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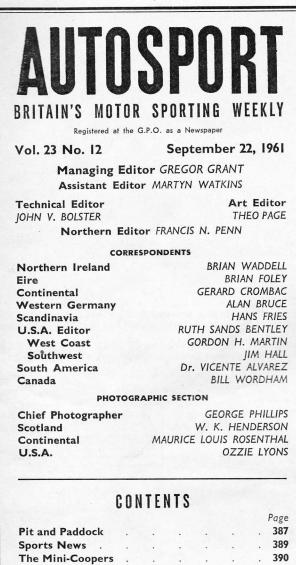
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EDITORIAL

COOPER AND B.M.C.

 $T_{\text{versions of the famous B.M.C. "babies" is a step in}^{\text{HE}}$ the right direction. In associating the name "Cooper" with these intriguing little cars, the British Motor Corporation acknowledges the considerable prestige gained by the Surbiton concern through motor-racing successes. In offering the cars with disc brakes, tuned and enlarged engine and remote-control gearbox, B.M.C. pays tribute to the development-through-racing system which has enabled these features to be incorporated on normal production cars. The engine itself owes much of its present development to the Formula Junior Coopers raced by the Ken Tyrell stable. For some time, many excellent conversions have been available for the Austin Seven and Morris Mini-Minor, but it is something new for the giant B.M.C. empire to market an improvedseries version of its lowest-priced motor cars.

S.C.C.A. - SWEEPING CHANGES

MONGST the 1962 rules and regulations issued by A the Sports Car Club of America is one article which would appear to permit professional participation. In direct contrast to its earlier attitude, the Club states simply in Article 7: "S.C.C.A. places no restriction on financial arrangements which may be made by any of its members". This is as it should be. Insistence on amateur status belongs to the past, and if competitors can reimburse themselves for the very considerable outlay which is necessary in modern motor-racing, circuit meetings in U.S.A. can be put on a properlyorganized business footing. The disappearance of the "shamateurs" from the racing scene is a good thing for all concerned, and AUTOSPORT congratulates the Board of Governors of the S.C.C.A. for realizing that many of its members could not care less about their so-called amateur status. Starting and prize money is the accepted rule in all European events with the exception of certain restricted club meetings. Admittedly, very few drivers can make racing pay, but the cash incentive certainly does help to make for extremely healthy competition, and assists in footing the inevitable cost of transport, hotels, preparation and so on. Again, more of America's up-and-coming drivers will have a greater opportunity of emulating World Champion Phil Hill, and other "exiles" such as Dan Gurney, Richie Ginther and Masten Gregory, who have made their mark in International motor racing.

OUR COVER PICTURE

THE RACING SEASON is beginning to draw to a close -although there are those who say it gets longer every year! Here, at Goodwood, "marque" sports cars get away in the flurry of a Le Mans start on an early autumn afternoon. It won't be long now before the sound and the fury die away for a few months—but for the moment they are as loud as ever!



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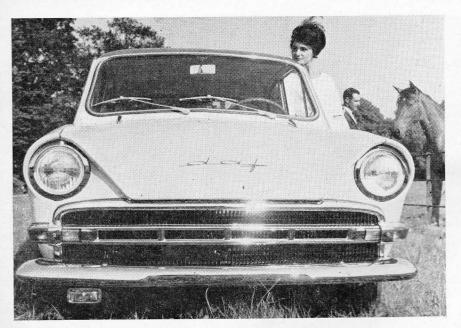
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PIF and PADDOCK

FOLLOWING the World Cup race in Holland, AUTOSPORT was fortunate to be at the Zandvoort circuit when two new models of the DAF, announced to the public this week, were shown to the Benelux press.

The original DAF, which was fully described in our pages at the time of its introduction, was a low-priced car of revolutionary design in respect of suspension and transmission, with a well-built body which could carry four adults in comfort and boasted a truly enormous luggage boot. With its 600 c.c. engine it was, however, somewhat under-powered.

The general appearance, and all the good features of the car, are retained in the new models, but the Variomatic transmission now has some added refinements, and an entirely new engine of 746 c.c. has been designed. Although this new engine is still an air-cooled flat-twin, it produces its 30 b.h.p. in commendable silence and will propel the car at 65 m.p.h. with remarkably little "fuss". The transmission gives two-pedal control par excellence and the car accelerates smoothly from rest to 50 m.p.h. in 20 seconds. The "gear changes" are dictated by a combination of road speed and manifold depression, and a special control on the dash provides a startling engine-braking effect for use in mountainous country.

tainous country. Although the DAF is far from being a sports car, readers may remember its excellent performance in the R.A.C. rally last winter. With the more powerful engine it may well produce even greater surprises.

Negotiations are in hand for a U.K. distributor and the price is likely to be announced shortly for the new 750, and for the de luxe version which has been named the DAFfodil.

THE Paris Salon—Paris Motor Show if you prefer it—takes place from 5th-15th October, with the Coupe du Salon race meeting at Montlhéry on 8th October.

BRANDS HATCH—1st OCTOBER

PRINCIPAL event of the day's racing at the Brands Hatch meeting on 1st October, which starts at 12.30 p.m., is a 30-lap Formula 1 race for the Lewis-Evans Trophy. Entries so far received by the organizers, the British Racing and Sports Car Club, include Jack Lewis and John Campbell-Jones (Coopers) and Tony Marsh with his recently acquired B.R.M. Peter Boshier-Jones appears with a Lola in the 15-lap Kingsdown Trophy race for sports racing cars. Also in this event are Roy Pierpoint with his 2-litre Lotus, Laurie Keens's Lola and Jim Diggory with his Lister-Jaguar.

