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ODs: Dick Jones and Gary & Barbara Stout
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At Play

Driving 'Em Crazy at the Edge of the World

here was this one fellow," Mike Castleberry was explaining. "There was this one fellow who was in surgery until Friday

night at 8, and a rally started at 7 Saturday morning. He had his wife drive the car down with a friend. And he drove in the rally."

Castleberry, an II-year veteran of the Virginia Motor Sport Club, was explaining the peculiar form of craziness that road rallying devotees often find themselves nudged into often find themselves nudged into. They know several paychecks in advance which new rallying accessory is going to be theirs; they design their whole social life to fit around a handful

of rally dates. The fellow in surgery lost that Saturday rally, but he won an awful lot of wondering admirers.

For the most part, time-speed-distance rallyists become obsessed. They sink thousands on Mazdas and Saab Turbos and other powerful, expensive cars. They invest hundreds

in in-car computers, dashboard ornain in-car computers, dashboard ornaments that become obsolete in months but still sell for nearly their full purchase price. They space their conversations with mysterious acronyms and mental abbreviations, such as, "I had to clear some noise out of my box and CAS 35 at the beginning of the DIY leg." ("I fixed a malfunction in my computer and reprogrammed it to my computer and reprogrammed it to an average speed of 35 mph at the start of the rally's final section.") Says Dick Jones, president of VMSC, "It's an entirely different world, the world of the rallyist" the rallvist.

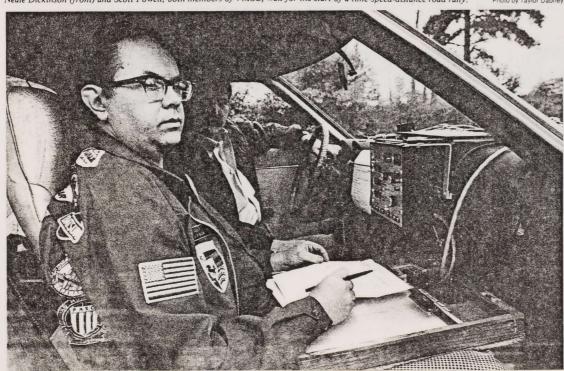
To understand the select, yet intense, appeal of the sport, it's important to know that road rallying is not just road racing. The object is not to beat everyone else to the rally's checkpoints, but to arrive at them precisely on time (to the hundredths of a minute) per a schedule known as the a minute), per a schedule known as the route instructions. While the navigator reads the car's computer or makes his

own calculations to keep the car on schedule, the driver interprets the route instructions, which sometimes take the form of enigmatic riddles. ("Jog left. 17.14. Right to decrease your route number.") The sport demands a careful combination of informal logic and common sense with a bit of calculation thrown in on the side; as such, it appeals especially to people who depend on precision of thought in their professions: lots of computer specialists run in rallies, as do some lawyers, accountants, and businessmen.

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In order to follow the route instruc-tions, a driver must be able to (at least partially) match his thinking to that of the rallymaster. One instruction can infer another; at a recent VMSC night rally, the purposeful omission of the direction "No Route Change" tricked the entire field of rallyists into missing the final checkpoint. Everyone got docked 600 points.

nembers of VMSC, wait for the start of a ti Neale Dickinson (front) and Scott Powell, both



AT PLAY

Rallies can last from a couple of

Rallies can last from a couple of hours to a couple of days; from a few miles to several hundred. Most are run on the curving, twisting cowpaths that the highway department paved and called roads. It's hard to speed on these roads, and rallyists usually don't: points are awarded in a way that discourages drivers from trying to make up too much lost time.

A good rallymaster will design one of these winding courses to be difficult, filled with traps of logic and observation. A "bad taste" trap is one that relies on a lame, not very thoughtful clue (like a direction change at a mailbox that's half obscured by weeds); a well designed trap can catch novices on one level of reasoning and confuse experts with logic that's two or three levels desper.

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The rallymaster runs the course himself a few minutes ahead of the contestants, just to make sure all the necessary signs and landmarks are still in place. If the course is complicated, he may have built loops into it—so rallyiets who take a wrong turn and he may have built loops into it—so rallyists who take a wrong turn and continue following the route instructions will still get to the next checkpoint, albeit too early or late to keep them in serious contention. Or he may have erected YFU—You Fouled Up—signs, generally florescent-painted pie tins stapled to off-course telephone poles.

