

Twenty-two dedicated Bowhunters took part in the Bowhunter Instructor Course on March 27 at the Mt. Vernon Motel in Charlottesville, Virginia.  
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**Friday**  
**May 14**

Registration till 10 p.m.

**Saturday**  
**May 15**

Registration till 10:30 a.m.  
Opening Ceremonies  
and Grouping 11:00 a.m.  
Start of 1st Round 12:00  
Brunch till 12:00

**Sunday**  
**May 16**

Breakfast till 9:00 a.m.  
Re Grouping 9:30 a.m.  
Start of 2nd Round 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch  
Awards Ceremony 4:00 p.m.

See Motels, Camping & Map on Pg.8

## **Point of Aim**

by Your VBA President

The March VBA meeting started with an excellent turn-out on the 27th by bowhunters from all over the State, who came to attend the first Bowhunter Education Program Instructors' Course. Many of them stayed over and joined with a number of other relative newcomers in attending the official meeting on Sunday. As a result, we had the largest attendance of any VBA meeting in recent times. I am sure the other officers will agree that the discussions were more lively and the viewpoints more varied because the VBA membership was more widely represented. Let's keep up the good work. Make sure your club sends a director to represent YOU at the meetings.

Nancy Lee Western reported that VBA had fewer members on March 21 than we had at the same time last year. While this may be a seasonal factor, since the year is still young, it does reflect a shortage in obtaining new members. We certainly hope you will do your part in promoting archery and help sign up as many new members as possible. There is strength in numbers; strength to get and hold hunting privileges; strength to get and keep the shooting programs we want from NFAA; etc.

Did you know that your membership in VBA automatically makes you an affiliate member of the Virginia Wildlife Federation? It may interest you to know that a number of the new officers recently elected to serve the VWF have expressed a desire to work more closely with us on conservation, hunting and other matters of mutual interest. In line with this, Pete Rowe, VWF President, came to the March meeting and gave us a fine outline of the organization, operation and goals of VWF. When we informed him we are trying to get an extended bow season West of the Blue Ridge, he suggested that a resolution proposing the support of VWF on this might stand a good chance of adoption at their April 10 quarterly meeting. Clint Western and Harold Street volunteered to represent VBA at the meeting, which was held in Roanoke. I have since

learned that VWF adopted our resolution and has forwarded it to the Game Commission.

On May 7, at 9:30 a.m., the Game Commission will have a public hearing at 4010 West Broad Street, Richmond, to decide whether to give us the extended bow season. If you can possibly make it, you are urged to be there and lend your support to this effort. Pool up with your buddies, and be there early.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will note the two changes adopted at the annual NFAA meeting that probably will have the greatest effect on our competitive archery game. As with every tournament procedure change I can recall, I am sure some of you already have started tearing your hair out! Before you get too steamed up, permit us to point out a few things. The new targets will eliminate perfect rounds (for awhile at least) and will help in breaking ties. The spot (5) and the 4-ring will be larger; some of the 5's you usually get will become 4's, BUT some of the 3's you often get will become 4's. Everybody's scores will come down a bit, but don't forget that we all will be shooting the same targets from the same distances. As for the change to metric distances, keep in mind that the entire U.S. is soon to change over to the metric system of measurement. If we accept the challenge of these changes, and have a little patience, our game can become even more enjoyable than ever.

Bill Enders says we missed getting a Semi-Restricted Bowhunter Division on a national basis by only one vote. It seems this style of shooting is gaining popularity everywhere. Due to the demand of many of our own SRB's, I have appointed a committee to find out what changes you want to make in this division in VBA. Give your suggestions to your club's VBA Director or one of the following committee members: Don Arthur-Roanoke, Webb Babcock-Lynchburg, Sonny Doup-Warwick, Leon Thompson or Bob Steffan-Christiansburg, or David Proctor-Harrisonburg.



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## V.B.A. Notes

\* Nominations from the floor for V.B.A. Officers were: Norman Sparks for Executive Vice President and Sonny Doud for Field Vice President. Those nominated by the nominating Committee were published in the last Flight.

\* Roger Mock has done a great job of pushing for the extended season West of the Blue Ridge. He has us in the lead so let's all help by writing letters to our Game Commissioner, either Dolph Hayes or Chester Phelps, which ever serves your particular area. The Commission Meeting is May 7 at the Game Commission Headquarters in Richmond so be sure to get your letters in before this meeting.

