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## EDITORIAL

## CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

OCe again another successful Autosport Three Hours Race at Snetterton has come and gone, and the 1963 Champion is 20 -year-old Roger Nathan (Lotus Elite), who is the youngest driver ever to have won the Trophy. Nathan is a dedicated young man, who organized his racing season around the Autosport Championship. Runner-up, and winner of the opposite class Trophy, was Paul Hawkins of the Ian Walker stable, whose success has made up in part for several frustrating drives this year. The marque Lotus therefore won both premier awards, and, to add further to Colin Chapman's joy, Jim Clark, in a Normandentered Lotus 23B, won the "Three Hours" outright, and with it the Martini-Rossi Trophy. Class winners in the Championship were Alan Foster (Jacobs M.G. Midget), Sir John Whitmore (Lotus Elan), Dick Stoop (Porsche), Mike Parkes (Ferrari), Sid Fox (LolaClimax), Jim Clark (Lotus 23B) and Roy Salvadori (Cooper Monaco). The presence of World Champion Jim Clark added glamour to the race, as did the splendidly driven Ferraris of Mike Parkes and Jack Sears, Dick Protheroe's very rapid E-type Jaguar, the Zagato Aston Martins of David Skailes and Brian Hetreed, and the unlucky Salvadori in the quickest car of all, the Atkins Cooper Monaco. There were the usual runs of misfortune amongst the record number of 32 starters: Protheroe lost his brakes, Salvadori broke his engine, Whitmore threw a wheel, Foster's M.G. developed a tremendous thirst for water, Trevor Taylor succumbed to mechanical failure, as did the remaining two Normand drivers, Tony Hegbourne and Mike Beckwith. However, there was not a single accident, despite the intense rivalry, particularly in the opening stages. Nevertheless, even with an attractive supporting programme, including a win for ex-World Champion Jack Brabham in the Alan Brown Galaxie, and the first-ever 100 m.p.h. Formula Junior lap by Denis Hulme (Repco-Brabham), the meeting did not attract the usual big crowds of Autosport Three Hours races in the past. It would appear that the main attraction of previous events was their novelty, in that the "Three Hours" was Great Britain's only day-and-night race. It seems to Autosport that the excuse offered that it was too difficult to time cars during the hours of darkness was a feeble one, and that it would not have been impossible to arrange suitable pits illumination, and to provide cars with identifying numbers visible to the timekeepers. Autosport, of course, does not organize races. This is the job of motor racing clubs, and it would be a pity were the "Three Hours" to be lost to the calendar in its day-and-night form, merely to become just another long-distance event. Yes, there was something missing in the atmosphere, and one felt that the spectators were disappointed that there was no night-racing.

## OUR COVER PICTURE

> UNUSUAL ANGLE on the AUTOSPORT Three Hours Race seconds after the drop of the flag. Front row of the grid comprizes Roy Salvadori, Jim Clark, Mike Beckwith and Jack Sears and on the second rank are Mike Parkes, Tony Hegbourne and Dick Protheroe. Also prominent are Keith Greene (46), John Whitmore (9), Peter Sutcliffe (26), Bob Olthoff (23) and Tony Lanfranchi (37).
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Stirling moss has been named as navigator to John Sprinzel in a 3 -litre Rover for the forthcoming R.A.C. Rally of Great Britain.

ANDREW HEDGES, who was involved in a road accident near Maidenhead last week, was taken to hospital with facial injuries, a broken jaw and leg wounds. He is progressing satisfactorily, but deeply disappointed at losing his chance to win the Autosport Championship for Dick Jacobs's M.G. Midget team.

Maranello concessionaires are negotiating for a rear-engined Ferrari sports-racer for 1964, for British events, anticipating increased interest in sports and prototype G.T. racing.
Support is spreading for the adoption of Group 3 as the basis for next year's saloon car racing. Practically every entrant agrees that this would increase competition, and would attract several other marques.
Innes ireland, at present in the Swedish Hospital, Seattle, following a spectacular crash practising for a sports car race, is reported to be fairly comfortable following an operation for a dislocated hip bone. His many friends will be relieved to learn that he is not as seriously injured as was at first believed, X-rays disclosing no internal injuries. He ought to be able to leave hospital in about three weeks' time.
JOHN BROWN is teaching rally navigation to London County Council evening class students. Interested would-be students in the Bromley area should note the address for enquiries: Churchdown Evening Institute, Malory School, Lancelot Road, Bromley, Kent.

One hundred and fifty of the world's top drivers will compete in Britain's biggest rally, the Royal Automobile Club's Twelfth International Rally of Great Britain, which takes place this year from 10th-16th November. The rugged 2,200 -mile road section will include 54 special stages over private land loaned by the Forestry Commission, the War Office and private owners. The winner will be decided on these stages, which will be linked by suitably chosen roads avoiding towns.

The road section commences from Blackpool at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 11th November, and after traversing the Lake District, the North of England and Scotland, the competitors return to Blackpool for an overnight halt on Wednẹday. Restarting at 9 a.m. the next day, the rally runs through Wales and the West Country, the first car arriving at Bournemouth at about 3 p.m. on Friday. The Grand Parade, Prize Presentation and Rally Dinner and Ball will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday.

## INTERNATIONAL RALLY TRADERS

 ASSOCIATIONIN order that the motoring public can 1 obtain greater benefit from international rallying a group of leading British rally drivers has formed the International Rally Traders Association. Well known among the founder members are Peter Riley, John Sprinzel, Peter Jopp, Bill Bengry and Vic Elford; these and the other members of the association are actively involved in all aspects of the motor trade -from sales and service to hire purchase and insurance. The object of the Association is to provide a countrywide network of companies where exceptionally high standards of service are coupled with an intimate knowledge of motoring problems. Further information on the association's activities can be obtained from the secretary, John Sprinzel, 32 Lancaster Mews, London, W. 2.
Page tours have now moved to new premises at 88-92 New Walk, Leicester. Plans are already under way for an extension of activities for next season.


A QUESTION OF SUSPENSION: When a lady friend couldn't wear a smart outfit because the suspender buttons showed through, Alan Barton, well known in northern motor racing circles, designed a completely flat suspender which is only 75 thousandths of an inch thick, invisible to wear, featherlight and flexible.

M ANY V.I.P.s in the world of competitive motoring sport were entertained to lunch last Saturday at Snetterton by Autosport, in the splendid marquee made available by Martini and Rossi.

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## GRAND PRIX OF U.S.A.

This Sunday sees the Grand Prix of the United States at Watkins Glen. In addition to the list published recently in Autosport, Pedro Rodriguez will be driving a Team Lotus entry, and Masten Gregory a Parnell Lola-Climax. Walt Hansgen is down to pilot a Cunning-ham-entered Cooper-Climax, and Hap Sharp will be seen in either Lotus-B.R.M. or Lola-Climax. Jo Siffert has his familiar Lotus-B.R.M., and from Canada comes Ernie de Vos in his Stebro. No information was available at the time of going to press as to which driver will replace the injured Innes Ireland in the B.R.P.-B.R.M.; Roger Penske has been named as a possible.


UNORTHODOX signal shown to Marcos driver Dave Rees at last Saturday's FiveHour Relay Race at Oulton Park suggests that his team manager thought that he could perhaps travel a little faster!

## Recently Peter Jopp achieved the

 almost impossible by selling an Austin A35 to a lighthouse keeper from Hartland Point, North Devon. Fraser Autos's customer, John Cameron, admired the car while passing on his way to Trinity House and returned later to complete the sales formalities. Within two days a mechanic had delivered the car to Hartland Point where a large crowd had assembled from the village including all the local coastguards and the meteorological officers in their best uniforms.The engine of Roger Nathan's Autosport Championship winning Lotus Elite developed 109 b.h.p. and was prepared by Coventry Climax specialists, C.S. Engineering, 346, High Street, Lewisnam, London, S.E. 13.
Chris summers's fastest lap at the recent
Peterborough Motor Club's Silverstone meeting was 1 min .0 .6 secs., a speed of 95.52 m.p.h., which is a new lap record for the club circuit. This bettered Summers's existing Cooper-Chevrolet record by two seconds.

## CANADIAN GRAND PRIX

Pedro rodriguez, driving a N.A.R.T. 250P Ferrari, won last Saturday's Canadian Grand Prix. Graham Hill in an Ian Walker Lotus 23 finished second and won the 2 -litre class. We hope to include further details of this race in a future issue. Following his victory at the B.A.R.C. Aintree meeting last Saturday, Tommy Entwistle has won the Fred W. Dixon Challenge Trophy for 1963. A full report of the meeting will appear next week.

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## LONDON MOTOR CLUB <br> INTERNATIONAL RALLY

For some months the London Motor Club has been negotiating with an international oil company for the sponsorship of the club's first international rally originally planned for early next year. Negotiations of this kind inevitably take some time and, while everything is now agreed in principle, the club considers that five months is insufficient time to organize an event of international stature.

Subject to R.A.C. agreement the club is now preparing to organize this event to take place in February, 1965. But this does not mean that there will be no London Rally for two years. Arrangements are now being finalized for the organization of a National "London" in October, 1964. $\mathrm{K}^{\mathrm{en}}$ miles, the British-born American driver, is competition manager for Shelby American, Inc., producers of the A.C. Cobra, and will continue as team driver with Bob Holbert and Dave MacDonald next year. Ken was recently in this country "sorting" one of Willment's A.C. Cobras, but it unfortunately crashed at Brands Hatch, and Bob Olthoff was forced to pilot an "unsorted" Cobra at Snetterton last Saturday.


DETACHABLE HARDTOP is now available for the Triumph Spitfire and was shown for the first time at the Paris Show, which opened yesterday. It is priced at $£ 3318 \mathrm{~s}$. 8d . including purchase tax and is made in steel.
Drivers in the Rand Spring Trophy race at Kyalami, near Johannesburg, on 10th October, will be striving to put up good performances so that they will be invited to take part in the South African Grand Prix at East London. The Rand Spring Trophy race will be the final South African Championship race of the season. Drivers in the running for places on the grid at East London are: Neville Lederle, the 1963 national champion; Ernest Pieterse, last year's champion; Brausch Niemann, John Love, Doug Serrurier and Peter de Klerk.
B.o.A.C., in what is believed to be the world's all-time largest single airlift of vehicles, carried 19 racing cars from London to New York last Monday, on the inaugural flight of its new freighter-the swing-tail Canadair CL44. The carsLotuses, Coopers, B.R.M.s and Lolaswere for Sunday's American Grand Prix. THe B.R.S.C.C. Members' Championship meeting takes place on Sunday over the 2.65 -mile Grand Prix circuit at Brands Hatch. A record entry of well over 200 was received, and the programme has been expanded to a total of eight races. The main event of the meeting, which starts at 12.30 p.m., is the 20-lap Farningham Trophy race for unlimited single-seater and sports-racing cars.

##  SPORTS NEWS 

 $\mathrm{K}^{\text {En }}$ gregory has launched a company, with headquarters at Denham Airfield, Bucks, to operate a fleet of flying taxis. Travelling by flying taxi will cost as little as 10 d . a mile in some cases, and, with some 180 airfields throughout Britain at which to pick up or put down passengers, as much as two-thirds of the time taken to do a journey by other means can be saved.Fairthorpe have announced the introduction of a new Grand Touring car which will replace the Electron Minor. This car, the E.M. Three, has a maximum power output of 63 b.h.p. from its 1,147 c.c. Standard-Triumph engine.

## FIAMM HORNS

IF you listened to the B.B.C.'s programme "To-Day" on Tuesday, 3rd September, you will have heard Robin Richards discussing certain "audible warnings of approach". These were, in fact, part of a demonstration of modern and antique horns which was given to the Press later that day by Autocar Marine \& Diesel, Ltd., sole agents in this country for Fiamm horns.

The demonstration comprised early klaxons, bulb horns and, amongst others, a pair of windtones, as well as the standard horn fitted to the Hillman Imp. Against these were set the full range of Fiamm horns and measurement was taken by means of a B.B.C. sound measuring meter to determine the sound output of each individual device. Some of the early klaxons put up remarkably good performances. Those manufactured by Fiamm proved to be very powerful indeed, specially those fitted with compressors. Fiamm windtones, too, were impressive. All the range were beautifully finished and sturdily built. The sounds emitted were reminiscent of Alpine passes and would surely assure the right of way.

Further details may be obtained from Autocar Marine and Diesel Co., Ltd., Stonehouse Street, London, S.W.4.


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THE MOTORTUNE steering-wheel, which was recently described in AUTOSPORT, is shown here fitted to the Technical Editor's A.C. Aceca.

The Ford Motor Co. of South Africa have recently joined the Caltex oil company in sponsoring the South African Grand Prix. This link-up should do much to ease the heavy financial burden of the event, the brunt of the expenditure of which was previously borne by Caltex Africa. The sponsorship is especially welcome this year, as the Springbok Series has been reduced to two events, the S.A.G.P. and the sixth Rand Grand Prix, on 14th December, now that Westmead, venue for the Natal Grand Prix scheduled for 21st December has been closed owing to financial difficulty.

AROAD courtesy motor rally is being held at Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, on Sunday. The rally has been planned for the purpose of stressing the increasing need for higher standards of skill, road sense and courtesy, with the ultimate object of reducing road accidents.

MANY motorists are anxious to discover a satisfactory answer to the removal of stains from chromium plated parts, especially in the winter when salt, which oxidizes chromium, is used on the roads. As chrome should be cleaned as soon as possible after contact with salt it is a good idea to keep a tin of Chemico household cleanser in the car. With a damp cloth chromium can be cleaned at the roadside.
Brausch niemann astounded the South
African motor sport world recently when he took the ex-Jack Nucci LotusAlfa 23 around the Roy Hesketh circuit, Pietermaritzburg, in 1 min .16 .8 secs., which is more than a second quicker than the lap record, set by Syd van der Vvyer in his V8 Lotus-Climax 24.
The Lotus-Alfa 23, which has been driven so successfully by Peter de Klerk, was only bought for Niemann, who must now rate as South Africa's most promising driver, a few weeks before the race Mechanical trouble, however, put Niemann out of the two-hour race when in the lead. First place was taken by Ian Houliston (B.M.W. coupé), with Wally Schoch (D.K.W. Junior) second and Eric Adler (Simca) third.
$\mathrm{D}^{\text {avid prophet is thinking of visiting }}$ South Africa this winter, and would take both his Lotus 23 and his Brabham Junior, which would be brought up to F. 1 standards.

Leading Australian touring car driver, Norm Beechy, is to visit Europe shortly. If anyone is looking for a good Galaxie pilot, they should try Beechy as he is a master of the type of car, having raced the big Chevrolet Impala to such good effect against Bob Jane's bored-out Jaguar.


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# Summers Best at Weston-super-Mare 

New Course Record for Cooper-Chevrolet Driver By bRIAN SPARROW

$\mathrm{T}^{\mathrm{H}}$HE National Speed Trials over the half-mile course laid out on the Marine Parade at Weston-super-Mare were ably organized last Saturday by the Burnham-on-Sea Motor Club. As if to show approval of their efforts the sun shone brightly for all but the last hour of their interesting programme.
$\mathrm{T}^{\mathrm{HE}}$ morning runs were confined to the first runs of the Touring and Sports Cars, the organizers sensibly running the cars in matched pairs whenever possible, thus increasing spectator interest. After lunch the racing classes were run with the programme concluding with second runs for the sports and touring class.
Class 1 was for Groups 1 and 2 Touring cars of up to 1,300 c.c. and was just won by R. Cook in his Morris-Cooper S, being faster than the Lotus Ford Cortina which won the 2,000 c.c. class. Wally Cuff drove his superb ${ }^{2,000}$ c.c. class. Wayly Cuff drove his superb" we were told, to keep ahead of G. Ward's Jaguar 3.8 and win the over 2,000 c.c. division with a time of 25.46 secs., the Jaguar following in 26.29 secs.
The fourth class was for Touring machinery up to 2,000 c.c. with a somewhat "warmer" specification than that allowed by Group 2 ruling, and was certainly a Downton benefit in that Val Gardner in the works 1,300 c.c. MiniCooper S was a trifle faster than chef d'équipe, Dan Richmond, who shared the car, the times being 24.35 and 24.60 secs. respectively
Recent issues of a weekly motoring paper have carried correspondence concerning the merits of an Austin-Healey 3000 over a warmed up Mini-Cooper S. A certain Mr. Kaufmann agreed with Dan Richmond to settle the argument at Weston, with the approval of the organizers, the winner to take a case of ' 53 Krug champagne. Arrangements were thus made and the entries of both gentlemen accepted only to have Mr. Kaufmann default at the last minute. Fortunately the honour of the Austin-Healey was upheld by rally driver Ray Giblett in a borrowed car by rally driver Ray Giblett in a borrowed car
only arranged on the Friday evening. The result over the standing half-mile was 24.72 secs. for the Mini with 27.52 secs. for the largerengined car, so surely the point has been proved.
DOC TAYLOR'S beautiful Type 59 Bugatti took part in the big racing-car class but was not, of course, a match for the V8 American-powered cars of Chris Summers and Co .


FOR the second year running, Chris Summers established B.T.D. at Weston-super-Mare, a venue which now attracts a better entry than Brighton. His Cooper this season being 5.3 litres, the extra 600 c.c. helped him to lower his record to 18.25 secs.
class resulted in a new course record for Chris Summers in the indecently fast 5.3 -litre Cooper-Chevrolet, its Corvette engine being practically standard except for gas flowed heads (it was said!), though the Rochester fuel injection from last year's 4.7 power unit has something to do with the car's success no doubt. Chris's time was 18.25 secs. with an average speed of about $99 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. for the half-mile. The B.T.D. brings the holder the Ken Burgess Memorial Trophy and thus allowed Tony Griffiths to have his first class win in his ex-Scragg $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre B.R.M. and to have the satisfaction of keeping ahead of Ken Wilson's similar car, which was fastest at Brighton. The two B.R.M. times were 18.58 and 19.60 secs. respectively. A run deserving praise was that of Chris Summers' young mechanic, G. Balls, who, on his second run, recorded what turned out to be the fourth best time of the day in 20.18 secs.-surely a magnificent effort and a fine reward for the efforts in the paddock earlier in the day sorting out gearbox bothers.
The event was the last round of this year's Aurosport National Sprint Trophy and even though he gained no points at Weston for his eighth best time, Mike Eyre has comfortably won the Trophy, the full points position of which will be given next week.

INTERESTING "miniature" dragster has been produced by Tony Densham and is powered by a Ford engine of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ litres. It is a credit to its constructor.

The programme continued with runs for marque sports cars up to 1,200 c.c., Amie Lefevre in his 1962 M.G. Midget being fastest in 25.70 secs. Donald Duncan in his wellknown A.C.-Bristol won the up to 2,200 c.c. marque class in a fine time of 25,49 secs. ahead of the Morgan Plus 4 of I. D. Swift, who took 25.65 secs.
In the over 2,200 c.c. division Jack Lambert, driving his usual E-type with hard top, beat Ron Fry's magnificent Ferrari Berlinetta, the times being 21.57 to 22.22 secs. Mrs. Lambert times being 21.57 to 22.22 secs. Mrs. Lambert,
effectively used the E-type to take the ladies' award, which is run on index, Patsy Burt, of course, being fastest lady driver in the racing class.
.The gleaming aluminium-bodied A.C.Aceca fitted with a 3.8 Jaguar power unit by S. H. Richardson was fastest in the largest sports-racing class with an extremely swift time of 21.12 secs., quite enough for Richardson to win the Fred Tuck Trophy for the fastest car other than a racing car and to make up for earlier anxious moments after trouble with the transmission. The class win therefore went to Charles Sgonina's DBR1 Aston Martin, whose best run was accomplished in 21.26 secs.

The racing-car classes were excellently supported with many hill-climb exponents in attendance. Derrick Colvin's Lotus 18 was fastest in the class for up to 1,000 c.c. capacity cars with a time of 24 secs. Wally Cuff was in his more usual mount, the ex-Eccles CooperJ.A.P., and proceeded to win the up to 1,500 c.c. class with a time of 21.43 secs.