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"We try to set it up so if you bite the trap, you don't end up 'way off at the edge of the world," Jones says. Often a sweep car will follow the contestants to round up stragglers, because on the road, barbarity prevails: a close friend in a stalled car is usually left to his own

Rallyists can run either unequipped
—they're allowed paper, pencil, slide
rule, and a timing device—or equipped,
with a computer that, depending on its
sophistication, can resemble a taxicab
meter or a dive-bomber's instrument

panel.
Driven off the car's speedometer cable, the "box" tells a driver how far he's been and the fractions of a second he's off-schedule. By itself, it's enough to let a team compete seriously, but accessories might include a backup calculator, a center-mount clipboard (so both the driver and the navigator can easily read the route instructions), and myriad lamps and dome lights. CB radios are disallowed.
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"People put a lot of money into their cars to run equipped," says Jones. That's just another way of stating what rallyists are all about: obsession with the sport. There's little point in running, they feel, if you're not going to win, and there's not much point in winning unless you plan to do it with a rolesh.



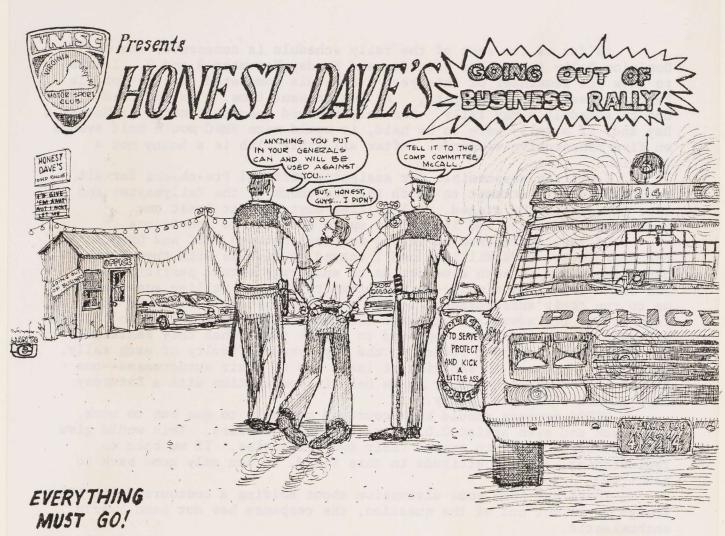


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About 100 miles total, very difficult course following logic (a redundancy concept) but lower-than-normal speeds.

Rallymaster: "Honest Dave" McCall

Official Pre-check: "Mad Man" Wilt & Barbara
Greenwood

Cost: \$6.00 per car

Starts at the Ridge Shopping Center on Parham Road, approximately 3 miles south of the Parham Road exit from I-64.

Registration: 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

First car off at 11:01 AM.

For pre-registration and generals, call or write: Dave McCall, 2109 Barclay Road, Richmond, Va. 23228; (804) 262-7950.

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IDES OF MARCH



RALLY march 16, 1980



A sportscar rally for beginners and novices.

Start: Ridge Shopping Center at Parham and Quioccasin Roads. Registration 11:30 to 12:45. First car starts at 1:01 PM.

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Teams: Two persons per team, pre-school passengers allowed.

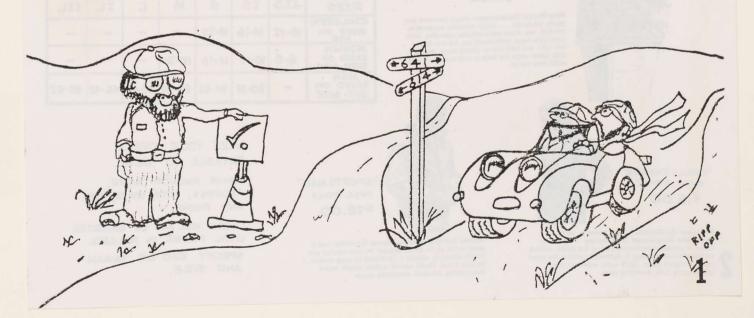
Equipment: Car with working odometer, watch, paper, pencils, and clipboard. Hand held calculators allowed.

