

Rich Mixture



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ON THE COVER:
Pat, flyin' low in his Del Sol.

ON THE BACK:
Variety.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
17-Apr	Autocross	Riverside High School Scott Johns
15-May	Autocross	Riverside High School Miro Valent
4-Jun	*Autocross	Parkersburg Airport Brian Boggess (flyer on page 6)
25-Jun	Autocross	Riverside High School Martin Valent

General Event and Meeting Info

- Club meetings start at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.
- Autocross registration closes ***promptly at 9:30 a.m.*** First car off the line at 10:00 a.m.
- Events are not over until the trailer is packed and the site is cleaned up!
- TBA = To Be Announced
- Locations may change. Contact Martin Valent or check the website for updates.
- Everyone is welcome at all meetings!

Online Registration helps make the event setup much easier. Please sign up online to help us make the event go faster, smoother, and better for everyone. Register at: <http://www.swvrscca.org/>

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RE's Corner
By Mike Francis

Well, March was certainly an interesting month. As many of you know, SWVRSCCA showed up in force for RCR's first event at the Fan-nin Automotive dealership, and I must say a good time was had by all. Is it just me or does it seem like whenever groups of SWVRSCCA members travel to other events, they seem to occupy many of the top spots? The more I look around at other regions/events the more I appreciate the talent pool we have here, not to mention the great people. We need to get together and invade other regions more often, maybe get a good rivalry going with a point system to award the region with the best finishers, like a team sport. We travel there, they travel here, that could really be fun. Give me some feedback if you like the idea.

Of course we held our March event, "Far Beyond Driven," in which Mr. Boggess completely outdid himself with a fantastic course design, going to be hard to beat that one for event of the year. The turn out was great, 57 drivers! All went very well UNTIL the timers began to have difficulty late in the day. Of course, we are working on solutions to the timer malfunctions, and I am confident we can accommodate 60-70 drivers at Riverside while still getting in 7-8 runs and fun runs. And still be done by 5:00! If that seems like I'm dreaming break it down, the course was actually 2 1/2 laps, with the times running around 11-15 seconds longer than usual, and a course configuration which prevented us from releasing the next car until the current car was almost at the very end of the course. We lost 45 minutes in the "mourning" session to timer troubles. We lost almost 70 minutes in the afternoon session to timer troubles. By eliminating the timer issues (which we will) and making sure we can start subsequent cars sooner, we can hit the numbers. The bottom line is don't worry about losing seat time or having to stay extra late just because our attendance is going up! Larger turnout is good for everyone.

MEETING MINUTES - Francis House, 4-1-11, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mike & Amy Francis, Chuck and Cathy Clark, Martin Valent, Tara Romberger, John Taylor, Scott Johns, Briana Cicero-Johns, Tim Maddox, Sean Holleran, Dan Combs, Kevin & Richard Holleran

- Dash plaques ordered
- Acquiring new cables & ends for timing lights
- Discussed ways to eliminate light reflection issues on timing heads
- New version of VB install for club web site- more secure. Thanks John!
- Discussed donation amount for use of Riverside lot
- Youth Group may come to April event to sell goodies- Randy Cain, WV Legislative Reference and Information center
- Looking at new venues for special event runs, Bluefield ball park and Ripley airports. Mike and Martin to make contact.
- Discussion on course design- To allow 2nd car to leave before 1st finishes. Will trial on April's event
- 8 New members joined
- Discussed porta pottie rental for Riverside- Potential high cost
- Aprils event at Riverside High School, Bell WV

Treasury Report: Current balance as of 4-2-11, \$2,382

2011 Mtg Venues:

May- Miro & Nicole Valent's House
June- Parkersburg, Riverside Restaurant in Marietta? TBD
July- Clark's house, 2nd Friday
August- Kevin Holleran
September- Johns's house, 2nd Friday
October- Martin Valent and Tara Romberger House
November- Brian Boggess House





Southern West Virginia Region of the Sports Car Club of America



Date: **June 4, 2011**

Location: **Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport
Parkersburg WV** (Use Rambar Rd. entrance)

Cost: **SCCA Members: \$25
Non-members: \$40**



Required items to compete:

Must have valid driver's license and the automobile must pass a basic technical inspection. Loaner helmets will be available at the event.