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## RESULTS

B.T.D.: C. G. Summers (Cooper-Chevrolet), $18.25 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, A. B. Griffiths (B.R.M.), 18.58 s s; $3, \mathrm{~K}$. Chevrolet), 20.18 s.; 5 , Miss P. Burt (CooperClimax), 20.36 s.; 6, A. Marsh (Marsh-Climax), 20.40 s .; 7, J. Macklin (Cooper-Buick), 20.64 s .; 8, M. R.' G. Eyre (Cooper-Buick), 20.76 s. Best nonracing Car: S. H. Richardson (A.C. Aceca-Jaguar), 21.12 s . Best Lady Driver on Index: Mrs. I. N. Lambert (Jaguar E), 22.14 s . Production Saloon Cars up to 1,300 c.c.: 1, R. Cook (Morris MiniCooper S), 26.69 s.; 2, R. Fry (Austin Mini-Cooper S), 26.82 s.; 3, G. S. Barnes (Morris Mini-Cooper S),
27.24 s. $1,301-2,000$ c.c.: 1, K. F. Hodges (Lotus Ford Cortina), $26.85 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, I. D. L. Lewis (Sunbeam Rapier), 27.66 s . Over 2,000 c.c.: 1, W. C. Cuff
(Facel Vega), $25.46 \mathrm{~s} .2, \mathrm{G}$. (Facel Vega), 25.46 s ; ; 2, G. S. H. Ward (Jaguar 3.8),
26.29 s . Modified Saloon Cars up to $2,000 \mathrm{ccc}$, 26.29 s . Modified Saloon Cars up to 2,000 c.c.: 2, D. Rardner (Austin Mini-Cooper S), 24.35 s .; Marque Sports Cars up to 1,200 c.c.: 1, A. F. Lefevre (M.G. Midget), $25.74 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, A. Mansbridge (AustinHealey Sprite), 30.10 s. $1,201-2,200$ c.c.: $1, \mathrm{D}$. Huncan (A.C. Ace-Bristol), 25.49 s.; 2, I. D. Swift (Morgan Plus 4), 25.65 s.; 3, M. J. K. Stewart (A.C. Ace-Bristol), 27.40 s. Over 2,200 c.c.: 1 . A. J. Lambert (Jaguar E), 21.57 s.; ; , R. Fry (Ferrari ${ }_{22.69 \text { GT), }}^{250} \mathbf{2 2 . 2 2}$ s.; 3, V. J. Crapnell (Jaguar E), 22.69 s. Sports Racing Cars up to 1,000 c.c.: 1 ,
R. Ashford (M.G. Midget), 26.23 s.; 2, J. R. Hill R. Ashford (M.G. Midget), 26.23 s.; 2, J. R. Hill
(Lotus-Ford 7 ), 26.24 s . $1,001-1,600$ c.c.: 1, P. B.
 Watts (Lotus-Climax 11), 23.29 s.; 3, M. Davis (Lotus-Ford 7), 24.86 s . Over 1,600 c.c.: $1, \mathrm{C}$. Sgonina (Aston Martin DBR1), 21.26 s.; 2, E. W.
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# Bridgehampton "Double 500" 

Wins for Dan Gurney (A.C. Cobra) and Walt Hansgen (Cooper-Buick)

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#### Abstract

$A^{F}$FULL frontal assault by the Carroll Shelby A.C. Cobras won impressive victories in the Bridgehampton 500 -kilometre race counting for the International Championship for G.T cars. Dan Gurney and Ken Miles finished a close first and second in the Ford V8-powered Cobra G.T. cars. Two Briggs Cunningham-entered E-type Jaguars, driven by Walt Hansgen and Paul Richards, finished third and fourth ahead of a pair of Corvettes. Gurney, according to local accounts, thus became the first American driver to win an International Championship sports car race in an American car. A second 500-kilometre race, run the following day for sports-racing cars, plus G.T. cars, produced a strenuous battle won in the very last mile by Walt Hansgen driving a Cooper-Buick Monaco. His principal antagonist was Pedro


 Rodriguez in a 3-litre 250P Ferrari entered by N.A.R.T.Dick Thompson's big 51-litre Sting-Ray Corvette coupé was oddly paired with Charlie Kolb's tiny Lotus 23 of 1,600 c.c. Both had almost identical lap times. Briggs Cunningham sat in his Ford-powered Maserati beside Dan Gurney in a handsome new 4 -litre Ferrari coupé, model 330 LM . Farther along were two Chevy-engined Listers with two Porsches, another Cobra and two Corvettes. Then a $3 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Genie and the Cortina, more Porsches, T.V.R.s, a Volvo, an Elite and an M.G.B mixed in with back marker Corvettes, Ferraris, and a 4-litre Maserati.
The paced field of 34 thundering cars fled under the starter's flag and the contest began in earnest. Hansgen, past master of the perfect start, drew steadily ahead of Rodriguez. The white Cooper got well in front on the first lap. But Walt couldn't relax. Pedro, hunched low in the red Ferrari, hung on grimly. Lap

THE "Double 500" attracted more than ,000 fans both days. Despite a cold blustery wind and overcast skies, enthusiasm and interest were evident. The fine distinctions in F.I.A. regulations concerned them not they came to watch fast powerful road cars hurled through breath-taking corners by daring drivers. The first day's race may have been officially for the manufacturers, but the crowd yelled for their heroes. One banner read " Dan Gurney for President"

The long 310 -mile grinds inflicted a lot of mechanical punishment, particularly on those cars which competed both days. The A.C Cobras, driven by Holbert and Johnson, each broke their inner universal joint on the halfshaft during the first race. Next day Holbert took over Gurney's winning Cobra, only to have an early transmission failure. Ken Miles, whose Cobra had taken second place on Saturday, experienced a broken clutch plate after 90 laps on Sunday. Only 15 cars, out of a field of 34 , finished the second race.

The British Ford Cortina ran faultlessly in both events and chalked up a most impressive first in class and second in class. Driven hard but consistently by Bedfordshire lad Henry Taylor, the modest little saloon car astonished onlookers by overtaking Porsches and crowding the Corvettes!

The "Manufacturer's" race got off to a fast rolling start with three Cobras in front line abreast, closely followed by two of the Jaguars. Altogether the field included three

three-Litre ferrari, Pedro low in the cockpit, flashes by a T.V.R. along the pit straight (above). HENR Y TAYLOR in his giant-killing Ford Cortina was second in his class on Saturday and first on Sunday, defeating strong Porsche opposition (below).


OFF for the warm-up, Dan Gurney eases his big A.C. Cobra away carefully. Dan lapped all but his team-mate Ken Miles in the first race.

Ferrari GTO cars, three E-types, four Cor vettes and five Cobras. The smaller capacity class included seven Porsches, three T.V.R.s, a Volvo P1800, one Abarth-Simca and the Cortina.
Walt Hansgen forged his Jaguar out in front on the 5th lap and maintained a scant lead until the 30th lap, when Dan Gurney took over. Paul Richards spun his Jaguar and somehow wiped off the entire nose and bonnet, continuing nevertheless. On lap 50 , Bob Grossman became the pilot of the McKelvey Ferrari GTO and there were other driver changes as each of the cars began to come in for their required fuelling stop. The strong gusts of wind handicapped pit crewmen and a good deal of the petrol went everywhere but into the tank. Pit work for the two leading contestants, however, was exemplary. Alfred Momo's men got Hansgen out in 41 secs. and Shelby's crew serviced Gurney in 34 secs. The first tyre change of the race concerned the Cortina and was accomplished in under 32 secs. Nearing the end, Gurney finally lapped all but his team-mate Miles and both Cobras roared across the finish line with impressive speed. Joe Buzzetta in his special Porsche was victor in the 2 -litre class and seventh overall.

The feature on Sunday afternoon was preceded by the traditional "exhibition run" for vintage sports cars. Year by year this verges closer to outright racing. Some quite hairy dicing provided a last-lap spin out by a G.P. Bugatti Type 59 to let the B.M.W. 328 take the chequered flag.

The "Sports Car 500" field then assembled on the grid. Two white Cooper Monacos with Buick V8 engines of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$-litre capacity lay alongside the squat, red 3 -litre Ferrari. Hansgen and Richards had set up practice times of 1 min. 46 secs. and 1 min. 48.3 secs., while Rodriguez held the prevailing absolute lap record of 1 min .49 .6 secs. made last year with a 4.1 Ferrari on this 2.85 mile road course.
Next row held the victorious pair of A.C. Cobras driven this day by Miles and Holbert.
times were running 1 min .48 secs., close to the all-out practice records. Richards unaccountably rammed his Cooper solidly into a sand bank. Soon the pits began to get a sand bank. Soon the pits began to get
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Maserati 151 needed plugs. A Ferrari, the Maserati 151 needed plugs. A Ferrari, the
Volvo, and one of the T.V.R.s stopped for attention.
Then the leader pulled into the pits. The Buick engine had one bad valve spring. The 2 min .9 secs. stop let Rodriguez out in front. Miles' Cobra next spent six minutes on clutch adjustments and many of the other cars began their refuelling visits.
Determined driving by Hansgen whittled away the Ferrari's lead and everyone began to calculate how much time Pedro could afford to spend on his eventual refuelling stop. Finally, on lap 59, the red roadster came in. While the petrol poured Pedro calmly wiped his own windshield and prepared to depart. Consternation! The rear wheel has a handful of sternation! The rear wheel has a handful of Get a plank. Get some wheels. The "Chinese fire drill" was in full cry. About one minute later the Ferrari was again track-borne second place behind the Cooper.
Less fortunate automobiles began to make repeat calls at their pits or to expire quietly on remote reaches of the circuit. Bob Johnson blew two rear tyres within a few miles.
With only two laps to finish Hansgen suddenly swerved into his pit for more fuel. His narrow margin ahead of Rodriguez made it a desperate decision. But on the back stretch Pedro was being slowed by an oil slick and Walt was able to get out again and still in the lead. But everything was not right with the machinery and those in the know crossed their fingers in hope. Hansgen's luck held and the drive pinion held, long enough to take the chequered flag and a very popular victory at this course he knows so well.

Art Peck closed his commentary with, "The Management has spared no expense to create for you a colossal traffic jam . . .!'" He was so right!

THE announcement of a new Jaguar model is always an event. The S-type which is now introduced falls between the Mark 2 and Mark 10 models. In effect, it is much more compact than the Mark 10 but employs the independent suspension of the rear wheels which is found on the larger car and the E-type two-seater. It has rather more seating room than the Mark 2 and a boot midway in size between those of the two existing saloon cars.

Though the Mark 10 Jaguar is a very successful luxury car, many owner-drivers prefer a vehicle with the more compact dimensions of the Mark 2. Thus the S-type is sure of a strong following, for it has the comfort and roadholding which independent suspension of all four wheels provides. It is a little heavier than the Mark 2 but has nearly all the performance of that model when equipped with an equivalent engine.

The well-known 3.4 and 3.8 -litre twin-overhead-camshaft engines are available for the new saloon. A manual gearbox, with overdrive if desired, or an automatic transmission may be specified. The steel body has a rear boot reminiscent of the Mark 10 and the frontal treatment includes hooded headlamps. The front seats have backs which are adjustable down to a reclining position and the steering column is also adjustable. There is a folding central arm rest in the rear seat.

The semi-trailing wishbones with ball joints follow previous Jaguar practice but the optional power steering is a new design. In this a torsion bar is incorporated in the column. As soon as the driver loads the torsion bar by a predetermined amount, the power assistance comes in. Thus, if the car is parked the power steering may be used even though the driver's effort does not move the wheels at all. In the previous models a small movement of the whole system is necessary before the hydraulic power comes in. It will be seen that the new system ensures an absolutely constant effort, irrespective of the movement of the car.
At the rear, the independent suspension system first introduced on the E-type is employed. Really rugged lower members and half shafts without slip-joints form the parallelograms for lateral location, in con-

# The JAGUAR S-Type 

New High Performance Car Based on 3.8 and Mk. 10 Models



## By JOHN BOLSTER

junction with trailing radius arms. As with all Jaguars, elaborate precautions are taken to insulate the body from road noise.

I had an opportunity to try a 3.8 -litre S-type Jaguar. The car was fitted with the manual gearbox and overdrive, but its engine was too new to allow flat-out performance figures to be taken. A full road test will, of course, take place in due course.

At low speeds, the new Jaguar feels alarmingly "soft", but in the open country it becomes remarkably stable. Corners may be taken very fast, the machine being particularly well balanced, and there is no tendency for the rear end to break away suddenly. The car rolls less than the Mark 2 under equivalent conditions and the rear passengers benefit particularly from the improved ride.

The theoretical advantages of the new power steering are realised in practice, for whereas the standard manual box needs 4.7 turns from lock to lock the power assisted box only requires 3.5 steering wheel turns. Thus the steering is quicker as well as being lighter, to the great benefit of controllability. The gearbox is only lightly synchronized and fast changes are not encouraged.
Being a Jaguar unit, the engine is turbinesmooth and has plenty of "punch". There are two petrol tanks with separate pumps and switches-an excellent system. A very complete heating and demisting system has push-button controls.

The S-type Jaguar brings the luxury of the Mark 10 and the manoeuvrability of the E-type to a medium-sized saloon. It is a very refined car of exceptional silence, but has a potential maximum speed in excess of 120 m.p.h. This new model will bring many more buyers into the Jaguar fold.

## SPECIFICATION OF THE S-TYPE .

Car: Jaguar S-type 4/5 seater saloon, price $£ 1,8131 \mathrm{~s}$. 3 d . inc. purchase tax (extras on car tried: overdrive and power assisted steering).
Engine: Six cylinders 87 mm . $x 106 \mathrm{~mm}$. ( $3,781 \mathrm{c.c}$.) Alternative engine available with 83 mm . bore $(3,442$ c.c.). Twin chain-driven overhead cam-
shafts. Compression ratio $8: 1$. 220 b.h.p. at 5,500 r.p.m. Twin S.U. type H.D. 6 carburetters. Lucas coil and distributor.
Transmission: Single dry plate clutch with hydraulic operation. Four-speed gearbox with central lever and synchromesh on upper three gears, and Laycock-de Normanville overdrive (optional extra). Ratios 2.93 (overdrive), $3.77,4.84,7.01$ and 12.73 to 1. Open propeller shaft. Rubbermounted hypoid final drive unit with limited slip differential for 3.8 -litre model. Automatic transChassis: Combined extra.
Chassis: Combined body and chassis. Independent suspension all round with helical springs and tele-
scopic dampers. Front scopic dampers. Front suspension by semiBurman recirculating ball power steering (optional extra). Rear suspension by lower tubular members and fixed-length universally jointed half shafts, with trailing radins arms. Dunlop disc brakes on all four wheels. Bolt-on disc wheels fitted Dunlop $6.40 \times 15$ ins. RS5 tyres. (Wire wheels available extra.)
Equipment: 12 -volt lighting and starting. Speedometer. Rev. counter. Ammeter, water temperature, oil pressure and fuel gauges. Clock. Heating and demisting with servo-operated controls. Two-speed windscreen wipers and washers. Reversing lights. Cigar lighter.
Dimensions: Wheelbase 8 ft .11 ins. Track (front) $4 \mathrm{ft} .7 \frac{1}{4}$ ins. (rear) $4 \mathrm{ft} .6 \frac{1}{4}$ ins. Overall length $15 \mathrm{ft} .7 \frac{13}{13}$ ins. Width $5 \mathrm{ft} .6 \frac{3}{4}$ ins. Turning circle 33 ft .6 ins. Weight 1 ton 10 cwt .3 grs. (dry).



JIM CLARK acknowledges Dickie Stoop when passing him at Riches on his way to victory.

## WORLD CHAMPION'S THREE HOURS Jim Clark Wins Martini-Rossi Trophy and "Daily Mirror" Cup : Former Champion Jack Brabham Wins Slip Molyslip Trophy

 in a Galaxie : Vanwall Trophy and 100 m.p.h. Lap for Denis Hulme's Brabham Junior : Roger Nathan is Autosport Champion By DAVID PRITCHARD and MICHAEL KETTLEWELLD RIVING a Lotus 23B entered by Normand Racing, Jim Clark, the World Champion designate, treated the disappointingly small crowd at Snetterton last Saturday to a masterly display of fast motoring, and completely dominated the classic AUTOSPORT Three-Hours race after his chief rival Roy Salvadori was eliminated by a major catastrophe to the engine of the Tommy Atkins Cooper Monaco. Four years ago, at the beginning of his rise to fame in motor racing, Jimmy won this race in a Lotus Elite and thoroughly enjoyed himself in the process. Now, although he has reached the pinnacle of achievement, his happy memories of the event led him to resist the undoubted attractions of races elsewhere in order to return to the scene of his early triumph, and it is a thousand pities that more people did not grasp the opportunity of seeing the champion Grand Prix driver in action. As explained in our editorial last week, it was accepted with the greatest reluctance that this year's race would have to be run entirely in daylight, but it was nevertheless a magnificent spectacle greatly enhanced by the presence of the world's leading driver who was by no means without opposition. In addition, the meeting was graced by former champion Jack Brabham. He was in personal attendance on his own Formula Junior creation, which was driven to victory in the first race by Denis Hulme with a record lap at over the "ton", and his own performance in the Alan Brown Galaxie brought a wonderful day's racing to a fitting close. In this saloon car race Jim Clark demonstrated his sheer artistry by coaxing a very sick Lotus Cortina to second place overall, and Jack Sears and John Whitmore emerged as the victors in the B.R.S.C.C. and Slip Molyslip Touring Car Championships respectively. Young Roger Nathan drove his successful Lotus Elite with admirable restraint in the Three-Hours as one after another of his rivals was put out of the running by mechanical disaster, and his level-headedness was rewarded by a worthy victory in the 1963 AUTOSPORT Championship.

JUDGING by the sparse entry list, it appeared at first glance that the 20-lap Vanwall Trophy race for Formula Junior cars would be dull and monotonous, with Denis Hulme assured of victory as his usual sparring partners were absent. However, although the New Zealander achieved victory, the event was tremendously exciting and positions changed frequently. This was to have been the last round of the Express and Star Championlast round of the Express and Star cheviously inship, but as the organizer's had previously informed entrants there would be no Junior race (in consequence Arundell had entered in Germany) it was abandoned by tbe R.A.C.

Hulme was in pole position in the green-
nd-gold Repco-Brabham, having lapped in

1 min. 37.4 secs. in practice-the first time a Junior has achieved an over 100 m.p.h. lap The existing record of $1 \mathrm{~min} .39 .2 \mathrm{secs} .$, set up by Peter Arundell and Mike Spence last year, was obviously going to look a bit sick if the weather remained dry, which, thankfully, it did. Ranged alongside him were Brian Hart (Lotus 22), Alan Rees (Lola) and David Hart (Lotus 22), Alan Rees (Lola) and Mayer (Cooper), Melvyn
Hobbs (Lola). Tim May Hobbs (Lola). Tim Mayer (Cooper), Melvyn Long (Lotus 27) and David Prophet (Brabham comprised the second row. Hart's Lotus had the ultimate in F.J. engines fitted-over $120 \mathrm{~b} . \mathrm{h} . \mathrm{p}$. was reported for this experimental Cosworth-Ford unit; Hobbs drove the M.R.P. Lola usually piloted by Bill Bradley, and he found this slower than his usual mount,
driven on this occasion by David Baker
Right from the drop of the Union Jack, when Hulme made a hesitant start, the pace was terrific. After one lap Hart's brilliant red Lotus led Hobbs's Lola by a whisker, and Hulme sat biding his time in third position. Louis Jacobsz, who had a plug change on the grid with seconds to go, brought his Cooper spluttering into the pits, to resume three laps down.

Denis Hulme led after three laps and drew away, only to blot his copybook by revolving at Sear on his fifth lap, letting Hart into the lead chased by Hobbs, Rees, Mayer, Mike de Udy (Lotus 22) and Long. Continuing, Hulme disposed of the two last named, both top disposed of the pussell pupils, after but one tour and on the seventh lap was timed at 1 min .37 .4 secs., a speed of over $100 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.
Lola drivers Hobbs and Rees were involved in a mammoth tussle for second place behind Hart, while Mayer was content to lie fourth in Ken Tyrrell's B.M.C.-engined Cooper. Hulme, meanwhile, was going like the wind; he won back well over a second lap, passed Mayer on lap 10, bettered his lap record by 0.2 sec . on the 11 th, took the Hobbs/Rees duet on the 12th, and was sitting on Hart's tail as the pair entered Riches on lap 14 tremendous stuff! This was too much for Hart, however, and he spun leaving the corner, Ha lose a lot of ground re-entering the fray Interest was maintained right until the finishing line by the exciting contest for second place, won by Hobbs; the M.R.P. Lola finished not more than one foot ahead of the grey Winkelmann Lola of Rees. Tim Mayer was not far behind, and then followed Hart, who had won back two places after his pirouetting act. Hulme was presented with pirouetting trophy by Jim Clark.
The hot pace forced out several cars, including the Brabhams of Rodney Banting
and David Prophet the latter expiring at the Esses with gear selector bothers, and John Mastin's Lotus 22

## Mike Ketilewell.

RESULTS

1. Denis Hulme (Repco-Brabham-Ford), 33 m , 4.8 s., $98.31 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{ph}$ h., 2 , David Hobbs (Lola-Ford Mk. 5A); 3, Alan Rees (Lola-Ford Mk. 5A); 4, Tim Mayer (Cooper-B.M.C. Mk. 3A); 5, Brian Hart (Lotus-Ford 22); 6, Mike de Udy (Lotus-Ford 22) (Lola-Ford Mk. 5A): 9, Adam Wyllie (Lotus-Ford Lola-Ford Mk. 5A); 9, Adam Wyllie (Lotus-For 27); 10, Mike Budge (Cooper-Ford Mk. 3); 11, Louis Jacobsz (Cooper-Ford 37.2 s .100 .32 m. . (class record)
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$W^{\text {Hen }}$ our Managing Editor Gregor Grant dropped the Union Jack to start the final race of the 1963 AUTOSPORT Championship series, he released an unexpected fury. The whole field of 32 cars, G.T. and sports-racing in seven classes, got away to a magnificen start and, as happens at Le Mans, the opening laps had all the urgency of a short-distance sprint race. First through Riches Corner at the end of the straight was Jack Sears, whose Ferrari had been on the outside of the front row, but his lead was little more than a yard and, when the snarling pack came into view at the completion of the first lap, Jimmy Clark was leading the two Ferraris of Sears and Mike Parkes, his team-mates Tony Hegbourne and Mike Beckwith were well placed, and Roy Salvadori was beginning to give the big Cooper its head. Meanwhile, in the traffic jam at the first corner, the first significant incident occurred. Sid Fox in the little Lola found the track in front of him very full of large machinery and threw out the anchors abruptly; someone behind him didn't, and he was shunted in the tail with consequential damage to a fuel tank and some plumbing
Jimmy Clark was setting a furious pace, lapping at over $99 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. in an effort to put a ittle daylight between himself and his pursuers, but nevertheless Roy Salvadori came thundering up in the big Cooper and took the lead on the fifth lap from Clark and Parkes; the other two Normand cars were now ahead of Sears. Class leaders initially were Warwick Banks Turner), John Whitmore (Elan), Dick Stoop (Porsche), Mike Parkes (Ferrari), Paul Hawkins (Lotus 23), Jim Clark (Lotus 23B), and Roy Salvadori (Cooper Monaco), but by the time Roy had taken the lead there was already activity in the pits. Banks came in with a half-shaft gone on the Turner and a new one was quickly fitted, Jon Derisley retired his Elite with vanished oil pressure, subsequently found to be due to a fault in the gauge and not in the engine, and Sid Fox came in to investigate the damage to the Lola's rear. After a quick look-see his crew pushed the car behind the pits to a place of greater safety, and a signal promptly went out to Robin Benson which read "Fox Out"; however, half an hour ater the Lola was back in the race, but, as Benson got the message, Ken Mackenzie's Turner came in for keeps with a mangled gearbox. Next visitor was Alan Foster in the Dick Jacobs Midget, which was carrying a lot of heat and very little water. The fault was at first thought to lie in the water-pump gasket and Alan was given a fresh load of coolant and sent back into the race while preparations were made to try a permanent cure with spanners and a proprietary sealing compound, but this later proved unsuccessful as the pump itself had gone sour, and the car was thereafter kept in the contest by frequent and liberal doses of
aqua pura. The result of this perseverance was class win in the Championship!
John Whitmore was going like a rocket in the Stirling Moss Automobile Racing Team (very smart) Lotus Elan, and a new class lap record was soon announced in the shattering time of 1 min .43 .6 secs., but then the car shed a wheel at the Esses and John's race was run, leaving Trevor Taylor leading the class in the other Elan entered by Team Elite. At the end of the first half hour Salvadori led Clark by just over 17 seconds, John Coundley's Lotus 19 was out with fuel and oil leaks which defied repair, and Warwick Banks was stationary near the Hairpin with a second half-shaft sheared. He walked back to the pits to spectate but, ages afterwards, someone discovered another spare shaft and he set off back to the car on foot to install it, to rejoin the race in he last half-hour.