At present first and second in this season's John Davy Formula Junior Championship at Brands, Bill Moss and Michael Parkes will be racing works Geminis in the 20-lap Formula Junior race.

Fifth race on the programme is a 10-lap event for Grand Touring cars, counting towards this season's Peco Championship. The two Lotus Elite rivals, Les Leston and Graham Warner (at present holding first and third places in the championship), will be "at it again". Also appearing in this race are two works Morgan Plus Fours for Chris Lawrence and Richard Shepherd-Barron. Michael Parkes will be at the wheel of an Equipe Endeavour E-type Jaguar.

STIRLING MOSS is to drive the Ferguson P.99 in the Formula 1 Gold Cup race at Oulton Park on 23rd September. The Ferguson has been entered by Rob Walker.

Jack Fairman, who has been doing the test work on the car, has been nominated as reserve driver.

Since Aintree Harry Ferguson Research, Ltd., have been carrying further the development of P.99. High-speed braking tests of a type never before undertaken have been carried out on the Road Research Laboratory's track at Crowthorne by the laboratory's experts. Development work has included modifications to the frame, the suspension and

RALLY KIT, of 719 Warwick Road, Solihull, are producing, with B.M.C. approval, steel sump shields for the Mini-Minor range. THE DAFFODIL showing the new frontal treatment on the de luxe model.

the brakes, cleaning up of the engine oil piping and filter system, and the introduction of a lower second gear. The work on brakes and suspension has been directly related to the final design of the Ferguson passenger car.

Ferguson passenger car. The four-cylinder Coventry Climax engine will be used at Oulton. No decision has yet been reached about racing next year.

ONLY two Berkeley Bandits were produced before the Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, factory was closed down early this year. One of them is still in more or less daily use while the other has been for some time in the small Barkway, Cambs, garage of chassis designer John Tojeiro getting a thorough going through. It may be that as a result the Bandit will at last reach the market as a limited production machine.

Although identical in appearance to the Bandit which was so well received when announced just before last year's Motor Show, the machine in the workshops has had changes to the chassis, mainly in larger brakes in the front and a larger engine—the Ford Classic in place of the Anglia. Mr. Tojeiro has hopes of producing the machines with a tuned Classic unit.

He was more definite in his plans for his Formula Junior machines. He is at present producing about one of these per week for the American market and plans to field a factory team next year.

The F.J. car's are quite conventional with all-round independent suspension through wishbones and coil springs. There are disc brakes all round, inboard at the back, and steering is through modified Mini-Minor rack and pinion parts. The engine will probably be a highly tuned Anglia unit although some of the Tojeiro F.J. cars have been seen with B.M.C. units. The five-speed box and final drive are incorporated in a VW box, the use of which John Tojeiro pioneered in this field in 1957.

Tww, the television company for South Wales and the West of England, is planning a special programme on 15th October to mark the "golden jubilee of the sports car". For the purposes of the programme the 1911 Prince Henry Vauxhall is being taken as "sports car No. 1", while many examples of other famous cars will be featured.

THE Turin Motor Show will be held from 28th October-8th November.

A.C. CARS, LTD., have announced that the production Ace and Aceca are now available fitted with the Ford Zephyr engine in addition to the A.C. and Bristol power units, Ruddspeed tuning in five stages, from 120 b.h.p. to 170 b.h.p., is offered. The models will be known as the "Ace 2.6" and "Aceca 2.6".

IRISH MOTOR RACING CLUB have applied for an International date for a Formula Junior race to be known as the "Phoenix Park Grand Prix" for next year.

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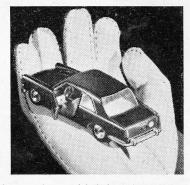


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SPORTS NEWS

THIS WEEK-END AT OULTON PARK

Works Entries from Porsche, Cooper, Lotus and B.R.M. in Gold Cup Race

THE Mid-Cheshire M.C. has drawn a very fine entry for its International Gold Cup race for Formula 1 cars at Oulton Park tomorrow.

Works entries have been received from Cooper (Brabham and McLaren), Lotus (Ireland, Clark and Taylor), B.R.M. (Tony Brooks and Graham Hill) and Porsche (Dan Gurney and Jo Bonnier). Heading the list of private entries are the Yeoman Credit Coopers (Surtees and Salvadori), the U.D.T. Lotuses (Masten Gregory and Henry Taylor) and the Rob Walker team (Moss or Fairman on the Fergusson, and A. N. Other on the Lotus).

After that lot comes the *really* private private entrants among whom are to be found Tony Marsh (B.R.M.), Jack Lewis (Cooper), fresh from his tremendous race at Monza, Brian Naylor (J.B.W.-Climax), David Piper, making a welcome return to Formula 1 racing in the Gilby-Climax, and Tim Parnell (Lotus). Then there is a certain Roger Rerot, of whom we do not wot, who, like Tony Marsh, has purchased one of the "old" B.R.M.s. The rest of the field comprises the Coopers of John Campbell-Jones, Chris Summers and Graham Eden, and the Lotuses of Gerry Ashmore, Wolfgang Seidel and Michael May.

As far as is known at the time of going to press, neither the Climax nor the B.R.M. V-8 will be in use.

