

2000

We celebrated VMSC's 50th Anniversary!

George Patterson

John Chelioske

Tom Blot

Carol Hatch
Rick Hatch

Al & Kara Cuneo

Ken & Bunny Koslow

John Kessle
& Catherine

Carol & Rick Can
Bob & Joanne Purgason

John & Carol

William & Norma MacIntosh

Pat and Charlie Farris
Robin Lewis

Forrest Keeton

Jul & Anne Hopkins

Rip Radtke

John & Joan

Bob & Radtke

JACK & NITA Enoch

Bill

John & Janice Bergers
Bill & Carol Floyd

Bernard Cooley & Meghann Hamm

Joann & Brad Peeseley

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Richard West
Bill Thomas

BOB & LUANNE ABELL

Dick & David
Armentrout

Prof. Mark

Al & Rose
PASA

Joe Banbridge
Candy

Gordon Paterson
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Suzanne Kessler (Mrs. John)

Dorley Patterson

Bob Bowers
Marge May

Bill Edwards

Ann Brunner

John S. Wylie

Debbie Wein

Kenneth Wein

Guelynn Applewhite

Jack Williams

Harold Applewhite

John Williams

Scott
Hoffner

Carol & Bill
Hoffner

Beechman

Dru (Anabine) Groce

Bookie Whitlock

Mechelle
Peterson

Bill Gardner

January 22, 2000

Carrie
Suzanne
Bill Thomas
"Meat"
Allen B. Fine
Mitsuma
1971

Martha M. Dickinson
Charlotte & Eric
Ken & Jean Van Horn
Floyd Hill

George Atkinson
PMSE

Bill Whitehead

Thomas S. Yost
Mae D. Weston
Cheryl Stogers

Bill Evers

Thanks for the
memories
Bob Miller

Sam Perry

Bob Bowes
[drawing]

Scott
Drew

Jackie Whitehead

Mark Dickinson
Since 1966

Congratulations
on 30 years
Gene Tassat

[Signature]

50! WAA!!
50 memories

11/16/2001 : Southside Hot Laps!

We are holding a lapping day for members only on December 1st at Southside Speedway. Only members approved on or before the VMSC October Board meeting may drive on the banked oval. This is a non-competition, non-speed-points event. However, everyone in attendance will receive 100 club points. Gates open at 8:30am, and the course will open at 10am. We will move a group of cars into the infield for staging at that time. Each car will have a few chances to run around the track for fun. Times will be recorded for fun only.

10/20/2001 : Disaster Relief

As with all Americans, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of the September 11th Terrorist attacks. In an effort to help, the members of VMSC designated the September 30th Autocross event as a fundraising event for the Disaster Relief effort. \$5 per entrant was donated to the Red Cross. Update - we raised \$700 during the event.

2/28/2001 : Local drivers compete in SCCA National Tour

Congratulations to our club members and local drivers who competed in the recent SCCA National and ProSolo events. Tim Aro, Eric Peterson, Rod McGeorge, Chris Perera, Jonathan Roberts, Bernard Cooley, and Gene Cooley all did very well, along with others I may have missed in reading the results. See the SCCA National results and the ProSolo Results.

and Ken Stern ran well in H-Stock, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively. Eric Bonnett finished second in CP. Congratulations to all our local drivers who competed. A ProSolo article is also available online.

11/16/2001 : Nov. 11 Autocross

We had great weather for our last event of the year. (We will hold a members-only event on December 1st at Southside Speedway.) The course was fast, long, and fun. The course was not overly technical. The tight right just before the finish line could make or break anyone's run. FTD was 45.731 by Gene Cooley. Richard West had the top PAX indexed time. Results have been posted online.

10/10/2001 : Club Cookout was Awesome!

The 2001 VMSC Club Cookout was held on Saturday, October 6th. There was plenty of good food and drinks, and we kept warm by standing around the open fire. There will be some pictures available soon.

10/15/2001 : Must be them Duke Boys

RallyCross 2001 : We held our first-ever RallyCross (autocross on dirt) on September 23rd in Orange County, VA. The event was FREE for club members. The site is near Culpeper, 60 miles NW of Richmond. More info and directions are available. We would post pictures, but nobody has sent any to us! (This lack of effort is really depressing.)

5/11/2001 : Recent Events

The VA ProSolo was held on May 5-6, 2001. Richard West won Street T. Aro was first in B-Stock, with co-driver Eric Peterson finishing third.

A few of us from the VMSC saw Driven last weekend. Our expectations were low. We just wanted to see some racing. That is exactly what we got. The plot was thin and the characters were thinner, but the action made up for it. Our recommendation: see it soon...on video!

VMSC HISTORY



50 YEARS!

HISTORY OF THE VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB, INC.