Competition schedule:

Registration and Tech. Inspection:

Friday: 7:00pm - 8:30pm at Holiday Inn, MARIETTA OH.

Saturday: 8:30am - 10:00am (at the airport)

Driver's meeting: 10:15am

First car off: 10:30am (Rain or Shine)

This is a benefit event for the Colony Theater in Marietta, OH. Our sponsor, Marietta Ignition, will be providing food available for purchase after 9:00am.

Holiday Inn Contact Information:

701 PIKE ST MARIETTA, OH 45750 UNITED STATES

Hotel Front Desk: 1-740-374-9660 | Hotel Fax: 1-740-373-1762



Please visit WWW.SWVRSCCA.ORG or WWW.MOVSCCA.COM for more information.

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“March” Autocross by Brian Boggess
March 20, 2011
Official Results

	Name of Driver	Car Make / Model	1st Run	2nd Run	3rd Run	4th Run	5th Run
	Super Stock	Compare to ASP					
1T	Jack Sampson	Corvette Z06 CE	89.714+OFF	63.817	62.473	63.271	63.023
	A/Stock						
1T	Cantley Odie	Corvette	66.544	62.977	62.216+1	62.075+1	61.604+1
2	Tiara Cantley	Corvette	68.206	65.293	63.744+1	65.277+2	65.162
	B/Stock Compared to A/Stock						
-	Scot Drake	96 Porsche 911	68.959+1	67.044	68.446	66.775	66.229
	D/Stock						
1T	Earnest Mike	Lancer Sportback Ralliart	69.888+1	68.278	67.285	67.683	66.663
2	Kemp Brandon	Mitsu Lancer Ralliart	68.287	34.587+OFF	67.381	68.190	69.762
3	Scott Joshua	2001 Audi S4	76.409+OFF	73.941	76.080	76.013	99.915
	F/Stock						
1T	AC Smith	Camaro	77.903	73.741	71.390+1	72.324	70.713
2	Kenny Sartin	Dodge Ram SRT 10	85.886	79.673	77.191	78.629	75.008
	H/Stock						
1T	David Van Tassel	2008 Saturn Aura	69.742	68.738+1	68.652	68.448+1	68.195
2	Sartin Daniel	1993 Capri XR2	77.673	73.129	72.354	999.999+OFF	71.555
	B/Street Prepared Compared to A/Street Prepared						
1T	Kevin Halloran	Boxster	69.154	68.006	66.197	67.148	64.925
	A/Street Prepared Compared to Steet Mod						
-	Steve Moneypenny	2001 Chevrolet Corvette	88.986	78.218	75.811	78.969+OFF	76.627
	D/Street Prepared						
1T	Shaun Rockwell	Mazdaspeed 3	67.330+1	66.264+1	64.706	64.033	63.640
2T	Pat McCallister	94 Honda Del Sol	99.842	67.402	67.456	66.560	66.218
3T	Jim Pryce	Honda Civic Si	999.999+OFF	70.590+OFF	68.603	68.370	66.954
4	Adam Criss	2010 VW GTI	69.110+1	68.134	67.865+1	68.073	67.263
5	Terry Layton, Sr.	Cobalt SS	75.077+1	69.333	68.558	68.106	68.039+1
	E/Steet Prepared						
1T	Jason Norton	2011 Ford Mustang GT	64.904	65.044	63.014	63.761	63.150
2T	George Kemp	2006 Dodge Charger SRT	69.623	66.724+1	66.790	66.984+2	
3T	Terry Layton, Jr.	Mustang	69.570+2	999.999	68.567	68.973	999.999+OFF
4	Danny Layton	Silverado SS	97.404+OFF	999.999+OFF	75.204	DNS	DNS
5	Anthony Maynor	1986 Chevy Camaro	999.999+OFF	999.999+OFF	75.845	DNS	DNS
6	Jerrid Thomas	1979 Pontiac Firebird	101.053	999.999+OFF	81.975	84.303	78.268

