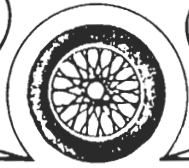
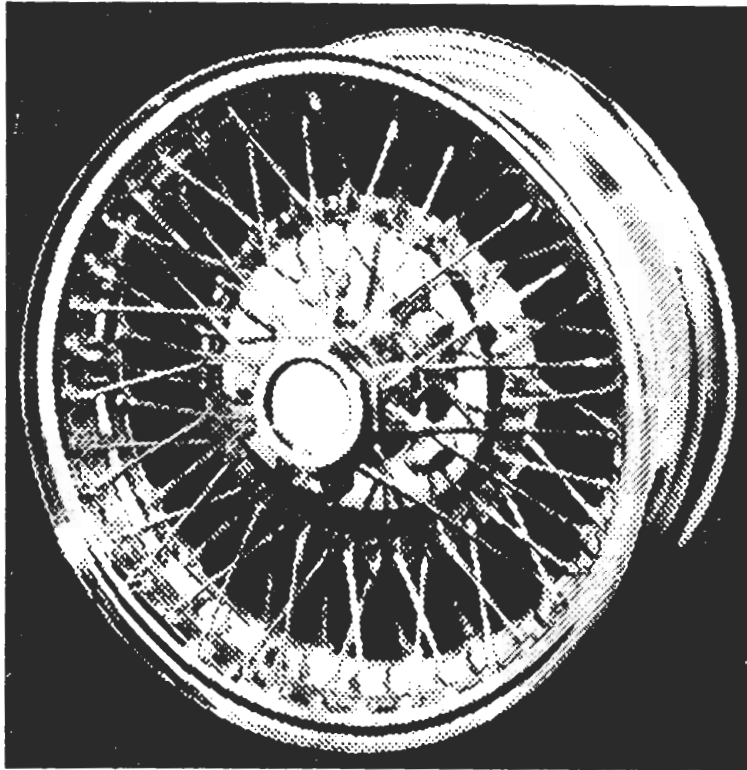


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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Let's see. What does a President usually say?? Tom Moore talked all about what was to follow in each particular edition of the Rattle and Howard Phillips talks about what has happened over the past month. What to do???? There's also the option of mentioning the good work some of our club members are doing... ..But, I think I'll talk about the rain.

Have you ever seen so much of it at one time? The Austin American Statesman has been talking about the killer creeks on the front page and friends of mine on both coasts are curious about it every time I call. The moisture in the air rendered all....yes I said all....of Howard's cars imobile. Sort of makes you wonder about those fancy European jobs and their finely tuned engines. You can read about foreign cars in "Moore to Come" so I'll not dwell on them here. Unfortunately, hindsight is better than foresight or we would have postponed our last event for at least a week. All that rain surely had its effect on the lives of many people and autocrossing, though not normally deterred by rain, is usually one of the first things dropped when that happens.

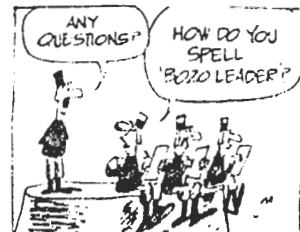
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Because of the confusion surrounding last month's event, it is hard to recall exactly what efforts were made by what people. Except for setting up/tearing down the course and the efficient job of timing, I think special mention should be made for all those folks who made the journey into what was one of Austin's danger zones that week. If you'll remember, it was just a few days prior to June 14 that Onion Creek showed its force on the southeast part of town and there we were braving the forces of nature just to the west. What a day!!! It reminded me of Corpus back in May when it stopped raining for just three hours so we could have our fun at the Tri-Cross event. With dryer weather and a good month in July it should be easier to note those special efforts in next month's Rattle. So.....see you at the races.

for.....Howard Phillips



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FUTURE EVENTS

DATE	OCCASION	PLACE	EVENT CHAIRMAN
11 JULY	FRONTIER DAYS	R.R. HIGH SCHOOL	SAM HUEY
19 JULY	TRI CROSS 1981 #2	SAN ANTONIO	-----
2 AUGUST	DUAL CROSS	BURGER CENTER?	TOM MOORE
14 AUGUST	NIGHT CROSS	AUDITORIUM?	DAVID JOHNSON/ MAC MCKINLEY
13 SEPT	NOT YET DETERMINED		
11 OCTOBER	BIG EVENT ("WFO II")	BURGER CENTER	HOWARD PHILLIPS

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Remember to come to meetings each month so we can get your inputs for the many exciting things we want to do this year. The last meeting in June brought forth ideas about a party following the July event (Sam Huey, I understand, has arranged a place). You may note some confusion on the flyer concerning the cost for the beer. It will

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be paid for by the club. A decision will be made prior to Saturday on the method of collection (either a flat rate per cup or other....)