\* Cost for pin shoots is now \$3.00 and \$8.00 maximum for a family. This is statewide.

\* V.B.A. has rejected the Unit Rule. This applies to all sanctioned tournaments except the Club Annual Tournament.

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### DEADLINE DATES

The Deadline Date for the May-June issue of "Flight" is May 15. This issue should be in the hands of the members by the first week in June.

## Bill Enders Reports on

### National NFAA Convention

\* N.F.A.A. Director Bill Enders gave a very enlightening report on the National N.F.A.A. Convention which he attended in Long Beach California.

One of the important things decided on at the convention was changing over to the metric System which will become effective in January of 1977. The committee chaired by Paul Double as directed came up with a new proposed target incorporating the metric system of measuring. These targets will be very similar to the ones now being used in the field and hunter rounds. They will be black and white as they are now. The field round target will have a white X in the middle and the hunter will have a black X in the middle of the spot, to be used as a tie breaker. In the field and hunter round a 5 will be counted for striking the center circle. 4 points for each arrow striking either of the inner 2 rings, and 3 points for each arrow striking either of the outer 2 rings. A scoring of 5-4-3 instead of the 5-4 of the old targets.

The scoring of indoor targets was changed also. This will be dealt with further in future issues of Flight as we progress toward the indoor season.

There will be very little difference in the metric system versus the yard system. Following is an example of metric conversion.:

11 yds.	14 yds.	15 yds.
10 meters	13 meters	14 meters
17 yds.	19 yds.	20 yds.
16 meters	17 meters	18 meters
23 yds.	25 yds.	28 yds.
21 meters	23 meters	26 meters
32 yds.	36 yds.	40 yds.
29 meters	33 meters	37 meters
41 yds.	44 yds.	45 yds.
38 meters	40 meters	41 meters
48 yds.	52 yds.	53 yds.
44 meters	48 meters	49 meters
55 yds.	58 yds.	59 yds.
50 meters	53 meters	54 meters
61 yds.	64 yds.	65 yds.
56 meters	58 meters	59 meters
70 yds.	80 yds.	
64 meters	73 meters.	Cont. on Pg. 3



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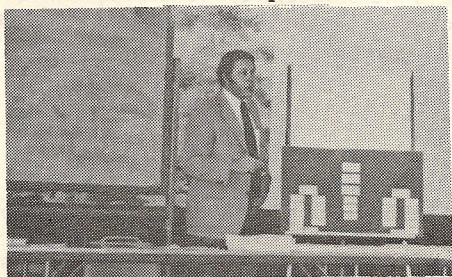
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### Va. Wildlife Pres. talks to VBA

Peter W. Rowe, President of the Virginia Wildlife Federation, gave a very informative talk on the value of belonging to such a federation at the March V.B.A. Meeting. V.B.A. is an affiliate member of the Virginia Wildlife Federation.

Mr. Rowe asked that we all start to take a more active part.



## 20 Pin Winners Nov. 1975 - Feb. 1976

FIELD Mary Ann Harward, Virginia Beach

### HUNTER

Paul Kelly, Virginia Beach  
John Shepherd, Virginia Beach  
Richard W. Winn, Fredericksburg  
Larry Western, Vinton