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Official Results, cont'd

	Name of Driver	Car Make / Model	1st Run	2nd Run	3rd Run	4th Run	5th Run
	F/Street Prepared						
1T	Paul Sexton	2008 Toyota Prius	69.766+1	67.583	67.568	69.174+2	67.766
2	Monica Scott	Dodge Neon R/T	86.534+1	999.999+OFF	71.720	72.074	71.573
3	Joshua Pennington	Toyota Prius	74.945	74.017	73.106	26.535+DNF	
	E/Modified						
1T	Sean Halloran	Firebird	64.950	71.220+OFF	63.730	63.857	
2T	Brad Spurlock	Trans Am	68.695	64.500	66.013	DNS	Timer
3	Dan Combs	Mustang GT	67.001	65.184	78.467	999.999+OFF	Failure
4	Skip Carson	Mustang	76.795	73.834+1	70.889	DNS	
	Street Touring (Tire)	Compare to STS = STX					
1T	Chris Terry	2002 VW Jetta	66.545	66.505	66.256	66.076	
2	Ryan Bench	Nissan Sentra SpecV	75.834+OFF	999.999+OFF	74.591	72.516	70.829+1
	Street Touring R						
1T	Joe Montuoro	1999 Mazda Miata	66.456	63.121	63.645+1	63.243	62.740
2	Matt Kessler	Mazda Miata	999.999+OFF	72.082	71.054	70.428	69.811
	Street Touring X						
1T	Michael Terry	2007 VW GTI	66.848+1	65.482	65.071	64.927	64.887
2T	Miro Valent	Super Neon	68.372+1	65.833+1	65.188	64.934	65.086+1
3T	Christopher Inghram	2004 Mazda RX8	67.880	67.798+1	66.430	67.141+1	65.663
4	David Terry	VW GTI	999.999+OFF	67.601	68.733	68.272	65.871
5	Tim Maddox	Dodge Neon	999.999+OFF	68.029	68.142	66.752	67.400+1
6	John Sipe	VW GTI	69.860	68.517+1	68.597	67.812	68.206
7	Roger Stout	2000 Nissan Altima	78.902	75.126	74.587	73.513+1	72.075
	Street Tour Unlimtd	Compare to B/Street	Prep =>A/ SP				
1T	Jon Byrne	Subaru WRX	67.496	67.042+1	67.053	67.291	66.374
	Street Modified						
1T	Eric Miller	Toyota Supra	76.178	74.531	70.901	69.570	70.564
2	Matt Pelurie	Toyota Supra	72.615	69.772	85.615	71.935	70.393
3	Levi Elza	1998 Pontiac Trans Am	101.900	73.865	69.862	999.999+OFF	70.000
	Street Mod FWD						
1T	Mike Francis	Nissan Sentra Spec V	63.125	71.898+1	61.477	61.833	61.836
2	Amy Francis	Spec V	83.616	78.419+OFF	71.639	71.735	68.408

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 Official Results, cont'd

	Name of Driver	Car Make / Model	1st Run	2nd Run	3rd Run	4th Run	5th Run
	Super Street Mod	Compare to F/Prepared	"=> X/P =>	No Class			
1T	Martin Valent	MR2 Turbo	999.999+OFF	63.646	62.703	63.164	50.178+OFF
2T	Scott Johns	Datsun 240Z	68.831	66.256	65.964	66.499	65.026
3	Chuck Clark	Datsun 240Z	68.143	999.999+OFF	66.519	66.346	65.059
4	Tara Romberger	MR2 Turbo	68.567	66.520	65.397	65.692	65.444
	Formula 125 (Kart)						
1T	Robbie Nelson	Honda Kart	60.033	59.184+1	56.860	55.414	
2	Brian Boggess	Arrow/Yamahammer	999.999+OFF	57.438	56.277	57.936	Timer
3	John Taylor	Arrow/Yamaha	62.473	60.204	59.862+1	65.437	Failure
	Formula Junior B	(Kart) Compare to	(No Class	Compare)			
			to				
1T	Ashley Nelson	GatorMoto kid kart	95.552	92.813	88.985	85.180	84.281
	Formula Junior C	(Kart) Compare to FJB					
1	Alex Nelson	GatorMoto kid kart	144.120+OFF	125.935+OFF	99.991	103.310	98.673