Thank you, Tom Moore and Ted Smith for contributing to this month's issue. And thank you Mom (Edie Musgrove) for making old issues of the Rattle available to me. Encourage others to do the same.

DRIVING FRIENDLY AND OTHER SUCH TRASH
by tom moore

Hate. One of those basic elemental emotions. Right down there with lust and sex. Really gets the juices flowing and is the dark figure cloaked in the shadow of everyone's personality.

Usually Hate is a destructive emotion. But with a little whimsy and humor can be channeled and focused like a laser beam to the Hater's great satisfaction. We all have to hate something! Some people choose other people, others hate politics, developers, crowded cities, big companies, religion and/or war. Me, I hate cars. Yep, really do--and I'll bet you do too. Not all cars, just certain ones.

Remember when you were a kid and were just becoming aware of cars? For some reason or another you became a Ford/Chevy/or MOPAR fanatic and despised "those other cars". Now I was from a small town where cruising and drag racing was the sport of the evening. Hmm..not the only sport of the evening, but nevertheless, a major one. Being a Ford freak (surprised?), I sneered with curled lip at those stove bolt chevies with their wimpy Wayne Manifolds and ratty sounding 4-2 split exhausts. Same thing held true for the MOPARS. Flatheads forever! Some cars you couldn't hate, they wre beneath contempt. Lord, how could somebody get off on a bathtub nash airflyte? Or a Buick Roadmaster? They were just semi-mobile road clogging objects steered slowly and incompetently by fat old men, purple haired ladies or dumb prissy kids who took dancing lessons fer Christ's sake! I had one buddy, a preacher's son, owner of a '57 Ford Fairlane sporting cruiser skirts, a continental kit, Olds flipper hubcaps and a stolen Thunderbird four-barrel manifold, who lived to torment those condemned to the slow lane. One time, we were riding around when we came upon a whole carload of women, all talking at once and doing all of '35 on the highway. Well, John couldn't pass up this opportunity; so with an evil gleam in his eye, he slowed down to a crawl and let them get about a quarter of a mile ahead, yanked the Ford into low, savaged the tires up through the gears and we rocketed past that old Plymouth so fast it sucked all the paint and chrome off one side and the thing musta throwed a rod in fright! Last time we looked back, they were off the side of the road. He hated Plymouths.

But times were changing. Chevy had the V8 and bitter gall or not, those 283's would fly. Chrysler was stuffing 413's and hemis into everything they had and I had discovered Corvettes. What to hate? Not to worry! Foreign cars! Especially those crawling puttering 36HP VW's that were beginning to infest the roads like aimless pillbugs. Smug in the knowledge they were getting 35 mpg out of twenty five cent a gallon gas, and could cross the country on parking meter change, the self-rightious vermin that guided them would dribble along with all the velocity of melting lard with a winding crocogater of fuming motorists jammed up behind. Not owning a pickup, I couldn't go over them, but going around was good enough if you could make a lot off racket, cut in close enough to make them dodge in horror and express your wrath with extended finger.