Dick Protheroe's E-type was now coming through the field strongly and, with some 55 minutes of racing behind him, Dick got past Jack Sears to split the Ferraris, though Mike Parkes was the best part of a lap to the good.
With one hour gone, Salvadori led Clark by half a minute and the Cooper did not appear to be hurrying unduly despite being credited with a lap at over the ton. There seemed to be nothing to stop it winning now that it had time in hand in case of a pit stop, and Roy seemed set for the Championship, but within
agonizing minutes the engine refused to fire when he tried to take off in gear on the starter, and his crew must have sweated pints resisting the temptation to push, but eventually they got it going by legitimate means and all was well.
At half time Clark, Hegbourne and Beckwith were 1st, 2nd and 4th, with the Parkes' Ferrari still in third place, and then refuelling started in earnest. Nathan, Sutcliffe, Parkes, Hawkins, and Bloor came in in rapid succession, and Parkes took on a new pair of rear yres as well, so now it was Normand Racing 1-2-3. Jack Sears took on fuel but his tyres were found to be OK for the rest of the race, then Dick Protheroe fuelled and changed his rear shoes. Robin Benson in the Elva made a very slick fuel stop and regained all the distance he had lost to Paul Hawkins, and Sid Taylor came in to look at the clutch of his Elite, which had been suspect from the start but still seemed to be working after its fashion. Chris Williams, whose Lotus 23 had also split a fuel tank earlier but continued to run on another one in the system, packed up on the straight with some undisclosed trouble.

With one hour to go Tony Lanfranchi, whose Elva had been going consistently fast near the head of the field, shot in to secure an errant plug lead and, as he took off again, we learned that Mike Beckwith was stationary on the straight with a broken gearbox. Ten


TREVOR TA YLOR'S fast but unreliable Lotus Elan is taken by Mikel Beckwith's Normand team Lotus-Ford 23B at Coram Curve during the early stages of the Three Hours.

15 minutes the engine blew up in a mighty cloud of smoke near the Hairpin and poor Roy set off on foot for the pits where he announced that "something very expensive" had hap-pened-probably a broken con-rod, with all its ideous consequences.
Another casualty about this time was Bob Olthoff's Cobra, which wouldn't handle, had no power, and was retired. Trevor Taylor brought in the Elan with no lubricant in the final drive, refreshed himself while it was replenished, and went back into the race, but half an hour later the car gave up the ghost out on the circuit and left Roger Nathan with no opposition in the class, a situation which he was quick to appreciate and act upon. Sid Fox came in for fuel for the Lola and, by this time, the clutch was non-functional. For many
minutes later Tony Hegbourne went out at the same place, also with no final drive, and many fingers were hastily crossed for Jimmy Clark in the third car! However, after a very slick fuel stop he got straight back into the groove, and people began to breathe more easily
Robin Benson, who was still well within striking distance of Paul Hawkins in Class E, had either a tyre or his brakes go sour on him at the approach to the Hairpin and, in the resulting excursion off course, his Elva was unfortunately damaged too much to continue. Roger Nathan, on the other hand, was lapping happily some 20 seconds slower than his Elite's potential, with the Championship title virtually sewn up, and Paul Hawkins was now of course in an equally strong position as

ALL SET to gain the AUTOSPORT Championship as well as outright victory in the Three Hours was Roy Salvadori in Tommy Atkins's Cooper Monaco, seen at Riches (below, left). Unfortunately it blew up shortly before half-distance. WINNER of the Championship was young Roger Nathan in his immaculately prepared Lotus Elite, here leaving the Esses (below, right).


champion - only 1.4 secs. slower than Brabham's best lap in the Galaxie, which was also a class record. Mayer's lap in 1 min .55 secs . was a $1,300 \mathrm{c.c}$. record.

Hottest dice of the day was fought between three Minis-the S-type Coopers of Peter Clarke and John Lewis and the "ordinary" 997 c.c. Cooper of Harry Martin; they slip streamed each other for laps, always swopping positions, until Clarke's car came to a sudden halt at Coram Curve on lap 13 when the engine went solid after throwing a rod.
Although one expected Clark's bag-of-nails-sounding Cortina to come into the pits the race continued its course, the Galaxies walking away with it, as is their custom thes days; they lapped the slowest car, an 850 Mini , every $2 \frac{1}{2}$ laps. With second place seemingly in his pocket, poor Olthoff's monster died at in his pocket, poor Olthoffs monster died at Sear with transmission failure, so the hair-raising ride terminated.
Brabham won comfortably, just failing to

THREE HOURS OVER and Dick Protheroe's brakeless E-type passes the chequered flag, held out by AUTOSPORT's Managing Editor (above).
MARVELLOUS MINIS! Trying hard at Riches are the drivers of the works S-type Cooper-Minis, Tim Mayer leading John Whitmore at this stage.
runner-up and best in opposite category. Race order with half-an-hour to go was Clark, Parkes, Lanfranchi, Protheroe, Sears. Dick Stoop still led Class C but was beginning to suffer from fuel starvation thanks to the rather curious system on the Porsche, John Dickinson's Class A Lotus-Climax was running merrily to win its class with stops only for fuel and oil, and Alan Foster's Midget was still going beautifully albeit with a mighty thirst which it had to slake from time to time. thirst which it had to slake from time to time.
The last-minute drama came from Dick Protheroe, who tore up to the Hairpin, tramped on the stopping pedal, and found literally nothing to stop his foot going right down to the floor. Having recovered from the resulting moment of stark terror, he motored on and we were amazed to hear him lift off for Riches corner at the refuelling bay! This was no way to go motor racing with a Ferrari pounding along just behind and, shortly before the Editor hung out the chequered flag for the end of the race, Jack Sears went through into fourth place and was actually the first to take the flag. Jimmy Clark came in to a tumultuous reception, and Roger Nathan got confirmation that his fine driving throughout the season had in fact won for him the title of Autosport Champion of 1963.

David Pritchard.

## RESULTS

General Classification: 1, Jim Clark (Lotus-Ford $23 \mathrm{~B}), 108$ laps in 3 h .0 m .40 .8 s ., $97.20 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. 2, Mike Parkes (Ferrari GTO); 3, Tony Lanfranchi (Elva-Ford Mk. 7); 4, Jack Sears (Ferrari GTO); 5, Dick Protheroe (Jaguar E); 6, Peter Sutcliffe Jaguar E). Fastest lap: Roy Salvadori (Cooper Climax Monaco), 1 m. 37.2 s., 100.37 m.p.h. G.T.


PUTTING in some of the oceans of water used by Alan Foster's M.G. Midget, which, nevertheless, still won its class in the cham pionship.


Cars up to 1,150 c.c.: 1, John Dickinson (Lotus 11 G.T.); 2, Alan Foster (M.G. Midget); 3, Warwick Banks (Turner-Climax). 1,151-1,600 c.c.: 1, Roger Nathan (Lotus Elite); 2, Sidney Taylor (Lotus Elite). 1,601-2,500 c.c.: 1, Dickie Stoop (Porsche Nicholson (M, A. . Hutcheson (M.G.B); 3, Bill Parkes (Ferrari GTO); 2 Jack Sears (Ferrari'GTO); 3. Dick Protheroe (Jaguar E). Sports-Racing Cars 3, Dick Protheroe (Jaguar E) Sports-Racing Cars up to 1,150 c.c.: 1, Paul Hawkins (Lotus-Ford 23 ); 2, Sid Fox (Lola-Climax). 1,151-2,000 c.c.: 1 , Jim Ford Mk. 7); 3, Keith Greene (Lotus-Ford 23B). Over 2,000 c.c.: 1, Mike Pendleton (Lotus-Climax 19).

Fastest in practice for the Slip Molyslip Trophy saloon car race was Jack Sears in the Willment Ford Galaxie, who knocked no fewer than five seconds off his lap record, achieving 1 min .45 secs.-faster than the Aston Martin Zagatos and the 1,150 c.c. sports-racing cars in the Autosport race! Bob Olthoff in the same beast managed 1 min. 45.8 secs., while the Alan Brown Galaxie in the hands of past world champion Jack Brabham did 1 min. 48 secs. Quite incredible was Jim Clark in a Lotus Ford Cortina; this innocent-looking device lapped in 1 min .48 .4 secs., three seconds quicker than Mike Salmon's 3.8 Jaguar. The Willment organization eventually decided that Olthoff should drive the Galaxie and Sears a Lotus Cortina.

Although Olthoff got his Galaxie ahead for the first couple of laps, Jack Brabham, using all the track as only he can, caught and passed him and stayed comfortably ahead for the remainder of the 20 laps. Not all that far back came Jim Clark in his Lotus Cortina, then Mike Salmon (Jaguar 3.8), Trevor Taylor (Lotus Cortina), Jack Sears (Lotus Cortina), Chris McLaren (Jaguar 3.8) and the works Mini-Cooper S-types of Tim Mayer and John Whitmore, who completed the race in close company; Whitmore took command of the 1,300 c.c. division after seven laps

Salmon's Jaguar, overheating, succumbed to the Lotus Cortinas of Taylor and Sears on the fifth and eighth laps respectively while Clark's car, in third position, sounded dreadful at times, although the speed didn't seem to diminish as a new class record of 1 min 47.8 secs. was recorded by the 1963 world
lap Salmon's Jaguar, and Clark staged a mock dead-heat with Taylor for second place; although their race times were identical, the Scotsman got the verdict by a couple of feet. Sears, the 1963 B.R.S.C.C. Saloon Car Champion, was fourth in the Willment Lotus Cortina. John Whitmore, incidentally, won the Slip Molyslip Saloon Car Championship and Jim Clark gained the Daily Mirror Cup for having the best British car.

## Michael Kettlewell. RESULTS

, Jack Brabham (Ford Galaxie), 36 m .5 .6 s . $88.05 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} . ; 2$, Jim Clark (Lotus Ford Cortina*); 3, Trevor Taylor (Lotus Ford Cortina*); 4, Jack Sears (Lotus Ford Cortina*); 5, Mike Salmon (Jaguar 3.8); 6, Chris McLaren (Jaguar 3.8); 7, John Whitmore (Austin Mini-Cooper $\mathbf{S} \dagger$ ); 8, Tim Mayer (Morris Mini-Cooper $\mathbf{S} \dagger$; 9, Mike Young (Ford Anglia Super $\dagger$ ); 10 , Mick Donegan (Ford Cortina G.T.*); 11, John Lewis (Austin Mini-Cooper S†); 12, Harry Martin (Austin Mini-Cooper $\dagger$ ); 13, Rod Mansfield (Ford Anglia Super $\dagger$ ); 14, Billy Blyden-
stein (Vauxhall VX4/90*); stein (Vauxhall VX4/90*); 15, Michaelle BurnsGrieg (Austin Mini-Coopert); 16, Alistair Stewart
(Isuzu Bellel Special*); 17, Stan Biles (Morris Mini†). (Isuzu Bellel Special);
Fastest lap: Brabham, 17 m .46 .4 s s., $91.69 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. ${ }_{\mathbf{1}, 300}$ c.c. Class: Mayer, 1 m .55 .0 s s., $84.83 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. ; 2,000 c.c. Class: Clark, 1 m .47 .8 s., $90.50 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. * 2,000 c.c. class. $\dagger 1,300$ c.c. class.

## AUTOSPORT CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

THESE results are based on the five best performances during the qualifying rounds added to the results from the AUTOSPORT Three-Hours race at Snetterton last Saturday. The AUTOSPORT Champion of 1963 Roger Nathan Lotus Elite).
Best in Opposite Category: Paul Hawkins (Lotus 23). Class Results: A-G.T. cars up to 1,150 c.c. Winner: Alan Foster (M.G. Midget). Runner-up: John Dickinson (Lotus-Climax) B-G.T. cars 1,151 to 1,600 c.c. Winner: John Whitmore (Lotus Elite and Elan). Runner-up: Sid Taylor (Lotus Elite). C-G.T. cars 1,601 to 2,500 c.c.: Winner: Dick Stoop (Porsche). Runner-up: Alan Hutcheson
(M.G.B). D.-G.T. cars over 2,500 c.c.: Winner: Mike Parkes (Ferrari). Runner-up: Dick Protheroe Mike Parkes (Ferrari). Runner-up: Dick Protheroe
Jaguar E). E-Sports-racing cars up to $\mathbf{1 , 1 5 0}$ c.c.: (Jaguar E). E-Sports-racing cars up to 1,150 c.c.: Wenson (Elva Mk. 7). F-Sports-racing cars $\mathbf{1 , 1 5 1}$ to 2,000 c.c.: Winner: Jim Clark (Lotus 23B). Runnerup: Mike Beckwith (Lotus 23B). G.-Sports-racing cars over 2,000 c.c.: Winner: Roy Salvadori (CooperMonaco). Runner-up: Bill de Selincourt (Lotus 19).


BRUCE McLAREN:

# From the Cockpit 

Farly on the Thursday morning before the Gold Cup race at Oulton Park, three Jaguars were motoring in rapid convoy en route to Manchester. Tony Maggs and I had started from Surbiton and Graham Hill overhauled us just north of Birmingham.

We were all on our way to attend a luncheon put on by the Manchester Publicity Association at which a few G.P. drivers were going to be present, and Graham was to make a speech. To our surprise there was hardly a Grand Prix driver absent! It is one thing to get us all on a starting grid, but entirely another to array us at a dinner on display to the press.

There was a large crowd present, and no doubt race day attendance was favourably affected. I've always been a little surprised that the drivers are not used more from a publicity angle for the promotion of races, and although it can be a bit of a bind at times (there were one or two whispers about "We weren't going to come, but they said something about the starting money, so . . .'), I'm sure we're all quite prepared to do our bit when it comes to suggesting that more people ought to come and watch us drive.

Graham made a terrific speech. He spoke as retiring world champion, and said that he seemed to have been retiring all year! He added that he had been asked to say a couple of words about losing the championship. He did: "Sod it!"

We reached Oulton Park circuit late on Thursday afternoon, and Tony Maggs was able to get in just a few laps in his works Cooper before bad light stopped play. Jimmy Clark was fairly busy on practice day, lapping alternately in his Formula 1 Lotus, a Lotus 23 sports car, and one of the absurdly fast Lotus Cortinas.

For the first time this season the general run of practice times for the Formula 1 cars were slower than last year's figures. Last year Richie Ginther and Jimmy equalled at 1 min .38 .6 secs., but this year Jimmy and Graham couldn't better 1 min .39 secs. I was considerably slower. I hoped that it would be all right on race day, but unfortunately things didn't improve.

We haven't quite got my new car up to the standard of the one I destroyed in the German Grand Prix, and at Oulton Park I wasn't quite back to my pre-Nürburgring standard either.

On race day one of the events I wasn't going to miss was the saloon car battle. There seemed to be some pretty odd things
going on as regards to whombody was driving whatever, particularly with regard to the works Lotus Cortinas.

Practice times made it apparent that Dan Gurney's big Ford Galaxie would romp away with first place, but with the 4-minute board up, Alan Brown, the entrant of the Galaxie, wasn't too confident. The car was out on the starting grid, but Dan couldn't be found, and it was some minutes after an anguished appeal over the public address system that Dan strolled nonchalantly onto the grid, calmly climbed into the Galaxie, climbed out again to fasten his helmet properly, climbed back in, and cruised off in the general direction of Old Hall corner for a warm-up lap!

By the time he was back on pole position time was running short and the grid was clear of people except for one marshal, who was running frantically about looking for chewing gum for Gurney! Someone in the pits obliged, and it appeared that while other people were blipping their engines, Dan was casually unwrapping his gum!

As other drivers were bringing their revs up with about 10 secs. to go, Dan started the big 7-litre V8 and ran it at a fast tickover. The flag fell, and while other wheels spun with revs. rushing excitedly way up, Dan rumbled the Galaxie gently off into a lead that he kept throughout the race. The whole thing had looked more casual than if he were going out to mow the lawn.

Gamesmanship or something, I think it's called.

The Formula 1 race turned out to be a sort of world championship replica with Jimmy, 1963 points-leader, easily winning the race; Richie Ginther, second on title points, was comfortably in second place for the Gold Cup ahead of Graham Hill, whose luck, if nothing else, has been consistent.

So now it's off to Watkins Glen for the American Grand Prix on 6th October. The cars had to be ready by last Sunday, when they were flown out to New York and then transported up to the Seneca Indian country. Then it's Mexico, and we'll finish off the year in South Africa again, but somehow I don't think they'll be the thrillers they were last season. I do hear tell, however, that Ferraris might go to America after all. I hope so.

And thoughts are turning to other races. The sports car series in California is coming up, but I think I'll be missing them this year. An interested spectator at Oulton Park was Ivan Parton, president of the New Zealand International Grand Prix Association, who is over here signing up drivers and cars for the "down under" season. Next January and February there will be a "Tasman Championship" with four races in New Zealand and four in Australia. I've been working on a brand new special $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Cooper for these races, but details are still on the secret list.


DAN GURNEY, who led the field after Jimmy Clark's withdrawal until an engine oil line broke and prevented a win by his Lotus-Ford 29.

## TRENTON 200 TO A. J. FOYT

BY
OZZIE LYONS

## Both Lotus "Powered by Ford" Cars of Jim Clark and Dan Gurney Fail

THE two Ford V8-powered cars that Jim I Clark and Dan Gurney drove in the Indianapolis " 500 " last May had their final fling at Trenton Speedway with the same drivers, and both conked out with oil line failures.
Colin Chapman, who built these Lotus cars especially for "left turn" track racing, directed the Ford pit activities during the preliminary time trials. Some 36 big Offy cars vied for a place in the field limited to 27 . Their best times for the one-mile oval was about 35 secs. Chapman sent Gurney out for a lap at 33 secs. Then Clark, serenaded by a colourful band of pipers, went out and calmly racked up 32 secs. ( $112 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.) to set an all-time track record.

Several paced laps were required to get all the stragglers into the fold. The actual start saw the two Lotuses immediately draw away from the thundering pursuers. Jim and Dan kept close company with nonchalant ease. Their wheels displayed none of the bouncing and waggling so evident in the heavier cars behind. By the tenth lap, only six minutes after the start, the two Lotus-Fords began to overtake the rear runners.
Midway in the 200 -mile event Clark trailed blue smoke and pitted with falling oil pressure. Gurney, with a commanding lead, soon suffered the same trouble. Top Championship contender, A. J. Foyt, inherited first
position and eventually won first prize of $\$ 11,000$ with an average of $101 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. for the race. Bud Tingelstad and Troy Ruttman took next shares in the purse of $\$ 42,000$.
RODGER WARD, a previous Indy winner, roars down the grandstand straight. The signal board for Jim Clark leans against the pit fence.



NEW LOOK FORD-the $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Ford Corsair introduced this week is reminiscent of the Falcon and Taunus models.
shift", as they say in the United States.
Smoothness characterizes the four-cylinder engine, which does its job with the least possible fuss, and provides the G.T. Corsair with a brisk performance. It was not possible to take accurate acceleration or maximum speed figures, having had no opportunity to calibrate the strip-type speedometer, nor arrange for measured distances. I should say that from standstill to $60 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. takes around 13 secs., and that maximum is definitely over 90 m. p.h. Fairly high cruising speeds are obtainable, and at an $80 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. cruising gait the engine does

Ford of Dagenham are certainly having a busy time these days with new models. Latest range to be offered is the Corsair, which includes a G.T. edition. This is fitted with a 78 b.h.p. form of the $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre engine, Weber carburetter, central gear lever, superbly designed bucket seats and revolution counter. The rear suspension has also been stiffened, as compared to the standard and de luxe versions. Apart from an identification badge on the rear quarter panels, appearance is identical to the other models.

Styling is rather reminiscent of the Falcon, with a touch of Taunus, but the Dagenham folk have managed to avoid the somewhat bulbous look of the Dearborn and Cologne productions. The bodywork comes in two- and four-door arrangements, and the de luxe edition can also be obtained with floor-mounted gear-lever and bucket seats.

It was a happy idea of Ford's publicity department to arrange to have the new cars tried in Eire. An extremely testing circuit of over 150 miles, in the Killarney region, was devised, utilizing everything possible from tarmac roads to mountain cart-tracks with appalling surfaces. It must be admitted that the technicians were justified in having every confidence in their suspension system, for really dreadful sections were traversed without any sign of distress, and a complete absence of fore-and-aft pitching. Oddly enough, the car was not quite so happy on smooth, yet undulating surfaces, for a certain amount of pitching was evident. It seemed to me that this could easily be cured by altering the spring rate slightly, or by

Another Winner from Fords cancod cial GRANT
Corsair Range Replaces Classic : A G.T. Version included
some more attention to damping efficiency.
General handling is excellent, with light General handling is excellent, with light and positive steering. One criticism is that the steering wheel might, with advantage, be lowered by some 2-3 ins. to provide a more relaxed driving position. Brakes, with $9 \frac{1}{2}$-ins. discs at the front, are excellent.