The F.J. race has drawn 37 entries, of which 27 will be allowed to start. Entries include the works Lotuses of Trevor Taylor, Peter Arundell and Mike McKee, works Geminis for Bill Moss and Mike Parkes, the Tyrell Coopers of Tony Maggs and John Love, the Midland TWO NEW FORDS. ABOVE, LEFT: Ford of Dagenham's new "personal" car, the Consul Capri. This coupé, derived from the Consul Classic 315, provides luxury seating for two. It is powered by a fourcylinder, 1,340 c.c., o.h.v. engine and has a four-speed gearbox with the option of floor or steering column change. Price: £915 12s, including P.T. RIGHT: Ford of Cologne's Taunus 17m is now offered in special T.S. form with a special 77.6 b.h.p. (S.A.E.) high performance engine and fully synchro. four-speed gearbox, as well as twin front bucket seats, safety belt attachment and other items of refinement.

Racing Partnership Coopers of John Rhodes and Richard Attwood. Other entries include Steve Ouvaroff (Ausper), David Piper (Lotus), John Whitmore (Lotus), Gavin Youl (M.R.D.), Frank Gardner (Lotus), Alan Rees (Lotus), Dennis Taylor (Lola), Jack Pearce (Lotus), Ian Raby (Cooper) and David Prophet (Kieft).

There are three classes in the touring car race. The up to 1,000 c.c. class will be contested by Christabel Carlisle (Austin Seven), John Whitmore, Vic Elford, Kenny Lall and Tony Rutt (Mini-Minors) and, what's this, Trevor Taylor in a Ford Anglia? This could be fun. The 1,000-2,000 c.c. class comprises the

The 1,000-2,000 c.c. class comprises the Rileys of Ted Lewis, Peter Pilsworth and Alan Hutcheson, the Rapiers of Chris Summers and Alan Fraser and the Borgwards of Billy Blydenstein and N. T. Laurence.

Finally, the big boys, all in 3.8 Jaguars, Graham Hill, Roy Salvadori, Mike Parkes, Bruce McLaren, Edward Cunningham and P. J. Dodd will doubtless provide the usual carve-up.

FINTAIN KEALY, the energetic secretary of the Boyne Valley Motor Club and one of the most improved trials drivers in the land, has gone shares in Jim Bellew's 1,172 c.c. Crossle-Ford.

THE first Jaguar "E"-type in Eire is the property of Leslie Vard, brother of Cecil Vard, and no mean performer himself. On behalf of all impecunious enthusiasts could we appeal to Mr. Vard not to park his fabulous machine outside the offices of a well-known Dublin finance firm. It is terribly demoralizing for the lads sneaking in with the monthly payments! JOHN WEBB AIR SERVICES, LTD., 62 Brompton Road, S.W.3 (KENsington 6426), are once again organizing a Monte Carlo Rally flight for British competitors' wives, relatives and friends, as well as trade and press representatives. Flights will leave London Airport at 12 noon on 24th January, arriving at Nice at 4 p.m. (local time). Take off for the return journey is from Nice at 1 p.m. (local time) on 28th January. Return fare is £43 15s., including accommodation, taxis, airport charges and meals in both directions.

BRIAN BLEAKLEY, who has had such a successful season in Eire hill-climbs in the past two years, has decided to retire and is offering his potent 1,000 c.c. Kieft-J.A.P. for sale. The cheerful Northerners, Brian and his charming wife Doris, will be missed from the scene next season.

THE Cullen Brothers, Des and Jim, who have had some great rally successes in Volkswagens and more recently in NSUs, seem to make all their efforts a team affair. Their latest venture is marriage. Des is engaged to Miss Colette Parris, and Jim is engaged to Miss Eileen O'Loughlin. Best wishes.

THE Formula 1 race at Zeltweg, Austria, on 17th September was won by Innes Ireland (Lotus) at an average speed of 147.91 k.p.h. In second place came Jack Brabham (Cooper), with Jo Bonnier (Porsche) third and Jim Clark (Lotus) fourth. Ireland's fastest lap, a new lap record for the circuit, was 156.528 k.p.h., achieved on the 17th lap of the race, in which he led throughout.

THE LONG-AWAITED



WHEN Alec Issigonis designed his revolutionary B.M.C. baby car, it was intended to be a better form of transport for the masses. He tried to make it as safe as possible in the hands of indifferent drivers, but in achieving this he also gained an entirely unex-pected result. The roadholding and stability were such that the Mini and the Seven could safely out distance much more powerful cars on winding roads. more powerful cars on winding roads.

more powerful cars on winding roads. Clearly there was a case for a Grand Touring version and it was decided to make use of Formula Junior experience as applied to the B.M.C. engine. Extra speed demands better brakes, and though the avieting drums could have been the existing drums could have been further developed, the much better alternative of fitting Lockheed discs was chosen. A fast, well-braked car would obviously be ideal for long journeys, but a high noise level is tiring for such trips, and so a very extensive sound-deadening treatment was undertaken. Finally, remote-control gear lever was installed to please the enthusiastic driver.

