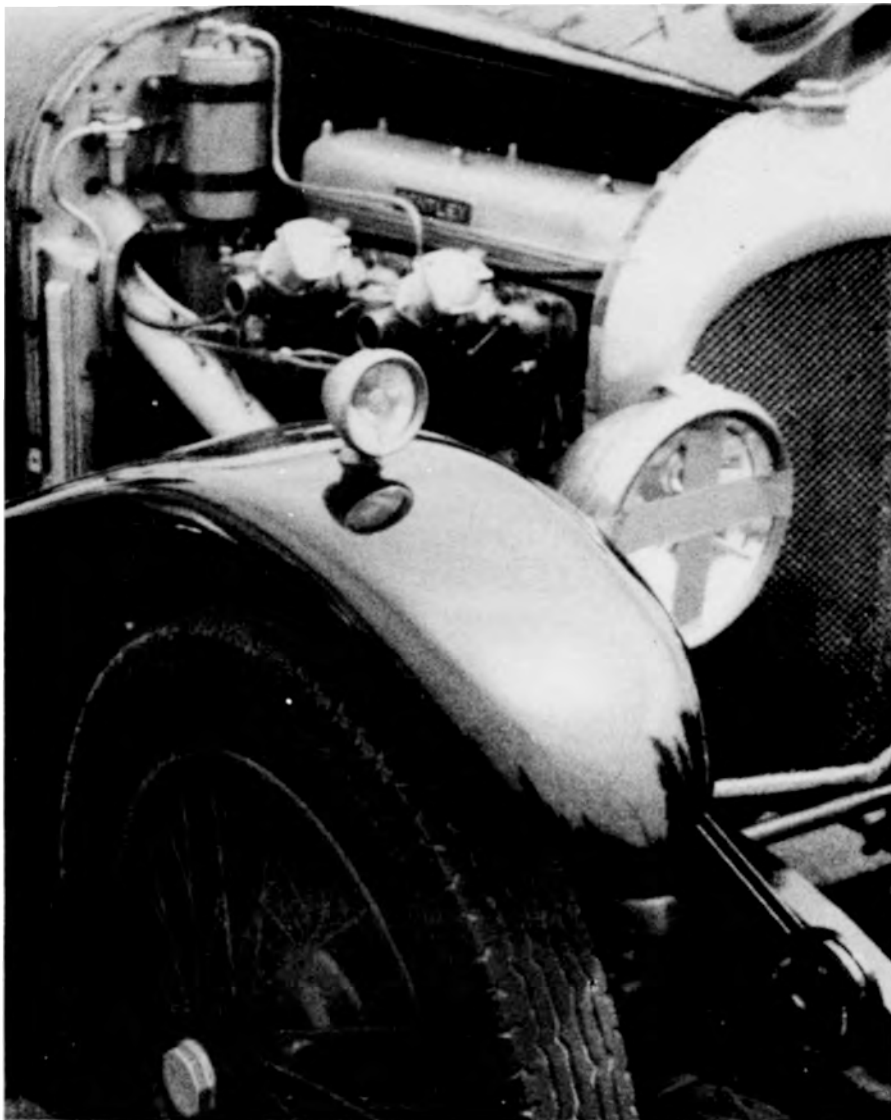
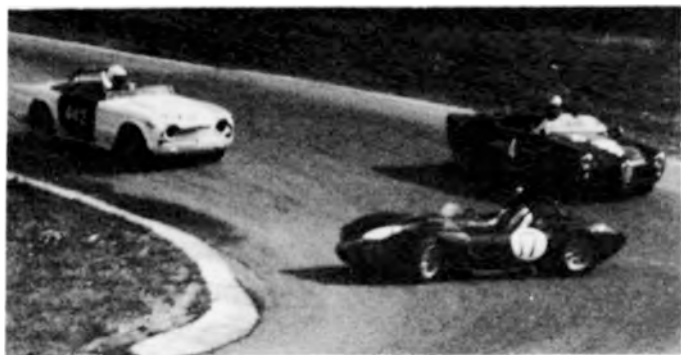


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PRESIDENT'S PIFFLE & PREAMBLE

As the checkered flag drops on another year in the life of the Vintage Racing Club of B.C., it is important that we reflect on the last year to assess our accomplishments as an executive and as a club. I separate the two for this purpose because you the membership no doubt placed at least some confidence in us when you elected us to our positions at the annual general meeting one year ago. It was incumbent upon us to reward you for your confidence by serving the club to the best of our collective ability. Given the time that we have been able to devote to our club (you elected five very busy people), it is my belief that we have done just that - served you to the best of our ability.