The all-synchromesh gearbox, which has transformed the current Dagenham productions, is admirable, with particularly well-chosen ratios. It should be mentioned that the column change is also extremely efficient, with a complete absence of lostmovement, which tended to make earlier arrangements a trifle sloppy in operation. However, I much preferred the "stick-
not appear to be working hard. Third is a useful overtaking ratio, with over $70 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. available within the r.p.m. range.

This G.T. Corsair has much in common with the Cortina edition, but I should say that it may prove to be slightly quicker as regards maximum speed. It is quite obvious that experience in competitions has been applied to this new vehicle, and that for sheer value for money it will prove an attractive proposition. It should not, however, be regarded as a possible competitions machine in the same category as the G.T. Cortina, or the very much more powerful Lotus Cortina with its double-overheadcamshaft engine.

Engine: Four cylinder $80.97 \mathrm{~mm} . \times 72.75 \mathrm{~mm}$. tubeless tyres. Steering: recirculatory ball type,
(1,498 c.c.) pushrod-operated overhead valves.
Equipment: Speedometer. Odometer. Fuel gauge.
8.3:1. 64 b.h.p. at 4,600 r.p.m. Single down-
draught Solex carburetter, coil and distributor
1gnition.
Transmission: Four-speed all-synchromesh gearbox,
Ratios 3.543, 2.396, 1.412 and 1 to 1 . Optional
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floor gear change. Open propeller shaft. Hypoid
rear axle, $3.9: 1$ ( $4.125: 1$ optional). Independent
front suspension by coil springs and double-
acting shock absorbers, integral with wheel
spindle located in body in rubber-mounted upper
bearing. Anti-roll torsion bar embodied. Rear.
suspension by semi-elliptic leaf springs with
suspension by semi-elliptic leaf springs with
four wheels. Front disc 9.50 x .375 . Rear drum
on 13 in . wheels fitted with $5.60 \times 13 \mathrm{in}$. four-ply
the most under-valued of our leading Formula Junior drivers, Alan Rees.
It is sincerely to be hoped that room will be found in next year's Formula 2 events for all these young men, and that the best machinery will be placed at their disposal.

Ideally, Formula 2 works teams should be composed of a senior driver supported by a promising member of the "junior" school. The permutations are fascinating. How about Brabham and Gardner, McLaren and Hulme, Clark and Arundell, Graham Hill and Spence, amongst the entries, would surely fill the grandstands.

At all costs Formula 2 should not become a carbon copy of Formula 1, the leading drivers stepping out of one machine into another to give an accomplished encore. The driving seats of the finest Formula 2 machinery must be equitably shared between the established élite and the most talented aspirants among the younger, less experienced drivers.

Given these conditions, with suitable co-operation from team managers, manufacturers and race organizers, the new Formula 2 will prove to be both spectacular and productive. Chislehurst, Kent.
P. G. Davies.

British Racing Green-The Last Word
$H^{\text {Aving been the cause of this controversy, I have followed it with }}$ write a letter giving my description of the green used by Mr. Gregory on his British Racing Partnership cars, but the Editor of Autosport paled visibly and said "Oh no!"
I am not a Napier or Bentley traditionalist, so my personal choice of B.R.G. is the front cover of that well-known journal M- S In a more serious vein I would like to see International colours
dropped and any realistic racing team, such as B.R.P., registering their choice of colour (any colour layout) with the F.I.A. With only two nations seriously engaged in Grand Prix racing the old A.I.A.C.R. colour chart is a farce. Crondall, Hampshire.

Denis Jenkinson.

## FIVE-HOUR OULTON PARK

Ecurie Red Rose Jaguar 3.8's Triumphant in Five-Hour Relay Race
Photography by FRANCIS PENN

Although it was possible to pick out the and winners of the somewhat unexciting Five-Hour Relay Race at Oulton Park last Saturday at a relatively early stage in the proceedings-a team of four 3.8 Jaguars entered as Ecurie Red Rose-there is no denying that joint promoters Lancs and Cheshire C.C. and the Mid-Cheshire C.C., in addition to organizing the country's second longest race, have plugged a gap in the Northern racing scene.
Undoubtedly so far as the clubmen were concerned this innovation was greatly welcomed and their plea for more will, it is highly probable, be answered next year, the year after and the year after that. . . There is no reason indeed why the Oulton Park Five Hours should not become as popular as its Hours should not become as popular as its
elder and slightly longer brother at Silverstone.
elder and slightly longer brother at Silverstone.
The bugbear of relay races of this duration -or any duration for that matter-is that so far as spectators are concerned after the first lap they are impossible to follow. The attendance, bearing in mind the wretched weather in the opening hour, reflected the magnitude of this problem. In this case there were the fortunes of 26 teams to plot, each fielding between three and six cars and with credit laps ranging from 30 to none-all very complicated.
For the enthusiast who liked variety with his racing, however, he would have found nothing to disappoint on Saturday. Between them the 26 teams provided a magnificently contrasting collection of machinery ranging from the D-type and Lister-Jaguars and DB3S Aston Martin of scratch team Equipe Vertrouge to the spluttering three-car D.K.W team, the leaders until well into the final hour, and, for a short period, up to about 20 minutes before the flag fell.

The race started in miserable conditions with heavy rain falling and a cold wind. Pole position on the grid was occupied by Tom Fletcher's Lister-Jaguar, the B driver for Equipe Vertrouge who, until the withdrawal of the original scratch team, the Jaguar Drivers' Club, had been credited with two laps. There had also been some late rethinking about many of the other teams, a few gaining by it including the eventual runners-up, an by it including the eventual runners-up, an SP250 (J. Craig), Triumph TR 3 A (A. M. Clough) and $T$. Owen driving a beautiful red DB3S Aston Martin (ex-Ken Wharton) Their original 14 credit laps was improved by five to 19. Not so pleased, no doubt, was the Vintage S.C.C. "A" team of Banner, Beavis and Makin (Riley), Barr (Alvis), Batho (Amilcar-Riley) and Harris (Austin Ulster) who started with 23 laps instead of 31 . In the early stages they occupied sixth place but by 6 p.m. had dropped to 23 rd, third from last The wet track, which had dried out by about 2.45 p.m., was a serious handicap to the scratchmen's prospects of victory and there is no doubt that had the event been dry through out they would have finished higher than fifth (provisionally they were placed fourth).

Although unable to use the full power of the Lister, Fletcher naturally led off from the grid and completed the first lap comfortably in front of the field. Behind on the road was the Cheshire Racing team (five laps), represented by George Whitehead (W.R.A. Mk. 3), the "A team of the Aintree Circuit Club (six laps) with Harry O'Brien at the wheel of his gold Lola, John Fitzpatrick doing first stint in his hot Mini for Team Broadspeed (14 laps), and John Adams, the A driver for Ecurie Red Rose (13 laps).

The first change was effected by Carlton Garage, Ltd., who brought in Joe Bridges (Morris-Cooper) on the second lap and sent out J. Cramond (Lotus 7). The organizers had gone to great pains to reduce speed in the pits and on changeovers drivers had to negotiate a tight chicane to enter the pits and then motor slowly (and there were plenty of marshals on hand to see that it was slow) down the length of the pits into the paddock. Not until an incoming car had passed its team-mate in the pits road could the relieving driver get into his own car and enter the circuit. It was all very leisurely and uninspiring to watch-but essentially safe in that it cut down the possibility of pointless accidents (if there is any point to an accident).
The race position at 1.30 saw Team D.K.W., who had fielded their fastest man Hugh Mayes in his interesting rear-engined Opus-Auto Union, ahead by one lap from the Vintage S.C.C. "B" team of C. Blissett (Riley Brooklands), Bromley-Johnson, with his Bentleyengined Frazer-Nash, and B. J. Dukes (Frazer-Nash). Two laps behind the latter came Ecurie Estavada ( 27 credit laps) represented by Robert Funge (Riley 1.5), J. E. Speed (Lotus-B.M.C. 7) and D. R. Yates (Sprite) and these positions remained unchanged until 3 p.m.

Down in sixteenth at 1.30 were the winners who had assembled a fine quintet of pilots, John Adams, Charles Bridges, Mike MacDowel, Jeff Newman and Jackie Stewart Although making a great impression on the circuit, by reason of their noise and speed, the scratch team of Fletcher, Gerry Ashmore, Bill Rigg and Peter Skidmore (D-types) and P. T. Woolgar (DB3S) were still running last, a position they were to occupy until $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. At 3 p.m. they had moved up one and thereafter on the now almost dry track began to make progress.
Fortune did not smile all the time on the runners-up for their fastest car, Craig's

FEATURE of the race was the chicane for cars entering the pits, devised to slow them down for change-overs. D. Flanagan's Mini comes in while others race on (right).
CHANGE OVER for the scratch team as Tom Fletcher's Lister-Jaguar comes in and Gerry Ashmore climbs in his D-type Jaguar (below). The team was fifth.


Daimler, was brought in boiling, while Clough later lost overdrive on his Triumph. Despite these setbacks, by $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. their hopes were raised with a well-earned third place in 93 laps behind Ecurie Estavada ( 95 laps) and, a further two laps ahead, the D.K.W.s, even though their fastest man had the Opus go sick. Even their fastest man had the Opus go sick. Even so it was apparent that the Jaguars, now in
fourth spot and on the same lap as the third place team, were virtually assured of victory The Red Rose drivers were fairly hurling the big saloons round the track, each of them able to return lap times in the region of 2 mins. 5 secs. with the track dry.
Down in fifth position row were the MidCheshire Austin saloons, and onto the leader board for the first time, having picked up three places in 30 mins., came Team Broadspeed much to the delight of manager Max Trimble and thanks to determined driving by Broad, Fitzpatrick, Handley and Tempest-all, of course, Mini-mounted. Except for a short period, when they dropped a place, the Broadspeed boys were to maintain this position to the end

At 4.30 p.m. the 3.8 Jaguars had worked their way up to second spot, one lap behind the "Deeks", and the "unnamed"' trio were similarly placed behind Ecurie Estavada lying third. By 5.30 p.m. it was virtually all over, for although the Jaguars lost their newly won lead back to Team D.K.W. due to a change of cars, they regained it quickly with 20 minutes left. The Roses went on to win by 1 min . 20.2 secs. and two laps, having averaged $81.60 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} ., \quad$ from the Daimler-AstonTriumph team, they also having moved ahead in the last half-hour to the tune of two laps. The Deeks were third having completed 144 laps, as did Ecurie Estavada in fourth place. Alas the presentation of the Daily Mirror cup to the winners was delayed for almost an hour while the organizers and several team

managers conferred behind closed doors at race control. The news gradually filtered through that there was a dispute over the number of laps completed by some teams. The outcome did not affect the three leading positions, although, as can be seen, the scratch team was placed fifth.

## RESULTS

1, Ecurie Red Rose (3.8 Jaguars): team manager, A. Houlding; drivers, J. H. Adams, C. H. Bridges, M. G. H. MacDowel, J. Newman, J. Y. Stewart, 148 laps in $5 \mathrm{~h} .0 \mathrm{~m} .27 .6 \mathrm{~s} ., 81.60 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} . ; 2$, "Unnamed," team: manager, M. Barry; J. Craig (Daimler SP250), A. M. Clough (Triumph TR3A), R. T. Owen (Aston Martin DB3S), 146 laps in 5 h .1 m .47 .8 s ; 3, Team D.K.W.: R. Cowey (D.K.W. saloon), E. Johnson (D.K.W. Junior), H. E. B. Mayes (OpusAuto Union), 144 laps in 5 h .0 m .37 .2 s.; 4 , Ecuris Estavada: manager, E. J. Reaver; R. Funge (Riley 1.5), J. E. Speed (Lotus 7A), D. R. Yates (Sprite), 144 laps in 5 h .1 m .9 .8 s . 5, Equipe Vertrouge: manager, A. Smyth; G. Ashmore, W. Rigg, P. Skidmore (Jaguar D-types), T. Fletcher (Lister-Jaguar),
P. Woolgar (Aston Martin DB3S), 143 laps in P. Woolgar
5 h .0 m .27 .2 s . 6 , Team Broadspeed:
manager, M. 5 h. 0 m .27 .2 s. G, Team Broadspeed: Minager, M $^{\text {Trimble; R. D. Broad, J. Handley (Mini-Cooper S) }}$ J. Fitzpatrick, P. S. Tempest (Austin), 143 laps in

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The Annual North Staffs Motor Club Meeting

With the postponement of the Championship Wirt of the Clubs until next March, last Saturday saw the final race meeting at Silverstone for this year. The meeting was organized by the North Staffs Motor Club who followed the trend of accepting a large entry with many events for same. The competitors were asked to arrive as soon as possible in order that the scrutineers could cope and the organizers were a trifle lucky that the meeting commenced only 20 minutes behind schedule. There were seven seven-lap and two ten-lap scratch races, plus five six-lap handicaps. Apparently grid positions were determined partly by practice times and partly by selection, which seemed to render one's practice efforts rather fruitless, but nonetheless provided some very close racing.
The first event was a seven-lap scratch race for 750 cars and saw a closely fought battle between John Bishop, David Hollister, R. Wescott, all in Austins, and D. Abbott (Jerboa). These four circulated side by side (with the exception of Becketts!) throughout the race with Wescott and Bishop eventually tying for first place and Abbott a close third.
The first of the 10-lappers followed and was a scratch race for 1172 cars. Bryan Small had the cruel misfortune to throw a rod in practice which put paid to his clinching the 1172 Championship. Howard Miborrow's
who blew up on his final lap, early lead was who blew up on his final lap, early lead was
short lived and his Milmax was passed by Ian Tollady (Aquila) who steadily drew away to win by an easy margin. However, behind Tollady a terrific scrap took place with Arthur Mallock (U2) trying desperately hard to gain maximum points; when in second place he spun and just managed to finish third, behind Alan Wershat (Lolita).

Event three was divided into two races, first for closed cars and secondly for sports cars, both up to 1,000 c.c. Chris Clarke in his ex-M.R.P. engined Lotus 7 scored an easy

## RESULTS

750 Formula (7 laps): 1, R. Westcott (Austin Spl.) and J. Bishop (Austin Spl.), 66.00 m.p.h.; 3, D. H.
Abbott (Jerboa). Fastest Lap: D. Hollister (Austin Abbott (Jerboa). Fastest Lap: D. Hollister (Austin Spl.), 1 m . 25.6 s ., 67.63 m m.p.h. 1 , I. Tollady (Aquila), $77.91 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} . ; 2$, A. ( 10 laps): 1, I. Tollady (Aquila),
Wershat
(Lolita); $3, ~ A . ~ M . ~ R . ~ M a l l o c k ~(U 2 ~ M . ~ M k . ~ 3) . ~$ Fastest lap: Tollady, $1 \mathrm{~m} .12 .8 \mathrm{~s} ., 79.52 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Fastest lap: Tollady, m . 12.8 s.0 $\begin{gathered}\text { c.c. ( } 7 \text { laps). } \\ \text { Closed and }\end{gathered}$ Olosed and Sports. Cars win ther: C. J. Clarke (Lotus 7). Closed Car Class: 1, D. Sim (Diva-Ford), 75.22 m.p.h.; 2, T. J. Class: 1, D. Marcos-Ford); 3, J. W. Anstice-Brown (Rochdale). Fastest lap: Sim, 1 m .15 .2 s., 77.18 m.p.h. Sports Car Class: 1, C. J. Clarke (Lotus 7), 77.90 m.p.h.; 2, T. Moore (Lotus 7); 3, R. B. Walton (Lotus 7). Fastest lap: Clarke, 1 m . 11.8 s., 80.62 m.p.h. Sports Cars up to 1,600 c.c. ( 7 laps ): $1, \mathrm{C}$. J. Clarke (Lotus 7), 78.71 m.p.h.; 2, T. Smallman (Lotus 7); 3, V. C. Wyld (Lotus Super 7). Fastest lap: Clarke, $1 \mathrm{~m} .12 .0 \mathrm{~s} ., 80.40 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. SportsRacing Cars up to 1,600 c.c. ( 7 laps): 1, G. E. Oliver (D.R.W.-Ford), 80.69 m.p.h.; 2, J. A. Murrell (D.R.W.-Ford); 3, R. Redgrave (Merlyn-Climax Mk. 4). Fastest lap: Oliver, 1 m. 9.2 S., 83.6 I m.p.h. Monoposto Formula and 1172 Formula (10 laps): Overall Winner: H. W. Cooper (Lolita), 76.86 Monoposto Class: 1, H. W. Cooper (Lolita), ${ }^{\text {C.8 }}$ m.p.h.; 2, B. Beasley (Cooper Landar) and C. C. J. Nicholson (Embryo). Fastest lap: Cooper, Mean 13.6 s., 78.65 m.p.h. 1 ${ }^{(M i l m o r), ~} 72.09 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{ph} . ; 2$ R. A. Eccleston (Dison) (Milmor), 7.09 m.p.h.; 2, R. A. Eccleston (Rejo Mk. 3). Fastest lap: J. and A. H. Cook (Rejo Mk. ${ }^{\text {and }}$ Mansfield (Lotus 7 ) 1 m .16 .6 s., 75.57 m.p.h. Mansfield (Lotus ${ }^{\text {Mars }}$ ( 7 Laps ): 1, A. Stubbs (Elva-Sports-Racing Cars ${ }^{\text {Climax Mk. 6), } 80.95 \text { m.p.h.; 2, R. Redgrave (Merlyn- }}$ Climax Mk 4); 3, J. A. Murrell (D.R.W.-Ford). Fastest. lap: Redgrave and B. Dewar (Merlyn-Climax Mk. 6), 1 m .9 .8 s ., $82.93 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Sports Cars up to $1,000 \mathrm{c} . \mathrm{c}$. ( 7 Laps): T. Smallman (Lotus 7), 76.51 m.p.h.; 2, N. H. Wilson (Lotus 7) 3 3, R. K. Meacham (Lotus 7). Fastest lap: Wilson and Smallman, $1 \mathrm{~m} .13 .2 \mathrm{~s} ., 79.08 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Closed Cars 1,001-1,700 c.c. ( 7 Laps ): I, R. Embley (Morris Mini-Ford), 76.89 m.p.h.; 2, W. B. Unett (Sunbeam Alpine); 3, J. A. Wheatcroft (Lotus Elite). Fastest lap: Embley, $1 \mathrm{~m} .14 .0 \mathrm{~s} ., 78.23 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Handicap Race ( 6 Laps) : 1, B. G. Gardner (T.V.R. Grantura), 70.94 m.p.h.; 2, Maj. K. Reynolds (Porsche); 3, D. H. Abbott (Jerboa). Fastest lap: Gardner, $1 \mathrm{~m} .19 .2 \mathrm{~s} .{ }^{\text {, }}$ $73.09 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Handicap Race (6 Laps): 1, D. Shepherd
 XK 120); 3, C. R. Stanger (T.V.R.). $\quad$ Fastest lap: $77.39 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Handicap Race ( 6 Laps): $1, \mathrm{M}$. Phillippe 77.39 m.p.h. Handicap Race (6 Laps):1, M. Philitppe (Lotus 7), $77.37 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} . ; 2$, J. Ewer (Merlyn-Climax); 3, T. Moore (Lotus 7). Fastest lap: Ewer, $1 \mathrm{~m} .11 .8 \mathrm{~s} .$,
80.62 m.p.h. Handicap Race ( 6 laps): 1, J. Bryning $80.62 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Handicap Race ( 6 laps) : (L, J. Bryning
(Lotus 7 ), 72.51 m. p.h.; $2, \mathrm{~A}$. Gough (Lotus-Climax (Lotus 7), 12.51 m.p.h.; 2, A. Gought Lotus-Climax 11); 3, S. P. Lane (Lotus 7. Fastest lap : A. S.
(Elva-Climax Mk. 6), 1 m .10 .6 s ., $81.99 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.
win over T. Moore's similar mount. Terry Savory did well to win the saloon car section in the ex-Paddy McNally Mini-Cooper and David Sim in the Diva won the G.T. class from Tim Lalonde (Marcos) who found the former just too diminutive.

In the sports cars up to 1,600 c.c. race, Chris Clarke scored his second win of the day. Tim Smallman (Lotus 7), who had been trying very hard to get past V. Wyld (Lotus 7), met with success on the fifth lap and scored a welldeserved second spot.
Richard Redgrave (Merlyn-Climax) streaked into the lead of the sports-racing car event. Judging by his gesticulations as he crossed the line, he had obviously committed a nonsense on his final lap for Geoff Oliver (D.R.W.) was on his final ap for chequered flag.

The second of the 10-lap races was divided into two again, this time for 1172 and Monoposto Formula. E. Ogilvie-Hardy (Project X) led into Copse hotly pursued by C. Nicholson (Embryo) and M. Cowburn (Anco), but by the end of the first lap it was Bill Cooper in Alan Wershat's Lolita who was in front. Fourth time round Project X spun at Wood-
cote and refused to continue after such antics. B. Beasley motored with great gusto to finish B. Beand equal with C. Nicholson, both some 20 secs. behind Bill Cooper.
Event eight, a seven-lap scratch race for sports cars up to 1,000 c.c., was one of the closest races of the day. Nick Wilson (now sporting L plates) and Tim Smallman circulated very rapidly in a one-two formation but were split by Bob Bell (Lotus 7) on the fifth lap. However last time round Bell was down to sixth spot, which just shows how close it was. There followed a seven-lap scratch race for closed cars. Rod Embley (Mini-Ford) left a suitable cloud of tyre smoke for the rest of us to go through. The redoubtable Doc Merfield in the Willment Cortina had a tremendous spin on Becketts but continued unabated, naturally several places down the field, to finish fourth. Mike Lawlor in John Miles's Classic-powered Turner had his enthusiasm dampened somewhat after a moment at Copse. Rod Embley sailed home to an easy win with W. Unett's ridiculously fast Sunbeam Alpine some seconds in arrears.
An entertaining day's sport terminated with the handicap races, which were closely fought and saw some shrewd handicapping.
So ended the final Silverstone meeting of 1963; we can't ask for more exciting racing next year, but we can ask for better weather!


