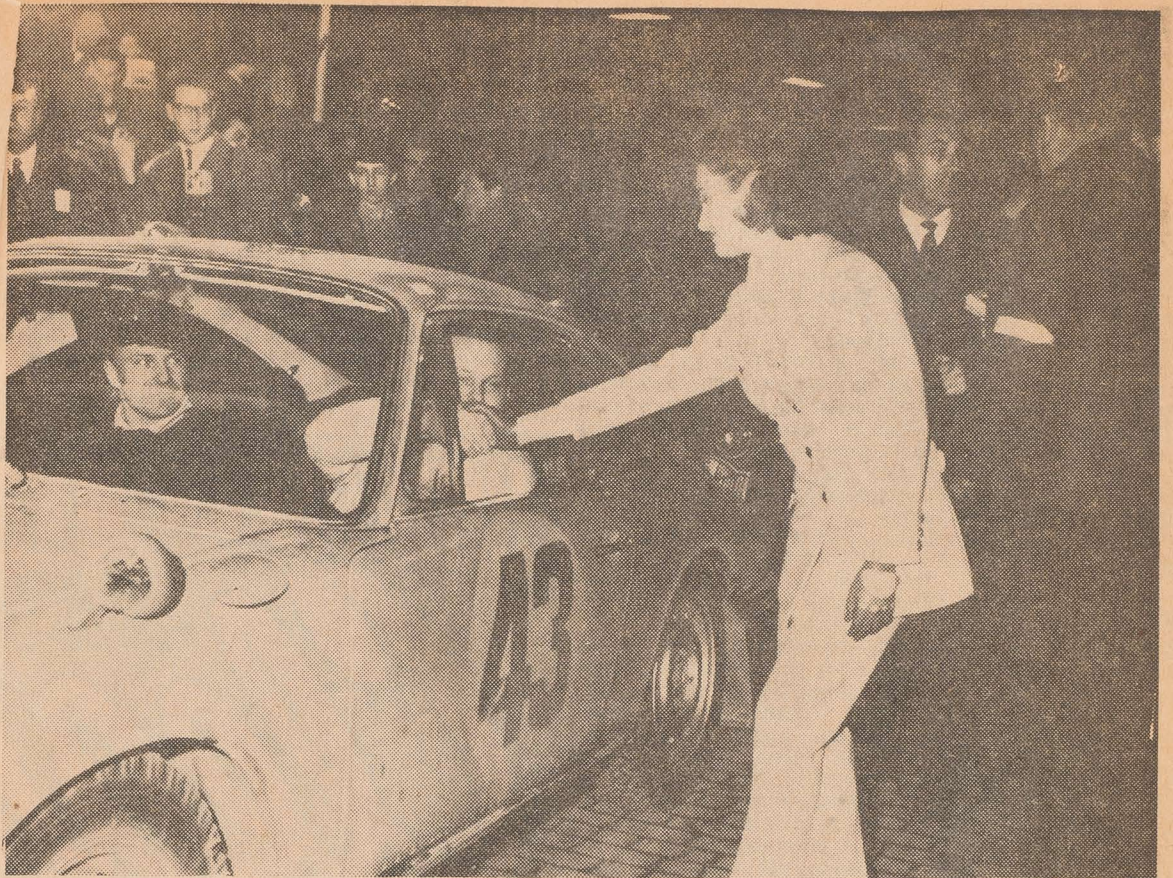


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Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe Also Awarded Flowers to Six Winners, Attended Official Banquet



Tete-a-Tete With a Princess

When the Willow Lawn merchants decide to put on a celebration, they cover every detail thoroughly.

To properly set up the "April in Monaco" promotion, they went right to the heads of the principality of Monaco to get the most authentic information on that colorful part of Europe.

In the photograph above, Her Serene Highness, Princess Grace of Monaco, the former Grace Kelly, star of motion pictures and television, receives the Willow Lawn delegation in her palace reception suite. They are: Charlotte Wolfe, Miss Virginia

Sport Car; Mrs. Ingebord Davis, Travel Councilor for the World Wide Travel Division of the Automobile Club of Virginia; and Charles H. Kopeland, Executive Manager of the Willow Lawn Merchants Association.

Princess Grace was told of the "April in Monaco" celebration which will feature her delightful principality on the Riviera. The Willow Lawn Fashion Mall and Concourse will be transformed into a typical Monte Carlo street scene for the three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

The Virginia Motor Sport Club will hold a "Viva Monaco" gymkhana on the east end of the Willow Lawn parking lot this Sunday, April 16th at 12:30 P. M.

Bronze medallion trophies will be awarded the first place winners by a representative from Monaco. Dash plaques will be given to the first 48 entries.

A gymkhana is a national sport. Drivers negotiate a 6/10th of a mile course through pylons in the shortest possible time. Driving skill, not speed, is the test.

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Grace Is Gracious to Virginia Guest

By ANNE GOODLOE

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To meet a princess you have to wear a hat.

That's one thing a Richmonder found out when she had an audience with Princess Grace of Monaco, the former Grace Kelly, last Friday.

"I didn't take a hat to Europe with me so, of course, I had to go out and buy one," said red-headed Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe, who has just returned from a trip to Monaco. As queen of the Virginia Motor Sport Club, she represented the club at the annual Monte Carlo Rally there.

With her on the eight-day trip were Charles H. Kope-land, managing director of the Willow Lawn Merchants Association, which is sponsoring a "Springtime in Monaco" celebration April 20-22; and Mrs. Ingeborg Davis, travel counselor of the Automobile Club of Virginia.

A 35-minute talk with Princess Grace in her private office at the palace in Monte Carlo was a highlight of the trip for all three.

"Princess Grace is far prettier in person than she is in pictures.

"She met us at the door to her office, and she had on a multi-colored window-pane check suit and a brown sweater with a ruffled collar of the same wool.

"She and the prince and their children had just flown into Monaco from Paris the day before. She talked about her children and said that her daughter, Caroline, had a bad

cold," recalled Mrs. Wolfe, who has two children of her own.

Conversation turned then to Monaco and the opportunities for growth in the principality.

"Princess Grace was interested in the land reclaiming program being carried out there, so she explained it to us. And she wanted to know about Richmond so we showed her a portfolio."