You may recall that at our first meeting (the really long one), we outlined our objectives for the year. When I compare those objectives with what was actually accomplished I believe that we have fulfilled our obligations to you. As this is a year end report, and not intended to be entertaining reading so much as it is to be a chronicle, it would seem to be appropriate for me to comment on some of those objectives and accomplishments.

Meetings

My commitment was to have an agenda for every meeting and to conduct each one in a businesslike manner recognizing that this is a club and not a corporation. I know that some of you have thought I forgot this latter qualification from time to time - it's hard to overcome old habits.

We changed venue to the officers' mess, Jericho Detachment and although some members still yearn for the atmosphere and setting of the Rowing Club, I believe that the Mess Hall has proven to be superior for our purposes. Meetings have been very well attended during the past year. Some even found them profitable by selling unwanted hardware during our monthly Marketplace.

Communications/ Bulletin

We made a commitment to improve communications within the club and between the club and other related organizations. We intended to do this through the bulletin, social events and generally caring about our members. Our bulletin editor found it necessary to resign so we all pitched in to produce something that would serve the club well with the secretary acting as coordinator and publisher. It meant more effort on the part of individual executive members and thanks to them and other contributors it seems to have been successful. While the newsheet has not been as glossy and professional looking as some, it has certainly been chock full of news and stories and that is one important thing. Most clubs publish a bulletin only quarterly. It is costly and time consuming to publish monthly but that is what you got.

By the time the AGM is over there will have been five social events including our own beer garden following the last race of the season.

We also made a point of identifying guests at our meetings, ensuring that they were welcomed and informed about our club. The Vice President undertook this pleasant task.

Vehicle Eligibility/Rules/etc.

Our top priority was to finalize the rules governing participation in our race meets. This was done in a democratic manner, and while not everyone agrees in total with the result, they are our own rules and their existence has certainly been helpful in informing those outside the club and new members, of who we are and what we do. Having had them printed in a brochure helps us make every member and competitor aware of what the eligibility, safety and other rules are, even though not everyone adheres to them - what else is new you say.

Official Photographer

Alan Murtagh agreed to be our official photographer and the executive provided guidelines to him with a view to establishing a collection of club photographs and at the same time providing a service to members. The club photographs are in the possession of our secretary and in the process of being placed in albums that will form a part of the club's archives to be examined by members at social events and the A.G.M.

Racing

In an effort to increase participation in events, a point system was established by our Race Director, with the support of one executive. That objective (underlined) is one that we must bear in mind, otherwise we could lose sight of the purpose not only of the point system but of vintage racing itself. There is evidence that we had a lot more participation this year than last, but that could be attributed to our enthusiastic and energetic Race Director more than the point system.

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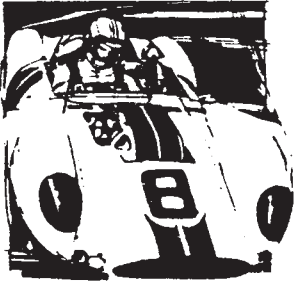
The problem we tried to address was how to get more members qualified to race. In addition to wanting to be able to make a grid at sanctioned events, we wanted to ensure that those who were participating in our events were safe to participate with. Thus we began by encouraging members to take driver training. The result was encouraging. Then our Race Director got the idea of running our own school at a closed event. Still working on that one.

This far I have been reporting to you on behalf of the executive. Now I want to speak as one member of the executive. I want to tell you that I thoroughly enjoyed working with Jack, Greg, Mike, Lorrie and John during this past year (not enough to have a burning desire to continue for another year though), and want to thank them most sincerely on your behalf for their dedication to the club. It is always risky singling out anyone, especially in this case because all contributed greatly; however, I do wish to express a special thanks to John MacGregor for bringing to the position of Race Director, enthusiasm, ideas and energy never before witnessed in a Race Director, (I can say that because I was the only other one this club ever had). The other person I wish to single out is Mike Rigby for not only doing a great job as secretary, meeting organizer and club regalia memorabilia Huckster, but for nurturing that very important link with all our members - the newsheet.