SHOWING different angles of lean, B. Clifford (Volvo) and J. Nichols (Morris Mini) are side by side as they leave Woodcote in event ten.

## GORDON HOLDRUP WINS STONE TROUGH TROPHY TRIAL

The Stone Trough Trophy Trial, jointly organized by the B.A.R.C. (Yorkshire Centre) and Yorkshire S.C.C. is usually one of the first to be held following the end of the summer lay-off. This year it was actually the second, the recommencement taking place a week earlier with the Southsea M.C.'s President's Trophy

This year's Stone Trough took place on Sunday, 22nd September, in its usual locale at Yarnbury, near Grassington, in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales; the whole event took place amongst disused leadmine workings in a valley. Despite the limited area a wide variety of hills was available by using natural and man-made obstacles and the event had a compactness equally convenient to competitors and spectators alike. Unfortunately the Clerk of the Weather failed to co-operate and the organizers were compelled to take drastic lastorganizers were compelled to take drastic last-
minute steps to offset the previous week's dry spell. However, that they succeeded is clear from the eventual marking spread of from 47 to 195 marks, with no ties
Most of the 11 morning sections consisted of steep, twisting climbs which, being dry, presented few problems and left the organizers no alternative but to close up the markers to trap the unwary or heavy-footed. At the end of the pre-lunch stint local man Bush (Ford) was in the lead with 17 marks lost-a most creditable performance-with Hobson (Cannon) in second place with 20. This state of affairs was particularly pleasing to the locals in view of the numerical superiority of Midlands and Southern competitors and the absence of so many familiar North country
mudpluggers. However hot competition wasn't far away in the shape of Holdrup (22), Pollard (23) and the winner of the previous week's President's Trophy-Lol Hurt (27).

The afternoon sections were rather more tricky and embraced what little mud there was, being mostly up the sides of a steep, marshybottomed valley. Undoubtedly experience was at a premium here and before long Holdrup, with some clever controlled driving, took a lead from which he was never to be displaced, only losing a further 25 marks during the whole afternoon. However, Pollard pressed him afternoon. However, Pollard pressed him second place. All the time Newman, who had not had a good morning and never got amongst the pre-lunch leaders, had been quietly pressing on and stole into third place whilst Hurt and Hobson were fighting it out between themselves.
During the close season several of the 24 entrants had equipped themselves with new vehicles, whilst the remainder had obviously not been holidaymaking all the time, so that the display of shiny bodywork was more in keeping with a concours d'elegance than a sporting trial. Not all the new devices were the familiar, ubiquitous Cannons, but it may be significant that each of the five awardwinners was Cannon-mounted.
J. A. Stroud

RESULTS
Stone Trough Trophy: G. L. Holdrup (Cannon), 47 marks lost; 2, C. W. Pollard (Cannon), 61; 3. C. G. Newman (Cannon). ${ }^{\text {Cannon) }}$ Novice Award: J. H. Cartwright (Cannon) 164. B.T.R.D.A. Award: G. L. Holdrup.

## London Motor Club at Mallory Park

## Fourteen Races at Club's First Promotion at Leicestershire Circuit

 By JOHN STONE$Q$ UITE the largest crowd seen for some time Le at a club meeting at Mallory Park wit-
nessed no fewer than 14 events, many of them keenly contested, when the London Motor Club held their first meeting at the Leicester shire circuit on Sunday, 22nd September.
Highlights of the afternoon were without a doubt two tremendous duels between John Adams's Team Tourist Trophy Jaguar 3.8 and Rod Embley's astonishing $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Fordengined Morris Mini. In both the heat and final of the saloon car race these two shot away from the rest of the field and appeared to be tied together as they circulated with rarely more than two cars' lengths separating them
Proceedings opened with a $20-\mathrm{min}$. highspeed trial, and six of the starters managed to qualify. Brian Morling (Morris-Cooper), after taking the Devil's Elbow very wide several times clipped the railings on the out side of the elbow and rolled the car across the track, severely damaging it. However, Morling managed to climb out through the broken windscreen without injury

An eight-lap marque scratch race for sports cars followed, and Roger Mac in his E-type had the first of two untroubled victories. C. J Clark (Lotus 7) drove well to snatch second spot from Malcolm Wayne's Elva Courier.
A five-lap scratch race for saloon cars up to 850 c.c. brought an astonishing incident. While the starter's flag was raised and that gentleman was looking down at his stopwatch, several itchy-footed gentlemen shot away from the line, hotly pursued by the rest of the field. Everyone did a very fast practice lap before being brought to order by the starter to begin the race again, a number receiving a ticking-off for their over-zealousness. When a start was finally made, Gordon Line, in his Austin Mini, won without difficulty from the similar car of Paul Easter, with Charles Stancomb (Morris Mini) in third spot.
Bryan Small in a Milmor Mk. 5 won the 750 and 1,172 Formulae race and the small engine section went to B. H. King in a Delta Special. Roger Mac had things pretty well
tied up before the end of the first lap of a 10-lap scratch race for G.T. cars. Wayne's Courier went rapidly to take second place, and Mike Lewis (W.S.M. Midget) took the 1,150 c.c. class from Culcheth's Sebring Sprite.
The ladies had a race all to themselves, and this took the form of a five-lap handicap event. Although Mrs. Brenda Dickinson, in husband Peter's Elva Mk. 6, went very rapidly in the face of an enormous handicap on scratch, she ust failed to catch the slower girls and finished ifth. Winner was Mrs. Betty Biles (Morris Mini).

Rex Willoughby's front-engined Lola ran away with Heat 1 of the scratch race for sports racing cars. Sid Taylor, in finishing fourth in his Lotus Elite, did a lap in 58.4 secs o unofficially break the class G.T. lap record by 0.4 sec .
The beautifully turned-out Lotus 23B of Jack Pearce romped away with the second sports car heat and won as he liked from Peter Deal (Merlyn). The final of the sports car event once again brought victory to Jack Pearce from Deal and Willoughby, who held their respective places comfortably
In the Formula Junior race Melvyn Long, in a Jim Russell Lotus 27, pulled out a good ead over the first lap but overdid things at the Hairpin to leave another Jim Russell pupil, Mike de Udy (Lotus 22), to take the flag from Bill Belcher (North Star-Ford) and Charles Crichton-Stuart (Cooper-Ford)
The first heat of the saloon car race produced a win for M. P. Bate (Mini-Cooper) after an early dice with Terry Page in the exChris Craft Anglia. The battle for the lead ended when Page spun on the Stebbe straight, forcing several other cars to take avoiding action as the Anglia straddled the track. The second saloon heat saw the first of two breathtaking struggles between Adams and Embley, with Adams pulling out all the stops to hold off the Mini and win by two cars' lengths.

Adams and Embley were at it again hammer and tongs in the final of the saloon race, and leaving the rest of the field straggling in their
wake lapped in frighteningly close company with Adams once again just holding the initiative to the flag.
The twin-cam 1,600 c.c. Ford-engined Lotus 22 of Jack Pearce rocketed away from pole position to win the Formule Libre race. Pearce set up the fastest lap of 52.2 secs. ( $93.10 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.$) en route. Louis Jacobsz, in$ his Cooper Junior, came up fast through the field to take second place from Alan Eccles in his 1,500 c.c. Cooper-Climax.
The meeting was well-organized, and was blessed with good weather. One point, however. An official results duplication service would have been very welcome to head-scratching journalists in the press box.

## RESULTS

Marque Sports Cars (8 laps). Overall Winner: R. Mac (Jaguar E). Up to 1,500 c.c.: 1, C. J. Clark , M. Lewis (W.S.M. G.T.). Over 1,500 c.c.: 1, R. Mac (Jaguar E) ; 2, M. J. Wayne (Elva Courier); 850 c.c. (5 laps): 1, G. Line (Austin Mini): 2 , P. Easter (Austin Mini); 3, C. D. Stancomb (Morris Mini). 750 and 1,172 Formula Cars ( 8 laps): 1, B. Small (Milmor Mark 5); 2, H. W. Cooper (Lolita); 3, A. H. Cook (Rejo Mk. 3). G.T. Cars ( 10 laps). Overall Winner: R. Mac (Jaguar E). Up to 1,150 c.c.: 1, M. Lewis (W.S.M. G.T.); 2, B. Culcheth (Sebring 1, R. Mac (Jaguar E); 2, M Wayne (Elva Cour.c.: 3, R. Mac (Jaguar E); 2, M. Wayne (Elva Courier); , Mrs. Betty Biles (Morris Mini) Handicap (5 laps): Veedham (Austin Mini) ; 3 , Miss Elizabeth. Jeanette nie (Austin-Cooper) Sports Raing Cars Mecknie (Austin-Cooper). Sports Racing Cars-Heat 1 Clark (Lius-B M C 7). 3 J N 'Sullivan, (R. J. Climax Mk. 4). Sports Racing Cars-Heat (8 laps): 1, J. Pearce (Lotus-Ford 23B); 2, P. Deal (Merlyn-Ford Mk. 6); 3, R. Redgrave (MerlynClimax Mk. 4). Formula Junior (10 laps): 1, M. de Udy (Lotus-Ford 22) ; 2, A. P. Belcher (North Star-Ford); 3, C. Crichton-Stuart (Cooper-Ford). Saloon Cars-Heat 1 ( 8 laps): 1, M. P. Bate (MorrisCooper); 2, D. E. Colman (Ford Anglia); 3, H. Martin (Austin-Cooper). Saloon Cars-Heat 2 (8 laps): 1, J. Adams (Jaguar 3.8); 2, R. Embley (Mini-Ford); 3, G. A. Percival (Ford Anglia). Formule Libre ( 10 laps): 1, J. Pearce (Lotus-Ford); 2, L. Jacobsz (Cooper-Ford); 3, A. Eccles (CooperClimax). Sports Racing Cars-Final (5 laps): 1, P. Pearce (Lotus-Ford 23); 2, P. Deal (Merlyn-Ford Mk. 6) ; 3, R. Willoughby (Lola-Climax). Saloon Cars-Final ( 5 laps): 1, J. Adams (Jaguar 3.8); 2, R. Embley (Mini-Ford); 3, G. A. Percival (Ford Anglia).

## SANDOWN PARK - Australia

## Lex Davison Wins Victorian Racing Car Championship

The Victorian Racing Car Championship, 1 which was also the fourth heat of the Australian Gold Star drivers' championship, was held at Sandown Park on 15th September. Vietory in the event and valuable championship points went to veteran Lex Davison, driving his 2.7 -litre Cooper-Climax, after a race-long battle with Bib Stillwell, who drove the Repco-Brabham-Climax, which kept the crowd of 20,000 people on their toes throughout the 39 laps of the 1.928 -mile circuit.
Practice held on the previous day produced some keen competition for grid positions for the race as there was the added incentive of $£ 100$, provided by a local radio station, for the first Australian-resident driver to lap at $100 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p}$.h This is a feat which has been accomplished by number of overseas drivers and the current circuit lap record stands to the joint credit of Jack Brabham and Bruce McLaren at 101.9 m.p.h., this being set at the International Meeting last March. At the conclusion of practice Bib Stillwell emerged with 1 min . 10.8 secs., $98.23 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$., and thus secured pole position on the grid, followed by Lex Davison, David McKay driving another Brabham, Bill Patterson (Cooper-Climax), Jim Palmer driving the Scuderia Veloce 2.7-litre CooperClimax, John Youl driving the Cooper with which Jack Brabham won the first International meeting held on this circuit, and Tony Osbourne having his first really big race in his recently acquired ex-Davison, ex-Bowmaker 2.7-litre Cooper-Climax. In the under 1,500 c.c. section of the race, Wal Mitchell 1,500 c.c. section of the race, Wal Mitchell
driving the M.R.D. (the original Brabham) recorded best time, next quickest being Greg Cusack driving the new 1963 Formula Junior Brabham for Scuderia Veloce.
When the starter's flag fell, the Cooper of Davison shot straight into the lead, followed by Stillwell and McKay in the Brabhams. However Davison's lead was short-lived, for
as they screamed up Leighton Hill away from Peters Corner on the second lap Stillwell shot past Davison to take the lead, which he was to hold for three-quarters of the race. In fact, after 15 laps the race appeared to have developed into a high speed procession, as the duel for the lead, and also that for third place, seemed to have been resolved with Stillwell in first place gradually increasing his lead over Davison in second spot, and David McKay in third place maintaining his advantage over John Youl in fourth position. Meanwhile, Bill Patterson was climbing quickly through the field after being delayed with ignition troubles, but the strain proved too great for the car and he retired after 26 laps with transmission failure. Another retirement at the same time was Jim Palmer, who was apparently suffering from the same trouble. This was a great pity, as the young New Zealander had driven a very good race up to this point and he could well be another find for a European Formula 1 team, for, as soon as he gets a reliable machine, he will be equally as good as his countrymen McLaren and Amon.
At about this time it appeared that all was not well with Stilliwell's car (the magneto was playing up) and it soon became apparent that it would be only a matter of time before Davison caught and passed the ailing Brabham. In fact this occurred at almost exactly the same place as Stillwell had taken the lead and, with eight laps to go, Davison only had to keep on the road to win the race, as he had no trouble in pulling away from the Brabham. John Youl, who was making meteoric progress, having caught and passed David McKay, also overtook Stillwell after 35 laps. As the chequered flag was held out for Davison at the conclusion of the race the elder statesman of Australian Motor Racing received a wonderful ovation from the large crowd and, after receiving his trophy, he stepped into the huge

Ford Galaxie of former Australian Gold Star winner Len Lukey, which he was to drive in the supporting touring car race. However, on this occasion his luck changed, as the car shed a piston after five laps of the eight lap race, as he was trying to regain ground after smiting the safety fence at Peters Corner whilst in the lead.

Bib Stillwell received some consolation as he had earlier won the Victorian Sports Car Championship in his Cooper Monaco, although in the absence of Frank Matich in the Lotus 19 there was no real opposition for the Cooper, placings being filled by Greg Cusack (Elfin), and John Roxbrough (Lotus 23). Andrew MacGregor

HARMLESS BEETLE on its back! Ian Baker's Volkswagen rolled just before the Dunlop Bridge in the saloon event.


# CLUB NEWS 

## By ROBERT GRANT

TForces M.C. are promoting the CotswoldContinental rally on 2 nd-3rd November The event is restricted and is a B.T.R.D.A Silver Star Rally Championship qualifier. There will be four starting points and the route will cover some 250 miles. Invited clubs are the B.T.R.D.A., B.A.R.C., London M.C., are the B.I.R.D.A.-B.A., South Wales A.C. Hants and Berks M.C., Sout Co. of Wales M.C. A.W.R.E.M.C. and also to serving members of Her Majesty's Forces and any person who has previously entered in a Forces M.C Cotswold Rally. Closing date for entries is 28th October and forms are obtainable from J. E. T. Raper, 1 Pond Head Lane, Earley Reading, Berks.... The Airedale and Pennine M.C.C. are promoting the S. Rodney Whitely Trophy Trial and the Club Team Trophy Trial for production cars on 17 th November at the Roebuck Hotel, near Bradford. The event is restricted to any member clubs of the Association of Northern Car Clubs. There are six classes, including one for vehicles built before 1940. Entries
should be sent to A. J. de L. Taylor, 11 St . Peter's Crescent, Morley, Leeds, not later than 8th, November. . . . The Cambridge University A.C. wil promote, at Snetterton on 27 th October. It is a restricted event and invited 27th October. It is a restricted event and clubs are the B.R.S.C.C., B.A.R.C., Romford clubs are the B.R.S.C.C., B.A.R.C., Romford
E.C.C., West Essex C.C., M.G.C.C., Snetterton E.C.C., West Essex C.C., M.G.C.C., Snetterton
M.R.C., Nottingham S.C.C., Circle C.C. and the Eastern Counties M.C. The course will the Eastern couns of sprints over the whole of the circuit. There are ten classes and specials and racing cars are eligible. Entries close on and racing cars are eligible. Entries M. W. J. 21 st October and are available from M.
Sowerbutts, Queens College, Cambridge. * Stockport M.C. are organizing the The Stockport M.C. are organizing the 5 th
Annual Regent Rally on 2 nd-3rd November. The rally is a Motoring News Championship qualifier and it is a restricted event open to the B.A.R.C., Cavendish C.C., De Lacy M.C of Pontefract, Glossop and D.C.C., Godiva C.C., Knowlale C.C., Liverpool M.C. London M.C., Huddersfield M.C. and the Chester M.C. The rally promises to be a rea cracker and will cover approximately 180 miles, the majority of which will be in the Peak District. Numerous awards are to be had including one for the best marshalled control point. Entries should be sent to A Wilson, 106 Glossop Road, Marple Bridge Cheshire, before 25 th October

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

## FOREIGN EVENTS

4th-5th October. GENEVA RALLY. 6th October. AMERICAN (F.1).

COUPE DU SALON, Monthery, France (F.J., C., G.T., T.).
S., G.I., T.)
3th OLPLPRIX, Austria (F.J., S., G.T., T.). 3th October. RIVER California, U.S.A. (S.).

## BRITISH EVENTS

5th October. Ulster A.C. Hill-Climb, Knockagh, Co. Antrim, N.I. Starts 2 p.m
B.A.R.C. (N.W. Centre) Sprint, Aintree, near Liverpool, Lancs.
Morgan 4/4'C. and Hagley and D.L.C.C. Sprint, Wellesbourne,
Warwickshire.
Motor-Cycling C. Derbyshire Trial. Starts
Coventry at 2 p.m.
5 th-6th October. Chelmsford M.C. BritviC Rally. Starts BritviC Factory, Chelmsford, Essex, at 8 p.m.
Fylde M.S. le-Will.G. Shunpiker Rally. Starts Newton6th October. B.R.S.C.C. Race Meeting, Brands

## GLOSSOP \& D.C.C.

## BURGESS BOWL RALLY

$\mathbf{W}^{\text {ith }}$ all the usual routes from Glossop $W_{\text {southwards }}$ on to the sheet 111 blackspotted, Glossop Car Club used the unsurfaced track through 022850 to get the cars on the way in their annual restricted Burgess Bowl Rally. This was just about on without undue dis comfort and was the only rough road of any comfort and was the only rough road
length used on 14 th- 15 th September.

Making a clockwise movement round Bux ton, the route was fairly straightforward. In fact, the approach to control 18 at 057668 was signposted with arrows advertising a certain petrol-or was it some crafty advertising for a certain rally?

Designed particularly for the enthusiastic non-circus types, the fairly easy timing must have given all 57 crews some hope of doing well in spite of the occasional very tight sections subtly slipped in. There were several of these above Hathesage before the relaxation of a couple of main road stretches, ending at 273803 approach E.N.E. This led to the downfall of all but nine crews, all others making the wrong approach. One car, only 2 mins. down at this stage, threw it away here because the navigator thought the car in front was a local going courting when it took to the white track which follows the county boundary. It was, however, A. Ridy making the correct approach to control 39!
The rally finished at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at Cowers Lane where it was learnt that with a remarkable performance in an Army Champ, Major Twist and Captain Jones had dropped only 20 mins. This not only won them the magnificent cup presented by Captain Jones himself for award to Army crews, but also gained fourth overall.

## RESULTS

1, Davies/Watson; 2, Austin/Bentley; 3, Champeau 4. Twist/Jones: 5, Mellor Bastiani. Best Novice: Wastiani

## Hatch, nea

Farningham, Kent. Starts
West Essex C.C. National Hill-Climb, Stapleford Airfield, near Abridge, Essex
ford Airfield, near Abridge, Essex.
Sporting Owner D.C. Hill-Climb, Woburn Park, Woburn, Beds.
South Wales A.C. Sprint, Llandow, near CowSouth wales A.C. Starts 2.30 p.m.
bridge, Glam. Sallory C.C. Sprint, Mallory Park, near Hinckley, Leics.
Lawford, near Rugby, Warwickshire Storts 3 p.m. London M.C. Autumn Slalom. Starts Blackbushe Airport, near Camberley, Surrey. Southsea M.C. Autosport Driving Tests. Starts Clarence Pier Coach Park, Southsea, Hants. Vickers-Armstrongs (Hurn) C.C. Inter-Club Driving Tests. Starts Undercliffe Drive, between Boscombe and Bournemouth Piers, Hants.
SUNBAC Vesey Cup Production Car Trial Starts Priestbury, Glos., at 11 a.m.
Vorth Midland M.C., Sheffield and Hallamshire M.C., Rotherham and D.M.C.. Doncaster and Dith Rotherham, Yorks,

## SOUTH WALES A.C.

## CASTEL FARM HILL-CLIMB

FAST and furious was the sport at the final F Castel Farm hill-climb of 1963, promoted recently by the South Wales Automobile Club; the hill record, which had been standing untouched for several years until it was lowered by George Keylock to 26.00 secs. dead with his Cooper-Buick last Whitsun, remains inhis Cooper-Buick last Whitsun, remanaged a violate, for, although Ken Wilson managed a shattering 25.86 secs. in practice in his B.R.M. he was unable to repeat this in the afternoon On his first competition run Ken covered the long straight in a mere 15 secs. and looked set fair to annex the record; unfortunately, how ever, he spun the car through the first bend. reshaping the nose slightly in the process, and was later unable to better 26.69 secs. on his second run, with the B.R.M. sounding a little uneven at the finish. This was, of course, a quite satisfactory B.T.D., but credit must also be due to Ray Terry who, with his special Lotus Seven, got under 27 secs. in practice and, in the afternoon runs, collected second B.T.D. and the unlimited racing car class with 27.14 secs., together with the small with 27.14 secs., together with the smal
sports-racing class in 27.28 secs., in as cool and collected a display of high-speed perform ing as has been seen on this hill for a very long time. This result appears to give Terry a virtually unassailable lead, with 60 qualifying points, in the Junior Hill-Climb Championship pofting state of affairs for a comparative new a fitting state of mon im comer who has made pact during the season.