Princess Grace's office is very simply decorated, with contemporary paintings as well as old art. She herself is reserved but congenial and good for the public relations of Monaco, Mrs. Wolfe said.

She is also known for her work with charities and is president of the Monacan Red Cross.

"When I first got to Monte Carlo I heard the story about how Princess Grace transformed a drab orphanage where the children wore black smocks into a cheerful place where they wore bright yellow dresses," Mrs. Wolfe said.

And while she was waiting to see Her Serene Highness, Mrs. Wolfe had proof of her graciousness.

In the waiting room, she met four American sailors who had written the princess that they were going to make a stop in Monaco and would like to see her. To their great surprise, she answered their letter and invited them to the palace.

"So there they were, and they had made a beautiful plaque with their ship's em-

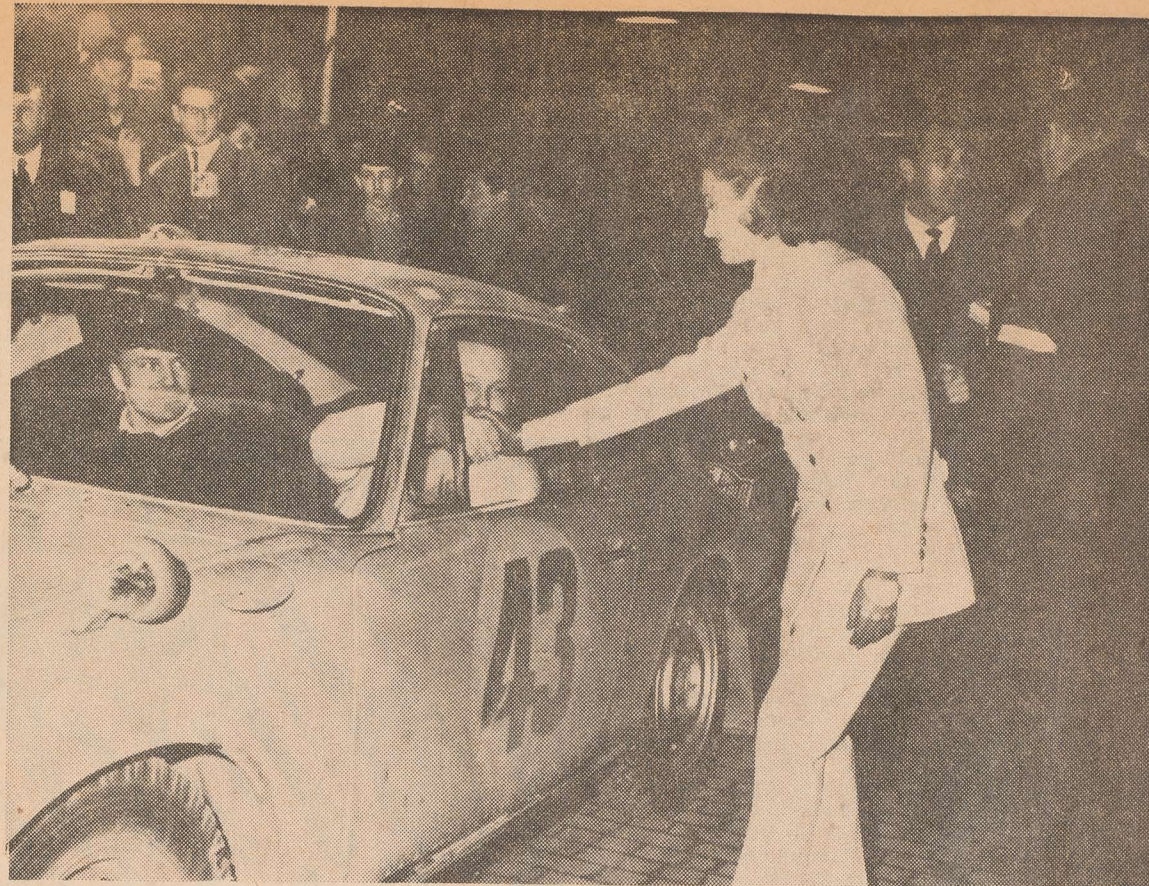
blem and an inscription on it to give to her."

Saturday, when she presented red, white and blue flowers to the first six winners of the car rally, on behalf of the Motor Sport Club, Mrs. Wolfe again saw Princess Grace—this time wearing a herring bone tweed suit with a three-quarter cape and black square-toed shoes with a buckle. Prince Rainier was with her.

Other highlights of the trip for Mrs. Wolfe included sitting at the head table in a seat of honor at the official rally banquet Saturday, dancing with her escort, Claude de Kemoularia, secretary to the cabinet; having lunch beside a swimming pool overlooking the Mediterranean; and visiting art galleries and art shows in Monaco.

She returned here with her hat, a painting from one of the art galleries, and other souvenirs.

"With the six-hour time difference, I haven't figured out yet when I'm supposed to eat and sleep!" she said.

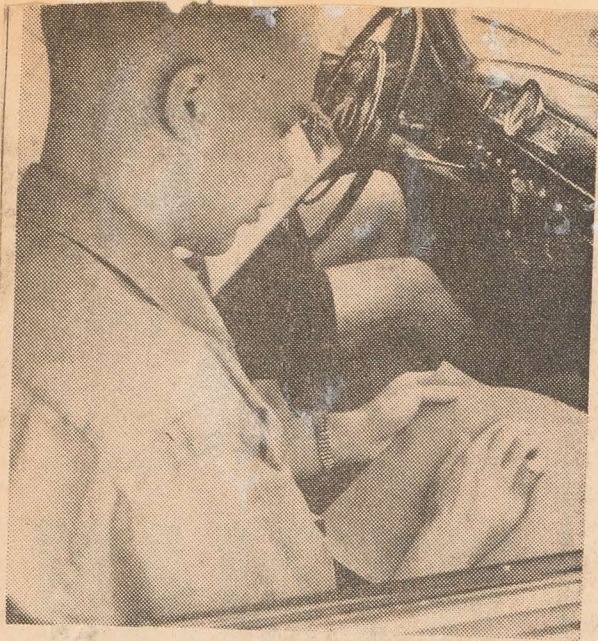


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Blind Man 'Steers' in Rally

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Raymond Mines, 21, who has been blind since he was 14, checks Braille instructions for the "Riverside Rallye" sponsored yesterday by the Virginia Motor Sport Club. The club held a 50-mile rally yesterday with navigators from the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped giving all the instructions for the course to the club-member drivers. (Story, Page B-1.)