Preregistration: Call rallymasters Bookie Westbrook (741-1528) or Bill Armstrong (232-8252).

Pre Rally School and Party: BYOL, March 15, 1980 at the home of Bill Armstrong, 2818 New Kent Ave., Richmond. School 8-9 PM, party 9 PM until. Call for directions.

Classes: Rookie and Unequipped. No Equipped cars will be allowed to run.

Car numbers will be drawn at the party!



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"IDES of MARCH" Rally School + Party





Bill + Bookie don't care

WHAT

they invite

WHO









Bill + Bookie taught vallying John taught dart throwing



you rally with him then!

Hmm! they call this a rally school!

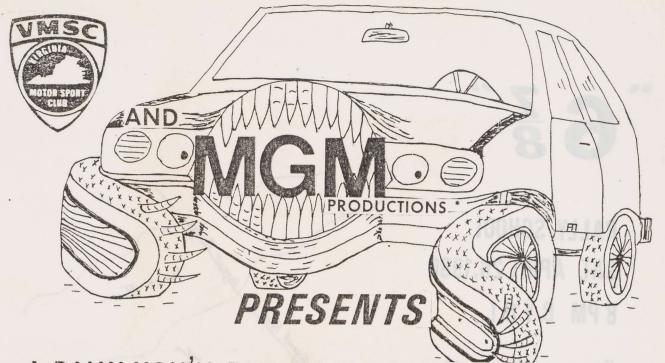


Practicing for Sunday's Rally









A RALLY YOU'LL TALK ABOUT FOR YEARS TO COME ...

A RALLY BIGGER THAN "BO" HERSELF ...

A RALLY THAT WILL CONVINCE YOU THAT ON A SCALE OF 1-10 YOU'VE JUST MET YOUR...

DATE: APRIL 27

COST: 6.00 PER CAR

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REG. 10:00-10:45 AM FCO 11:00 AM + CAR NO.

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VINSC SWEEPS BRIM

The 1980 Bob Ridges Memorial Rally started and ended at the Mimslyn Hotel, Luray, Va. The saturday run set the pace in the morning that would be followed for the next two days. The event was made up of long straightforward sections with brisque speeds on both the paved and dirt. Course following was easy so staying on time all the time become the #1 objective. All controls were closed and hidden (Mike Leeper won for the best hidden controls).

Saturday afternoon was the Monte Carlo section in which you were given the perfect mileage and time to each control and simply had to be there

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Bill Gronning & Lynne Mauney Best Sat. AM, Best Sunday, Best BRM minus 1 at the perfect time for your car.

After a well deserved cocktail party saturday night, sunday's morning run began with an ODO check to the top of the nearest mountain. Lunch found us at Lost River State Park in West Virginia. After lunch we travelled farther into W.Va. via unpaved. The sunday afternoon section had the hardest test of driver skill and navigator courage in what came to be known as the "blue gravel road". In the final standings VMSC was the best.

- 1 E Bill & Judy Chvala
- 2 E Bill Britton & Lewis Parsley
- 3 E Bill Armstrong & Bookie Westbrook Other Awards
- 1 Datsun Britton & Parsley
- 2 Datsun Westbrook & Armstrong
- 1 Porsche Chvala's .
- 1 Mazda Dabney & Armstrong



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JUNE 29, 1980

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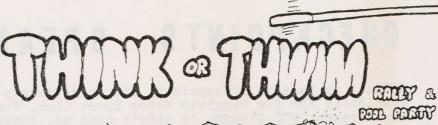
Rallymaster: Chuck Hoelzel Official Precheck: Lewis Parsley & Bill Britton

Starts at Chesterfield Mall at the corner of Midlothian Turnpike and Huguenot Road. Registration opens at 10:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m., first car off at 12:01 p.m. E.D.T.

Cost: \$5.00. For more information, preregistration or generals, call or write:

Dr. C.B. Hoelzel 430 Saybrook Drive Richmond, Virginia 23235 (804) 272-8520





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A VERY EASY RALLY, EXCELLENT FOR NOVICES, THAT ENDS WITH A POOL PARTY AND PICNIC AT CAMP HILBERT IN GOOCHLAND COUNTY.