Other people that should be recognized for their efforts are Pam Wood our social convenor, Alan Murtagh our club photographer and someone upon whom we heaped praise earlier in the year, Rob H.W. Follows (H.W. stands for Historic Weekend) - many thanks for your help folks.

Finally (at long last you say?) a word about the club from my perspective. I think the club has grown considerably during the past year. Not just in size but in quality as well. I think there is a good feeling among the members and because the rest of society would be only marginally worse off if the club did not exist, that is the way it ought to be. In other words we should not take ourselves too seriously. On that note I should like to thank you for the opportunity of serving you as president and wish the club continued success and enjoyment in our chosen hobby, sport or entertainment, whatever it means to you.

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RACING SUMMARY 1985

Vintage Race May 11 Westwood

Our first try at a one day event for club members, great weather, most successful; 17 members raced, six taking part in the mini-driving school. We had practices, scratch races, handicap, and a Grand Prix. Scratch race winners were Smith-TR5, Duernberger-Alfa, Handicap Smith, and Grand Prix Bill Ferguson, N.B. Sue Kensler made her debut as a racing person!

CASC Conference Race 1/2 June Westwood

Again fine weather greeted only 8 competitors. winners were Anderson and Smith.

NASCAR Seattle 23 June

Fifteen members went south for the "Freebee". Jeff Hammers negotiated with NASCAR and opportunity to race in conjunction with their event. It was very informal and great fun. Dave Birchall finally got the Lotus working well, showing frequent bursts of speed.

Westwood Historic 13/14 July

Again blessed with fine weather for another outstanding weekend. An all time high of 29 club members competed, plus numerous entries from other local clubs and also the California gang. Everyone was a winner this event but Fritz Duerberger received a special award recognizing the spirit he typifies in Vintage racing.

Portland historic 19/20 September

Steve Earles "Northern" event proved to be a hot one, temperatures exceeded 100° F each day. 13 members joined 90 other entrants in a well organized, well run meet. Noteworthy was Dave Birchall's win in the fast class against 25 other competitors.

Seattle historic 14/15 September

A first ever Seattle Historic, organizer Jeff Hammers putting much effort into making this a successful event. First rain of the season greeted the Saturday qualifiers, this made for some interesting grids the following day. Two highlights come to mind, the exceptionally fine party at the Cooke's Saturday Night, and MacGregor's excursion into the blackberry patch.

Westwood Enduro 5/6 October

Final race of the season was run under surprisingly sunny skies. We put on a good show for the SCCBC, 12 vintage cars did some very competitive racing. The year ended in a sad note, Miss Piggy expired in a series of terminal acrobatics at the hairpin, fortunately Miss Piggy's master - driver survived, shaken, but not stirred. We drank farewell to the season with the winners (Bill Ferguson's) Champagne.