Sports Car Rally Drivers Aided by Blind Navigators

By Judith Bailey

The 1959 Mercedes Benz pulled up to the starting point for the Virginia Motor Sport Club's "Riverside Rallye." Officer of the day Doris Belcher handed the course instructions to navigator Raymond Mines.

The instructions, however, were different than usual for the club's rallies. They were in Braille and the navigators for the 10 sports cars in the rally were blind.

This was a new type of rally for the members of the Virginia Motor Sport Club, who usually hold a rally about once a month.

Members of the sport club normally work in teams keeping precise mileage and time records, but yesterday as they

pulled out of a shopping center parking lot on Thompson and Cary Streets the drivers would depend on instructions given them by their blind navigators from the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped.

Blind Since 14

The first car, the Mercedes driven by Chuck Edwards, pulled out of the parking lot at 1:47.40 p.m.

Navigator Dennis Mines, 21, who began to lose his sight when he was 9 and was totally blind at 14, began reading the general instructions for the rally slowly and carefully. "Let's get to the real thing," said Edwards, an easy going 23-year-old who has been participating in rallies for three years and who met his wife,

Kathleen, a veteran rally enthusiast of five years, when he joined the club.

"R at T" read Raymond as the car pulled up to a T-shaped intersection to make a right turn. "Go toward Bon Air" was the third instruction as both driver and navigator settled back for some relaxed conversation on the long route before the next instruction was needed.

Rallying is scored according to mileage and time to complete the course, and it not a test of speed. The cars are given an average speed in this case 37.5 m.p.h., and are penalized as they pass the vari-

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Blind People Aid Drivers In Rally

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ous checkpoints on the course for each one-tenth of a mile off and for each second late or early in passing the checkpoint.

"We're in business now," said Edwards as they headed toward Bon Air on the approximately 50-mile course which was to take them through some winding and pretty back roads and residential sections near the James River and bring them finally to a picnic area at Dogwood Dell at 3:32 p.m. where they would join other members of the club for refreshments.

A missed turn, an unexpected detour and a "pipe stop" for Edwards to light his pipe and describe some of the countryside to Raymond added minutes to the course time, minutes which could prove to be beneficial or detrimental according to the times they passed the checkpoints.

After winding in and around country roads, Raymond observed "they have us going in circles," and soon the car rolled past the same checkpoint it had passed earlier in the course.

One of the country roads took a sharp turn to the left and the alert young navigator reminded the driver that the next instruction had called for a right turn. "We're okay," said Edwards, "we're still on the same road." "This is a much nicer road than the last one," said Raymond as the Mercedes pulled onto U. S. 60 from a bumpy back road.

In somewhat of a parade fashion, five of the cars pulled into the picnic pavillion area at Dogwood Dell completing the course and getting out of the car to compare notes.

Both drivers and navigators agreed that it had been a pretty course, a new experience and a lot of fun.

First place for the rally went to Wiltshire Greenwood with navigator Elizabeth Allen. John Ruble with navigator Horace Chappell placed second and Brad Peasley with navigator Barney Hudson placed third.

Autocross Draws 60 Cars Here 5/67

Sixty cars competed in the Virginia Motor Sports Club's autocross over a figure 8 course yesterday at Ellerson.

Winners were:

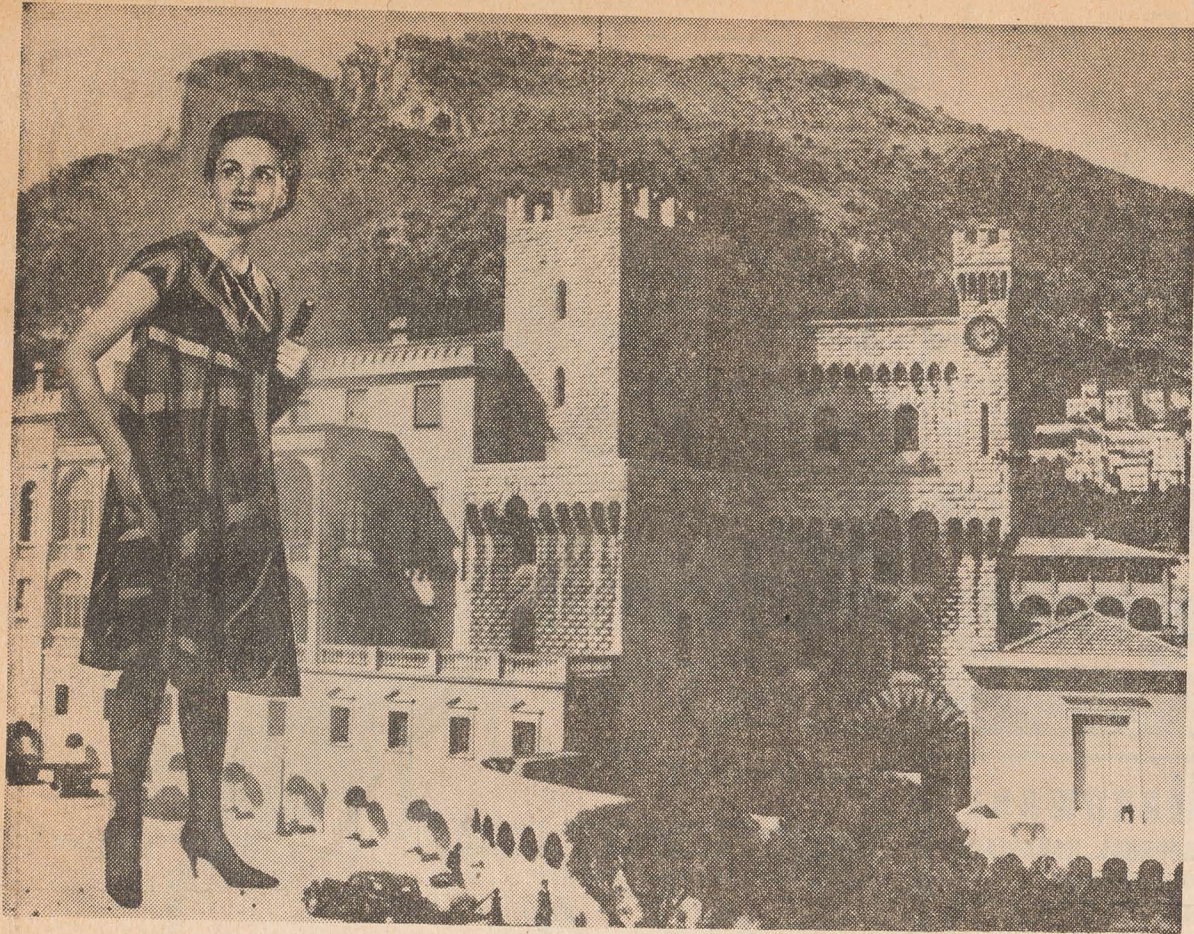
Class A (sports cars under 1,300 cc.)—Jim Rhyne, Norfolk, Spitfire (best time of day, 1:24.2); Dave Guthrie, Yorktown, NSU-Spider; Dennis Jones, Richmond, Sprite.