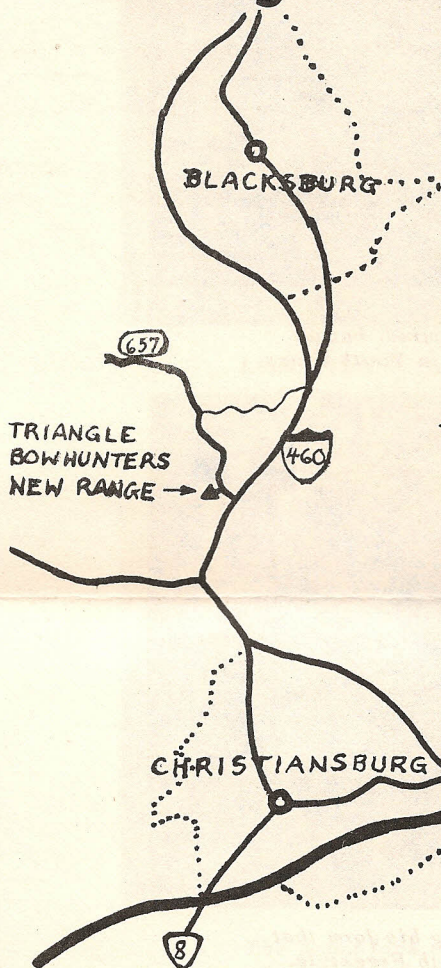
### JUNIOR-ROBINHOOD PIN

Larry Western, Vinton

### "PERFECT PIN" - HUNTER

Nelson Wine, Roanoke

## Triangle Has New Range



Triangle Bowhunters of Christiansburg has recently purchased a tract of land near Christiansburg and will have 28 targets completed for their first 1976 invitational shoot on April 25.

The new range facility is located in the community of Merrimac, approximately midway between Christiansburg and Blacksburg, on Secondary Rd. 657, just 3 miles West of US 460. (See Map on this on page)

Future plans of the club include putting in an additional 14 or 28 targets, construction of a 60' x 100' club house and indoor range, large parking and camping area, a pistol range, and possibly a bowhunting range.

The club anticipates continued growth and interest, and intends to provide its membership and guests with a challenging range, pleasant atmosphere, and First Class Facilities.

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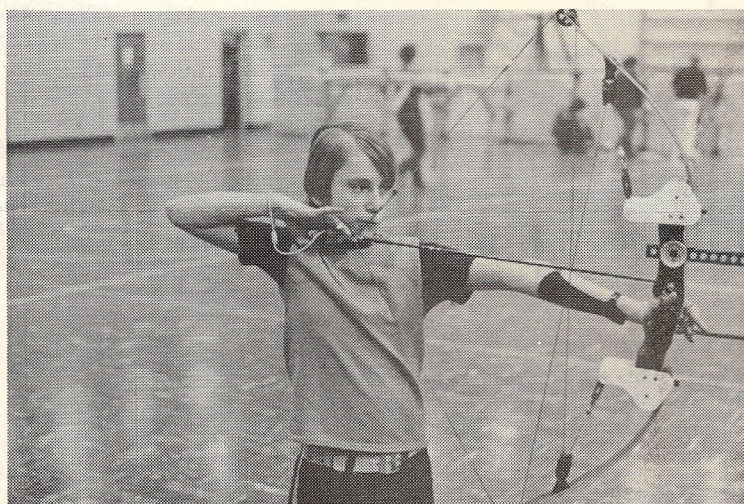
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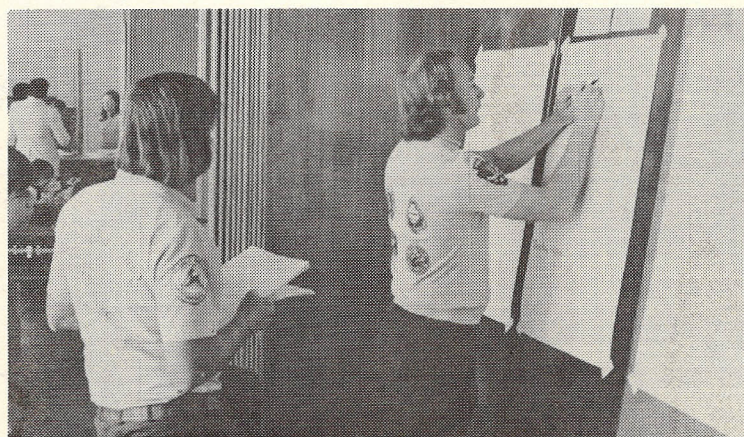
# Champs and Winners



*Can't read Kathy Darnell's mind, but we sure know she's a winner - in Youth Class*



*Stevie Thompson is showing his form that made him the winner in Youth Freestyle.*



*Jim Overfelt working hard with the score keeping chores.*

This was the most exciting Indoor Championship in the last five years.

All classes were well represented with 100 Archers registered.

The first Round on Saturday, everyone watched the Top Archers in the State, Showing their Excellence.

Jim Quarles and Rodney Lawhorn shot a perfect score. Tom Ott, W.H. Thompson James Mitchel, C.D. Miller and Robert Shamblin all shot 299.

Things seemed to be progressing as usual with Jim Quarles shooting his usual tight groups.