MINI-COOPER

"GRAND TOURING ON A BUDGET"

BY JOHN BOLSTER

That was to be the basis of the new That was to be the basis of the new model and John Cooper was called in to give the benefit of his experience. It was decided to increase the size of the engine from 850 to 1,000 c.c. (or from 848 to 997 c.c. to be precise). This was done by fitting a crankshaft derived directly from Formula Junior racing, which not only had a stroke that is longer by 6.51 mm. but is also stronger than the standard shaft. In addition, it has a torsional vibration damper on its has a torsional vibration damper on its free end to eliminate any danger of destructive periods. As the F.J. engine is of 1,100 c.c. but the Mini-Cooper is in the 1,000 c.c. class, the bore has been reduced by approximately half a millimetre compared with a standard Mini. A new camshaft gives 37 degrees of overlap and the compression ratio has

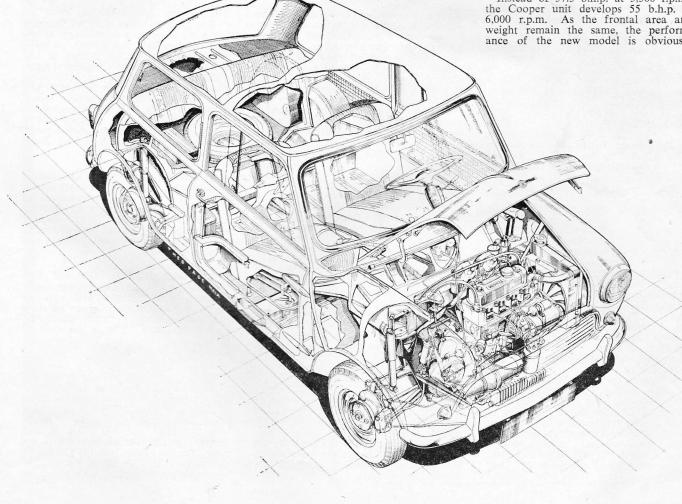
been raised to 9 to 1. The cylinder head has larger inlet valves and double valve springs are fitted. Twin SU carburetters, type HS2, carry pancake air filters. A special multi-bladed fan has been developed for silent running, and a "bunch of bananas"

exhaust manifold is coupled to a large silencer, to ensure an easy exit for the gases without an objectionable crackle. The four-speed gearbox is identical with that of the standard car, but has a remote-control lever mounted on an aluminium extension.

The front brakes are Lockheed discs of 7 ins. diameter, specially developed for the Mini-Minor. The rear brakes have leading and trailing shoes in 7 ins. x $1\frac{1}{4}$ ins. drums, and there is a booster for the front brakes, while the rears have a limiting valve to prevent locking. The using rubber units, is identical to that of the standard car, as are the small road wheels. The same body pressings are also employed, but six different duo-tone finishes are available.

Inside the car, a new instrument panel incorporates a 100 m.p.h. speedometer with a fuel gauge at the bottom of its dial. Very useful are the oil pressure and water temperature gauges with their own separate round dials. The whole interior is much more attractively trimmed than that of the standard model and a matt black finish is used on those parts which might reflect in the windscreen.

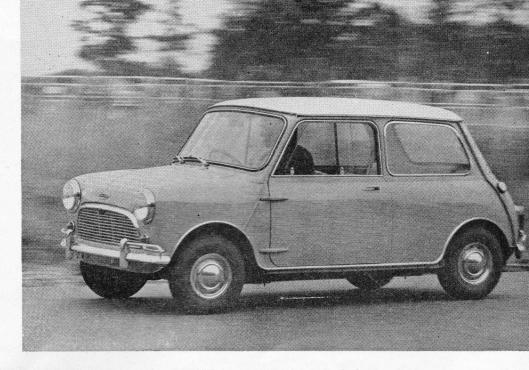
Instead of 37.5 b.h.p. at 5,500 r.p.m., the Cooper unit develops 55 b.h.p. at 6,000 r.p.m. As the frontal area and weight remain the same, the perform-ance of the new model is obviously



much greater than that of the standard production. I have been able to try a Mini-Cooper and can state that this is indeed so, the car achieving a velocity in third speed as great as the maximum of a normal Mini in top.

I have driven many tuned B.M.C. babies which were too noisy and intractable for everyday use. This is certainly not the case with the Cooper models, for full flexibility has been retained and the noise level, both inside and outside the cars, is lower than that of the normal machines. The acceleration far exceeds anything that ordinary small cars can produce, and is on a par with that of vehicles in the 2-litre class.

The standard model is deliberately over-geared and cannot reach peak revolutions in top. With the same gear ratio but much more power, the Cooper is able to do this, and thus the maximum speed is considerably greater, with lively acceleration still available at 75 m.p.h. Though the frontal area is low, the basic body shape is not suitable for extremely high speeds. It would, however, entirely spoil the everyday utility of the car to add a long nose and a falling rear roof



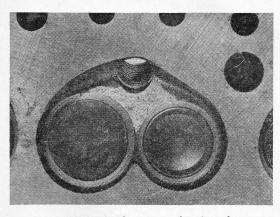


APART from the badge on the bonnet, there are no external differences apparent between the standard Mini and Austin Seven and the Cooper version (above).

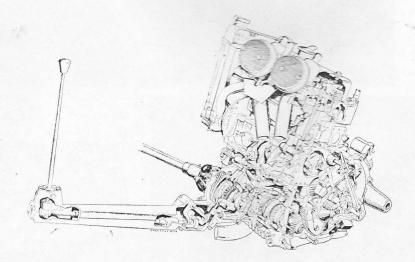
line, and so it has been decided to retain the saloon body *in toto* at the cost of a few m.p.h. on the motorway. In fact, the maximum speed is not far short of 90 m.p.h., which is more than adequate for all normal purposes.