Class B (sports cars, 1,300-1,999 cc.)—Edward Ross, Norfolk, Lotus; Bill Whitehead, Richmond, Porsche; Phillip Simpson, Virginia Beach, Alpha Guila.

Class C (sports cars, 2,000 cc. and over)—Frank Keyser, Newport News, Stingray; Joe Phillips, Virginia Beach, Stingray; Ivan Badner, Norfolk, Corvette.

Class D (Sedans under 1,600 cc.)—Tommy Smith, Norfolk, MG 1100; Bob Williams, Norfolk; Austin Mini; Bob Clements, Richmond, Austin Cooper.

Class E (Ladies only)—Mazie Williams, Norfolk, Austin Mini; Sandi Swanner, Norfolk, Innocenti; Carolyn Guthrie, Yorktown, NSU-Spider.



'MEET PRINCESS GRACE? I'D LOVE TO!' SAID RCHMONDER WHO WILL
Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe Poses Against Photo Background of Princess Grace's Castle Where She'll Visit

Staff Photos by Joe Colognori

Monaco Bound

Richmonder to Meet Royalty

By ANNE GOODLOE

A Richmond queen will go to Monaco next week to visit a princess.

The princess is Her Serene Highness Princess Grace — the former Grace Kelly.

And the queen is Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe, who will meet Princess Grace and her husband Prince Rainier at their palace in Monte Carlo. She is to be crowned queen of the Virginia Motor Sport Club here tomorrow.

CROWNING EVENT

The occasion tomorrow is the club's annual banquet at the Sheraton Motor Inn. There, Paul Choisit, assistant consul of the Principality of Monaco to New York City, will be on hand to see Mrs. Wolfe receive her title.

"When I was first asked if I'd like to go to Monaco to meet Princess Grace, I thought it was all a joke," exclaimed Mrs. Wolfe, her green eyes sparkling.

"But of course I said I'd go," she quickly added.

And go the redhead will —

on an eight-day trip sponsored by the Virginia Motor Sport Club, the World Wide Travel Department of the Automobile Club of Virginia and Willow Lawn Merchants Association.

The climax of the trip will come a week from tomorrow when Mrs. Wolfe attends the

seven charter members of the Ballet Impromptu, now the Richmond Ballet.

Right now, Mrs. Wolfe is busy packing. She will include in her wardrobe a Mandarin style cotton blend coat of diagonal weave fabric and matching skimmer dress; a French Covert riding jacket with matching slacks and skirt; and a vivid gold, or-

ange and black print afternoon dress, all selected by LaVogue at Willow Lawn.

She is polishing her "petite peu" variety of French also.

And she is thinking of what she will say to Princess Grace.

"I just know I'm going to trip over trying to say, 'Your Serene Highness Princess Grace.'"

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Monte Carlo Rally, an annual sports car event, and helps award trophies to the rally winners at the official banquet Saturday night.

On Saturday also, she will meet Princess Grace and extend to her and to Prince Rainier an invitation to visit Richmond this spring.

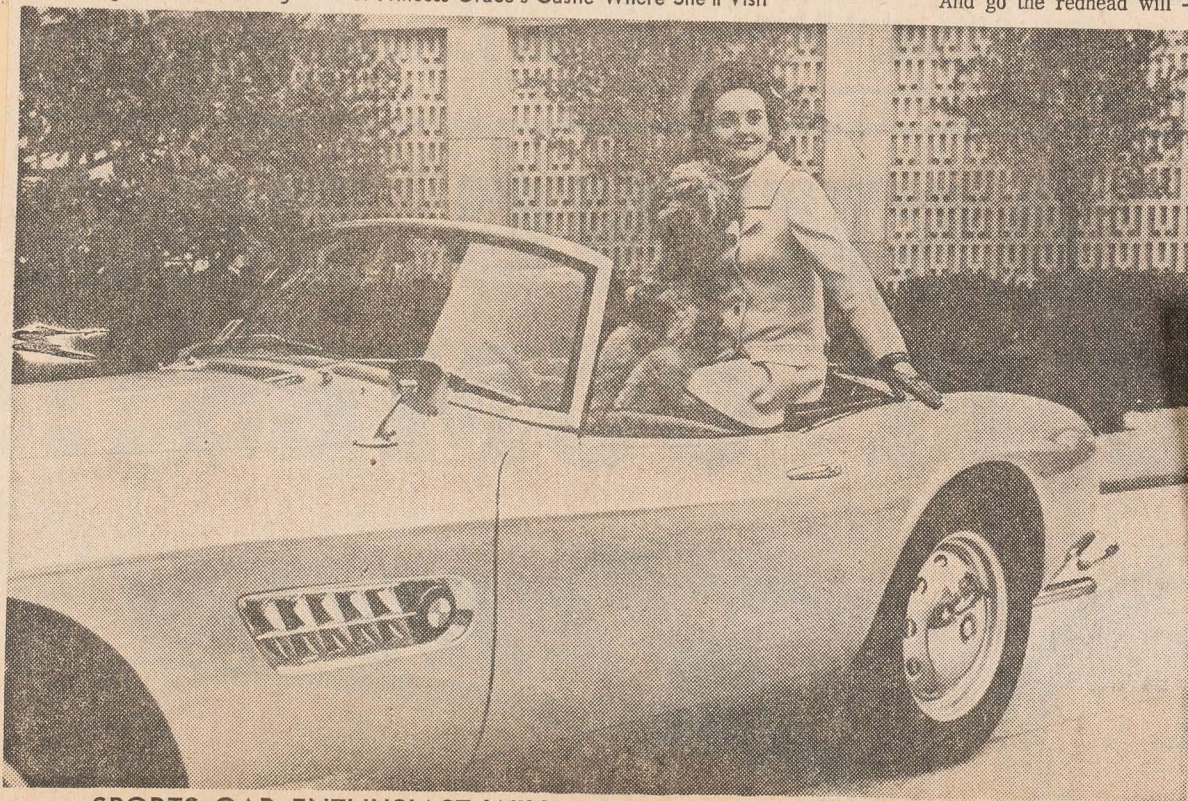
The invitation to the royal couple is given on behalf of the Willow Lawn Merchants Association, which is sponsoring a spring celebration, "April in Monaco," April 20-22.