As the first days shooting was over the general feeling was that Rodney would not be able to stand the pressure and Jim would win.

The second day on Sunday morning the shoot started out with Jim and Rodney shooting clean. Tension was building in the Archers and spectators as the 8th End started, when the time clock ran out on Jim and in his haste shot the last Arrow completely out of his target. This error put Rodney in front.. On the ninth end the pressure got to Rodney and he dropped 2 points. This left the marbles for anyone.

During the second round on Sunday afternoon the Championship for Freestyle was up to Tom Ott, C.D. Miller and Robert Shamblin all with a 299 on the first round.

With all the pressure involved, Robert shot a perfect, taking the State Free Style Championship to Richlands until next year.

Johnny Shaver Shot a big 281 in Bow-hunter Division the first day to lead presiding Champion Jerry Maxey by 2 points The second day Jerry took the lead to win the Bowhunter Championship for his second year.

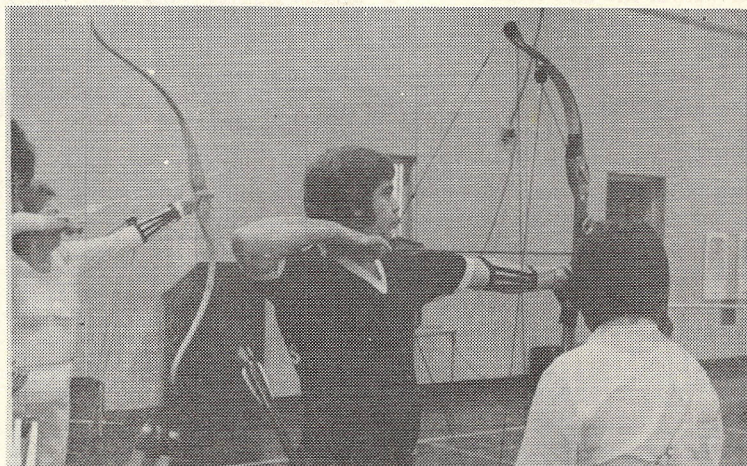
Pansy Norton and Ann Boyd were tied the first day with 286. The second day Ann beat out Pansy for the Womens Freestyle Championship.

In SRB Larry Garber completely dominated with a 296 and 300.