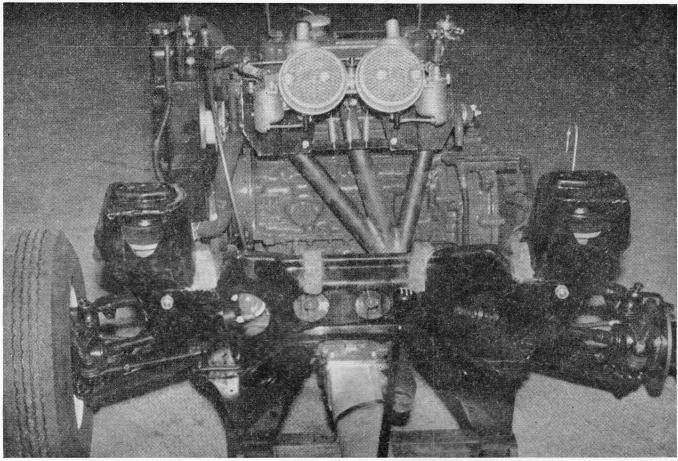
The brakes are extremely powerful, but the wheels do not tend to lock. To know that such braking capacity is in reserve encourages one to use the full performance. The extra power makes the Mini-Cooper appear to have even better roadholding than that of the earlier model, if that is possible. I entered some corners at truly absurd speeds, but found myself quite unable to have an accident. The only danger would occur if one subsequently drove a

LEFT: Interior of the Cooper is more attractively trimmed than the standard model: a new instrument panel, incorporating 100 m.p.h. speedometer (with no trip), fuel, oil pressure and water temperature gauges.

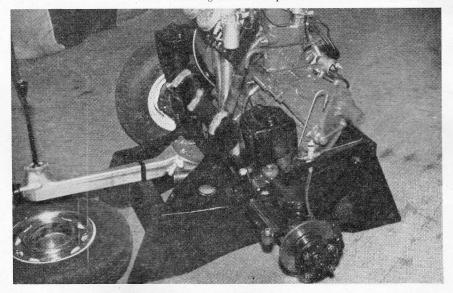


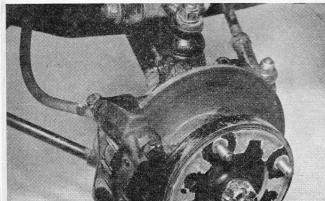
RIGHT: A Theo Page drawing shows the remote-control gear change. ABOVE: The new cylinder head has modified combustion chambers and larger inlet valves and ports.





ENGINE INSTALLATION, front suspension and remote control gearlever mounting on the Cooper car.





ABOVE AND LEFT: The 7-inch Lockheed disc brakes, specially developed for the Mini-Minor and Austin Seven. Total friction area of the brakes is now 263 sq. in. conventional car and employed the same technique, for one would enter the decor very smartly, backwards and upside down. In fact, the stability is quite outstanding and the machine still runs straight in a cross-wind.

I was unable to check the fuel consumption, but I am assured that it is no heavier than that of the standard Mini unless the full performance is employed. A fresh-air heater is an extra on this car and anybody who has suffered from the misted screen and windows of a normal Mini would willingly pay for this improvement.

Another new version of the B.M.C. baby is also announced, called the Super Mini-Minor or the Austin Super Seven. This is a de luxe small car with greatly enhanced equipment and comfort. Extremely comfortable seats with attractive upholstery blend with improved interior trim and a new instrument panel, to which an oil pressure gauge and an ammeter have been added. A new grille, chromium-plated door trim, and optional white sidewall tyres distinguish this Super model from its sisters. The freshair heater unit may also be specified and is certainly advisable.

An elaborate system of sound damping is employed throughout. Luxurious carpets are fitted, both in the car and in the luggage boot, while a considerable choice is offered of two-tone body finishes, blending with various upholstery and carpet colours. For the two-car man, who often tends to compare the appointments of his small model unfavourably with those of his larger carriage, this de luxe Mini will be ideal. Like the Cooper, the Super starts "on the key".

CORRESPONDENC

British G.P.

As a regular reader of AUTOSPORT I am surprised at the "piffle" As a regular reader of AUTOSPORT I am surprised at the "piffle" Reading Mr. Cole's letter one is given the impression that all persons of "limited means" live in the south. As one of the cate-gory who lives up north, I give three hearty cheers for another G.P. nearer to home—and think of all the Scottish enthusiasts who don't even have a "local"—they too, I should imagine, are not interested in the rights or wrongs of who runs the race, but merely in the fact that the north end of the isles is rather nearer than the arid wastes of the south.

WHITEHAVEN, CUMBERLAND,

J. D. LAYCOCK.

THE story of the R.A.C. British Grand Prix gets "curiouser and curiouser". During the T.T. at Goodwood an odd rumour was circulating amongst members of the motor racing underworld. This was to the effect that

- (a) The Grand Prix was to be held at Aintree for the next
- three years: The R.A.C. had sold the Grand Prix to the highest bidder (b)

(b) The Ř.A.C. had sold the Grand Prix to the highest bidder for a very considerable sum—£20,000 was mentioned:
(c) Financial backing had been promised by the *Daily Mirror*:
(d) Adverse criticism by some influential sections of the motoring Press could hardly be expected due to their connections with the *Mirror* Group.
If indeed any such arrangement has been made it would have to be with the knowledge of the R.A.C., Aintree, the B.A.R.C. and the *Daily Mirror*. I feel I am not the only motor racing enthusiast, not to mention the secretaries of the B.R.D.C. and B.R.S.C.C., who would welcome a prompt and authoritative denial of this story.

LONDON, S.W.1.

