easy path."

"It doesn't only require talent to

drive the car. It requires marketing talents almost, getting sponsors to run the deal," he said.

At 38, with gray starting to creep in on his trademark long, brown hair, Luyendyk's talents have been paying dividends, particularly during the past two years. He said he has plenty of racing years left, but "I know one thing," he said. "I won't be in the race car when I'm 50."

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The only problem with the rise of the computer in everyday life is that many people now think and talk like one, for example: If Chicken Little were alive, he'd probably say; "The sky is making a technical correction".

This months honesty award goes to a clerk at the new Midlothian K-Mart who, after announcing some hourly specials over the PA system, stated: "Thank you for shopping K-Mart and please come again - because nobody wants your money more than we do!"

Speaking of clerks, I sometimes wonder what planet some of them come from. The other day I stopped in at a local Trac-Auto store to buy some oil that was on special. When I got to the checkout counter, I gave the clerk my oil and a coupon that stated - buy three and get a fourth quart free. The clerk looked puzzled, so I asked; "What's wrong". The clerk replied, "You have four quarts of oil." I said, "Okay." The clerk responded, "Well I have to ring them up". I said, "Okay". Whereupon the clerk asked, "But which one is free?"

A sign of the times occurred when a street interviewer asked an older lady, "What do you think of all the sex and violence in the movies today?" And the woman replied, "Well, I try to ignore all the people around me when I go to the movies."

A joy of being a real estate salesman was realized by Scott Powell last Sunday when he showed a young couple a number of model homes. "And this one" said Scott at the tenth house, "has an added feature not found in most homes. It's a hobby room. Do you folks have a hobby?" "Yes, indeed" replied the couple, "we look through model homes every Sunday."

The other day, Dennis Weir was taunting Wilt Greenwood about his last rally. "That was a great set of generals, Greenie. Tell me, who wrote them for you." "I'm so glad you enjoyed them" retorted Wilt, "but please tell me Bubba, who read them to you?"

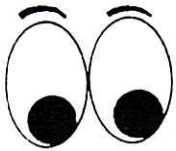
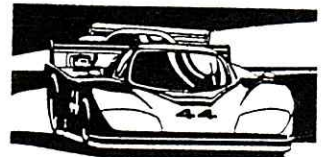
The following was submitted by my seven year old daughters. "Do you know what happens when a bunch of cut-up onions float down a stream?" "They make the bridge on the river cry!"

AKA

How many famous marques can you identify from the following list of model names?

- ALFONSO -
- ALPENSIEGER -
- ATLANTIC COUPE -
- BARRACUDA -
- BEARCAT -
- CALIFORNIA -
- CARRERA -
- CORNICHE -
- DB 5 -
- DIABLO -
- ECLAT -
- GT 40 -
- HORNET -
- M8D -
- MAGNETTE K3 -
- MERAK SS -
- SPEED SIX -
- STINGRAY -
- STRATOS -
- XKE -

answers next month



DIFFERENT STUFF

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Paper Charades

Using the key words in the left-hand column, can you fill-in each of the four categories with a title that contains the key word exactly as shown? While there may be more than one title containing the key word for each category, no title may be used more than once.

Example : Key word = Black

Possible answers (in order) = That old black magic, Black Beauty, Black Widow, and Baa Baa Black Sheep.

	<u>SONG</u>	<u>NOVEL</u>	<u>MOVIE</u>	<u>TV SHOW</u>
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Answers to October Motoring Mania

ACGBI = Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland
ACRL = American Cities Racing League
A.J. = Anthony Joseph (as in Foyt)
ARRC = American Road Race of Champions
ARS = American Racing Series
BMW = Bayerische Motoren Werke
FIAT = Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino
FRA = Formula Racing Association
IGPMS = International Grand Prix Medical Service
IROC = International Race of Champions
IT = Improved Touring (an SCCA classification)
MARRS = Mid Atlantic Road Racing Series
MG = Morris Garages
MIS = Michigan International Speedway
NAPA = National Automobile Parts Association
POR = Press On Regardless (once great rally)
STP = Special Treated Petroleum
USRRC = United States Road Racing Championship
VIR = Virginia International Raceway (once the most beautiful road course on the East coast)
VSCDA = Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association
WRC = World Rally Championship
WSPC = World Sports Prototype Championship

Answers to October Different Stuff

1 = Autocross
2 = Hillclimb
3 = Downhill esses
4 = Indianapolis 500
5 = No Visible Number (rally term)
6 = No U-turn
7 = Graham Hill
8 = Stock Cars
9 = Timing line
10 = Slalom
11 = 360° spin
12 = Bee Modified (autocross class)
13 = Formula 1
14 = Missed a gate (autocross term)
15 = Off road racing
16 = Racing around the clock
17 = Downshift
18 = Passing under braking
19 = Off course loop (rally term)
20 = Riverside





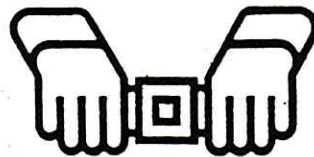
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