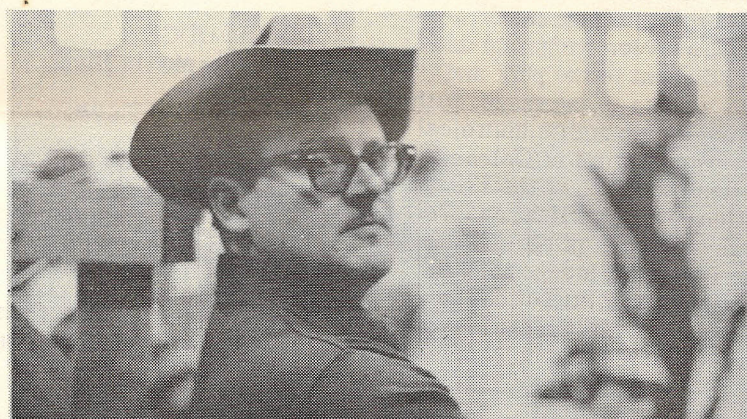


# at State Indoor Shoot

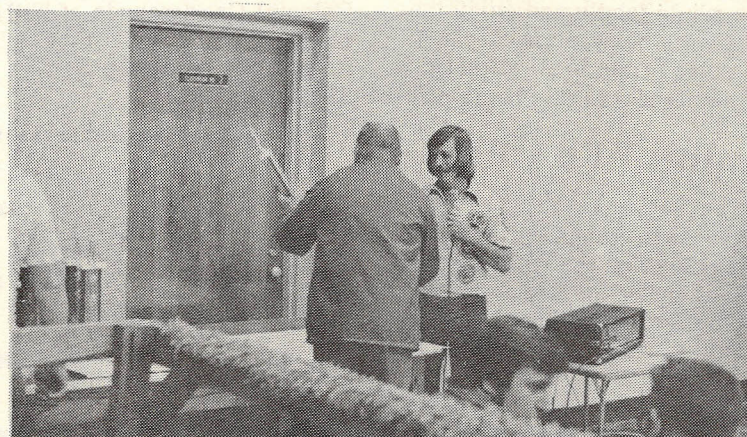
MEN FS/A			
Robert Shamblin	299	300	599
Tom Ott	299	299	598
Rodney Lawhorn	300	298	598
FS/B			
Ronald Shamblin	287	299	586
Barry Linkous	285	296	581
Robert Esterline	286	293	579
FS/C			
Tex Straiten	259	291	550
FS/A WOMEN			
Ann Boyd	286	293	579
FS/B			
Ellen Shamblin	250	284	534
BB/A MEN			
Scott Yeago	286	282	568
BB/B			
Richard Yeago	273	275	548
BB/C			
Ricky Judd	238	221	459
BB/A WOMEN			
Virginia Dillow	273	273	546
BB/B			
Lucille Darnell	245	255	500
BB/C			
Sandra Love	214	224	438
BH/A MEN			
Jerry Maxey	279	279	558
BH/B			
Frank Loveless	259	257	516
Curtis Wilson	252	242	494
SRB			
Larry Garber	296	300	596
Leon Thompson	291	291	582
Robert Lee	288	289	577
YOUNG ADULT BOYS			
FS/A			
Roland Belcher	292	289	581
BB/B			
Larry Peters	255	243	498
YOUTH BOYS			
BB/A			
Buck Matherly	271	271	542
BB/C			
David Wilson	176	194	370
FS/A			
Steve Thompson	285	288	573
FS/B			
Mike Robbins	223	249	472
YOUTH GIRLS			
BB/B			
Torre Maxey	233	240	473
FS/B			
Kathy Darnell	221	216	437
CUB BOYS			
BB/A			
Tim Overstreet	239	242	481
FS			
Charles Jagunski III	213	202	415



*Look!! This is how you proceed in shooting a perfect — which Larry Garber did in SRB Class. In background is Lucille Darnell shooting a long target!!!*



*The proud look of a champ. . . Bob Shamblin, who had just beat Jim Quarles, Tom Ott and the like.*



*Jerry Maxey admiring the trophy he received for winning Bowhunter Class.*



# MID-ATLANTIC June 19 & 20

## at Warwick Bowmen — Newport News

We, the Warwick Bowmen of Newport News, Va. wish to extend an invitation to all archers within the Mid-Atlantic Region to attend the 1976 Sectional.

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Interstate 64 between Richmond and Norfolk runs adjacent to the park and provides easy access to the range. Within a short driving distance is historical Williamsburg, first capital of Colonial America, Jamestown, site of the First English settlement in America, and Yorktown, surrender location of the British forces in the Battle for Independence. There are various other attractions in the area, among them are the Mariner's Museum and the War Museum in Newport News, and NASA's Langley Research Center and Fort Monroe in Hampton.

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### POINT OF AIM from Pg. 1

The question as to whether or not you like to shoot the Animal Round as part of the competition at the State Outdoor Championship also has come up again. Nancy Lee Western will include a questionnaire on this with the ballot she sends you for the election of VBA officers. This will be the best chance you ever had to express your desires, officially, on this controversial subject. Surely you can spare the one or two minutes it will take to fill out this questionnaire/ballot and mail it back to Nancy.

Regarding the election of officers, the following additional persons were nominated from the floor: Norman Sparks of Winchester for Vice-President; Sonny Doup of Warwick for Field Vice-President; and Denny Frye of Princess Anne for VBA Field Governor. As you can see, the election is not cut and dried. Your vote counts. Louis Hudson present Vice President has asked that his name be removed from the ballot in support of his fellow club member Norman Sparks.

In conclusion, all interested clubs should be prepared to submit bids at the June VBA meeting if they wish to host any of the major VBA tournaments for 1977. Bids will be accepted for the Indoor, Open, and Outdoor Field Championship tournaments and the Bowhunter Jamboree.

## Bill Enders NFAA Report

cont. from pg. 2

The International Round will be shot on the same course as the field and Hunter Rounds and under the same rules with the exception of scoring. The Committee felt this would eliminate the need for the identity Round.

The SRB Class was not accepted but it will still be used in the State of Va.

Also, accepted was that life membership of individuals 65 years or over shall be available for 1/3 of the applicable life membership fees.