"We have no definite assurance that they will accept the invitation, but the chances are excellent that they will," said Charles H. Kopeland, managing director of the association.

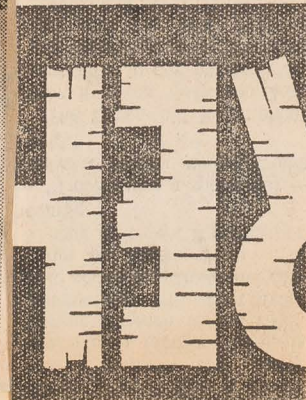
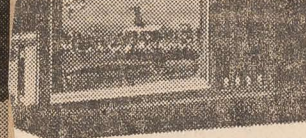
Kopeland and Mrs. Ingeborg Davis, travel counselor of the Automobile Club of Virginia, will accompany Mrs.



SHE'S BOUND FOR MONACO
Mrs. Wolfe Sports Light Travel Costume



SPORTS CAR ENTHUSIAST WILL ALSO TAKE IN MONTE CARLO RALLY
Mrs. Wolfe Relaxes in Friend's Automobile With Pet Afghan Hound, Tiajuana



Little Car, Driver Get Break As Marlboro Sets 'Double 300'

By SHIRLEY PATTESON
The granddaddy of the Trans-American sedan series—the Marlboro 12-Hour—has yielded this year to the "Double 300" to be run Saturday and Sunday at Marlboro Raceway, Md.



Mrs. Patteson

The switch from one long endurance contest to two 300-mile events for two liter cars not only saves spectator, driver and car from wear and tear but also allow the little guy in the little car a chance to race and to race against fairly equal competition instead of the big bore American machinery now invading the Trans-Am events.

Sunday's "five-hour" will feature a task force of nearly 25 Detroit models manned by NASCAR, SCCA, and international race figures.

After last Sunday's win at Bryar, N. H., Cougar undoubt-

edly will be looking toward increasing their Trans-Am lead of 39 points with the winning driver of that race Pete Revson co-driving with Ed Leslie in one factory-prepared model and NASCAR strongman Dave Pearson and Lee Roy Yarbrough behind the wheel of another.

And the Mustangs aren't going to sit back and watch Cougar take away the biggest portion of the \$10,050 purse.

Jerry Titus, current individual point leader in this series, will be out again in a Mustang as well as SCCA veterans Ed Lowther, Dr. Dick Thompson, and Pete Feistman; and Australia's Alan Moffat.

The FoMoCo contingent also will face challenges from the other two "big three" car manufacturers. In evidence will be the Penske Chevrolet Camaro piloted by Mark Donohue who has already sewed up this year's USRRC title. The Group 44 Dodge Dart which won last year's Marlboro 12-hour will be back in the hands of Bob Tullius and Tony Adamowicz who also will share duties Saturday in a Lotus Cortina.

"Don't shove" might well be

the motto for Saturday's race which anticipates a full field of 35 entries including two factory-entered Volvos, 12 Porsche 911's, six Alfa GTA's, six Corinas, and an assortment of other under two-liter sedans.

Second-place finisher at Bryar Sunday Bert Everett will lead the onslaught of Porsches with John Kelly also on the front lines. Alfa pushers Monty Winkler and Horst Kwech will co-drive one of the successful GTA's in this race.

Richmonder Sam Perry, current SCCA national point leader in D sedans, isn't too worried about the stiff competition his fast Fiat Abarth will be facing Saturday and hopes for a fifth or sixth-place finish. Perry will be co-driving with Al Cosentino of Ridgefield, Conn., ironically his closest point contender in the national standings.

Other local drivers Craig Pelouze, now third place in national points, also is expected to take out a Fiat Abarth while Ed Diehl will team up with Pinkie Rollo of Ashburn and Bill Dunlap of Bethesda, Md., to drive Mrs. Rollo's BMW 18 TISA.

A Sports Car Rallye? Yes, Really

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"Hey. Those guys in the MG must be lost. They just went by here a minute ago but they were going the other way!"

Were they really lost? Or were they competitors in a sports car rallye?

Maybe they were just following instructions.

A sports car rallye (spelled that way because the prototype race is the European "Rallye Monte Carlo") is a contest between the wits of a driver-navigator team and the devilish imagination of the rallye's officers, who plan the contest course.

SPORT'S OBJECT

The object of this esoteric sport is to drive over a complicated course (sometimes 50 or 100 miles of highways and secondary roads) without deviating from a printed set of instructions.

It's nice to drive it in a Porsche or a bright new Alfa, but winning teams ride shot-down Morris Minors and semi-destroyed Volkswagens, too. No one knows where he's going or how he is to get there.

Cars leave the starting point every two minutes. After a 10-mile run to establish a correct odometer (mileage instrument) reading, the contest begins. (If a car's odometer records he has gone more, or less, than 10 miles, he must compensate for this in following speed and mileage instructions throughout the course.)

ROAD INSTRUCTIONS.