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POS	Driver	Class	Behind
1	Robbie Nelson	F125	55.414
2	Brian Boggess	F125	0.863
3	John Taylor	F125	3.056
4	Mike Francis	SMF	6.063
5	Jack Sampson	SS	7.059
6	Martin Valent	SSM	7.289
7	Joe Montuoro	STR	7.326
8	Odie Cantley	AS	7.563
9	Jason Norton	ESP	7.600
10	Shaun Rockwell	DSP	8.226
11	Sean Halloran	EM	8.316
12	Brad Spurlock	EM	9.086
13	Michael Terry	STX	9.473
14	Kevin Halloran	ASP	9.511
15	Miro Valent	STX	9.520
16	Scott Johns	SSM	9.612
17	Chuck Clark	SSM	9.645
18	Tiara Cantley	AS	9.748
19	Dan Combs	EM	9.770
20	Tara Romberger	SSM	9.983
21	Christopher Inghram	STX	10.249
22	David Terry	STX	10.457
23	Chris Terry	ST	10.662
24	Pat McCallister	DSP	10.804
25	Scot Drake	BS	10.815
26	Jon Byrne	STU	10.960
27	Mike Earnest	DS	11.249
28	Tim Maddox	STX	11.338
29	George Kemp	ESP	11.376
30	Jim Pryce	DSP	11.540
31	Adam Criss	DSP	11.849
32	Brandon Kemp	DS	11.967
33	Paul Sexton	FSP	12.154
34	John Sipe	STX	12.398
35	Terry Layton, Sr.	DSP	12.692
36	David Van Tassel	HS	12.781
37	Amy Francis	SMF	12.994
38	Terry Layton, Jr.	ESP	13.153
39	Eric Miller	SM	14.156
40	Matt Pelurie	SM	14.358
41	Matt Kessler	STR	14.397
42	Levi Elza	SM	14.448
43	AC Smith	FS	15.299
44	Skip Carson	EM	15.475
45	Daniel Sartin	HS	16.141
46	Monica Scott	FSP	16.159
47	Roger Stout	STX	16.661
48	Ryan Bench	ST	17.102
49	Joshua Pennington	FSP	17.692
50	Joshua Scott	DS	18.527
51	Kenny Sartin	FS	19.594
52	Danny Layton	ESP	19.790
53	Steve Moneyppenny	ASP	20.397
54	Anthony Maynor	ESP	20.431
55	Jerrid Thomas	ESP	22.854
56	Ashley Nelson	FJB	28.867
57	Alex Nelson	FJC	43.259

POS	Driver	Pax Time	Behind
1	Joe Montuoro	52.45	0
2	Mike Francis	52.562	0.112
3	Robbie Nelson	52.754	0.304
4	Odie Cantley	52.963	0.513
5	Jason Norton	53.309	0.859
6	Michael Terry	53.466	1.016
7	Miro Valent	53.505	1.055
8	Jack Sampson	53.539	1.089
9	Brian Boggess	53.575	1.125
10	Shaun Rockwell	53.712	1.262
11	David Van Tassel	53.942	1.492
12	Christopher Inghram	54.106	1.656
13	Chris Terry	54.182	1.732
14	David Terry	54.277	1.827
15	Mike Earnest	54.463	2.013
16	Tiara Cantley	54.801	2.351
17	Martin Valent	54.865	2.415
18	Tim Maddox	55.003	2.553
19	Brandon Kemp	55.05	2.6
20	Scot Drake	55.566	3.116
21	Jon Byrne	55.621	3.171
22	John Taylor	55.663	3.213
23	John Sipe	55.877	3.427
24	Pat McCallister	55.888	3.438
25	Kevin Halloran	55.965	3.515
26	Paul Sexton	56.419	3.969
27	George Kemp	56.504	4.054
28	Jim Pryce	56.509	4.059
29	Daniel Sartin	56.6	4.15
30	Adam Criss	56.77	4.32
31	Scott Johns	56.897	4.447
32	Chuck Clark	56.926	4.476
33	Tara Romberger	57.222	4.772
34	Terry Layton, Sr.	57.481	5.031
35	Sean Halloran	57.994	5.544
36	Terry Layton, Jr.	58.007	5.557
37	Matt Kessler	58.362	5.912
38	AC Smith	58.479	6.029
39	Amy Francis	58.488	6.038
40	Brad Spurlock	58.695	6.245
41	Dan Combs	59.317	6.867
42	Roger Stout	59.389	6.939
43	Ryan Bench	59.463	7.013
44	Monica Scott	59.763	7.313
45	Joshua Scott	60.409	7.959
46	Eric Miller	60.456	8.006
47	Matt Pelurie	60.631	8.181
48	Levi Elza	60.71	8.26
49	Joshua Pennington	61.043	8.593
50	Kenny Sartin	62.031	9.581
51	Danny Layton	63.622	11.172
52	Anthony Maynor	64.164	11.714
53	Skip Carson	64.509	12.059
54	Steve Moneyppenny	65.349	12.899
55	Jerrid Thomas	66.214	13.764
56	Ashley Nelson	69.616	17.166
57	Alex Nelson	74.498	22.048