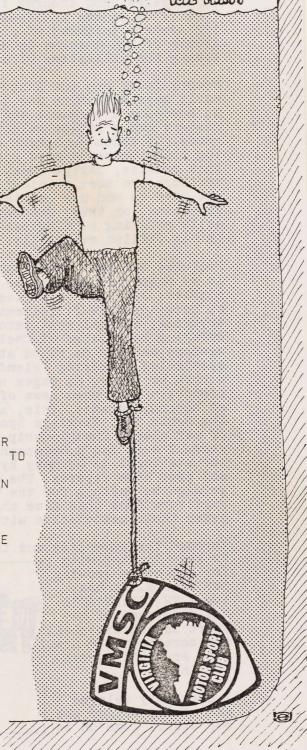
STARTS AT SHORT PUMP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PUMP ROAD AT BROAD STREET ROAD, JUST A MILE WEST OF THE SHORT PUMP EXIT FROM I-64.

COST WILL BE \$7.00 PER CAR. REGISTRATION OPENS AT 10:00 AM EDT UNTIL 10:45 WITH THE FIRST CAR OFF AT 11:01 AM. DASH PLAQUES WILL BE AWARDED AS TROPHIES IN EQUIPPED, UNEQUIPPED AND ROOKIE CLASSES.

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND A CODLER FULL OF YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE. GRILLS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COOK ON. THE POOL WILL BE OURS FROM 4:00 TO 10:00 PM. IF YOU DON'T RUN THE RALLY YOU CAN STILL COME TO THE COOK-OUT AND SWIM FOR ONLY \$1.50 PER PERSON.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CALL THE RALLYMASTERS:

BILL AND SHELIA HUNTER RT. 1, BOX 280 MONTPELIER, VA 23192 (804) 883-6557











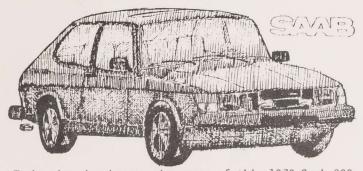












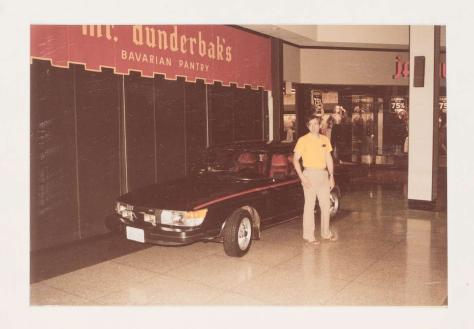
Turbo-charging boosts the power of this 1979 Saab 900 Turbo beyond what you would expect of a 4 cylinder engine in this spacious automobile. When coupled with front-wheel drive's responsiveness and impressive braking, Turbo Saabs are a power to be reckoned with in VMSC's C/Stock autocross class. Likewise, its owners, Wiltshire and Barbara Greenwood, have been a power to be reckoned with in the Equipped Rally class for more than a decade. They are rallymasters of the most challenging and technically accurate events the club offers, and have won innumerable trophies. They have both finished 1st Overall in the club, Wilt in 1966, 1977 and Barbara in 1972. They have been involved in SCCA Divisional and National Rallies, both as entrants and administrators, and knowledge of their expertise is widespread throughout the Mid-Atlantic States.





This visually striking entry from Datsum is a 1980 200 SX owned by Ellis and Janice Wimmer. Features include warning bells instead of the normally annoying buzzers and a driver's seat that has adjustable leg and lumbar support usually found only in cars costing thousands more. The Wimmers rally in VMSC's Rookie Class, where they were the first winners of Boulevard Import's Merchandise Certificate, given to the highest placed Datsun or Saab in each VMSC Rally. Ellis serves as Club Historian this year, as well as being official photographer for the club.