C. B. OWEN.

LONDON, S.W.1. As a keen follower of motor sport, I have been following closely the storm that has been brewing in the G.P. teacup over the allocation by the R.A.C. of Aintree for next year's British Grand prix. So far, I haven't seen one comment supporting the decision, and Mr. Peter Cole's letter in your 8th September issue has prompted me to come to the R.A.C.'s defence. Surely as a gesture to the B.A.R.C., the decision to give them the organization of the meeting for the second year running cannot be taken other than on its face value. After all, it is their Golden Jubilee year—and they don't come around very often. I am sure that if the boot had been on the other foot, the B.R.D.C. would have been delighted to accept the R.A.C.'s decision. Whilst agreeing with Mr. Cole that the B.R.D.C. do give spec-tators a full day's racing (perhaps too much?), I am one of those people who is quite content to watch the big race, together with a warmer-up to tickle the palate. Perhaps I could draw a parallel with the cinema: the main feature would become far less enter-taining if it were preceded by a succession of "second" features. I do appreciate that Mr. Cole has to leave his cosy Chiswick fome on a Friday evening to watch racing at Aintree, but to raise the point at all is indicative only of his rather selfish outlook. Could he not spare a thought for all those thousands of people living in such places as Liverpool, Manchester, Bradford, Leeds and Sheffield for uhor Aintree is as dear as Silverstone to the Londoner? Incidentally, I went to Aintree myself this year for the first time, af dound none of the alleged traffic chaos, and first class amenities for the racegoer. For my part, I shall be quite happy to make the Aintree trip again in 1962—by which time I hope the B.R.D.C. we calmed down and accepted the situation. F. TURNER.

WHETSTONE, LONDON, N.20.

F. TURNER.

THERE has been considerable controversy in past years about the venue for the main event of the British season, the British G.P., and once again the subject has cropped up. Aintree or Silverstone? Always these two circuits; but surely there are other circuits suitable for our Grand Prix? Oulton Park, for instance. Oulton Park is an extremely good circuit, being, in fact, a "miniature Nürburgring". It is the only road circuit, apart from perhaps Brands Hatch, in Britain suitable for a Grand Prix event. Not only is it more testing for drivers than Aintree or Silverstone, but the spectator's view of the racing is very good. The prices are perhaps a triffe high and exits bad, but it still ought to be allowed a try at staging our Grand Prix, and if it doesn't work, well then we'll know it's no good trying it again. After all, "he who nothing dares, nothing gains". Being a schoolboy, I am rather annoyed that the organizers cannot stage meetings, such as the British G.P. and Gold Cup, during school holidays. I came home these hols, to find that I had missed the British G.P. by a fortnight, and that I would go back to school four days before the Gold Cup. Admitted that the organizers don't know when public schools break up and return, but I am sure that if these two events were staged when schoolboys were sure to be home, say any time in August and the first fortnight, not more, in THERE has been considerable controversy in past years about the

The Editor is not bound to be in agreement with opinions expressed by readers.

September, they would get more attendance. The same applies to the Silverstone May meeting; surely they could stage it that vital week or so earlier, say the last week in April? I hope this latter recommendation will not go unnoticed, since many schoolboys would love to see their own country's G.P. I know I would for one. As for the increase in price of your mag., I do not mind paying out that extra 6d. from my pocket money, and I would perhaps pay out even a little more to see a full colour photograph on the front page every Friday. May your mag. continue to flourish. P. E. RICKITT (Age 14³/₄). LYTHAM. LANCS.

LYTHAM, LANCS.

T is disturbing to find AUTOSPORT lending itself to a public quarrel between two organizations, each of which, in its own way, has made a great contribution to the advancement of what used to be

between two organizations, each of which, in its own way, has made a great contribution to the advancement of what used to be a sport but is now apparently only a vehicle for ill tempered attacks on the nearest available target. Granted that John Bolster may be an expert on rudeness and discourtesy, I still find it hard to believe that courtesy is the monopoly of the B.R.D.C., or, if my inference is correct, that the B.A.R.C. is guilty of persistent discourtesy towards John Bolster or anyone else for that matter. I have every sympathy with Mr. Bolster's contention that no one club or circuit should have a monopoly of running the Grand Prix, but tasteless and unworthy gibes at the B.A.R.C. will not help to secure support for his point of view. His remark that "The B.A.R.C. are (should be 'is' but we'll let that pass) quite good at running dances and they have some amusing little meetings at Goodwood" is going outside the bounds of objective reporting. One might just as well say "John Bolster is fairly amusing at a journalist is just not on, old boy". It would be too much to say that my faith in John Bolster's integrity as a journalist has been shattered on the strength of one article, but I must say it has been rudely shaken, and it is to be hoped that in future he will avoid these venomous and near scurrilous articles which are not only unworthy of the good natured personality I believe him to be, but do not even advance the cause they aspire to serve.

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QUARNDON.

The Leinster M.C. Race-The Last Word

I would be glad of the opportunity of replying to the letter from the race secretary of the Leinster Motor Club, published in AUTOSPORT on 8th September, which contained several inaccurate statements.

As stated, I received a letter from the Leinster Motor Club dated 5th April. The next letter, dated 24th June, pointed out that the qualifying lap speed for the Leinster was 82 m.p.h., and went on, "... in view of this it would seem that your car would be accept-able only for the Holmpatrick. ..." The letter then invited me to "... come and try to win some prize money...." I replied saying I thought this year's car was capable of exceeding 82 m.p.h. No acknowledgment of this letter was received. As the closing date for entries approached an entry was sent off for the Leinster Trophy race and this, to my mind, implied a performance in excess of 82 m.p.h. Once again I received no acknowledgment.