It's a Kart?

By Tim Maddox

A couple of summers ago I was hanging out with my Dad in Massillon Ohio at a Saturday night cruise-in, and I came upon this "vehicle".



Obviously it was a kart, but for what? Spraying mosquitoes? Extinguishing fires? I asked the owner and he explained to me that this was a very real and functional factory kart from the 1960s, that he had rebuilt.

And it is rocket powered.

Huh? Yea, right!

This guy went on to tell me there were a handful of these karts built in the 1960s, and that he personally ran this one at 185 mph in the quarter mile. And he didn't go full out because it scared him. He runs the pair of rocket engines run on a combination of fuels which are in the side tanks and the rear center tank; oxygen, nitro methane, and maybe something else. At least that's what I thought he said. I wasn't really listening because I thought he was fabricating a story about some non-functioning industrial art project he attached to a kart frame. I nodded politely and went to get more popcorn.

When I got home, I wondered if he was really telling the truth. So I searched the internet – not that everything on the web is true, but I had to see what I could come up with.

Sure enough, there are pictures and stories of these karts. They did (do) exist.

The kart I saw in person was from the mid-1960s by a company called Turbonique. Turbonique was established in Orlando, Florida in 1962, reportedly an offshoot of a NASA space program subcontractor, Gene Middlebrooks, who was determined to establish a consumer market for rocket technology.

A single Turbonique rocket engine produces 300 lbs of thrust, and runs on what they called "Thermolene" (N-Propyl Nitrate). Turbonique used a pair of engines on a Rupp kart frame to run the quarter mile in 7.3 seconds at 150 mph.



Thermolene fuel is considered a monopropellant of the family of the nitromethane and is very dangerous under certain conditions. From what research I could find, these rocket engines had a design error. When they were used at full power it was not any problem but if you panic, shut them off, then re-apply full power they exploded! Apparently the fuel collected in the rotor case when the driver got on and off the throttle. Rumor has it that at least one driver was killed, resulting in the owner of Turbonique being jailed and ultimately resulted in the demise of Turbonique in 1969.

In the 1970s, several karts adopted a safer hydrogen peroxide rocket engine. A karting pioneer named Jack McClure, who experimented with Turbonique engines in the 1960s, developed several versions with the help of rocket engine pioneer Arvil Porter. Jack and Arvil built a laydown drag kart that used various rockets with up to 1500 pounds of thrust! The engine was only 10" long by 7" diameter. The hydrogen peroxide was forced through silver and nickel screens. Superheated steam produced by the reaction created 300 PSI through a 2 inch diameter nozzle and pushed the kart down the quarter mile in 6 seconds at 215 mph!

It was nice to learn a bit of kart history, and it certainly confirmed for me that you karters are crazy!