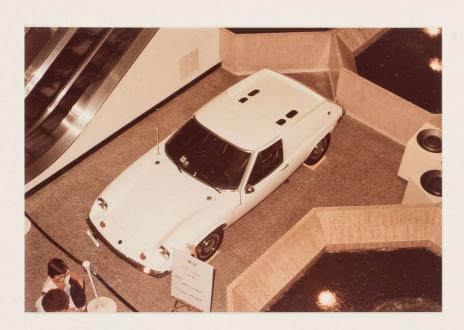






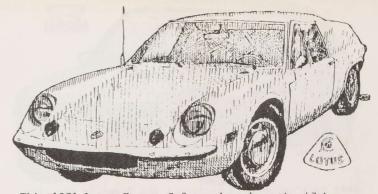










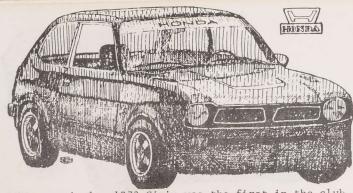


This 1971 Lotus Europa S-2 was based on the 47th racing model produced by Colin-Chapman's famous company. Weighing in at only 1566 lbs., its extremely low profile and handmade fiberglass body, coupled with its mid-engine design, makes an extremely quick car with exceptional handling characteristics. This particular Lotus was totaled in 1975 and restored to its present condition, when acquired by John Adams. John has driven the car in many autocrosses and rallies in the Shenandoah Valley, Michigan, the D.C. area and in Richmond. The dirt roads sometimes found on rallies do not favor the Europa's low ground clearance, so John confines the Europa's competition to autocrosses, where he runs in the A/Prepared class, and rallies with his wife, Sue, in her Olds Omega.

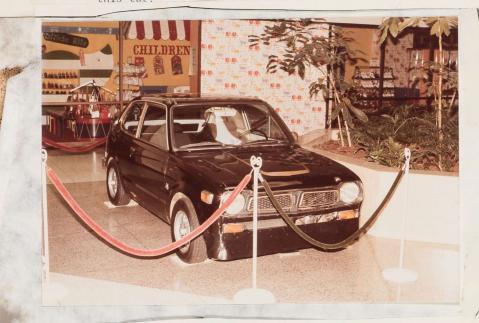


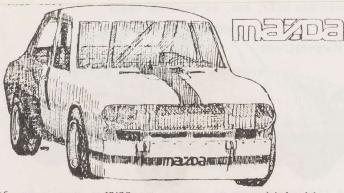
The timeless nature of classic sports car design shows well in this Porsche. The first 911 appeared in 1966 as a replacement for Porsche's 356 series and survives to this day with only minor cosmetic changes. Owner Dave Armentrout has rallied and autocrossed extensively in this 1974 911; this is the second time Dave has owned this particular automobile. Many VMSC members also belong to other car clubs; Dave has been active in the Porsche Club of America, where he served as Vice President of PCA's First Settlers Region. He has organized and competed in many PCA Regional and National events and garnered numerous trophies, including concourse awards. Dave is currently a member of the Autocross Competition Committee and his wife, Vicki, serves as VMSC's secretary.





This particular 1973 Civic was the first in the club, preceding a great rush to Honda's front-wheel-drive offerings. There are now 17 Hondas owned by WiSC members, and while this one, owned by Bill and Shelia Hunter, is now exclusively entered in autocrosses, it has seen its share of rallies. As Bill went in pursuit of VMSC's Annual Speed Championship, some of his modifications (such as lowering the car 3 inches, adding headers and a competition exhaust) caused Shelia ground clearance problems on more than one rally road. This car has taken Bill to the top 5 of the Speed Championship every year since 1975 and to first place in 1977 and 1978. If you watch the video tape at the autocross display table, you'll take a ride around the 1978 Series 3 Roadcross course in this car.





If you come to a VMSC autocross, you may think this 1971 Mazda RX2 runs in every heat. You would be right; with no less than 5 drivers running during an event, it becomes something of a fixture by the late afternoon. The combined resources of four VMSC members have put together this very competitive C/Modified Mazda, doing business as the "This Side Down Autocross Team." The limited interior appointments and exterior trim are the result of eliminating unnecessary weight: the car only weighs 1768 pounds, some 450 pounds lighter than its stock weight. Horsepower has been boosted 15% to 125 bhp, and its handling is enhanced by the racing tires and lowering the car 3 inches.