Oddly enough, several competitors made excellent practice times which they were unable to repeat; Tom Jones got down to 28.43 in the morning, went into the country with his F.J. Envoy on his first run in the afternoon, and subsequently was unable to improve on 30.48 secs. for third place in the small racing car class, finding himself harried at that by Roger David, who piloted the
ex-Fred Jones F.J. Lola up in 30.54 secs. Colin Priddey's Mk. 8 Cooper-J.A.P. rocketed up in 29.94 secs. for the class win, while Ricky up in 29.94 secs. for the class win, while Fuchs brought the same car into second place Fuchs brought the same car into second place in 30.09 secs. Peter Cottrell's Lotus 15 did 27.68 for second place behind Terry in the with a consistent 27.69 secs. in the unlimited sports-racing class, Ken Wilson's other car, the red-and-white Lister-Jaguar, returning 27.33 secs.

A certain piquancy was added to the touring car classes by the retention of the club's whimsical handicap system for modifications, which ensures that the slowest car carries the heaviest penalties; Nick Porter's AustinCooper, with an actual time of 31.19 secs. coored in the small class the was unapproached in the sman Nom nearest opposition coming from Norman Harvey who, driving what the programme described as an "Austin-Copper $S$ " (there must be a moral in that, somewhere) had one very dodgy moment when a brake appeared to lock, but later returned a very brisk 33.14 secs., ahead of Jeff Churchill's S-type with 33.39 John Northcroft's Lotus Cortina was fastest in the next larger class, with 32.15 secs.,


TOM JONES (Envoy-Ford Junior) was third in the small racing car class with 30.48 secs.
and in the unlimited class Emlyn Evans, with a very creditable 31.53 secs. in his 3.4 Jaguar, surprised a good many people including, probably, Arthur Bassett, who, delighted with such spirited and unusual opposition, and slightly handicapped by a mixture of tyres resulting from thrown treads, returned a stirring 31.23 secs. for the class win with his Jaguar 3.8 .

One of the most remarkable performances of the day was to be seen in the unlimited G.T. class, when T. Fields took his very elderly and dilapidated B.M.W. saloon up the hill in an astonishing 36.83 secs. However, this car, originally constructed by Peter Chapman, is not all that it seems; the mouldering shell conceals an Austin-Healey BN1 power-plant and modern suspension which produces an stonishing turn of speed and no little conNonetheless, usion ang with 3150 secs, Maberley Parker's Doretti, with 31.50 secs. and a subsequent retirement to its credit, and Northeroft's Cortina, which clocked 32.20 secs., proved, not unreasonably, to be more than a match for its best efforts, while in the smaller class Tom Pascoe's Porsche, which seems to get quicker all the time, returned 30.89 secs., to take the honours.

Howard Biley.

## RESULTS

B.T.D.: K. Wilson (B.R.M.), 26.69 s F.W.D. Touring Cars: 1, N. Porter (Austin-Cooper), 34.30 s . 2, T. Bassett (Mini-Minor), 36.15 s .; 3. N. Harvey (Austin-Cooper S), 36.45 s . $1,1 \mathrm{el}$, to 1,600 c.c.: 1, J. Northcroft (Lotus Cortina), 32.15 s . J . 2 , J. (Ford Cortina), 34.61 s . Unlimited: 1, A. Bassett (Jaguar 3.8), $31.23 \mathrm{s.;} 2, \mathrm{E}$. Evans (Jaguar 3.4),
31.53 s G. G. cars up to $1.500 \mathrm{c.c.:}$ 1, T. Pascoe 31.53 s. G.T. cars up to $1.500 \mathrm{c.c.:}$ 1, T. Pascoe
(Porsche), $30.89 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, J. A. Knowles (A.-H. Sprite). 32.24 s. Over 1.500 c.c.: 1. M. Parker (Doretti) $31.50 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, K. Chamberlain (Doretti), 31.67 s .:
3, J. Northeroft (Lotus Cortina), 32.20 s . Sportsracing up to 1,500 c.c.: 1, R. Terry (Lotus-Climax 7), 27.28 s.: 2, S. Ashcroft (Lotus Super 7), 28.03 s. 3, B. Field (Lotus Super 7), 28.47 s . Over 1,500 c.c. , K. Wilson (Lister-Jaguar), 27.33 s.: 2, P. Cottrell (Lotus-Climax 15), 27.69 S. Racing cars up to 1,100 c.c.: 1, C. Priddey (Cooper-J.A.P.), 29.94 s. (Envoy-Ford F.J.) 30.48 s Over 1,100 c.c.: 1 K. Wilson (B.R.M.) 26.69 s.: 2. R. Terry (Lotus-
Climax 7), 27.14 s.: 3, P. Cottrell (Lotus-Climax 15),

## MID-ANTRIM M.C. DRIVING TESTS

Held under near-perfect conditions on M.C. event consisted of only four driving tests, each having to be completed three times. All of these tests were held in Clinty Quarry, plenty of room being available so competitors were able to have a real go. Ronnie McCartney proved that power isn't all important, particularly on a loose surface, when he won easily in a borrowed standard MiniMinor.

The first test was a straightforward, forward, reverse, forward round a pylon. The peculiar thing about this test was that most competitors were quicker in darkness than in daylight (since the event got under way at 7.45 p.m., the first competitors through didn't need reversing lights). Best of all here was Robert McBurney in his big Okrasa "beetle" with a time of 28.2 secs. at his second attempt. He had a similar time at his third attempt, but hit a pylon in the process. Next
best came Robert Woodside (Sprite), who took 0.4 sec . longer, while Frank Robinson's rear-engined VW 1500 was a similar distance rear-engined VW 1500 was a similar distance
behind Woodside. McCartney also had a good time of 29.4 secs.
Test 2 was a wide-open do, all of it being in a forward direction. It was composed of three pylons placed in the circumference of a sector of a circle. Competitors had to encircle each one in turn and then go round the outside of the lot. Mini drivers were having trouble holding their cars close to the pylons, many spectacular slides being seen. Ronnie White was best here, taking only 29.2 secs. in his Sebring Sprite, while Robert McBurney had three good times of $30.0,30.4$ and 30.8 secs. Also with 30.4 secs. came Michael Johnston (M.G. Midget), while Robin Steenson had 30.8 secs. Robert Woodside and Ronnie McCartney bests were both 31.0 secs.

Test 3 comprised mainly a forward and, in turn, a reverse through a tight channel, the entrance being very tricky. Many pylons hit the dust, Robert Woodside having two at his first go; he made amends later with a
brilliant time of 34.2 secs., the nearest to this being Michael Johnston.

The fourth test was, perhaps, the trickiest, one part of it consisting of having to cross a line in a forward direction and leave over another 15 ft . away in reverse; the width of the lines was 7 ft . Some competitors considered these lines too close and they were widened to 25 ft . for the second and third runs. Ronnie White had a very good time of 37.6 secs., McCartney had 38.8 secs., Johnston 40.0 secs. and Lucas took 40.2 secs. Robert McBurney had the doubted pleasure of collecting two pylons.
McCartney turned out to be best of the 24 starters, most likely due to the fact that he took care not to hit any pylons.

> D. Beatty Crawford.

## RESULTS

Overall: 1, R. J. McCartney (Morris Mini), 3, R. White (Sebring Sprite), 460.4 s . Class Winners: 3, R. White (Sebring Sprite), 460.4 s. Class Winners: McCartney (Morris Mini), 413.0 s.; J. McClean (Mini-Cooper S), 454.6 s .; R. J. McBurney (VW 1500 ), 448.2 s .

## THE "VALES"-GOOD IN PARTS!

First National Win for Frank Grange and John Brown (Ford Anglia 1500)

$D^{U}$URING the last few years the Swansea M.C.
Rally of the Vales has won a deserved reputation as a well-organized and fair thrash through their own particular area of South and West Wales Much however was new for 1963, including the date, 21st-22nd September 1963, including the date, 21 st-22nd September
(this was the first time the Vales had moved (this was the first time the Vales had moved
from its traditional December date), and the fact that the finish was not in the immediate neighbourhood of Swansea. Less favourable comment must be made about the actual route, however, which contained far too much really agricultural motoring, even for the most hardened championship runners. Many miles of hitherto marked " non-goers" were used, which, after this event, will still be marked as "non-goers" on at least my maps, and the rally can best be described, like the curate's egg, as "excellent in parts." Winners by a clear margin were Frank Grange, navigated by John Brown, in his Anglia 1500, from the local favourites Norman Harvey and Dennis Cardell in a Mini-Cooper $S$ (now recovered from its encounter with the axewielding farmer in the Godiva!).

The start was from the very centre of the main map of the evening, 141, near Garth, where full details of the 89 controls and the many "out of bounds" and "noise" areas were available 45 minutes before the off. The plotting exercise involved was very hard work, and all the time available was required to complete the job before moving off! First away were John la Trobe and Julian Chitty (works VX4/90), who won last year, followed by Phil Simister and Graham Robson, McBride/Barrow, Fisher/Skeffington, and the rest of the field in the organizers' idea of abilities.

The real motoring started from Llanfair-ar-y-bryn with a brisk six mile over the moors north of the village, where the first spectators were gathered round the hairpinned ascent. Little trouble was caused by the first five sections though David Seigle-Morris and David Stone, in a factory-loaned Cortina G.T., lost an untypical one minute at control 5 , and de Souza/Baker dropped their first time at control 4. The first agricultural motoring began from control 5 to control 7 in two threeminute sections, where the first of these was minute sections, where the first of these was
comfortably to $140 / 696367$, but the subsequent dash to $683355 \frac{1}{2}$ (from N.W.) was found to include a tricky crossing of the main road, two uncharted crossings of large farmyards and rough earth and gravel all the way in a very generous mile and a half!

The combined effect of these two sections was that everyone except local crew Galpin and Owen were penalized, McBride, Fisher and Doug Ray by one, and everyone else by two or more. First blood to the organizers! Next, a whole group of controls around Llandeusant caused little trouble to anyone who was able to press-on without interruptions, though the first few competitors had a little trouble with "cold" marshals. John la Trobe was observed to be coming the wrong way for a short time near control 15, and later missed the slot into the approach to control 19 , which cost him seven minutes in all. A
short breathing-space led the route past Sennybridge, and on to the first really agricultural section of the night. From control 27 ( $141 / 968253 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{app}$. S.E.) five minutes were allowed to reach 991261 from N.W., in which the passage of the Mynydd Illtyd was a major pathfinding exercise. No decipherable track out of the control was visible and the only method was to strike blindly north-east in an effort to reach the fenced track approaches which we have used before. For the first few cars this was virtually impossible, as they were confronted by virgin moorland, and several cars strayed into the boggy regions and stuck. Frank Grange stuck for a few minutes only, but Tony Fisher was stranded for over 20 but Tony Fisher was stranded for over 20 then. Seven cars, more by luck than judgment, managed to make this section on time, including Reid-Gibbs, Bloom, the Taylors, and Harvey, but the majority slid and felt their way across the moor to varying degrees of penalty at the night halt in Libanus.

The first 20 controls out of the night halt were quite possible for the determined crews, though the roads through 070357 and the east approach to 080360 made even the hardened Cavendish crews blanch as sump shields and exhaust systems took a rare battering. More countryside (with the added hazard of stray horses) led to control 50, then the climb from Llanelieu caused Simister/Robson and la Trobe to indulge in a few minutes' wrong slotting before finding more ridiculous moorland motoring to $210350 \frac{1}{2}$, with an added hazard in the shape of a small van which was having trouble with what looked like a flame-thrower, flames from which caused Seigle-Morris to take avoiding action into even rougher moorland. The entire complex of white roads was next used south of Hay on Wye, where the unmarked approach from the west into 224365 was used for the first time, then the route led across to the very centre of the map and the twisty complex South of Crickardarn and Gwenddwr. Naturally, another stretch of moorland was used, followed by a very slippy stretch of gravel-strewn tarmac which caused Reg McBride's Anglia to exhibit a show of temperament and smite the bank a hearty blow to the detriment of its wing line (though this went unnoticed by the scrutineers at the finish), while the Seigle-Morris Cortina reduced itself to scrap by spinning and hitting both sides of a very solid bridge. The car was just about driveable at a very low speed, but the body will never be the same again. Yet another area of moorland was used on Brynrydd Common (near Llowes), depending on which approach was used, and Harvey's Cooper gave up all hope of seeing home and mother again, and eventually followed an equally lost competitor through to the main road and civilisation. But this was not all, as a final green road across Llandewifach moor was included before the final group of controls in the Cregrina area was tackled. Simister lost four minutes and two places by a puncţure just after the rough passage through Llandeilo just after the rough passage through iffanderio finding the correct turning under the railway
to Aberedw. Surprisingly, the Taylors lost a certain third place by losing no fewer than six minutes on the last few easy sections, and Bloom lost second place by similar manoeuvres.
The finish was at Llandrindod Wells, but at the unfamiliar Rock Park Hotel, which provided a very pleasant alternative to the familiar old Metropole. Results, trophies and cheques were dispensed by a smiling clerk of the course, with the remarks that he hoped to see more entries for 1964 . Since the Vales may not have National status next year, this may be possible, but we all hope that tarmac roads will be preferred instead of all the moorland which appeared!

Graham Robson.

## RESULTS

1, F. Grange/J. Brown (Ford Anglia 1500), 9 mins.; 2, N. Harvey/D. Cardell (Mini-Cooper S), 11; 3, D. Reid-Gibbs/K. Eustace (Allardette), 14; M. Sutcliffe/B. Potys (Morris (Mini-Cooper), 15; 5, M. Sutcliffe/B. Potys (Morris 1100), 15; 6, A. Taylor/ Mrs. S. Taylor (Mini-Cooper), 18; 7,' R. McBride
D. Barrow (Ford Anglia 1500), 19; 8, R. N. Richards/ G. C. Davies (Ford Cortina G.T.), 26; 9, D. Ray T. Straker (Allardette), $27,10, \mathrm{P}$. $\begin{gathered}\text { Simister/G. } \\ \text { Robson (Ford Cortina G.T.), } \\ \text { 28. Team Prize: }\end{gathered}$ Robson (Ford Cortina G.T.) 28. Team Prize:
Chelmsford Cortinas, R. N. Richards, A. T. Lobb and P. Simister.


S-TYPE Cooper-Mini of Tony Fisherl David Skeffington receives attention from the marshals at a control (above). The crew were stuck for over 20 minutes in a boggy section. TAKING hairpin bend at Llangadock is the Ford Cortina G.T. of Robin Richards/G. C. Davies (below).


BASIL DAVENPORT throws the tail out as he takes a left-hander in his veteran G.N Spider.

## SHENSTONE \& D.C.C. CURBOROUGH FARM SPRINT

THIS was the first restricted sprint meeting 1 promoted by the Shenstone and District Car Club following the opening of the Curborough Farm course in June by a closed sprint. A maximum entry of 75 cars was received, with nine cars failing to put in an appearance; unfortunately five of these were in the Formule Libre class. Fortunately this did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the spectators on 22 nd September as over 500 cars were present in the car park, which augurs well for the future popularity of this new venue.

The morning was devoted to two practice runs per competitor, and after a short brenk the event proper commenced with class 1 for unmodified saloon cars up to 1,600 c.c., excluding Mini-Coopers. This was the most poorly supported class, producing only five
entrants, and was easily won by R. H. Taylor Morris Mini) in 49.3 secs
Class 2 resolved itself into a battle between Brian Harper's Lotus Elan and H. S. Shep herd's Jaguar, the former winning by 0.3 sec . despite a fractured gear lever. An appeal over the public address for the loan of a gear lever from a spectator's car produced the immediate response of help from TV personality MacDonald Hobley, but on close examination it was found that a lever from a Cortina G.T differed from that of an Elan

The third class was won by Bob Rose's very wift Lotus Elite with two very consistent runs of 41.7 and 41.8 secs. And so to Class 4 for Formule Libre racing cars. This, as was to be expected, developed into a battle between Ian McLaughlin (Cooper-J.A.P.) and Tony Griffiths (B.R.M.), with McLaughlin producing an excellent last run of 37.7 secs. when he already had the class award in the bag (his first run was 0.2 sec. better than Griffiths's second). was 0.2 sec. better than Griffiths's second).
Special mention must be made of Basil Davenport in his well-known Shelsley special G.N. Spider, with two consistent runs of 44.5 and 44.1 secs. respectively.

Class 5, which was for Vintage and P.V.T. thoroughbred sports cars, produced no fewer than five Fracer. Nashes. but Tony Chamoock well.known Avis Special proved too strone by 0.3 sec .

Michael Usher.

## RESULTS

B.T.D.: I. McLaughlin (Cooper-J.A.P.), 37.7 s Unmodified Saloon Cars up to 1,600 c.c. excluding Mini-Coopers: 1, R. H. Taylor (Morris Mini), 49.3 s .; 2, R. L. Hayes (Austin Mini); 3, C. A. A. Constantine (Triumph Herald), 53.5 s. Unmodified Saloon Cars over 1,600 c.c., Modified Saloon Cars up to 1,600 c.c., Unmodified Sports Cars and Unmodified
Mini-Coopers: 1, B. Harper (Lotus Elan), $43.5 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ Mini-Coopers: 1, B. Harper (Lotus Elan), 43.5 S.; 2, H. S. Shepherd (Jaguar 3.8), 43.8 s.; 3, G. S. H. Ward (Daimler SP250), 45.6 s. Modifed Sars 1,600 c.c., Modified Sports Cars, Modified Mini-Coopers, S-type Mini-Coopers, Two-seater Specials and G.T. Cars: 1, R. Rose (Lotus Elite) 3, E. Brain (Austin-Healey Sprite), 44.3 s . Formule Libre: 1, I. McLaughlin (Cooper-J.A.P.), 37.7 s . 2, A. B. Griffiths (B.R.M.), 38.5 s.; 3, M. Eaves (Lotus-Ford 20), 40.2 s . Vintage and P.V.T. Thoroughbred Sports Cars: 1, A. S. R. Charnock (Alvis Special), 47.0 s.; 2, J. V. Skirrow (FrazerNash), 47.3 s.; 3, M. Brydson (Alvis Speed 25 Special), 52.0 s .

## Haslemere Motor Club's MERRYDOWN RALLY

THe Merrydown Rally, organized by the aslemere Motor Club, is a unique event, although with more and more people's thoughts turning to off-the-road activities, it may well set the pattern for motor sport at club level in the future
The tenth edition of the Merrydown took place on Sunday, 29th September and was run over eight sections, six on private ground and two through fords which, although technically public, were little used except by the competitors! The various sections were linked by untimed main-road runs. Some form of time schedule, be it ever so modest, might help the schedule, be it ever so modest, might help the
organizers in the smooth running of future events. As it was, the methods of proceeding from test to test varied according to temperament, and it was fortunate in certain cases that the promised rally plates failed to materialize!

From the start at Borden the field proceeded to try conclusions with the Deadwater Ford in Lindford. Since the test was against the clock with marking on the class zero basis, normal tactics for fording had to be abandoned in favour of a quick rush allied to the hope that there would be sufficient momentum to carry the car safely through. This technique assured good spectator value. Gordon King in his 1500 G.T. Allardette was quickest in the over 1,300 c.c. class with 11.6 secs. and Martin Doyle recorded 12.8 secs. to win the opposite class. Doyle was to pay for his efforts later, when he retired at the second ford with engine failure in his Herald thought to have been caused by water entering through the exhaust
Test (or section) Two was at Superior Camp, near Grayshott and comprised a very enjoyable dice on a mixture of dirt roads and hardstanding. Quickest here was Leo Bertorelli with his TR 4 in 2 mins. 12.2 secs., the under 1,300 c.c. class being well won by Peter Noad in 2 mins. 15.6 secs., driving his 1200 VW, we need hardly add. Sir Peter Moon, MiniCooper mounted this year, tried a little too hard, and although no harm was done to man or machine, his time was ruined by de-ditching activities

Moon did it again at the next test, a fine section around the perimeter of the depressinglooking Longmoor Camp, and this time it took several minutes to extract the still-undamaged ear, leaving Gordon King to consolidate his position with a stirring 2 mins. 17 secs. Tony Straker (Sprite) and John Ivil (VW) tied for the small class with 2 mins. 23.0 secs. To do well in the Longmoor test you had to take the two gullies on the straight harry-flatters. This was a good test of suspension systems and no harm came to those who had sufficient confidence in their cars not to lift.