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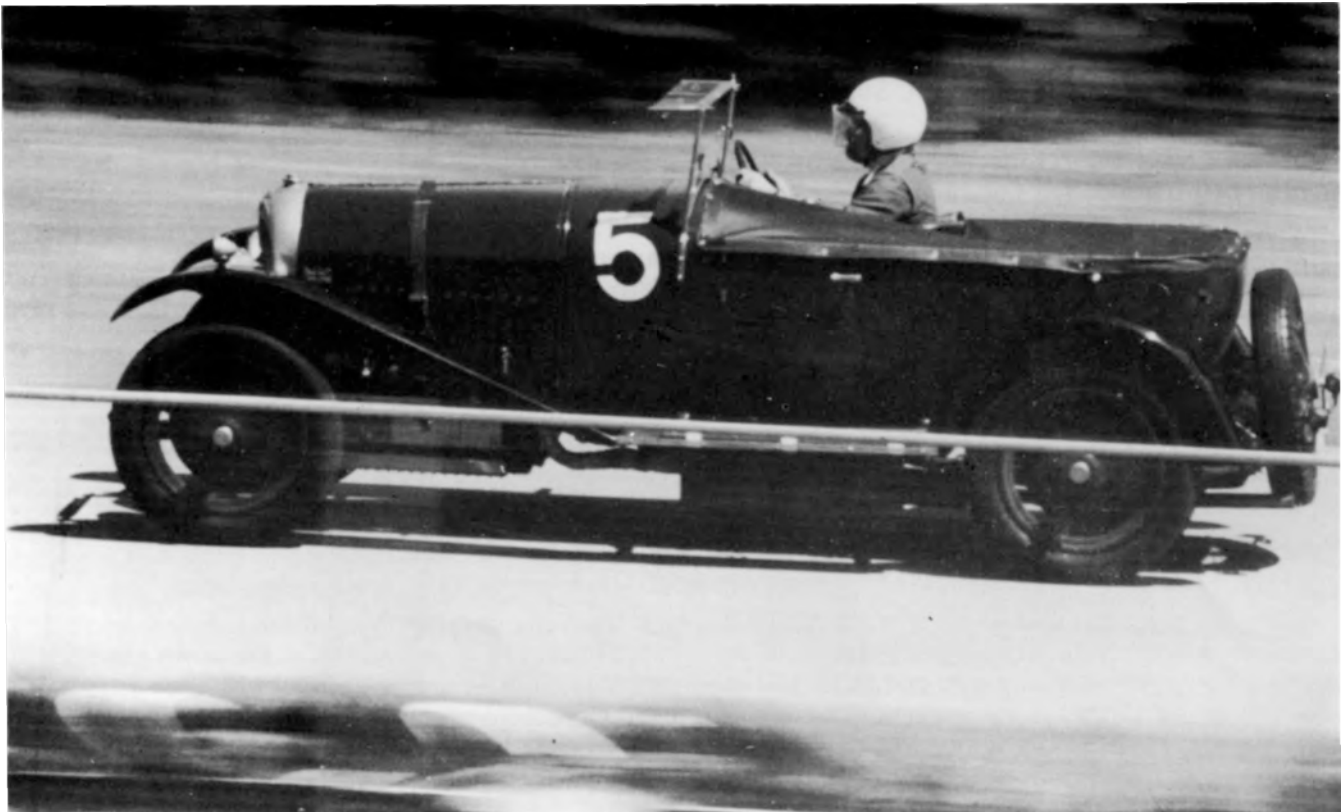
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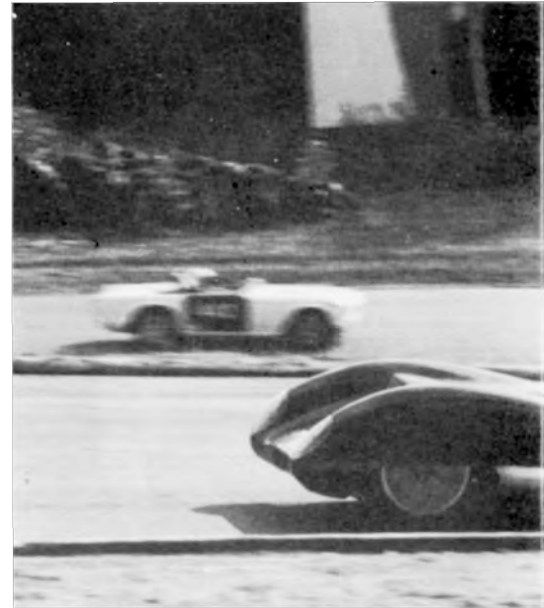
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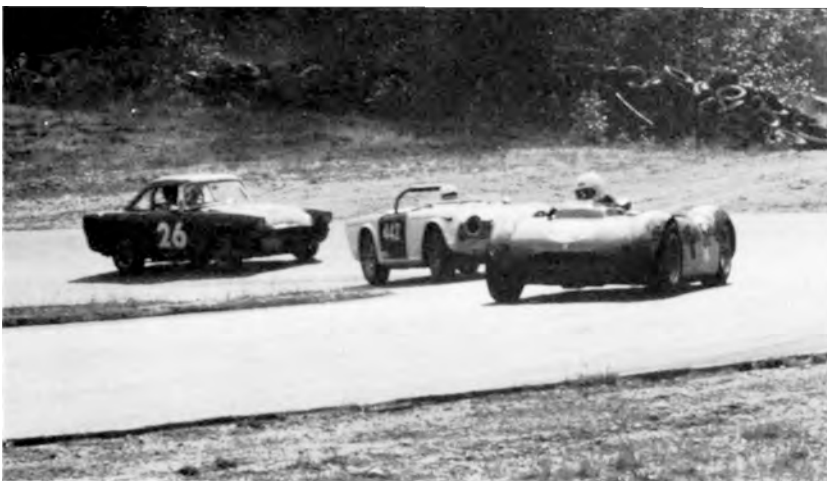
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Racing Summary 1985