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I know about foreign cars. I had one once. For a hundred bucks, I bought a three year old Renault Dauphine from this buddy of mine, got six wheels and tires, a tow bar, and an old black and white TV thrown in for free. Watched the T.V. for a year until it took to arcing inside the picture tube whereupon we took it out to the dump and sent it to it's Valhalla with a well placed .45 slug. Have you ever seen one of those things blow up? Spectacular! But that's another story. Drove that faded tomato soup painted rag of a Dauphine back and forth to work for the better part of a year. Cheap driving if you could stand it. But I, for a change, was on the receiving end of the torment and even though I drove that poor gasping Gallic garbage flat on the floor, there were various types that would try to crowd me off the road. When I'd gotten a bellyfull of that, I'd drive the old '59 Galaxie I had and wreak revenge on those b_____s [schmuks]. I mentioned the tow bar. The Renault just wasn't up to hard running. Pieces broke, fell off, wobbled loose and since it was all metric, I fixed it with water pump pliers, a crescent wrench and vise-grips. Sold that [heap] to a black dude for forty five bucks cash after every bolt was rounded off and she was running on 3 holes with a cracked block and only 2 gears going forward... The radio would still play, so I tuned it to the Dallas Black Rock station K.N.O.K and he shucked out those greasy bills like there was no tomorrow. Great experience..you can learn to hate everything French just by owning one of those things.

There were other cars born to be hated. For some reason, they attract the lunatic fringe of the motoring public to them, thick glasses, frizzy hair, pipes and all. How about Saabs? I chuckle every time I go out 183 past Bergstrom and pass that junkyard full of rotted out Saabs...better there than on the road. Slowly though, over the past several years, I've gravitated toward Volvos. Now there is a car to hate. Driven, it seems, by insufferably obnoxious pseudo-intellectual nerds who, at best, can barely keep the things between the ditches and who look upon enjoying driving as a Puritan would witchcraft, those square box's mission in life seems to be to trickle along, dragging their mudflaps, at the turgid pace of a dung beetle. At the head of every traffic jam you'll find one of them crawling "safely" along vomiting smoke and pomposity from every pore. I would imagine that every political science and civics professor at the University probably has one. Commies, [whimps], Nerds, Dorks....we need to rise up at every opportunity and heap scorn and abuse on those Scandinavian scows.

I really became aware of Volvos when this guy I worked with kept braying about how fast his Volvo 144 was...It had dual carburetors, you know, and, listening to him run his mouth, it would rip the pavement off of Green Valley. Well, the day came when he was goaded into challenging me. "My Volvo will get to 60 faster than your '59 Ford". [Shoo...oot] man, that old Ford runs flat at 4500 RPM. But she's shore got torque through the gears... You're on. A sixpack was the prize, so we went out on hte back streets of Richardson and got after it. What a cakewalk!! That thing of his wouldn't squeak a tire so after the first debacle, it was the old "Let's try a rolling start and the best 2 out of 3". OK, pick your poison.. the result was virtually the same. Come off fairly easy, spear it till it ran out of low, a quick shift to second, let the old 352 work and glance in the mirror to see him struggling back there in the fumes. This time, it was "you're cheating!". "Why?" "You've got 352 cubic inches and I've only got a little over a hundred. I want a 50 foot head start!" "[Forget] you, jack!" You know, I never got my beer.

A MODIFIED

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Phil Hartnady	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
David Johnson	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Pom Moore	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Ray Ritchie	-	-	7	8	9	8	-	-	-	-	-	32
Joe Roddy	-	-	-	6	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	19
Brad Sallee	10	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Ted Smith	-	-	9	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	39
David Stanman	-	-	7	9	8	9	-	-	-	-	-	34

B MODIFIED

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Skip Gurnee	-	9	10	-	10	9	-	-	-	-	-	38
Pom Moore	10	-	-	10	8	10	-	-	-	-	-	38
Ed Stewart	-	10	9	9	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	35

C MODIFIED

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Garry Appleby	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10

D MODIFIED

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Ted Smith	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Sam Huey	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10

E MODIFIED

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Ed Crawford	-	10	8	8	9	8	-	-	-	-	-	43
Baron Crow	-	7	9	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	36
Rex Davis	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
David Johnson	10	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	20

A PREPARED

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
David Johnson	-	-	-	-	9	10	-	-	-	-	-	19

B PREPARED

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Lynn Bailey	-	10	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Loni Hartley	10	9	7	5	8	9	-	-	-	-	-	48
Phil Hartnady	-	8	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Bert Hofer	-	-	10	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
I. Weerasuria	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
S. Weerasuria	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	13

C PREPARED

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Larry Appleby	-	-	8	-	-	-						8
Pony Whiteley	-	-	7	9	10	-						26
Donz Witkowski	9	10	10	10	-	10						49