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At this time I was contemplating fitting SUs instead of Webers to increase bottom-end performance. Due to lack of time this was not pursued, but at the time of completion of the entry form it was my intention to run with SU carburetters. My Lotus is a standard car as catalogued by Lotus fitted with a standard early type Cosworth-Ford. The scorn poured on my declaration of the bucket seat is misplaced as this makes a difference of approximately 2 secs. to my lap times over the standard seat. Before the Phoenix Park race minor differences between the entry form and the car as it appeared were declared to the scrutineers and they were again pointed out to the scrutineers before the Leinster scrutiny.

The statement in the letter, "... On the Tuesday after the Phoenix Park the club's feelings were made apparent ... etc.", is an inexactitude of the first magnitude. In actual fact, on the Tuesday before the rac; publicity handouts were being distributed advertising the fact that the winner of the Phoenix race would be competing at

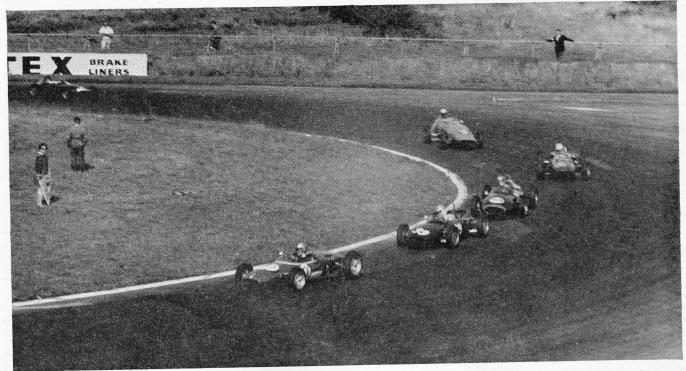
before that the winner of the Phoenix race would be competing at Dunboyne. As I stated in my original letter it was not until Thursday's scrutineering that any mention of disqualification occurred and, furthermore, the entry was never officially withdrawn. The statement that handicaps could not be altered because they had been published did not appear to apply to other drivers, and the remarks I made about Peter Heath and Doug Graham are true; I have seen the correspondence. I am frankly amazed at the allegation that I drove on the circuit in an irresponsible manner whilst it was open to the public. In fact, I never completed a full lap in the Lotus outside the official practice periods and drove to and from the circuit in exemplary fashion. In spite of the reply from the Leinster Motor Club the original point of my letter remains. Since my letter was published a number of drivers have expressed

point of my letter remains. Since my letter was published a number of drivers have expressed complete agreement with its contents and whilst the Leinster Motor Club may be gratified at my non-appearance I doubt whether they will be so gratified with the poor entry they will receive next year! Jon DERISLEY.

CAMBERLEY, SURREY.

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J. S. SELBY.



PETERBOROUGH SILVERSTONE

A Well-Organized Race Meeting

ABOVE: Third lap of the F.J. event. Reg Brown (Lotus) leads from J. M. Edwards (Cooper) and Reg Bryant (Scorpion).

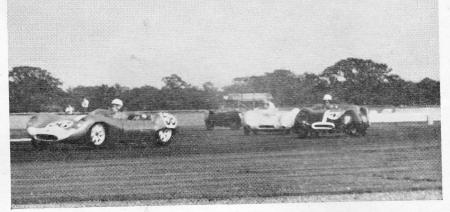
BELOW: Brenda Dickinson on her way to winning the up to 1,100 c.c. sports car event. Behind her come the Lotus XIs of J. Morley and Warwick Banks.

THE Peterborough Motor Club were blessed with fine weather for their annual meeting at Silverstone, which was held last Saturday. The highlight of the day's racing was the Formula Junior event for which the club had received an excellent entry, the race being eventually won by Bill Pinckney in his Lotus 20. Another exciting race was the *formule libre* event which Roy Pierpoint won in his very rapid 2-litre Lotus XV.

The organization was noticeably efficient, particularly as it was only a club meeting—so conscientious was one marshal the writer very nearly didn't get his car in, greatly to his distress!

car in, greatly to his distress! The meeting, which consisted of five handicap and six scratch races, started off with a touring and G.T. handicap event. J. Gates, in his blue Marcos, after a commendably quick drive from the rear of the field, won from E. B. Woolley (Austin A35), J. K. Harris succeeding in holding third place in his Austin 7 (Mini type!). This was closely followed by a handicap race for vintage and post vintage

This was closely followed by a handicap race for vintage and post vintage thoroughbred sports cars. This was a little difficult to follow owing to the system of credit laps, but eventually we worked out that L. Rowe had won in his Austin Ulster from J. F. Holford (Singer T.T.) and D. Elwell Smith (Aston Martin). The handicap for sports cars up to 1,100 c.c. proved a little more exciting with David Seigle-Morris leading at half distance in his metallic grey Sebring Sprite; however, he couldn't hold off Warwick Banks and Peter Dickinson, both in Lotus XIs, who succeeded in passing him to take first and second places respectively.