More information can be found at <http://www.vintagekarts.com/Rockets/Rockets.htm>

**Neighborhood
Watch**

RIVER CITIES REGION

Every 2nd weekend each month at Fannin Automotive, Ashland, KY.

CENTRAL KY REGION SCCA

Sunday, April 17, Points 1 - The Pad

Sunday, May 15, Points 2 - The Pad

OHIO VALLEY REGION SCCA

Saturday, 4/9/2011, Test & Tune, National Trail Race Way

Saturday, 5/14/2011, Drivers School, OSU, Ackerman, Columbus

Sunday, 5/15/2011, Points Event 1, OSU, Ackerman

CINCY REGION SCCA

Sunday, April 17, Points Event 2, Turfway Park

Sunday, May 15, Points Event 3, Turfway Park

BLUE RIDGE REGION SCCA

Saturday, April 30, Rookie School, Verona, VA

Sunday, May 1, Points #3, Verona, VA

STEEL CITIES REGION SCCA

Saturday, 4/23/2011, BeaveRun

Saturday, 5/7/2011, BeaveRun

KANAWHA VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB

Saturday, May 7, 2011, Low-Speeds - Location TBA



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Jim and Sue Pryce

In 1959, Jim and Sue were enjoying their new sports cars, a '59 MGA and a '59 AH Sprite, respectively. They were members of the Sports Car Club of WV, and together published the club's newsletter, "Piston Patter". In September, 1960, they joined the SCCA (through the D.C. region), then later became SWVR members during its inception in 1960-61. Sue set a couple of milestones thereafter, becoming our region's first elected secretary in 1961, and our first female RE in 1976. Jim was elected secretary in 1971, and held the RE position in 1967, '72, '87, '92, '93. Married in 1961, Jim and Sue recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Jim is also a USAF veteran and was stationed in the Far East in 1953-54 during the Korean War, primarily at Nagoya Air Base, Japan. He later spent two years at McGhee-Tyson AFB, Tennessee before returning home to Charleston.

Jim, Of the cars you've driven, which were your favorites to autocross? "Tough question. Liked most of them and there have been far too many... MGBGT, Fiat 124s, Porsche 914 2.0, X-19, Sciroccos, Preludes, CRXs, del Sol VTECH. MR2, Miata. Still don't have a handle on the Civic Si though."

cont'd...

Of the cars you have yet to drive, which would you most like to autocross? ... *“Probably a Z06, but only on a course with soft, foam rubber cones, no solid objects or curbs.”*

How many track days have you done, and what’s your favorite track? *“Four...VIR (North course) x 2...VIR (Whole Course) and Mid Ohio.” [Favorite] ...”VIR’s North course for track days in the Miata... Nelson Ledges for racing days in the F/ Production MG midget. Most Fun, track days or racing has to be VIR-North.”*

What other types of racing have you done? *“Club Racing...Regional Comp. license 1962, 63 at Marlboro. National license 1979, “80 ’81. Nelson Ledges x12, Summit Pt x 2. Had some wins, some DNFs, a few bumps and a heart attack at Nelson in ’79.”*

Who was most the most influential person you’ve met while racing? *“Sue was impressed with Paul Newman..” ... “Newman raced at Nelson Ledges often, Jay Coleman , Ralph Young and Mike Fletcher all SWVR racers, knew him fairly well. He entered a regional there with the “London Cab” (not a serious race car) in B Sedan, I guess for fun. I was in F/P in the same race group. We met in the impound area after the race he was 2nd in B/S I was 2nd in F/P. We often pitted in the same general area . Have some prints and 35mm slides somewhere.”*

What are your thoughts on the sport today vs. back in the day? *“It was more fun then. Not as many classes and categories which meant more cars per class... we had five hundred and more cars a season averaging fifty cars or more per event. We were lucky to have had more venues then, giving us more variety such as autocrosses at Kanawha (now Yeager) airport, some on snow. The ANG hill climb... From 1970 until 2004 we had Payne Engineering’s Gartersnake and a few years in there we enjoyed Payne’s Peak Hill climb... Plenty of eager course workers without work/run groups. Meetings were entertaining and very well attended. In the early years we had the round robin gymkhanas/autocrosses at Watoga State Park on the dirt airfield (ahead of our time I guess.) There were road rallies, some at night and at least one two day fall rally/tour each year.”*