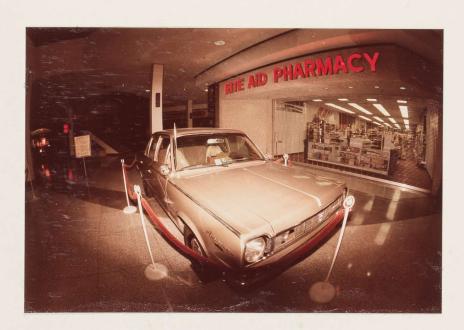


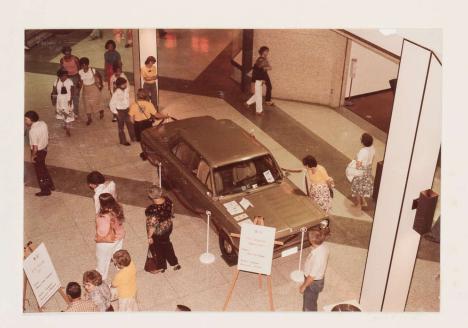


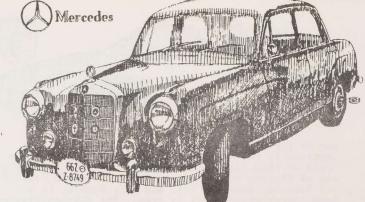






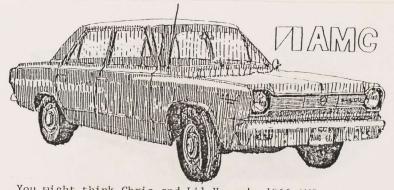






This 1959 Mercedes 219b was originally purchased in Germany and shipped to the U.S. in March of 1959. Chuck and Kathleen Edwards purchased the car (over the phone, no less) in November of 1966. Certainly the 219b must be among the first efforts at mid-size autos, since it was dimensionally identical to the larger 220-S from the center pillar forward, and was identical to the smaller 190 Mercedes from the pillar to the back bumper. The 2195cc engine operates through a 4-speed manual transmission that is so closely toleranced that automatic transmission fluid is the specified lubricant rather than the more normally used gear lubricant. Kathleen has been a member of VMSC since 1963 and Chuck since 1964. The Mercedes has been used for general transportation, while the Edwards competed in Kathleen's TR4.



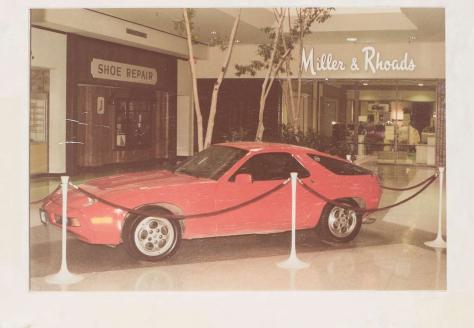


You might think Chris and Lil Young's 1966 AMC Ambassador seems slightly out of place, but it is as representative of the cars owned by VMSC members as any of the others here in Regency Square. It also shows that anyone can compete (and compete successfully) in any car. Chris and Lil have autocrossed and rallied in this car; their rallying participation is not only with VMSC but in SCCA Divisional and National Rallies all along the East Coast. Lil has been a member of VMSC since 1971, and Chris a member since 1965. Chris is one of this year's editors of Checkpoints, the club newsletter.

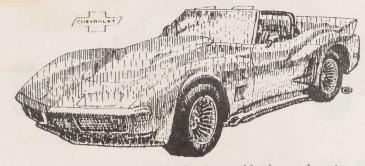




One of the dwindling numbers of truly exotic cars imported to this country, no number of superlatives could do this car justice. Chosen by Road & Track as one of the ten best cars for a changed world, this 1980 928 Porsche, owned by Bill and Judy Chvala, is a head turner wherever it is seen. The Chvalas started rallying about 9 years ago in the Atlanta, Georgia area, running and winning SCCA Divisional and National Rallies in the unequipped class. After a few years away from the sport, Bill and Judy moved to Richmond and joined VMSC. Not long thereafter, they made the move to the equipped class where they have been strong competitors, including a first place overall in the prestigious Bob Ridges Memorial Rally this year.