Driver	Westwood Vintage 11 May	Westwood Conf 1/2 June	Seattle NASCAR 23 June	Westwood Historic 13/14 Jul	Portland Historic 19/20 Sep	Seattle Historic 5/6 Oct	Westwood Enduro	Total Points
SMITH	37	21	10	35	27	23	18	171
ANDERSON	28	19	10	27	34	14	20	152
MacGREGOR	16	19	10	34	38	13	14	144
WELLAND	10	17	10	30	31	18	17	133
RATCLIFF	25	17	10	30	38	33	10	132
DUERNBERGER	30		27	38	21		116	
BIRCHALL	10		10	23	40	25		108
MARSHALL	11		10	19	23	12	19	94
R. KENSLE	15		10	40		20		85
CATHEY			10	22	32	20		84
FERGUSON	21	14		23			21	79
S. KENSLE	13		10	32		12		67
P. HUNT	19		10	38				67
MORTON				34		17	12	63
RIGBY		12		21		14	15	62
FENTON				10	21	23		54
MEEHAN			10	22		22		54
FRASER	10				31			41
MURTAGH	16			18				34
L. HUNT	20			12				32
MUNSEN				31				31
FOLLOWS				27				27
SCHON	27							
HAWKES				26				26
R. COOKE				12		13		25
RICHARDSON				14			11	25
INGHAM				10		13		23
M. COOKE					12	11		23
ADDATTO			10		12			22
DONALDSON				19				19
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1	FOLLOWS	47	COOKE (MAUREEN)
2	HART	52	MORTON
3	BIRCHALL	54	LINGHAM
4	FERGUSON	56	CATHEY
6	FENTON	67	RATCLIFF
7	COOKE (RAY)	69	HUNT (PETER)
8	JOHNSTON	71	MacGRAGOR
11	BRENT	77	HUNT (LORRIE)
12	ANDERSON	86	SMITH
17	RIGBY	88	a FERGUSON
21	SCHON	117	DUERNBERGER
25	HAWKES	122	MEEHAN
27	WELLAND	123	RENNARD
32	FRASER	381	KENSLER (SUE)
35	MUNSEN	401	BARIS
38	KENSLER (ROSS)	442	SMITH
46	RICHARDSON	555	MARSHALL

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Nothing works like a benevolent dictatorship, and that's why YRS TRLY'S back in a limited dose grinding out this Vantage retrospective. There's simply too much delegating, writing, chasing, sorting, debating, collecting, typing, glueing, collating and general co-ordinating (not to mention subsubsidizing) that must go into a monthly publication of this sort, so - to prevent excessive executive burnout (and massive doses of red ink) yet still provide you with some journalistic and aesthetic justification for your hard earned dues, this journal has become both the executive's swan song and annual effort to provide your pinkies with a meaningful relationship with ink and paper.

Several people wanted Maureen Cooke's recipe for the potato salad she served at the party the Cooke's had following the History of Motorsport races at S.I.R. Here it is:

MO's POTATOE SALAD

(serves 12-20)

- 18 medium potatoes, cooked
- 1 whole medium raw cauliflower (sliced) Cuisinart
- 4-6 celery stalks (chopped) "
- 6-7 hard-boiled eggs (reserve 1 for garnish) "
- 8-10 green onions & tops (chopped) "
- 1½ bunch parsley (chopped)
- 10 thick slices crisp bacon (chopped) " (very little)

DRESSING:

- 3 cups mayonnaise
- 1½ cups sour cream
- 6-8 Tbsp. bacon fat
- Spices: Dill weed, Green Magic (Pike Place Market) & salt to tast.

- * Cook potatoes & keep COLD (they chop better).
- * Combine potatoes, cauliflower, celery, 6 eggs, onions, & parsley in container to be used.
- * Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, bacon fat, spices & chopped
- * bacon together & mix well with above mixture.

GARNISH:

egg wedges or slices, radish slices, fresh parsley, caviar, pimienta & fresh ground pepper.





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SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

1985 has been a year of amazing growth for our club, it has given me great satisfaction as membership secretary to watch as our membership rose steadily throughout the year.