From here on out the instructions might read like this "Right at yellow caution light, calculated average speed 36.2 mph. Left at T. Left at weird

couple. Right at route number which seldom helps much anyway, is cause for automatic disqualification.

The object is to finish exactly on time. If the navigator calculates route numbers and observes landmarks correctly, and if the driver averages just the speed in the instructions — they should arrive at the right place at the right time.

Incidentally, speeding,

which seldom helps much anyway, is cause for automatic disqualification.

NAVIGATION AIDS

There are certain mechanical aids for distraught navigators, such as pocket calculators to figure out odometer adjustments. But mostly it is a matter of quick thinking and meticulous following of instructions.

Sounds simple? Just keep

your eyes open and watch that odometer.

Now try this instruction written by Gene Atkinson of the Virginia Motor Sport Club:

"At each two-mile interval from this point, decrease your average speed by 7 per cent of the difference between your average speed at that mileage and 60 mph."

Think you can compute that going 54 mph?



BRENDA WELLS, KENDALL PARKER CLOCK CAR AT STARTING LINE



Staff Photo

Sports cars are a family hobby for Virginia Motor Sports Club president A. Wiltshire

Greenwood of Richmond and his wife, Ann, shown here with their TR-4.

Sport Cars Add A Zest to Life

By JON R. DONNELLY

To most motorists, sports cars are just sports cars. But talk to the man who owns one and you get the impression they are heaven on earth.

"There's just something about them," said one owner, A. Wiltshire Greenwood of Richmond. That "something" led Greenwood to join the Virginia Motor Sports Club four years ago. He was elected to the presidency of the local club in January.

Greenwood, a native of King and Queen County, is a computer programmer at the Medical College of Virginia.

Married and the father of two children, he has made his hobby into a family affair. His wife Ann often drives in the numerous club rallies and the children often "come along for the ride."

"There are two categories of events for the club members," said Greenwood as he sat in his home, surrounded by numerous trophies. One of the categories is subdivided into three separate events, he added.

The two general categories are the well-known rallye (spelled that way because its

prototype race is the "Rallye Monte Carlo") and the speed events. The rallye, Greenwood explained, is held over public roads. Participants are given instructions outlining a specific course and speeds to follow and cars are started on the route about one minute apart.

"The idea is to maintain a precise time and precise speed between checkpoints," the Richmond club president said.

The rallyes are usually held on Sundays and club members and other participants cover an average of 90 to 100 miles during the event. Speed control, Greenwood noted, is a key part of the rallye and averages between 30 and 35 miles per hour.

DIFFERENT EVENTS

The speed events are a sports car of a different color. One, the field trial, is characterized by being held on a closed dirt course. Another, the autocross, is usually held on a closed asphalt course and involves driving in a forward direction, with no stopping or reverse motions involved.

The third event, and according to Greenwood one of the most fun, is the gymkhana, a low speed event involving stopping, parking, reversing course and anything else the particular programmer can devise.

"Once our instructions called for us to stop the car, get out, and play a few minutes of basketball," Greenwood recalled. He added that he has some "wild ideas" in mind for some future gymkhana. "It's a fun event," he said.

Despite the fact that sports cars owners are usually more attracted to speed events, the Virginia Motor Sports Club is primarily a rallye club, its president said.

"There are about 150 members, ranging in age from a man in his late 60s to young teen-agers," he said. Since sports car driving lends itself to the family, entire families often become faithful club enthusiasts.

The club meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Branch House in Richmond and gatherings often involve viewing safety films of hearing guest speak on a variety of topics related to sports cars.

"We're kind of big on safety," Greenwood said. The club, he said, concentrates on driver education, preferring to have the driver learn how to avoid an accident.

Members of the VMSC spend an average of one to two days per week with their cars and pride themselves on the car's performance.

While Greenwood noted that

he and many other members do much of the maintenance work on their cars, he was quick to praise the sports car dealers in the Richmond area for their high quality repair facilities.

"The dealer have also given us a great deal of support in our club activities," he added.

The Richmond club also works with other groups in the state on combined rallyes and speed events. He cited in particular the Petersburg Motor Sports Club and the South East Virginia Sports Car Club, whose members often participate in VMSC-sponsored events.

The local group is not affiliated with the Sports Car Club of America, Greenwood pointed out.

Greenwood, who himself drives a Triumph TR4, said that European manufacturers have maintained the high standards that have made their sports cars famous, "although they have slipped in some areas."

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The Art of Speed With Safety

Drivers Learn in Sports Car Rallies

By ELLEN SHULER

Sport cars are fast becoming a boon rather than a blight for a generation characterized as hot-rodders and drag racers.

"Anything dealing with sports cars was considered almost a disgrace in the past, and seemed automatically to imply racing," said Henry Wheeler, a five-year member of the Virginia Motor Sport

Club and a drafting teacher at Douglas Freeman High School.

Wheeler has been instrumental in recruiting a number of high school students into the club in recent years. The club, however, is almost post-college in age.

Driving a sports car does not necessitate screeching up and down city streets, he explains to his interested students.

"The club tries to put its

best foot forward and promote safe and sane motor sporting. It gives young people the chance to prove how really skillful they are at driving."

The club offers three basic divisions of competition, requiring not only skill and coordination of handling, but mental agility as well.

Rallies, usually held on Sunday afternoons, require one person to drive, and a second

person to compute with precision the timing and mileage required to navigate the car to an appointed, but unannounced destination.

The driver is given a set of written instructions, concerning average rate of speed and time limits, before setting out on what is normally a four-hour drive.

The navigator must have a head for math and a knowl-

edge-of-the slide rule in order to be accurate.

"The young people don't seem to get as upset about miscalculations as older drivers. I've seen some make a total flop of the rally, miss all the checkpoints and such, but they come right back for the next rally."

LACK OF EQUIPMENT

Wheeler pointed out that the students are at a disadvantage many times, because the older competitors can invest more in computers and calculators that are faster and more accurate.

"Lack of equipment is a handicap, but that doesn't mean that a person can't win without it," he said.

"Sometimes people with all that equipment get so engrossed in it that they get completely lost. This sort of computing is a good practical application of math for students.

AUTOCROSS

A second type of event is the autocross, a speed event run in a parking lot with a course marked by pylons. Though it is a speed event, the course is so arranged that drivers seldom get out of second gear, and remain for the most part in first gear.