There was only one non-stop section this year, at Great Stoatley, and since conditions were so good hardly anyone was troubled and clean ascents were the order of the day

The next test, Cocking Causeway, was far more exacting, being considered to be too rough by the majority of entrants. Even Moon, who would scarcely have to walk to the office if he broke his competition car, was heard to remark that he would not care to try heard to remark that he would not care to try
to repeat his efforts on his first "run", which was to repeat his efforts onhis first "run", which was
terminated when he came up behind the finish terminated when he came up behind the finish marshal's car, thit Peter was nevertheless asily fastest on his proper run, taking 1 min . 5 secs, to Bertorelli's 2 mins, 02 secs. Noel Thorne, giving his new 3-litre Rover its first outing, lost it in a big way and was forced to retire, although fortunately the crew was unhurt.
After lunch came Tisted, which, like Cocking, consisted of the track of a disused railway. The sleepers had been removed, although some people thought that it would have been less rough had they not. However, the big snag with Tisted was the individual who thought it necessary to place angle-iron girders in the path of oncoming cars. What ever the pros and cons of anti-rally feelings aroused by straying cattle and noise at night, the Merrydown could hardly be said to be causing a disturbance, since the section was remote and the organizers had taken the precaution of seeking the necessary permission

## WEST LANCS M.C. AUTOCROSS

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{T}}$ the West Lancs M.C.'s Fourth Stanley restricted Autocross, an event to qualify for the British Trials and Rally Drivers' Association Autocross Championships, held at Spout House Farm, Ormskirk, on Sunday, 22nd September, trials exponents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parkin with their famous special "Cannonball", set up the first and second best times of the day over the two-lap, fast, kidney-shaped course
Mrs. Parkin set up the B.T.D. in 1 min . 4.27 secs., beating her husband's best time in the same car by over a second, showing that women are just as competent at this sport as the men! Current leader in the B.T.R.D.A., Ken Piper was not so lucky with his new special Iris 4, but considering the car had only been completed in construction on the evening before the event he put up a creditable time of 1 min .14 secs. Throughout the day Ken and Iris constructor Frank Pryer were dogged with clutch troubles, but this car should be a strong contender for honours when its teething troubles have been solved

Another qualifier for the B.T.R.D.A. championships was Geoff Snow in a Vitesse, who once again showed that this partnership of car ard driver are unbeatable.
Some of the local boys put up a good show and made the going hard for the southerners, with John Akers in his T.V.R., which has won many awards, taking the Stanley Trophy. Local farmer J. S. Wareing, in his Mini Estate, also put in some excellent times giving him a well-deserved class win, beating all the Cooper-Minis and S -types in the process.
As in last year's event, the third times run were run in pairs and this brought out some excellent dicing with some of the 60 entrants improving on their previous times. The day finished with a three-car team relay which was won after some very close times by Haworth, Seddon and Keeley.
J. S. Hirst

## RESULTS

B.T.D.: Mrs. H. Parkin (Lotus Cannonball), m .4 .27 s . Stanley Trophy: J. Akers (T.V.R.), m. 10.39 s. B.T.D. on Index of Performance: H. Parkin (Lotus Cannonball), 1 m .5 .80 s . Ladies' Award: Mrs. K. James (Mini-Cooper S), 1 m .15 .66 s . Class Winners: G. Woods (Mini), 1 m .17 .17 s .; J. S. Wareing (Mini Estate), 1 m .11 .19 s ; G. Snow
(Triumph Vitesse), 1 m .13 .12 s .; J. R. Tomlinson (Triumph Vitesse), $1 \mathrm{~m} .13 .12 \mathrm{~s} . ; \mathrm{J} . \mathrm{R}$. Tomlinson M.G.B), $1 \mathrm{~m} .11 .80 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ T. J. Walsh (Volkswagen),
$1 \mathrm{~m} .20 .28 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ J. G. Lawrenson (Lotus Super 7), 1 m .12 .9 s , Relay: Haworth, Seddon and Keeley,
from the only farmer likely to be affected. Bertorelli's TR4, Barry Russell's Healey, John Barnes's Morris 1100 and Valerie Pirie's G.T. Barnes's Morris 100 and Valerie Pirie's G.T.
Cortina were all involved, the latter having to retire on the spot, having performed well on the morning section. The TR4 and the 1100 were both damaged. Legal action might well follow, but the immediate effect was to have the section scrubbed and the depleted field proceeded to Froyle for an entertaining piece of autocross on the hilly slopes of Cresthill Farm. Peter Noad, having tightened someFarm. Peter Noad, having tightened some-
thing in his steering at the lunch halt, was quickest here, urged on by navigator Brian Culcheth, and he nearly did it again at Standford Ford, which was deeper but shorter, than Deadwater. He was pipped, however, by Stuart Brown's Peugeot 403, which went through behind an incredibly high bow-wave.

A stage in the grounds of Connaught Military Hospital and a return visit to Longmoor for a modified course were both Moon benefits, the Mini-Cooper performing as well as ever. This car really is a quick one. Barry Russell caused something of a stir by unaccountably mis-reading one of the excellent direction arrows at Connaught. This cost him about 30 secs., but such was the spirit in which the event was run that his class rivals begged the organizers to let him have another run.

Quite apart from the public relations aspect, this sort of event has much to commend it for its social value, but if larger entries are to be anticipated some of the rougher stuff must be cut out in the future. Ron Ambrose.

## RESULTS

1, G. King (Allardette), 17.4 pens.; 2, L. Bertorelli TR4), $37.1 ; 3$, M. Sowden (Cortina G.T.) 49.5; 4, P. Pollard (M.G.B), 60.7; 5, D. Minchin (Mini-
Cooper), 62.1; 6, P. Noad (VW), 68.9; 7, J. Ivil VW), 70.0; 8, S. Brown (Peugeot), 79.9; 9, J. Barnes (Morris 1100), 84.7; 10, B. Russell (Healey 3000), 96.4 .

# Bishopscourt <br> Racing 

## Ulster A.C.'s Second Race Meeting on New Circuit

## By BEATTY CRAWFORD

HELD in wonderful conditions, in direct contrast to the last Bishopscourt meeting, an otherwise good afternoon's sport was marred by two things: an accident involving a marshal and an entry of only six in the Formula Junior race, which lasted for 20 laps of the fine circuit.
The first of the seven races scheduled for the afternoon was the closed car saloon handicap event. This turned out to be the most exciting race of the meeting, with Adrian Boyd in his Marcos passing Edwin McQuaid's 1500 Anglia and Harry Kirkpatrick's 1100 Mini-Cooper on the last bend. Adrian was to have been on the scratch mark but his handicap was changed at the last minute to 10 secs. as his engine had blown up the previous weekend when testing tyre pressures He had borrowed an old Anglia engine which had 40,000 miles to its credit, fitted it with the remains of his old engine and hoped for the best!
The 1,172 c.c. Ford brigade were due out next, but the start was delayed due to the fact that a marshal had been injured in the previous race. It was Jim McArdle in the Crossle who led fellow Crossle driver, Jackie Davidson through the Esses. Davidson took the lead on the back straight and kept it right to the flag. McArdle held second place, while Peter White and Joe Smith battled for third spot Smith spurted and passed both White and McArdle on the fourth lap, but overdid things at the hairpin, spinning to fifth place. Jim Sergeant slipped past White at this stage and So they finished with Davidson well ahead of so they finished with Davidsond
MeArdle and Sergeant third.
Next on the agenda was the 20-lap, six entrant Formula Junior Champion Trophy race. Denis Kingham was driving the ex-McKinney Cooper; also Cooper-mounted were Luke Duffy and Gerry Kinnane. Lotus were represented by Tommy Reid in his 22 model and Charles Eyre-Maunsell in the 18

John Pollock's Gemini Mk. 4 made up the sextet.

Reid made a good start and he was followed closely down into the Esses by Pollock and Kinnane, with Kingham fourth, Duffy nex and Maunsell last. By the beginning of lap 5 Reid was well away, but Kinnane and Pollock were having a good dice for second place The field was reduced by a third on this lap, however, when the leader went out when his inner drive coupling broke, allowing his halfshaft to flail about and sever the brake line; fortunately, this happened coming out of the hairpin. Eyre-Maunsell had the misfortune to engage two gears at once, causing the bottom of his gearbox to break off and a general "gnashing of teeth"
Interest was maintained, however, since Pollock and Kinnane were still battling away; now for the lead. First one would go ahead and then the other, but Kinnane finally took first place when the unfortunate Pollock threw a rod on Bishop's Straight. This left three cars, these occupying almost half the circuit; and so they finished eight laps later with Kinnane the winner, Kingham second and Duffy last

The sports car scratch race over five laps consisted of four classes. Bertie McElhinney's $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Lotus Super 7 led his class and overall position for most of the race, while Adrian Boyd finished second in this class after Stanley Porter had retired his Super 7 on the last lap. John l'Amie's 1,475 c.c. Crossle disappeared after only one lap.
The next two races were heats for the "other cars" handicap event; these were five-lappers, the first 15 going into the final. Robin Rennicks (Phoenix Special) and Peter White (Lotus-Ford) were the heat winners and before the final came the "fastest car" handicap. The field was depleted by the absence of John Pringle's I.C.F. Cooper-Climax, which had blown a gasket during practising.
Malcolm Templeton was the last to get away in his twin-cam Ford-powered Lotus 22. Adrian Boyd led for the first four of the 10 laps, but then Gordon Drew took over the lead in his 1,098 c.c. Mercury and he held it to the finish. Meanwhile, Templeton was moving up the field and by the ninth lap was third. Boyd had too big a lead over him, however, and took second place, but Templeton had the satisfaction of making a new lap record, circulating in 1 min . 54.5 secs., a speed of $94.41 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.
The final of the "other cars" handicap turned out to be a Ford Special benefit, these cars taking the first four places! This race proved to be a repeat of the second heat with proved to be a repeat of the second heat with Joe Smith and Peter White battling for the
lead, the honours eventually going to Smith.
of the slowest, Clare's Austin 7 Special more at home mug-plugging, and a kart which didn't come up to expectations.

Christopher Pelling.

## results

B.T.D. M. Phillippe (Lotus-Ford 7), 38.59 s Best Lady: Mrs. E. Price (Lotus Mk. 6), 43.66 s . Fastest M.G.: B. D. Martin (M.G.T.A.), 44.66 s. Standard Saloons up to 850 c.c.: H. J. Woolford (Mini), 51.34 s . $851-1,700$ c.c.: D. Wynn-William (Austin-Cooper), 48.65 s. Modified Saloons up to 1,200 c.c.: J. W. Dunster (Austin-Cooper), 44.19 s $1,200-2,000$ c.c.: E. Weaver (Lotus Cortina), 44.14 s Sports and G.T. Cars up to 1,200 c.c.: A. Alennet (Sprite), 46.92 s . 1,201-2,000 c.c.: R. Johnson (Tojeiro), 43.24 s . Sports-Racing Cars up to 1,500 c.c. M. Phillippe (Lotus-Ford 7), 39.14 s . Over 1,500 c.c. J. Olding (Lotus-Ford 7), 40.21 s . Saloons, G.T and Spors 4678 s. 2,000 c.c.: A. A. Denton

## YORK M.C.

## DRIVING TESTS

Once again we must congratulate the York Motor Club committee for producing such a beautiful day to hold their first re stricted driving tests. Also our congratulations must go to Chris Woodcock who pro-
duced a first-class set of driving tests on 15 th September.

The venue for the tests was Riccall Aerodrome, which has long been disused. The tests were spread out round the perimeter track and in the bomb bays off the track. The surface was very loose which, I think, tended to make everyone drive more precisely to make everyone drive more precisely. to produce interesting but simple tests.

The entry, although not large, 41 cars com peting, all seemed to enjoy themselves and

Jackie Davidson took third place while Jim Sergeant was fourth in his Ford.

Thus came the end to the afternoon's sport there having been a great improvement in the organization since the last event. All that is required is a better entry to make this venue really interesting.

## RESULTS

Closed Car Handicap: 1, A, J, L, Boyd (Marcos Ford), $77.90 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{ph} . ; 2$, E. N. E. McQuaid (Ford Anglia); 3, H. G. Kirkpatrick (Mini-Cooper) Fastest Lap: Boyd, 79.41 m.p.h. 1,172 c.c. For Specials: 1, J. Davidson (Crossle), 76.79 m.p.h.; 2, J. McArdle (Crossle); 3, S. J. Sergeant (Crossle) Fastest Lap: J. Smith (Ford Special), 79.30 m.p.h Formula Junior Championship: 1 , G. Kinnane (Cooper), $88.83 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{ph} . \mathrm{h}$, 2, D. G. Kingham (Cooper) 3, L. M. Duffy (Cooper), Fastest Lap: J. H. Pollock (Gemini), $90.91 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Sports Cars: 1, R. McElhinne (Lotus Super 7), 79.46 m.p.h. : 2, C. W. Eyre-Maunsel (Sunbeam Alpine); 3, A. J. L. Boyd (Marcos-Ford) Class Winners: B. Patterson (Austin-Healey Sprite) $74.05 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} . ; \mathrm{C}$. W. Eyre-Maunsell (Sunbeam Alpine) $76.46 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. . "Other Cars" Handicap Super Heat 1, R. H. Rennicks (Phoenix Snecial) 76.10 m . 1, R. H. Rennicks (Phoenix Special), (M.G. Midget). Heat 2:1, J Smith (Ford Special) $76.12 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{h} .:$ 2 $^{2}$, P. J. B ' White (Lotus-Ford). 3 J. Davidson (Ford Special). Final: J. Smith (Ford Special), 77.96 m.p.h.; 2, P. J. B. White (Lotus-Ford) 3pecial), 7.96 m.p.h., , P. J. B. Wate (Lotus-Ford 80.84 m.p.h. "Fastest Cars', Handicap: 1, G. W Drew (Mercury), 80.52 m.p.h.; 2, A. J. L. Boyd (Marcos-Ford); 3, M. Templeton (Lotus-Ford 22). Fastest Lap: Templeton, 94.41 m. p.h.

GERRY KINNANE, at the wheel of his Cooper-Ford, won the Formula Junior Champion Trophy, an unfortunately poorly supported event.

three people who motored over from Morecambe to compete said they would be back next year

Richard T. Oxtoby.
RESULTS
Best Performance: P. Cooper, $98.9 \%$. Class Winners: P. Frost, $96.8 \%$; I. Walker, $91.7 \%$; L. Banks, $94.7 \%$; R. Sanderson, $95.7 \%$; R. J. Edmond, $91.9 \%$ Best Novice: P. Stokoe, $93.3 \%$. Best York M.C. Entrant: P. Frost, $96.8 \%$.

## BRIGHTON \& HOVE M.C. PRODUCTION CAR TRIAL

Brighton and hove Motor Club held their autumn Production Car Trial on Sunday, nd September. The meeting was a restricted event and, in addition to those from the promoting club, entries were received from Eastbourne and D.M.C., Chichester M.C., Worthing M.C., London M.C., the M.G.C.C. and the B.A.R.C.
Signing on and scrutineering took place at Staplefield in the morning. Cars started at 2 p.m. and proceeded to a farm at Ovingdean where the tests were arranged. The trial consisted of seven tests, all on hills. The first proved easy for all competitors, but from then on they were not so simple.

Pat Ward.
RESULTS
Saloon Cars: 1, J. Gillham (Triumph Herald); 2, D. Aukett (Volvo); 3, I. Horton-Stephens (Citroen S19). Sports Cars: 1, D. A. West (Austin-Healey J. R. Griffiths (M.G. Midget). Minis: 1, M. G. A Ford (Austin Mini-Cooper); 2, J. F. Barnes (Austin Mini). Rear-engined cars and specials: 1, K. B. Shaw (Dellow); 2, M. Knights (Fiat); 3, P. le Couteur (Dellow).

## Good Racing and Fine Weather at Debden



LINE UP for the second heat of 1172 Formula cars. Alan Wershat is nearest camera in his famous Lolita, once the original Lola.

OSaturday, 14th September, the SevenFifty Motor Club staged their third race meeting for this season on the Debden circuit, this one being at the invitation of their "Open Day" festivities, all the profits going to charity. The public were treated to some spirited Kart racing, there was a safe driving contest in which they could take part and, in the evening, a dance in one of the hangars.
For once the weather was perfect, and with the R.A.F. Motor Sport Association and the Austin-Hzaley Club co-promoting, the racing started promptly at 1.30 p.m. after morning practice. Many of the wellknown 750 and 1172 drivers had decided to go to the Peterborough M.C. meeting at Silverstone and this opened the way for several road-going specials and saloons not often seen on the circuits, Whatever the meeting lacked in "names", it certainly made up for in close racing, and two marshals laid aside their flags to make their début in club racing, sharing a loaned car which, thank heavens, they didn't bend!
The first four races were heats for the 750 and 1172 finals to come later in the programme, and the fact that several engines burst asunder showed that few
could afford to hold anything back if they
were to stand a chance of qualifying. Cyril Lyford in Squeg, and Bohle in the SeptoAustin, won their respective heats, Lyford lapping at over 71 m.p.h. which is some indication of the pace they set. The first 1172 heat went to Bryning (Lotus 7 ) after a duel with Heseltine (Vanford-U2), this duel being repeated in a later race. In the second 1172 heat Alan Wershat won by 6 secs. from Baillie's Pegasus Mk. 3 .
Race 5 was a 10 -lapper for all-comers and John Anstice-Brown made no mistake about this one in his highly tuned 105E Rochdale Olympic, second man being Howe in a well-driven 1500 Anglia. Winterbourne tried this way and that to get past Hawkins's Healey 100 with fist waving to attract the driver's attention, whereupon Hawkins spun in a big way on the back straight, collecting markers en route so that the 1172 L.E.C. went through in an effort to catch the Sprites of Braine and Tiedeman. Event 6 was a $10-\mathrm{lap}$ race for Sprites and Midgets and some very spirited driving was put in by everyone. The pretty lightweight G.T. coupés of White and Cole took first and second, the winner's average being a fraction under $77 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. As in the previous race, Braine and Tiedeman were at it again, but the archdeacon of the Monoposto Register could do nothing about the flying Mr . Braine; perhaps the fact that Frank had been on Spanish soil at 4 a.m. that very day had something to do with this! The Monoposto Race came next and Terry Ogilvie-Hardy's Project X leapt into the lead, only to retire after three very quick laps, leaving Featherstone in the Bond F.J. to win at over 81 m.p.h.,
with Bill Cooper in Lolita second, having withe a fastest lap of the day at 84.38 m.p.h.

Race No. 8 for sports cars and saloons had everything, Lotus 7 s (including Miss Natalie Goodwin, the only lady driver), one 1172 Special, Ginetta G4, Rochdale, Anglia, and John Miles's latest purchase, the ex-Johnny Wilks Omega-Jaguar. The
throaty roar of the Jag was the first to throaty roar of the Jag was the first to
be heard and John was obviously enjoying the extra power after the usual Austin Ulster. Several Lotus 7 s and the Ginetta made long excursions into the grass but managed to get back again. The Omega won, Pegasus was second, Rochdale and Anglia third and fourth after another racelong battle, and Miss Goodwin, cornering
with one hand and holding herself in with the other, came fifth.

The 750 Formula final saw a lightning start from Cyril Lyford and with lap two at over 71 m.p.h. he looked all set to win this easily. Alas, somewhere on the back straight something gave up the struggle, the motor cut, and that was that. The pace was so fast that White, Lettington and Butcher all retired, but Rolt drove his Ulster in splendid style to lead the Septo and Hunt over the line, averaging 66 m.p.h. to the flag. The last race of the day, the 1172 final, renewed the scrap between Heseltine and Bryning, only a fraction of a second separating these two after seven laps. The winner, however, was way out in front some 10 secs. ahead, Alan Wershat turning in a lap at over 80 m.p.h. and proving beyond all doubt that he is the wizard of the 100 E

An excellent commentary by Norman Greenway, who seemed to have an intimate knowledge of every car and driver, kept the public well informed. The meeting was over by 5.45 p.m. and altogether it was a very pleasant day indeed.

Colin Peck.

## Results

750 Formula-Heat 1 ( 5 laps): 1, C. J. Lyford (Squeg), 69.60 m.p.h.; 2, J. L. White (Whico); 3. J. Cotton (Finesse). Fastest lap: Lyford, 1 m . 15.6 s.; 71.43 m.p.h. 1172 Formula-Heat 1 ( 5 laps): 1, J. Bryning (Lotus 7 ), 75.42 m.p.h.; 2,
J. Heseltine (Vanford U2); 3, L, Bergonzi (D.R.W.), J. Heseltine (Vanford U2); 3, L. Bergonzi (D.R.W.).
Fastest lap: Bryning, $1 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}^{2} .4$ s., $77.81 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Fastest lap: Bryning, 1 m .9 .4 S., $77.81 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.
750 Formula-Heat $2(5 \mathrm{laps}): 1$, T. Bohle (Septo) 750 Formula-Heat 2 ( 5 laps ): 1, T. Bohle (Septo),
$64.10 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} . ; 2$, A. Butcher (Special); 3, G. Hunt 64.10 m.p.h.; 2, A. Butcher (Special); ${ }^{\text {a }}$, G. Hunt
(Special). Fastest lap: B. R. Beale (Special), 1 m .20 .8 s., 66.83 m.p.h. 1172 Formula-Heat 2 (5 laps): 1, A. R. Wershat (Lolita), $77.10 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p.h}$. ; 2, A. Baillie (Pegasus); 3, R. H. Sussams (Pegasus). Fastest lap: Wershat, $1 \mathrm{~m} .{ }^{7} .4$ s., $80.12 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p.h}$. Sports and Saloons ( 10 laps): 1, J. Anstice-Brown (Ford Anglia); 3 R. R Braine (Austin-Healey. Sprite) Fastest lap: Anstice-Brown, 1 m . 10.0 s o, 77.14 m.p.h. Sprites and Midgets ( 10 laps): 1, M, White (TV.S.M. Sprite), 76.93 m.p.h.; 2, P. R. G. Cole (Sprite); 3, R. Braine (Austin-Healey Sprite). Fastest lap: White and Cole, 1 m .8 .8 s., 78.50 m.p.h. Monoposto Formula ( 10 laps): 1, C. J. T. Featherstone (Bond-Ford), 81.89 m.p.h.; 2, H. W. Cooper (Lolita); 3, C. C. J. Nicholson (EmbryoForc). Fastest lap: Cooper, ${ }_{11 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}^{2}} 4.0$ S., 84.38 m.p.h. Sports and Saloons (10 laps): 1 (Omega-Jaguar), ${ }^{\text {sus-Ford) }} 3$, K. C. W. W.iliams (Lotus-Ford 7). Fastest lap: Miles, 1 m .7 .4 s ., $80.12 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.

## BENTLEY D.C. <br> FIRLE HILL-CLIMB

SUNDAY, September 15 th must have been the finest day of this so-called summer and a record crowd assembled at Firle for With gliders soaring overhead and harvesting going on all round, they watched over 100 interesting cars make their ascents of the 1 -in- 7 hill. In addition to the usual selection of Bentleys there were classes for Jaguars, Aston Martins, Lagondas and M.G.s run on a handicap basis. Best time of the day was recorded by Peter Farquharson's Cadillac-engined Allard in 26.23 secs. Second place was hotly contested by Keith Schellenberg (3.8-litre, disc-braked Jaguar C-type) and Mike Barker (3.8-litre Alton-Jaguar of his own construction), the latter coming out on top by three-hundredths of a second. The best Bentley time, 28.84 secs., was achieved by the $4 \frac{1}{4}$-litre supercharged RollsBentley of "Rusty" Russ-Turner, and this won him the Christopher Tomkinson Trophy. Not far behind him were George Burton's $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre (29.04), John Williamson's $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre (29.39) and F. P. Morley's 8-litre (29.94). An outstanding effort in getting under 30 secs. was that of Geoff Bishop"s 1936 2-litre Aston Martin "Red Dragon," his last run of 29.9 deservedly winning him the Aston Martin handicap. Sidney Pile appeared with his immaculate 1935 Ulster Aston, now with Bristol engine and disc brakes, and he recorded 30.55. Amongst the quicker Jaguar-engined machinery were Owen's Lister, with Costin bodywork, and the two Rirhardsons with their A.C. Ace and Aceca. Bill Wilks was also fast in his converted F. 2 Cooper-Bristol. Joe Goodhew's

1955 V12 Lagonda was nice, but only managed 32.17 compared with 32.52 by Elwell Smith's $19321 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Aston Martin, which is the quickest ever recorded for this type of car.