The Virginia Motor Sport Club was formed in the fall of 1950 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Mark Condon of Harper Motors in that city is credited with starting the club and was its first President. Most of the membership was made up of students from the University of Virginia. This gave us a fair size club during the school session, but mighty few during the summer.

The club was first known as the Virginia Sports Car Club. The name was changed about the first of 1951 to Virginia Motor Sport Club. This change was made because many felt the name indicated that owning a sports car was a prerequisite to becoming a member. Back in those days we had quite a few enthusiastic members who drove Detroit iron.

In 1951 Mark Condon still headed the club in Charlottesville, and Jim Henderson of Transport Sales was the Richmond representative. The Richmond contingent then numbered some 25 members. By the end of 1951, most of the interest centered around the Richmond area, and we elected Allen Fine as our President for 1952.

During 1952 a number of sports cars made their way into Virginia, and at the October 1952 meeting, we elected Bill Claflin of Warrenton, Virginia, to be our President for 1953. Many sports car owners attended this meeting and asked that several of the cities be represented. The club was divided into four areas, namely, Warrenton, Richmond, Roanoke, and Norfolk, each headed and represented by an area chairman.

Reports rendered at the annual (October) meeting in 1953, showed that the Richmond area had the largest number of members and had scheduled the most activities. This prompted us to return the club headquarters to Richmond, and Joe Crenshaw was elected President for 1954. During 1954 the club was incorporated, and no longer divided into areas. By 1954 we had grown to approximately 80 members.

In 1955 "Happy" Batcheller was elected President. Activities and membership continued to grow slowly, but steadily.

The membership voted in Jack Lewis as our President in 1956 and again in 1957. Under his direction the club grew by leaps and bounds. The membership numbered over 150. During 1956 we started the monthly publication known as CHECKPOINTS, which is read and enjoyed by many in this country and overseas.

In 1958 we elected our first foreign born President. He is Robert Walker of London, England. We now change officers with the turn of the year. John Kessler of Richmond, Virginia, accepted office 3 January 1959.

Monthly meetings are held on each third Thursday with entertainment provided. Rallies, etc., are scheduled at least once each month.

This brings V.M.S.C. up to date.

January, 1959



HISTORY OF THE VIRGINIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB...CONTINUED

VMSC started out mainly as a rally club; TSD (Time-Speed-Distance) rallies were held at least once a month. The Old Dominion Rally was first held in 1955, and was an annual event for many years. There were several members who participated in sports car racing, and numerous trips were organized to spectate at VIR, Marlboro, and even Nassau. VMSC began holding gymkhanas as early as 1956, and they have evolved into our present day autocrosses. In 1975 the first Series 3 Roadcross was held on the midway roads at the Virginia State Fairgrounds, and the Series became our most popular annual event, with 125-car fields.

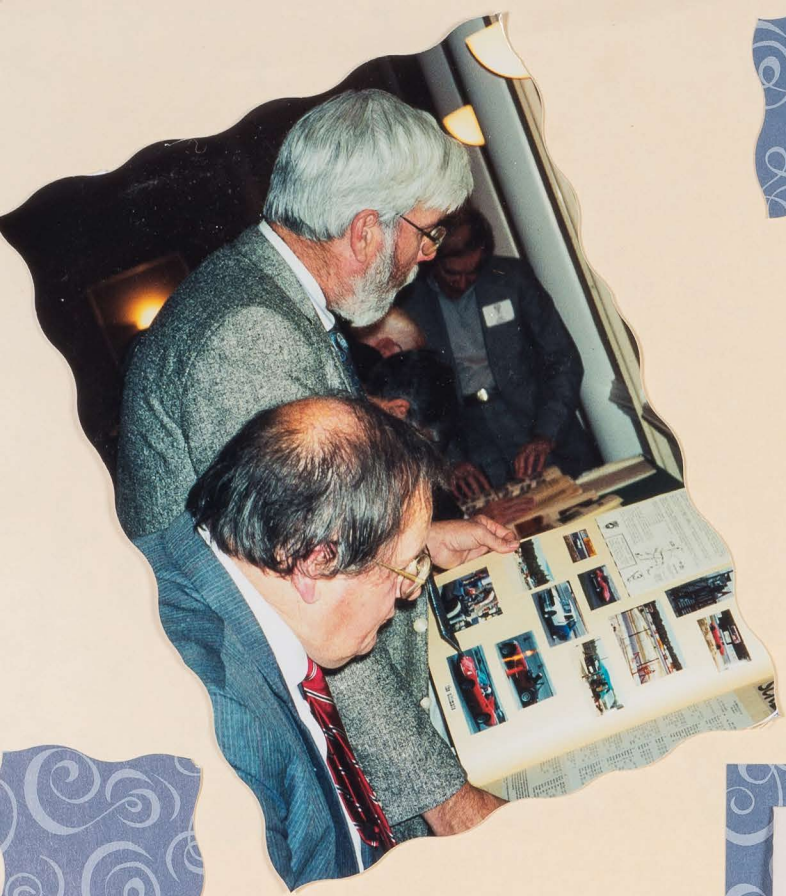
Year-end trophies have been presented at the annual awards banquets since 1957, and are awarded based on points earned in competition events and attendance at monthly club meetings. At the 1st Annual VMSC Banquet on January 5, 1957, trophies were given to the top ten overall—Allen Rennie placed 11th and was given guardianship of the new club mascot, a "bright-eyed young hamster, until such time as he should relinquish the coveted 11th position". Since the demise of the hamster, VMSC has honored the last overall trophy position each year with the highly coveted northbound-end-of-a-southbound-horse trophy.