A third type of competition is called the gymkhana, in which some gimmick is incorporated to handicap the participants. In a recent contest of this type, the navigator had to push a plastic beach ball about the course with a broom which was extended through the car window.

Emphasis on safety is an important factor in all club undertakings. The VMSC insists on the use of seatbelts, and it also provides club helmets. According to club president Hart Grundy:

"We have no problems with safety, but we do carry property insurance. In the speed events, we have far fewer problems than in rallies, where a tire may blow out, or a wheel may come off on a turn. But those things could happen while you are driving down the street."

OBEDY LAWS

Grundy emphasized: "We're not a bunch of people breaking speed laws as some people seem to think. We're always glad to speak before any civic group or organization in order to impress this."

The club is comprised of 125 members, including husband and wife teams, single persons of all ages, and even some complete families.

Their meetings once a month at the Branch House on Monument Avenue feature speakers on auto-mechanics, racing and other related topics. Outings include tours through such places as the Reynolds Metals Aluminum Engine factory, as well as picnics and dinners. Yearly dues are \$5, and include a subscription to "Checkpoint," a monthly publication.

"We were reluctant at first to open the club to the high school set because our events do require automobiles, and most students don't own their own," said Grundy.



Staff Photo by Joe Colognori

BOB BOWES POINTS THE WAY AS SPORTS CAR DRIVERS SET OUT FOR RALLY
Charles Gullette (left) is Student at Embry Riddle Aeronautic Institute in Florida, Mrs. Nancy Windfrey Teaches at Crestview School

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own," said Grundy.

He attributed the increase in student members to Wheeler's influence in attracting interested and responsible young people.

One of Wheeler's recruits, Bill Thomas, was a veteran racer in his own right when he was invited to join the club four years ago.

The 19-year-old sophomore at Chowan College has already acquired an impressive assortment of trophies. He raced go-

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karts for six years and then a solex bike for three years until he finally reached driving age.

His souped-up foreign car compiled many victories in the VMSC before he left for college. Rather than disassemble this mechanical masterpiece, he sold it, intact, to a female motor car enthusiast.

"The club is especially beneficial in building up your style in driving," he said. "The competition teaches you quick-

er reaction and a knowledge of how to come out of spins, handle blowouts, and other technical problems."

Bill explained that when a man takes a date along on a rally, it's usually best if he does the driving as "most women don't understand the four-speed gear-shift. They're afraid to drive a car as hard as a man does, and they're sloppy on corners."

The young sports car enthusiast, who hopes to make a career of racing, has learned one important lesson early:

"Drive your car to the limit of its ability . . . but don't exceed yours."

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CHARLES E. EDWARDS WITH TWO OF HIS THREE SPORTS CARS

Ambitious President

Sports Club Plans Big *Feb. '69*

For those residents of Richmond and nearby counties who over the years have been taken by the fascination of owning a sports car, the Virginia Motor Sports Club (VMSC) is hoping to keep that interest with some bright new plans.

Charles E. Edwards, 24-year-old senior accounting student at Virginia Commonwealth University, was elected in December for a 1-year term as VMSC's president. He is a soft-spoken, articulate young man and made it clear planning rallies and gymkhanas would not be the extent of his chores as president over the next year.

First off, Edwards is currently contacting members (about a thousand of them) of every sports car club in the state to ask their help in setting up what Edwards named for now "The Virginia Central Sports Car Register."

Edwards said after initial organizing is complete, the regis-

ter would convene in Roanoke in early spring or fall. Sports car events like field trials, rallies and gymkhanas would still be planned on an individual club basis, keeping clubs around the state autonomous, but the register would, he indicated, serve as a public relations arm and voice for all sports car enthusiasts in Virginia.

POSSIBILITIES CITED.

Edwards specifically mentioned the register could, in its more organized state, voice opinions on pending highway legislation, promote with more force public highway safety and recommend changes in some standing laws dealing with the licensing and testing of drivers.

In view over the long haul, Edwards mentioned a project he said had been in the back of many minds for some time: the construction and operation of a track similar to those at Marl-

boro, Md. and Danville for amateur racing.

He said either New Kent or Caroline Counties would be a suitable location. "A track of this kind, closer to the Richmond area, . . . and one that would provide good visibility plus safety for both spectators and drivers," would be well received here, he said.

As for who would manage such a venture, Edwards said plans were to incorporate the register anyway and that such an organization would probably work as well as any other.

"IT'S FRUSTRATING"

"It's sort of frustrating being president of VMSC for only a year," he said. "So if any of these ideas do come about," he continued, "others will just have to feel as strongly about them as I do."

Edwards said he hoped a track could be built and racing begun at least in five years.

Winfrees Win Driver's Rally

George and Nancy Winfree won the Driver's Rally sponsored by the Virginia Motor Sports Club yesterday. They finished first in a Porsche on an 85-mile course through Hanover and Caroline Counties. John Chehaske and Wilt Greenwood finished second in a Saab, while Bill Whitehead and Hart Grundy were third in another Porsche.

In the unequipped class, Neale and Judy Dickinson were first in a Fiat. *3-3-69*

Porsches Triumph In Spring Rally *4-13-69*

John Chehaske and George Winfree in a Porsche won the equipped class yesterday in the Spring Rally sponsored by the Virginia Motor Sports Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitehead in a Porsche won the unequipped class on the 96-mile course.

Equipped Class — John Chehaske-George Winfree, Porsche; Cecil Wright-Bill Dixon, Volkswagen; Mr. and Mrs. Hart Grundy, Volkswagen.

Unequipped Class — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitehead, Porsche; Bob Freeman-Chris Young, Corvair; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Storkes, Dodge.

Ruble, Edwards Win

John Ruble and Chuck Edwards won the equipped class in a Virginia Motor Sports Club rally held in Powhatan, Amelia and Goochland counties yesterday. Bill Britton and Lewis Parsley took the unequipped class. *5-19-69*

Motor Sports Award Goes To Chehaske *Jan 11 1970*

John Chehaske, with a total of 10,300 points, was awarded first place, last night in the Virginia Motor Sports Club year end championship at the club's annual banquet.