Membership to date stands at sixty-two (62). It is of some interest to note that twenty-one, (21) members are from the U.S., however if we include active wives who have not taken out a membership, this number would rise to at least 23 persons. Canadian membership represents forty-one, (41) persons. Unfortunately we do not as yet have any Canadian racing wives, although we have our share of fast women, perhaps next year they will take to the track. You may wonder why I make a point of mentioning wives in this tally of members, I'll answer that question later.

Last year's membership (1984) was forty-seven, of those members, thirty-seven are still with us this year. Clearly we can see that in 1985 alone our membership has increased twenty-five, or as a percentage, by 55%. This is an extraordinary growth rate, and hopefully it is indicative of things to come. On a practical level, attendance at our monthly meetings is well up over last year, and race participation also reflects increases in membership and enthusiasm.

Now back to the topic of wives etc. Up until now, unless the wife of one of our members takes out her own membership she does not receive a club membership card, and does not have any voting rights in the club. I know only one woman who has joined the club along with her husband, but I would like to see more join and race with us next year. I suggest that we institute family memberships at a cost of \$40.00 Canadian. Which would entitle two persons to receive club cards and rights, so long as they shared the same address, and received only one news sheet per household. This is a suggestion only, only I hope you will give your new executives your thoughts on it and any you may have of your own.

Next monthly meeting will be the second Tuesday in February at the Jericho Officers Mess, plan to attend. Let's make our EXPO 86 year our best ever, we've got some way to go to the top this last one.

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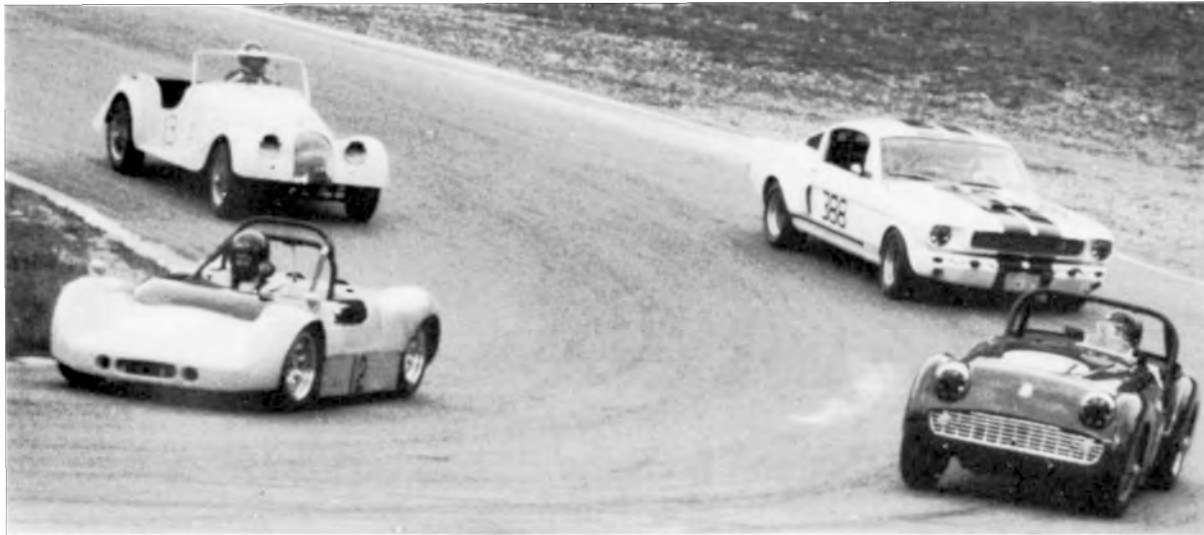
The amount of money handled in 1985 has grown in proportion to the ever increasing level of activities in the club. Details of income and disbursements are as follows:

CASH ON HAND 8 JAN 85		1,634.29
RECEIPTS:		
	Dues	1,870.12
	5th Historic Weekend	1,773.01
	Interest, Term Deposit	953.54
	May 11 Race	1,433.32
	Other	257.72
		21,287.71
DISBURSEMENTS:		
	Newsletter	1,609.69
	5th Historic Weekend	15,125.98
	Social Events	364.63
	CASC Dues	400.00
	Meeting Room	200.00
	May 11 Race	1,445.36
	Club Stationery	415.48
	Pegasus, Hist. Weekend	1,000.00
	AGM	200.00
	VRC Enameled Plaques	282.41
	Other	270.72
		21,314.27
CASH ON HAND AS OF 23 OCT 85		1,607.73
		1,607.73

In addition to the above cash in hand, the club holds a term deposit valued at \$6,350.69 and a \$25.00 share in the Vancity Credit Union.