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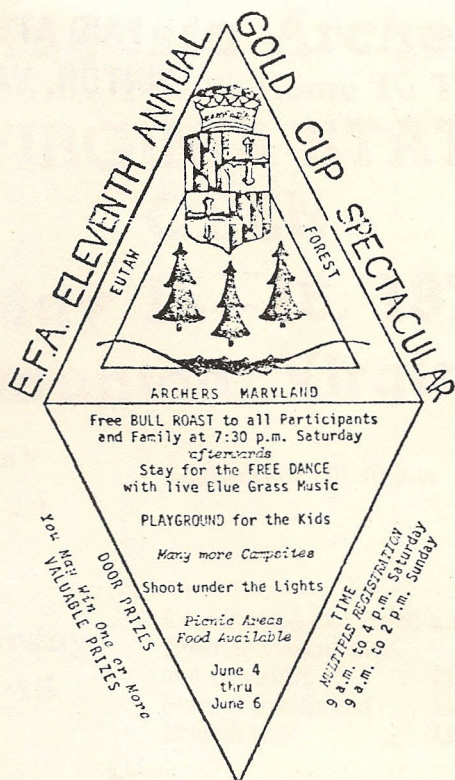
- 9:00 28 Field Round - Sanctioned  
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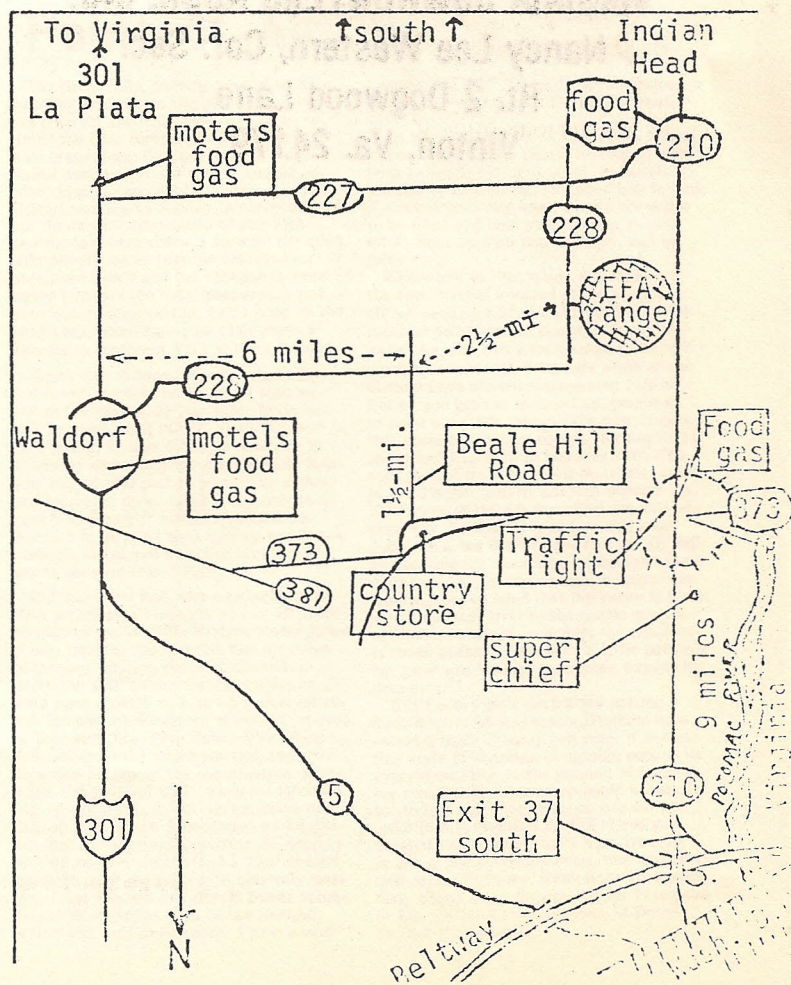
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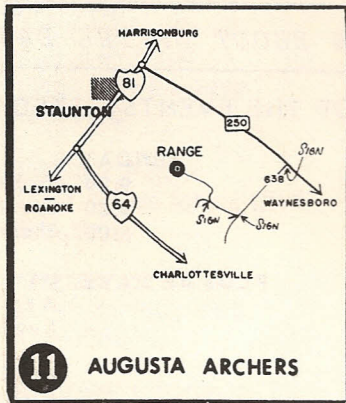
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