Chehaske, teaming with Kathy Hammer, also was announced as the over-all winner of the December Finale Rally driving a Porsche 912. Chehaske also tied for second with Wilt Greenwood in the season's Autocross category.

Miles and Brenda Turner, driving an MG Midget finished second in the finale rally (first in the unequipped class) while Greenwood and Barbara White took third in a BMW 2002.

George Winfree was elected the president of the 1970 season with Brad Peasley, the autocross champion with a maximum of 40 points, first vice president and Miles Turner, second vice president.

It was announced the club would sponsor 12 rallies and six autocross competitions during 1970 with the first rally planned next Sunday at Ridge Shopping Center.

SEASON CHAMPIONS

Overall: John Chehaske, Wilt Greenwood, Bill Whitehead, Neal Dickinson, George Winfree, Brad Peasley, Mike Castleberry, Miles Turner, Hart Grundy, Chuck Edwards.

Unequipped Rally: Neal Dickinson, Judy Dickinson, Miles Turner, Mike Castleberry.

Autocross: Brad Peasley, John Chehaske, Wilt Greenwood.

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Bill Dixon - 20th Overall

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Bill Dixon Hawthorne V.W. Trophy



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Brad Peaseley - 3rd Speed



Wilt Greenwood 2nd Speed



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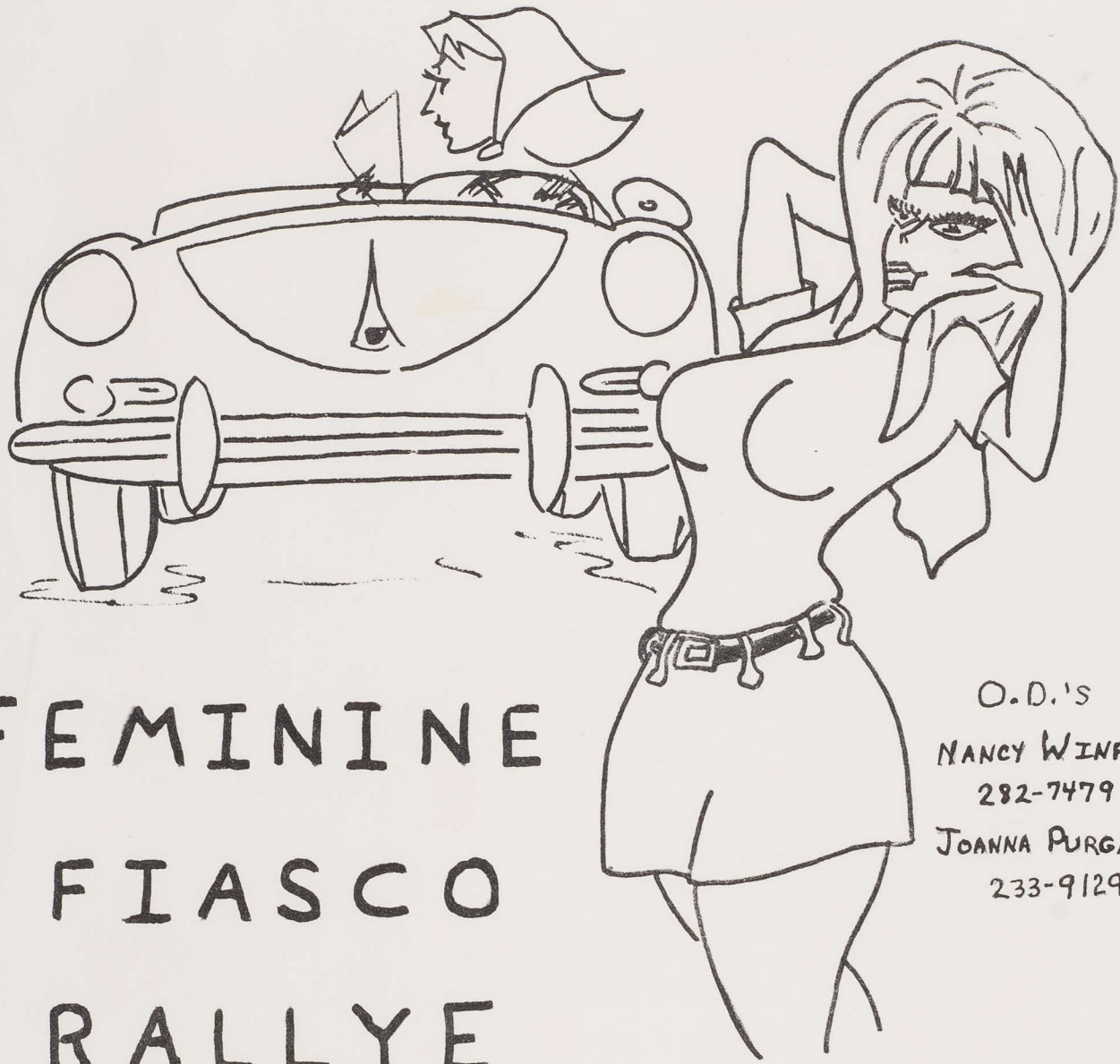
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THE '69 ANNUAL AZALEA 8-HOUR RALLY



- O.D.'s: Wilt Greenwood and John Chehaske
- Date: March 23, 1969
- Time: Registration from 8:00 A.M., first car off at 9:01 A.M.
- Place: The Ridge Shopping Center on Parham Road in Richmond. For out-of-towners, take I-95 to I-64 West, then take the Parham Road South exit from I-64. The shopping center is approximately 1.6 miles south of the exit, on your left.
- Price: \$4.00 per car for members of any club who travel less than 50 miles to compete.
\$3.00 per car for members of any club who travel 50 or more miles to compete.
\$6.00 per car for contestants not belonging to any club.
- Classes: Equipped and Unequipped. To qualify as unequipped, you must be competing with neither a hundredth-reading odometer nor any sort of cumulative calculating device.
- Trophies: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Overall
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Unequipped
Best A.M. Run
Best P.M. Run

This will be a straightforward, low-pressure T.S.D. event of about 250 miles. No priorities or overlapping instructions will be employed. The roads are good, the scenery is interesting and we hope the route will prove challenging. Come out and bring a friend.



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MALE PARTICIPANTS ONLY