D PREPARED

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Steve Riel	6	2	-	1	1	-						10
Bobby Blakoway	-	6	4	1	-	-						11
Rod Crawford	-	-	-	-	-	5						5
Jaron Crow	-	-	-	-	-	6						6
Kent Pancher	7	5	6	2	5	-						25
Robert Fernald	-	-	-	10	9	-						19
Pat Ganne	-	-	-	-	-	9						9
Robin Garrison	8	9	7	7	-	-						31
Sam Huey	-	-	-	-	3	-						3
Paul Nieman	-	10	9	9	10	4						42
Brad Sallee	-	3	-	-	-	-						3
David Wendt	-	-	5	3	-	7						20
Conn Wheeler	-	-	-	6	-	8						14

E PREPARED

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Phil Blond	-	-	10	-	-	-						10
Leroy Elkins	-	-	-	10	-	-						10
Joe Roddy	10	10	-	8	10	10						48
Ken Williams	-	-	-	9	-	-						9

A STOCK

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Jim Edrington	-	-	-	-	-	10						10

B STOCK

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Jim Edrington	9	10	9	10	9	10						57
Bert Hofer	8	8	-	-	-	-						16
Mac McKinley	-	-	-	-	5	-						5
Howard Phillips	10	9	10	9	10	9						57

C STOCK

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Phil Blond	8	8	6	7	7	7						43
Roger Brannon	-	4	-	-	-	-						4
Robert Fernald	-	5	-	-	-	-						5
Del Grosenheider	-	10	-	-	-	10						20
Mike Grosenheider	-	-	-	-	-	8						8
Mac McKinley	10	9	10	9	8	9						55
John C. Musgrove	-	-	-	6	-	-						6
Jarey Spreen	-	-	9	-	6	-						15
Mike Whiteley	-	-	-	4	-	-						4
Tony Whiteley	9	6	7	10	-	-						32
Ken Williams	-	-	-	8	-	-						8

D STOCK

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Mike Grosenheider	9	-	9	-	-	-						18
Steve Heim	-	9	-	-	-	-						9
John C. Musgrove	-	-	8	-	-	-						8
Howard Phillips	10	10	10	10	9	10						59

E STOCK

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Rod Crawford	-	-	-	4	-	-						4
Baron Crow	-	-	-	6	-	-						6
Steve Heim	-	-	-	-	6	-						6
David Johnson	-	-	-	9	-	-						9
Brad Mahfood	-	-	6	5	-	-						11
John C. Musgrove	10	10	10	8	9	10						57
Russell Rice	9	-	7	7	7	-						30
Scott Smith	-	-	-	10	8	-						18

F STOCK

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Dow Dameron	-	-	7	-	-	-						7
Pierre Issa	-	-	10	-	-	-						10
Howard Phillips	10	10	9	10	10	-						49

G STOCK

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Darryl Cook	-	-	-	6	-	-						6
Leroy Elkins	-	-	9	-	-	-						9
Pat Ganne	-	-	-	8	-	-						8
David Johnson	-	5	-	-	-	-						5
Jeff Musgrove	-	8	-	-	-	-						8
John A. Musgrove	-	-	-	-	7	5						12
Ray Ritchie	-	-	-	-	-	6						6
Red Smith	-	9	8	9	9	9						44
David Stammen	-	-	7	-	-	7						14
Joe Vining	9	-	-	-	-	-						9
David Wendt	10	10	10	10	10	10						60

H STOCK

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
John A. Musgrove	10	10	10	10	9	-						49

DIFFERENTIAL

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Beverly Elkins	-	-	9	9	-	-						18
Natalie Pitre	10	10	10	10	10	10						50

A PITCH FOR THE EDITOR

OR: WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING

Heard any good news lately???? How about some mediocre news??? (We don't put bad news in the Rattle...Leave that for the paid news writers. Besides, who wants to hear bad news anyway? Not me, I assure you. Why, I'd rather be thrown out of a speeding train and have people kid me about trying to imitate Superman..That's what some movies will do to you). Good news isOh Yeah...my "baby brother" got married Saturday, the 27th of June. I just don't understand what got into that beautiful woman he got to marry him (Her picture will appear elsewhere in this issue). Many of you got to watch him tie the noose..I mean knot.. that day and even see the mess good ole Ray Ritchie made in their car before they could escape into the sunset together. In case you were wondering, I'm not going to tell you where they went for their honeymoon. Nor am I going to tell you when I (as the last lucky..I mean single...) Musenove am going to follow in his footsteps.