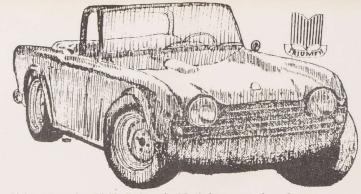
One thing for sure, Bill Chvala really knows how to pick cars. Bill has had extensive customizing work done to this 1972 Corvette and the end result is a truly handsome automobile. Bill also reworked the engine from the ground up, so the car goes as well as it looks. The roll bar is the most recent addition to the 'Vette', a competition regulation requirement for any convertible running a VMSC sanctioned autocross. This car is one of the loudest entrants in the B/Modified class.











This classic 1962 Triumph TR-4 has run in almost every VMSC autocross since 1962 (that's over 100 events) showing owner John Bergeron's loyalty to the sport. John rallied in the car the first few years, finishing 1st in almost every event, but eventually narrowed the TR's stints to the autocross. John has added competition suspension, front and rear sway bars, lowered the car 2", and runs 6" wide rims. The 70,000 miles on the odometer is the original mileage, and John figures that since he's stopped driving the car to work, he only puts about 300 miles a year on it. With this type of car and John's skill as a driver, there's little wonder that he consistently finishes in the top 5 of the Speed Championship.





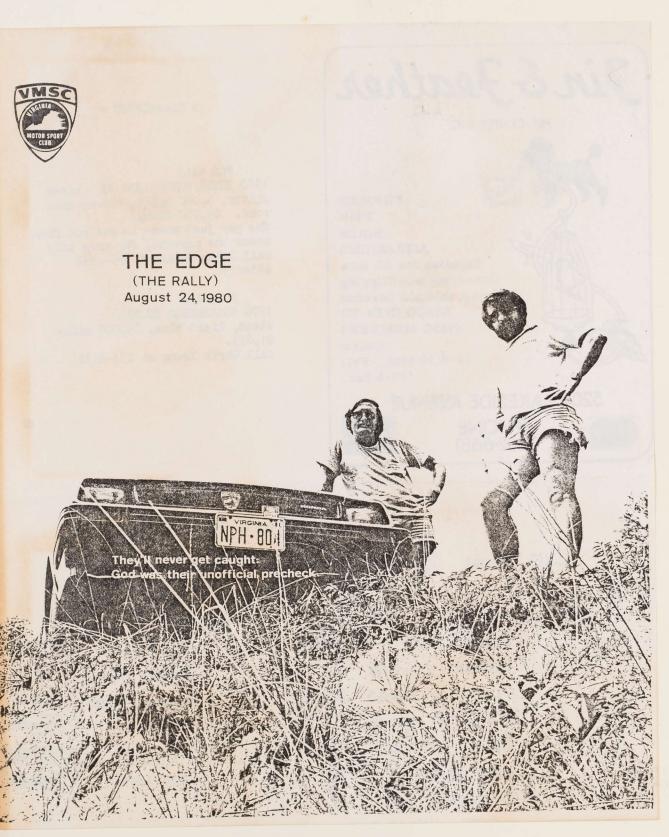


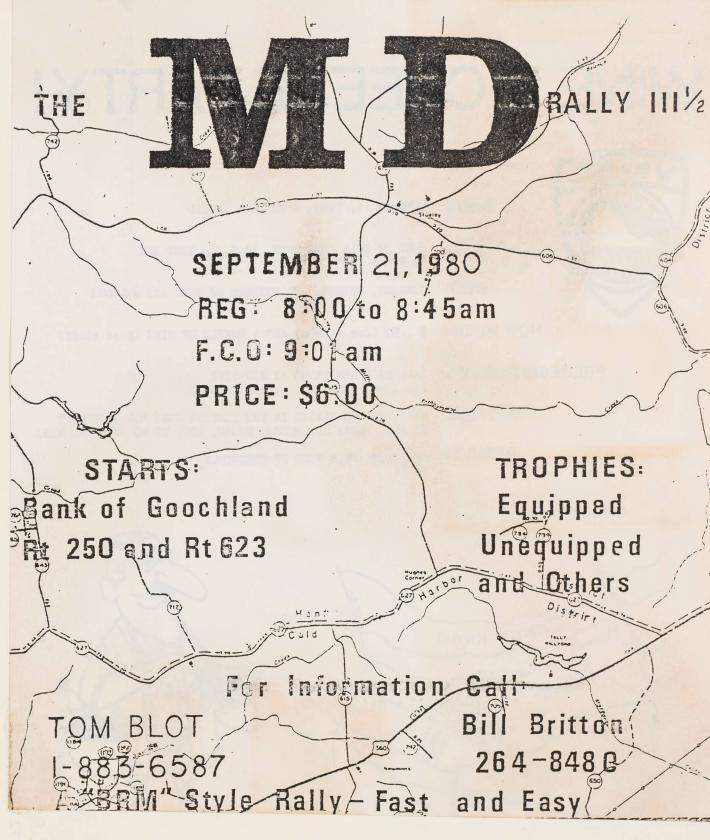






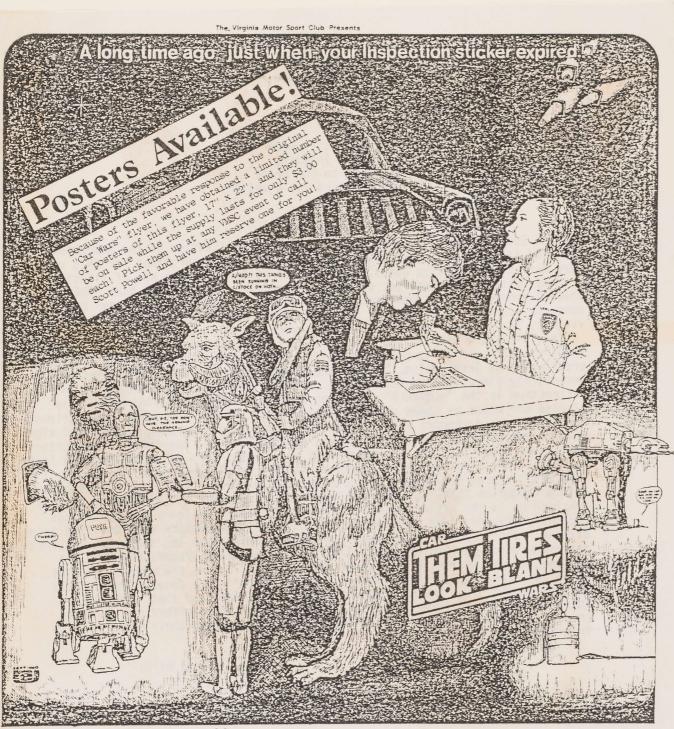




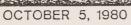












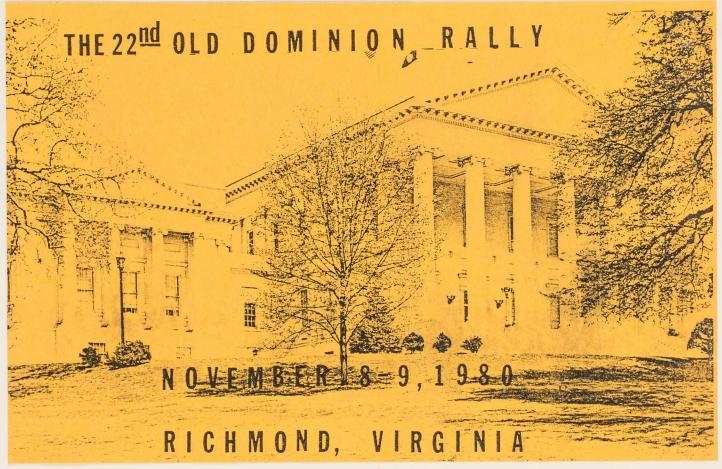


























A TSD rally. About 100 brisk miles. The rally relies on a new concept that will be explained in the generals. It is expected to be a moderately difficult event. The Official Pre-checkers are Bookie Westbrook and Bill Armstrong.

SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER 1980

Starts at the Bank of Goochland on Route 6 (Patterson Avenue) in Goochland County, just west of the Henrico County line.

Registration 9:00-9:45 AM

Ends at the home of the Rallymasters in Goochland County with a pizza buffet. Please bring your own beverages.

Price: \$10.00 includes the rally plus pizza

Preregistration requested: Fred & Marian DeBardeleben Rte.1, Box 419-X, Manakin-Sabot, Virginia 23103 804-784-3746

Virginia Motor Sport Club