L.J. Hunt
Treasurer, VRC





EXHAUST FUMES

NEWS SHEET EDITOR

This year's race season had drawn to a close and it's time to relax right? Dead wrong, next year is going to be packed with activity. It will be a monster at minimum and looks like getting right out of hand what with EXPO 86 and our other race plans.

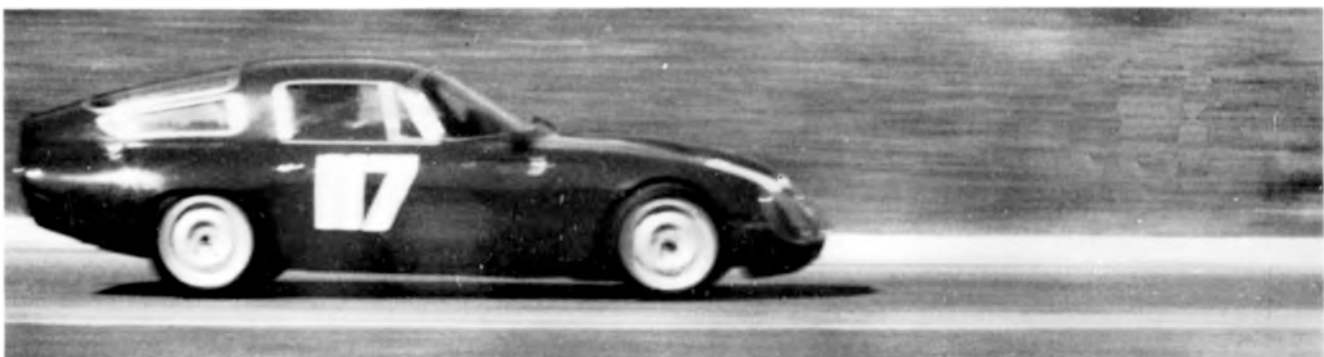
As I write this my car is stripped to the bare chassis and the engine is waiting to be re-built. By the time you read this I'll be cursing myself for having gone in so deep once again. Susan will no doubt be cursing me too, and threatening to leave me if I don't "leave that!! Car alone!" Well, to late for that now, hopefully I'll be able to keep my wife and make the first race of the season to boot.

I'm sure John MacGregor will mention something of next year's first race, but I'd like to put in a word of my own. John and I will be organizing the event which is going to be used as a Vintage Driving School so that we can get everyone licenced. A race licence is mandatory for participation in our Westwood events next year, so the school is very important for you non-licenced racers. We are not masochists and don't feel a need to knock ourselves out only to be criticised for not doing this, or not giving enough time for that, and why didn't you have a rolling start? etc. etc. etc. Ad nauseum, many persons have spoken up over the last year with some very good ideas for organizing and running racing events. It would benefit the club as a whole and the race organizers personally if you would step forward to offer both suggestions and help to putting on next year's events. Together we can help make this club's best race season ever.

In my secretary's message I have indicated that we have over 25 new members in the club, I can think of no better way for you to become acquainted with each other and the long time members than for you to step forward and participate when and where you can - no experience needed.

I am grateful to Brian Johnston who is responsible for the look and style of this special Vintage issue, thank you Brian for lending your many talents to the task. Thanks are owed too, to our club photographer Allan Murtagh for providing a pictorial record of the year's events.

Your next news sheet will arrive sometime in January. Till then Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



ODE TO A PIG

*'Twas a pile of hog fuel
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Now the news is out,
Piggy is dead!*

*As she cornered on three
with squeals porcine
She had more oversteer
Than you've ever seen*

*Though her tires
The scrutineers abhor
She had a heart of gold
She just looked like a whore*

*Though in front of folks
Ratters would blip and stroke her
Out of sight on the back straight
He was apt to poke her!*

*Her stance was tall
One might have said stately
She was driven on weekends
But never sedately*

*Her flanks showed
The scars of battle
Seven years at eight grand
And never a rattle*

*Her tires were thin
Her grunts were loud
There was never a doubt
She could please a crowd*

*She was driven by
An antipodean
Of strange pursuits
And stranger mien
At Portland, Seattle,
Or Westwood Track
You'd never have thought
She'd wind up on her back*

*Now she's gone
We really need her
I wonder if
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