The social aspect of VMSC has always been a high priority. Meetings have featured programs such as movies or speakers—we even had Tex Hopkins and Roger Penske as guest speakers during the 1960s. During the 1950s, members who had experienced unusual misfortune were presented the Hard Luck Trophy. Over the years this has evolved into the D.A.M. (Dumb Ass of the Month) Award, which is presented at club meetings to the member who has exhibited extreme lack of judgement during the month. In 1976, one member performed so many acts of unassisted lunacy that he was awarded the only D.A.Y. (Dumb Ass of the Year) Award ever given out—Mike Castleberry holds a special place in VMSC's history!

Our monthly newsletter, CHECKPOINTS, is now in its 45th year of informing and entertaining the membership. That entertainment reached new heights in 1975 when Jack East and Dick Jones signed on as co-editors and unleashed their creative talents on VMSC. Another phenomenal era of CHECKPOINTS was brought on with the ingenious editorial team of Gary Stout and Dick Jones. In 1978 an additional VMSC milestone was reached with the election of our first woman President, Barbara Greenwood.

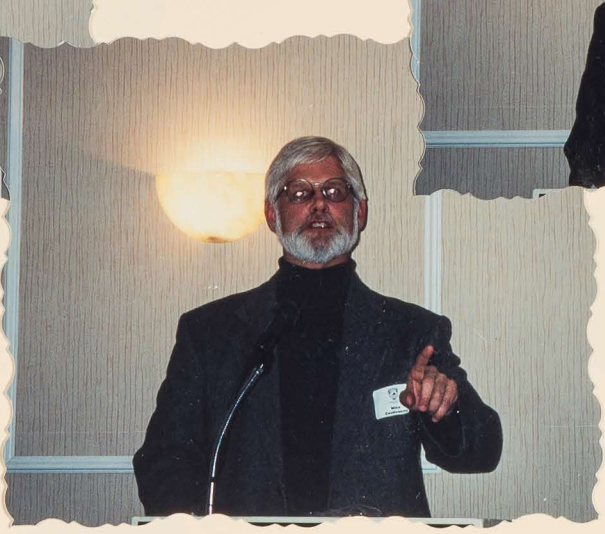
Throughout the past fifty years, many good times have been shared—such as picnics, trail rides, wine and cheese parties, go-karts at Buckroe Beach, and staying up all night singing "Drift Away" at the Greenwoods. Some things have changed—we have become a strictly autocross club, not having staged any rallies since 1996. But others remain constant, such as our love affair with the automobile, the thrill of motorsports competition, and the deep friendships we have formed with others who share common interests. Hopefully this will be a lasting legacy for VMSC in our next fifty years.

January, 2000



*Celebrating Fifty Years
1950 - 2000*









*The
Virginia Motor Sport Club
Awards Banquet
Celebrating Fifty Years
1950 - 2000*

*The Sheraton Park South
January 22, 2000*

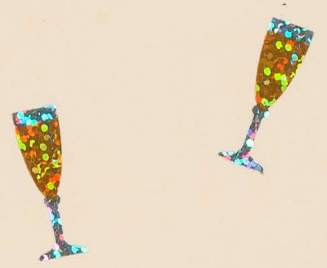


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- Second Vice-President* *Richard West*
- Treasurer* *Joe Condon /
Scott Koffman*
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VMSC PAST PRESIDENTS – January 22, 2000

1952 Allen Fine

1960 George Patteson

1961 Charlie Larus

1964 Kendall Parker

1966 Billy Dixon

1968 Wilt Greenwood

1969 Chuck Edwards

1971 Brad Peaseley

1972 John Chehaske

1973 Mike Castleberry

1974 Bookie Westbrook

1978 Barbara Greenwood

1979 Dick Jones

1980 Lewis Parsley

1983 Shelia Hunter

1984 Floyd Mills

1985 Neale Dickinson

1986 Beth Mills

1988 jet Burton

1990 Dennis Weir

1991 Scott Powell

1993 Mike Weedon

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1997 Dana Cole

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