Any hobbies, other than Autox? *“Aggravating Sue... Cameras... Taking naps.”*



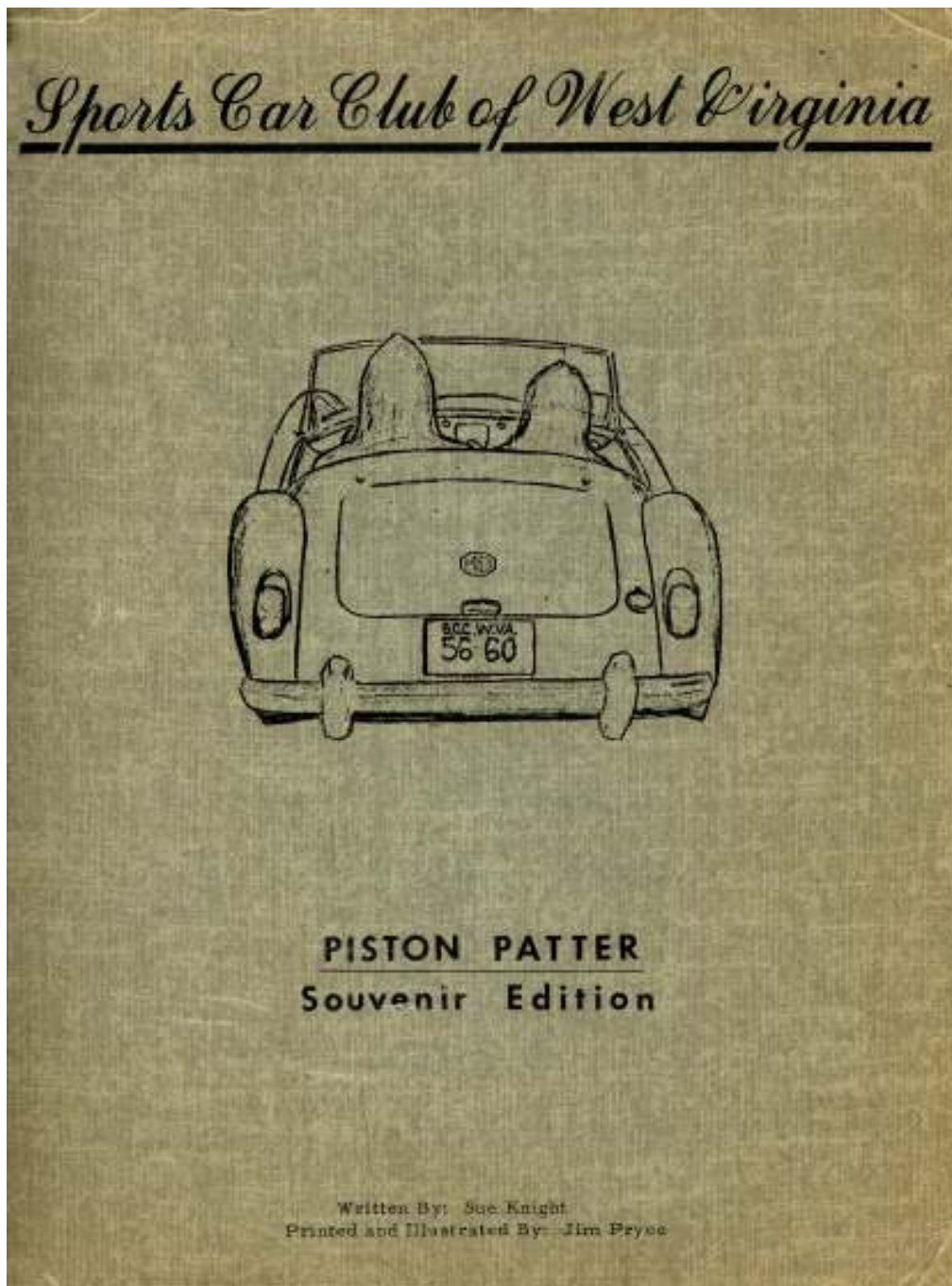
Thank you Jim and Sue for all of your work in establishing and building the foundation of our club, and for being SWVR members for 51 years, and counting.