Other news that I've gotten through the grapevine is that Kathy Stewart is going to have a baby. Now some of you may not see that necessarily as good news. But, after all, they are called "bundles of joy" at the hospital!!!!!! Is anybody else out there having a baby soon? How about you Howard? Wait a minute...that's not right. Well anyway, ya'll let me know about any new news (preferably good), and that includes gossip (I'm really a little old lady in disguise), so that the rest of those car nuts can read about something other than grease and dripping oil.

Some good news in the newsletter business includes advertising commitments from two automobile interests (one a Paris house and the other a garage...there's a change this month concerning the kind of work for that garage). The bad news (you knew there'd be some didn't you) is that more are needed and help is definitely needed. Besides that, every now and then, I'm going to ask you to contribute something different for publication. If you have a pet project that you're working on or interested in, submit it in writing to one of the addresses under FUTURE EVENTS and you may get more people interested as well. For the next several issues, parts of the famed '77 "SPOKES ROOTS" series will be extracted for rePublication in the '81 Rattle.

In case you hadn't noticed, we haven't had the "SPOKES" plate on the trailer for several months now. The good news is we will have it in the future. So get out your cameras and bring your friends out to see it!!!!

And one item of interest for those of you interested in the legal commitments of "TEXAS SPOKES SPORTS CAR CLUB". This is not good news yet, unfortunately, but it's not bad news either. Paperwork submitted two months ago, after being returned requesting more information and resubmitted three weeks ago, has been received and acknowledged by the I.R.S (your friend and mine). The purpose for all this is to obtain tax exemption for our club. Hopefully, there will be more to report in the next issue. But, for now, we wait.

Thank you for listening.

Until next time...This is Y F R E
signing off.

SPOKES ROOTS

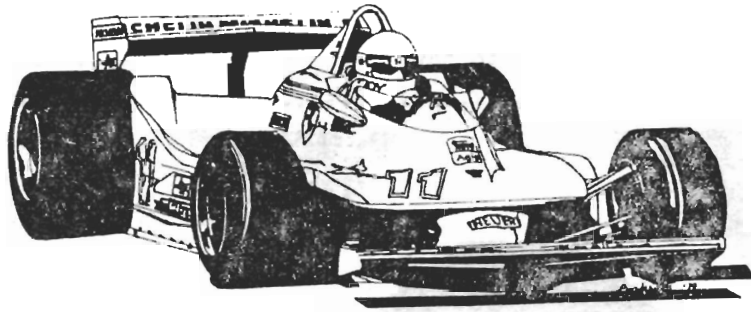
from RATTLES of the past

Have you ever wondered how far back we go as a club. Well, Edie Musgrove (mother SPOKES) was so interested in 1977 that she asked questions about the early 1960's. So, in her words (except where I've replaced 1977 with 1981 here is an excerpt from the April/May edition of the 1977 Rattle.

In the early 1960's, according to Jesse James Smith, Spokes Folks participated in Gymkhanas instead of Autocrosses. (Jesse James Smith was our best source of information on Spokes memorabilia) There weren't regularly scheduled events as we have here in 1981, but rather an occasional gymkhana when it was possible to get a lot. So club members participated in a number of out of town gymkhanas. One that stood out in his memory was one put on by a San Antonio club at the site of an old airplane hanger that belonged to the city of San Antonio. They had put pea gravel on the pavement to protect it. (And we think we have troubles with loose gravel on our courses!) It was a typical old type gymkhana, with a back-in portion, the back of which was marked with a soda water crate stood on end that accrued a penalty if knocked over in the process of backing into the spot. This was the first year that the Mustangs came out so of course a San Antonio Mustang dealer was present and participating! ---and--- thought that he surely had the event won. However, one of those fine MGTD's that seem to have been the car to have, won that day.



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