Brian Joscelyne.

## RESULTS

B.T.D.: P. Farquharson (Allard), 26.23 s . 3 -litre Bentleys: 1, D. W. Llewellyn, $32.67 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, H. P.
 G. - H. Gentleys under 10 . H . Wurton, $29.12 \mathrm{~s} . \mathrm{i}_{2}$, J. Theelbase: Williamson, 1 ,
G . $29.39 \mathrm{~s} . ; 3, \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{S}$. Pounds, 30.19 S . $4 \frac{1}{\text {-litre Bent- }}$ leys over 10 ft . wheelbase: $1, \mathrm{~J} . \mathrm{H} . \mathrm{J}$. Tatam,
 Bentleys: 1, F. P. Morley (8-litre), 29.94 s.: 2 ,
F. A. Sowden ( 8 -litre) 30.46 s.: 3. H. Rose (4tlitre s/c), 31.48 S. Post-1931 Bentleys: 1, B. M Russ-Turner ( $4-$ litre $\mathrm{s} / \mathrm{c}$ ), $28.84 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$ 2, B , Grafton (41)-litre), $31.96 \mathrm{s.;} 3$ 3, B. M. Russ-Turner (Mk. 6
 M. T. Golden (Austin Mini-Cooper), 31.53 , s.; $3, \mathrm{~K}, \mathrm{E}$. Ayers (Austin Mini-Cooper), 31.56 s s.
$1,501-2,600$
c.c.:
I, W. E. Wilks (Cooper-Bristol), $27.55 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$ 2, A. K. McHardy (T.V.R. Grantura), $27.73 \mathrm{s.j} 3$, Mrs. M. L. Wheeler (T.V.R. Grantura), 28.89 s. 2,601-3,500 c.c.: 1, C. R. C. Aston
(Aston Martin DB3S), 27.00
s.; 2, M. L. Richard(Aston Martin DB3S), $27.00 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2, \mathrm{M}$. L. Richard$\begin{aligned} & \text { son (A.C. Ace-Jaguar), } \\ & \text { (Lister-Jaguar), } 27.65 \text { S. } \\ & \text { S. } \\ & \text { Over }\end{aligned}{ }^{3}, 5,500$ F. E. Owen Farquharson (Allard), 26.23 s.: 2, M. H. Barker (Alton-Jaguar), 26.66 soi 3. C. K. W. Schellenberg (Jaquar C)
2,000 c.c.:
1, K. K. B. Shaw (Turner Special), 30.74
S.; 2,000 c.c.: 1, K. B. Shaw (Turner Special), 30.74 s.; (Lagonda), 35.67 s . Aston Martin Handicap: 1 G. C. Bishop (Speed Mode1), 25.90 s.; 2, C. R. C Aston (DB3S), 27.37 s.i 3, N. H. Price (DB3S), 27.62 So Lagonda Handicap: 1, D. Q. Dickson 25.61 s.; 3, J. N. Kirkby ( 2 -litre), 26.08 s. Jaguar Handicap: 1, G. Hampton (XK 140). 24.92 s .; 2, A. E. Hyett (SS 100), 25.33 s.; 3, G. W. Wutt (Midget), 31.02 s. $; 2$. J. K. King (Midget) 3.15 . King 3 , R. N. Crowder (1100), 31.87 s . Bentley Handi-
 (3-litre), 24.26 s .

## FOUR WAYS C.C. WEST ESSEX C.C. CHELMSFORD M.C. GAYNES C.C. FORAY RALLY

Prior to the event the organizers had assured all would-be entrants that their formula would constitute no route checks, no navigational trickery, no unmetalled roads and no clean sheets. They further claimed that all this would be combined with a total absence of public annoyance. Regular East Anglian competitors viewed this with reserve, but soon realised that this was no idle boast from the Four Ways Car Club.
Eighty per cent of the route was handed out in advance; forty-five minutes before departure time for the experts and ninety minutes for the novices. All directions of approach and departure were given plus a number of Black Spots.

At ten controls at least the event was observed by the police, their comments all being favourable. Every inhabited portion of the route had quiet boards, marshals and extra time allowances and all places of possible wrong-slot potential were sited with "No" boards.

## RESULTS

D.A.D.

1, D. Evans/R. Moffatt, 120 penalties: 2, J. Utteridge/N. Porter, 150; 3, E. Lewsey/A. McCrae,
$170 ; 4, \mathrm{~L}$. Alder/R. Woodhams, $200 ; 5, \mathrm{D}$, Roberts/F. Smith, 310 ; 6, D. Edwards/J. Ed. wards, 460 . Best Novice: K. Tautz/T. Smith, E, 3 fails. Team Award: Four Ways C.C., Mrs.

## 12th AUTOMOBILE TOUR de FRANCE GRANDTOURING-COUPE DES DAMES

 ST overall on Scratch and Handicap SUNBEAM ALPNE Drivers: ROSEMARY SMITH, MARGARET McKENZIE
## ALSO 3rd overall in race on Monaco Circuit

## TOURING CARS 1001-1600 c.c. <br>  SUNBEAM RAPIER

Drivers: 'TINY' LEWIS, DAVID POLLARD

## ALSO 3rd overall on Handicap

122 started- $\mathbf{3 1}$ finished. The Automobile Tour de France is an 8 -day torture test of driver and car. The 3,625 mile event includes seven timed hill climbs in the mountains and nine races on circuits of such fame as Nurburgring, Spa, Le Mans and Monaco.

Of 122 starters, only 31 could stay the course. Winners of both Ladies' Prizes for Grand Touring Cars were Rosemary Smith and Margaret McKenzie in a Sunbeam Alpine. (Last year, Rosemary won the Coupe des DamesforTouringCarsinaSunbeamRapier).
(Results subject to official confirmation)

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WEST HANTS \& DORSET C.C. TAUNTON M.C. BURNHAM-ON-SEA M.C. YEOVILTON SPRINT

A"Four club" Sprint took place at the pleasant Yeovilton "circuit" on Sunday, 15th September, promoted by Yeovil, Taunton, Burnham and West Hants and Dorset Car Clubs. The course, roughly egg-shaped. is an offshoot of the R.N_A.S. airfield at Yeovilton, and contains three comers, one being a sharp and seemingly endless hairpin.


THERE was some very hairy cornering by the Mini drivers, quite the most ferocious being Geoff Mabbs, who got away with this sort of thing-except for one occasion!

## B.A.R.C. (S.W. CENTRE) <br> BRUNTON HILL-CLIMB

New timing equipment allied with good organization made for unusually frequent climbs at Brunton on Sunday, 15th September. Added to this a varied selection of competing cars and, most important of all, continuous sunshine, it was easy to see why both spectators and competitors had an enjoyable day's sport.

Best time of the day went to Miss Patsy Burt in her immaculate 2 -litre CooperClimax, despite an apparent slight misfire she ascended in 25.60 secs. Most commendably the second best time went to the over 2 -litre sports and G.T. class, namely, V. J. Crapnell in his E-type coupé with 26.38 secs. Three-tenths of a second slower, T. Elton in his Mk. 8 CooperJ.A.P. made third best time of the day J.A.P. made third best time of the day
and took the 500 c.c. $-1,500$ c.c. racing car class.
While the hard-working commentator was thoughtfully announcing that the car was for sale, Brian Bennett's Turner G.T. clocked 27.54 secs. As this was the quickest by a South-Western member it qualified for a special award, and so Sturgess in his ex-Daniel Richmond light-weight Lotus 7 took the sports and G.T. class for less than 1,100 c.c. In the next larger capacity division Allan Allard's Allardette took first and second places with himself and Tom Fisk driving

At the previous Brunton in June four records had fallen but at this 34th meeting only one was clipped, C. E. Trickey in an 850 c.c. Mini lowering his own record from 33.45 to 32.84 secs. The Hillman Imp is obviously getting a foothold in competition circles and J. Griffin's model won the 850 c.c. $-1,300$ c.c. r.w.d. class; however, his time did not bear comparison with similar canacity cars having engine and traction at the opposite end.
P.A.M.W.

## results

B.T.D.: Miss P. Burt (Cooper-Climax), 25.60 s.
Class Winners:
C.
E. Trickey (Mini); G. Griffin Class Winners: C. E. Trickey (Mini); J. Griffin (Imp): A. Wordley (Volvo); B. Sturgess (Lotus 7) A. Allard (Allardette); H. Hamblin (TR4); V. J
Crapnell (Jaguar E): R. Hollyfield (Cooper): T Crapnell (Jaguar E): R. Hollyfield (Cooper): T
Elton (Cooper-J.A.P.): Miss P. Burt (Cooper
 Climax). Best
(Turner-Climax).

The fast downhill right-hander just before the finish proved extremely tricky. A boiling hot sun shining from a cloudless sky made conditions quite perfect for everyone, and a large crowd watched some interesting performances.
Class 1 was small and was won by John Nicholls in a very hard-driven Mini. His first run took 83.03 secs., but Nicholls overcooked things in the biggest possible way on his second trip, failing to get the back end round at the right moment; the cat sailed across the grass on the outside and finally collected the timing gear, which flew through the air in a dozen pieces, stopping the watches at 80.32 secs.! Timekeepers Dibben and Moss, after finding some entirely new and unprintable phrases, rose in their wrath and spent a considerable time erecting new apparatus. This was immediately at new acked by Geoff Mabbs, who missed it by inches.
The racing classes were merged, and provided a win for Wally Cuff's red Cooper Climax, which did its first run in 67.94 secs On the second attempt the car seemed to be going even faster, but on the downhill run towards the finish there was a bangand a cloud of blue smoke! As Wally's time was B.T.D., the actual class win went to Tony White, who drove the very neat Petty-J.A.P. extremely well with a very nice 68.07 secs.

## Tony Hollister.

## RESULTS

B.T.D.: W. Cuff (Cooper-Climax), 67.94 s . Class Winners: W. Nicholls (Morris Mini), 80.32 s.; T. Williams (Cooper-Mini), ${ }^{73.82}$ S.; ${ }^{\text {R. }}$ R. Morrow (Ford), 91.53 s.; R. Wilson (Ford), $84.81 \mathrm{S.j}$. R. Ashford (M.G. Midget), $71.89 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ R. Smart (Lotus Elite), 74.56 s.; R. Fry (Ferrari ${ }^{250 G 1)}$ M. Burgess (Lifo-Elva), 75.33 s .; C. Watts (LotusM. Burgess (Limax 11) 69.14 s.: A. White (Petty-J.A.P.), 68.07 s . Ladies' Award: Mrs. S. Burgess (LilfoElva), 80.97 s . Novice Award: W. J. Elmes (Cooper-Climax), 75.68 s .

## B.A.R.C. (EAST MIDLANDS SPRINT) CHURCH LAWFORD SPRINT

Drag racing", came to the Midlands on Saturday, when at Church Lawford a crowd of just under 1,000 saw Mickey Thompson, Dante Duce and Sydney Allard give an impressive series of standing quartermile runs, as a main feature of the restricted sprint organized by the East Midlands Group of the B.A.R.C.

Driving the Harvey Aluminum Special, Thompson was fastest over the 440 yards with a time of 10.64 secs., a terminal velocity of $141 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} .-$ but he was only using half throttle due to the abrasive surface which was lacerating the tyres. Next fastest was Sydney Allard with a time of 11.34 secs., his terminal velocity being 127 m.p.h., while Dante Duce, driving the Dean Moon car, Mooneyes, recorded 13.25 secs., representing a terminal velocity of 115 m. p.h., but was having trouble jumping out of second gear.

The noise was shattering as each car revved up on the line and few people can have ever before seen such a fantastic show of acceleration as, with rubber pouring off the treads, each car, enveloped in a cloud of smoke, shot from the line leaving long black marks down the runway to disappear out of sight.
The cars were beautifully turned out, most parts being chromium-plated. The Dean Moon entourage were dressed in white stetsons, yellow jackets and white trousers and really looked most impressive, adding colour to a rather overcast day
The fourth vehicle to use the drag strip was J. R. Field's Clanger Special. Desi ned by the driver and using a 3,922 c.c. Ford Mercury engine with an Arden o.h.v. head, though not quite in the "super drag", class. it nevertheless did a very creditable time of 14.38 secs., a terminal velocity of 96 m .p.h.

The sprint proper, on the well-known triangular course, went very smoothly, best time during practice going to Paul Ivey in his ex-Formula 1 Cooper, doing 47.6 secs.
The racing cars ranged from T. F. Cooper's "Lerrboa" kart-type 197 c.c. machine, which looked very workmanlike, up to the 3,922 c.c. Clanger Snecial, which also took part in the drag. The winning time and
B.T.D. went to Paul Ivey's Cooper with an exemplary 47.2 secs.
So ended a very memorable day's sport which, covering vehicles from 197 c.c. to 8 -litres supercharged, certainly did not lack variation.

## Chris Mitchell.

## RESULTS

B.T.D.: P. D. Ivey (Cooper-Climax), 47.2 s . Minis up to 850 c.c.: 1, B. Vawer, 57.1 s.; 2 , Ciark, $52.7 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$ 2, J. Ashworth, 60.5 s s. Saloons up to $\mathbf{1 , 3 0 0}$ c.c.: 1 , R. A. Clark (Renault R8), 60.1 s.; 1,300 c.c.: 1 D Butler (Singer Gazelle) 55.0 . ,300 W.e. Field (Sunbeam Rapier) 56.4 s, Sports cars up to 1,300 ce: 1. Dr Farguharson (Lotus Elite) $53.7 \mathrm{~s} .: 2, \mathrm{R}$. Eccles (A.-H. Sprite), 54.0 s Elite), 53.7 S.; 2, R. Eccles (A.-H. Sprite), 54.01 s . 1,301-1, P00 c.c.: 1, A. Brooks (Lotus Elan), 1,900 c.c.: 1, D. G. Nicholas (Healey Prototype) 50.9 s.; 2, G. Park (Morgan), 53.6 s. SportsRacing cars: 1 , R. B. Walton (Lotus 7), 50.9 s . 1. P. D. Ivey (Cooper-Climax), 47.2 s.; 2, J. R Field (Clanger Special), 48.6 s .

## EAST ANGLIAN M.C. <br> AUTOCROSS

Permission from the weather-man and from the R.A.C. was obtained by the East Anglian M.C., and the 10th Colchester Autocross was held at Hich Trees Farm at West Bergholt, near Colchestr, on 15th September. The original venue, Kingsford Park, had been converted into a ploughed field just prior to the event-although one would have thought that an autocross could have performed the same function!
The event counted for the B.T.R.D.A. Championship and scrutineering and practice in the morning disclosed only three non-starters in an entry of 47 . The Terrys had entered an Allardette and an AustinHealey; the latter suscumbed to practice with a broken half shaft and the Allardette ran its bearings during the event!
Group 4 produced some very hirsute machinery led by the Cannonball of Mrs Parkin. The resulting battle of the sexes was resolved by 1.6 secs.. the winner being the masculine half with B.T.D., bes E.A.M.C. member, and B.T.R.D.A. award.


SPIRITED RUN in a Hillman Imp is made by J. Clarke-no, not Jim-but, oh, those Imp front wheels!
Mrs. Parkin made second best time and won the class 2 award. Class 1 was won by Pollard's Alberties from Butcher's Lotus. Ellis's Iris seemed to lose a few cylinders on the first run but found them again and made a good second run.

Barry Jefferies

## RESULTS

B.T.D.: H. Parkin (Cannonball). Best B.M.C. Car: C. Malkin (Mini-Cooner). Best Ford Car: I. Terry (Allardette). Best Rootes Car: J. Clarke (Imp). Class Winners: G. Snow (Triumph Vitesse); Holger Suhr (Mini): C. Malkin (Mini-Cooper); G. Bristow (M.G. Midget): P. Kerridge (Morgan)

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## RESULTS

B.T.D.: Mrs. A. Mickel (Conper-Climax), 65.21 s, Class Winners: G. Taylor (Renault R8), 82.06 s. ; D. I. Fraser (Morris Mini-Cooper). 69.33 s.; S. Calder (Morris Mini-Cooper), 72.28 s .; E. Charlton (Lotus 7, 67.53 s.; R. F. Morrison (Jaguar E), 66.07 s


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## Eastbourne and D.M.C.'s RALLY OF THE DOWNS

IN a period during which the militant expresI sion of anti-rally feeling has become depressingly familiar, it is pleasant to be able to record that the Eastbourne and District Motor Club's Rally of the Downs took place on the night of 28 th-29th September, on maps 171, 172, 183 and 184, apparently without arousing any hostile reaction. The small size of the entry list-a field of 32 cars is unusually modest for an A.C.S.M.C. Championship qualifier-was no doubt partly responsible, but much of the credit must go to organizers "Johnnie" Johnson and John Mace for having "Johnnie" Johnson and John Mace for having
chosen the route so carefully. Full marks, chosen the route so carefully. Full marks,
too, for the lack of any rough stuff and for good paper work. The result was a good old thrash around Kent and Sussex, with 101 controls, mostly manned, and with the accent unashamedly on "plot and bash".
The principle was established right from the start, for the run-in leading from the Post Boy near Lamberhurst to the beginning of the tight stuff was a pretty intense eight-club section. The symbols used were not as large as they might have been and one of them, fortunately an unimportant one, was missing altogether, so that competitors were generally pleased to be done with "information" and to concentrate instead, for the rest of the night, on short, sharp sections, interspersed with the occasharp sections, inter
sional liaison sector.
Things began in earnest, therefore, to the east of Maidstone, and the first Road Book concerned itself with that fruitful area between the two Kentish Motorways, ending 52 controls later at the supper stop back at the Post Boy. References were handed out singly, from control to control, but wherever it was known that a point would be unmanned the preceding marshal would hand out two or more route cards, thus affording some slight, occasional relaxation of the pressure imposed upon navigators. In an endeavour to be helpful, some marshals were unofficially volunteering the information that a succeeding point or points would be unmanned. This happened at control 30 where John Dorton and Martin control 30 where John Dorton and Martin Holmes succumbed to the temptation to short-
circuit the official route by omitting 31 and 32 which, they had been told verbally, were unmarshalled. Alas, for the hopes of the 1100
crew, the two controls were, in fact, manned, and particularly tricky ones they were, too straddling the M2 and separated by a tempting non-goer under the Motorway. An otherwise clean sheet, which would have won the rally outright, was thus rather unluckily spoiled. Also in difficulties at this point was a certain Mini-Cooper crew, who actually succeeded in penetrating onto the Motorway proper in their efforts to find the right way, the point being that only three weeks earlier his same crew had themselves perpetrated the this same crew had themselve
identical trick as organizers!
The well-named Queens Down Warren ived up to its reputation and the Doug Ray/Stuart Gray Allardette had its otherwise clean sheet compromised here by the presence of a large parked car. As they inched slowly by at the cost of a minute, they were able to confirm the aptness of the word "compromised!"
Before supper there was an excursion to Rother Levels for a tie-deciding stage along the white road running westwards from 922303. Set at $30 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. , this proved to be on" for most people and at least two of the ties had to be otherwise resolved on the "farthest cleanest" principle. With the Robin Mead/Mike Kingsland Mini still unpenalized and with one crew on "one" and three on "two" the situation at the break was interesting, for it was obvious that a quick trip to Pevensey Marsh was in prospect. This, as always, was enjoyable without being unduly arduous, set as it was at a genuine 30. It did, however, prove to be the undoing of Tony Maslen and Peter Brierley in a new Lotus Cortina, for surprisingly they fell for the Middle Bridge gag at a cost of a further 2 mins., while Mead and Kingsland also surrendered their clean sheet on the marsh. A little white loop included on a "go via" basis was little patronized and a control there would have materially altered the outcome of the rally. The walledup lay-by on the A259, on the other hand, had a large number of visitors, those with reversing lights fairing best, for the section, like so many on the "Downs", was a one-minuter. A light drizzle made conditions somewhat slippery and Nick Ward, navigated by Brian Stevens, found the family Riley $4 / 68$ to be quite a handful
compared with his M.G.A, which is still not quite well again
Quite suddenly, after a final couple of "ones", the tightest yet, the pace eased, the survivors returned to the Post Boy for breakfast and they heard the announcement of the provisional placings within the hour. Slick organization and the use of the E. and S. time card system were material factors in this achievement. Won Ambrose.

## RESULTS

1, R. F. Mead/M. W. Kingsland (Austin Mini), 10; 2, D. H. Ray/S. Gray (Allardette), 10: 3 3 J. F. Ambrose/M. H. Addington (Allardette), $20 ; 5$, A. J. Martin/R. J. Moody (Morris-Cooper) $40 ; 6$, A. W. H. Maslen/P. Brierley (Lotus Cortina), 40.

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B.T.D. was taken by B. Pinkerton in a Fiat-Abarth, some 60 secs. in front of the next person in his class. D. Harris in his D.M.F. 2 gave his usual polished performance, having a total best time of the day, almost 50 secs. in front of anybody else. He also put up an extremely good performance in his Morris-Cooper, and Sprite, having a second and first in his respective classes.
P. B. Kerridge

## RESULTS

B.T.D. index of performance: B. Pinkerton (FiatAbarth), 416.8 s . Class Winners: D. Harris (D.M.F. 2), 317.6 s.; N. J. Raeburn (Austin 7), 453.0 s.; R. Farncombe (Morris-Cooper), 373.6 s.; ${ }^{\text {B }}$ Midget) Doyd (Ford), 370.6 s. Team Aw. s . N. Dunton (M.G N. Dunton, R. Randall.

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