SWVR Heritage Section

If anyone has any historical information... pictures, letters, etc., and willing to share, please contact Chuck Clark at clarkz51@hughes.net.

In this month's heritage section, we have the cover and first two pages of the very last newsletter from the Sports Car Club of West Virginia.

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 PISTON PATTTER
 DECEMBER, 1960

MEETING & DANCE: December 2, 1960 at 8:30 P.M. at the Charleston Press Club. We will be entertained by Iris Bell and The Belltones. Hors d'oeuvres and Set-Ups will be furnished. \$2.00 per person. Since this will be the last dance of the year, and the last one for The Sports Car Club of West Virginia, let's all be there and make it a success.

As a reminder, Clara Kelly would like you to bring your ticket books and money on the "Sprite" Sale to the dance. In the meantime, sell as many tickets as you can.

The "Pretzel Rally" was held on November 20, planned by Fred Griffin and Tom Hudson. The results were announced as follows:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Navigator</u>	<u>Score</u>
1st	John Hall	Beverley Hall	39
2nd	Doug Weatherhold	Darryl Ely	201
3rd	Earl Best	Charlene Best	217
4th	Arnold Flippen	Janice Flippen	232
5th	Norman Drummond	Mildred Drummond	257
6th	Clara Kelly	B.C. Sayers	259
7th	Dr. Carroll	Norene Carroll	266
8th	Del LeRoy	Gene LeRoy	301
9th	Bob Kwass	Carl Vines	346
10th	Dana McClure	Mildred McClure	416
11th	Jim Pryce	Sue Knight	582
12th	Helen Seager	Carl Seager	583
13th	Velma Porterfield	Jaunita Higgins	990
14th	Sally Radford	Fred Radford	1074
15th	Harold Messinger	Ralph Chaney	1547
16th	George Madgwick	John Saunby	2354
Did Not Finish	Richard Herron	Charles Herron	
	C. V. Lucas	J. H. Frost	

As you will notice, I said the winners were announced as shown above. Unfortunately, an error was made in tabulating the scores and winners should be like this:

1st	John Hall	Beverley Hall	39
2nd	Norman Drummond	Mildred Drummond	197
3rd	Doug Weatherholt	Darryl Ely	201
4th	Earl Best	Charlene Best	217
5th	Arnold Flippen	Janice Flippen	232

All other scores remained the same. In order to rectify this error, a duplicate set of trophies are being obtained and will be presented to Norman and Mildred Drummond.

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At the end of the "Pretzel Rally", we were given a "Rally Evaluation Form" to fill out. When these were tabulated, it turned out like this:

RALLY EVALUATION FORM

To help in planning future rallies that will appeal to the majority of the club, we would appreciate it if you would fill out this rally evaluation form and turn it in to the rally master.

Rally was:	Too long	<u> </u>	Route was:	Interesting	<u>12</u>
	About Right	<u>15</u>		Mediocre	<u>3</u>
	Too Short	<u> </u>		Dull	<u> </u>
Instructions were:	Ambiguous	<u> </u>	Speed Changes:	Too Many	<u>2</u>
	Confusing	<u>1</u>		About Right	<u>13</u>
	Concise	<u>14</u>		Too Few	<u> </u>
	Too Clear	<u> </u>			
Average Speeds:	Too High	<u>3</u>			
	OK	<u>11</u>			
	Too Slow	<u>1</u>			

Remarks: Roads too rough {3 persons said this}
 Good Rally {5 " " " " "
 Would like some 7 to 8 hour rallies. (1 person said this).

We would like to thank Tom and Fred for planning such a nice rally for us. I'm sure a lot of hard work went into this and much driving. The Glass House where we ate dinner was very nice, and provided a welcome change. I'm sure we all know the error in the scoring couldn't be helped, and anyway, we all knew it would happen sometime.

We would like to extend a belated congratulations to Norman and Mildred.







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