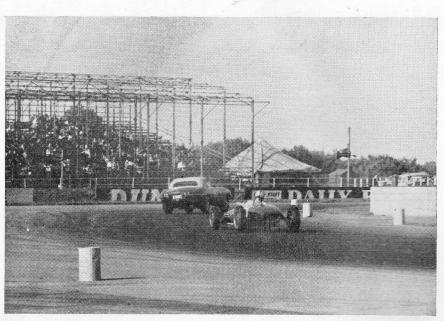
Roger Burnard (A.C.-Bristol) drove really well to win the next race, a handicap event for sports cars over 1,100 c.c. It was very interesting to watch the cars through Copse, where both David Hobbs (Elite) and Burnard were really throwing their cars through. At one time it looked as if Hobbs might well win, until he was unfortunate enough to break a bottom wishbone on his suspension, this forcing his retirement. John Ewer (Lola), took second place just ahead of Roy Pierpoint (Lotus XV), scratch man.

Highlight of the afternoon's sport was the Formula Junior race. Every car made an excellent start and the first lap was an extremely crowded one. Jack Pearce (Lotus 20), however, was well in the lead as they came past the pits for the first time, leading from Bill Pinckney (Lotus 20) and J. M. Edwards (Cooper). With only laps gone the unfortunate Pearce had to retire with engine bothers and Bill Pinckney shot into the lead, a lead he never lost throughout the next thirteen laps. Behind Pinckney came Reg Brown and John Mew both in Lotus 20s and Mike Woodley in the Emeryson. Reg Brown was the next to retire, leaving John Mew in second place, a position he kept till he took the chequered flag behind Bill Pinckney. Mike Woodley, who has not had too good a season considering his potential, seemed to have ironed out various bothers and held a very good third place ahead of the Cooper.

Brenda Dickinson added to her already large collection of silverware by winning the up to 1,100 c.c. sports car race from

keen male opposition. Brenda led the field from start to finish although at one stage Warwick Banks closed right up on stage Warwick Banks closed right up on her when she was held up by back mar-kers in the closing stages. Warwick Banks certainly went well, finishing only a few seconds behind Brenda, after a really spirited drive. Brenda's husband, Peter (Lotus XI), finished third, ahead of L.E. Maelaw is conchere L atu XI J. F. Morley in another Lotus XI.

Roy Pierpoint, having led from start to finish, won the formule libre event which followed. The incredible power of this 2-litre Climax-engined Lotus, combined with the excellent stability, enabled Roy to win quite comfortably. The only other people really in the chase were Chris Summers in his F1 Cooper and Fred Tuck in his 3-litre Cooper-Maserati. Chris followed Roy closely Maserau. Chris followed Roy closely in the early stages, catching the Lotus noticeably on the bends, until the superior power of Roy's 2-litre engine showed and he pulled away. Fred Tuck, who had held second spot in the opening lap, but had dropped behind Summers, started closing up during the final laps started closing up during the final laps when he would literally tear past the





ABOVE: Robin Sturgess ("E"-type) leads a formula junior car through Woodcote in the formule libre event. LEFT: David Seigle-Morris showed that he is just as competent a racing driver as he is a rally driver. BELOW: The unfortunate G. R. Follitt retires his A.C./G.N. in a cloud of smoke. Results

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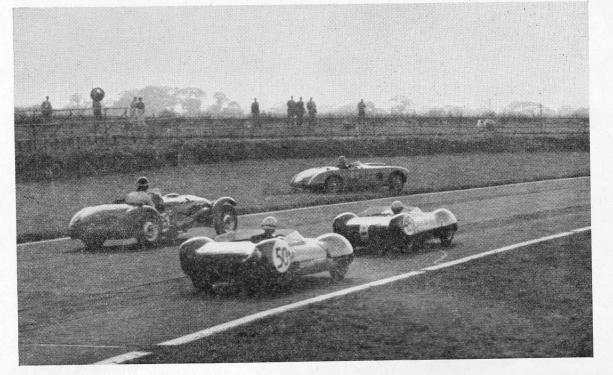
F1 Cooper, only to be retaken on the corners by Chris. However, Fred Tuck eventually succeeded in staying ahead to finish second, behind Pierpoint's Lotus. Roy Pierpoint romped home to a second victory when he won the race for sports cars up to 2,000 c.c. Not un-naturally he had it all his own way, leading from the fall of the flag until he crossed the line seven laps later. John crossed the line seven laps later. John Ewer put up some opposition in his Lola but Pierpoint didn't make a mistake he could take advantage of-so he had to be content with second place ahead of Terry Bone in the Gilby-Climax. Roger Burnard (A.C.-Bristol) showed he cer-tainly is a man to be reckoned with by finishing fourth in this highly competitive event.

The 750 race saw yet another win to David Boorer in his D.E.B. Mk. II. Mike Forest was unfortunate enough to have his axle seize solid as he went into Becketts which put paid to the normal dice we see between David's D.E.B. and Mike's incredible Austin 7 saloon. B. A. M. Small finished second with A. Butcher in third place.

PATRICK MCNALLY.



B.A.R.C. GOODWOOD A Tie for the Brooklands Memorial Trophy



 $T_{\rm HE}$ B.A.R.C. were lucky with the weather for their meeting last Saturday, and staged what must have been one of the best members' meetings seen at the Sussex circuit for some time. The crowd was not exactly thick but those there were most appreciative of some very good racing.

The first race, which was for sports cars up to 1,100 c.c., produced a racelong duel between Laurie Keens and J. Nicholson. Admittedly Keens held the advantage throughout, but it was no procession as they were never separated by more than a car's length or so; both were Lola-mounted. I. G. E. Harrison-Hansley, who had been trying to keep his Lola with them, overdid things at St. Mary's on the fourth lap, but still finished third, all three being some distance in front of the rest.

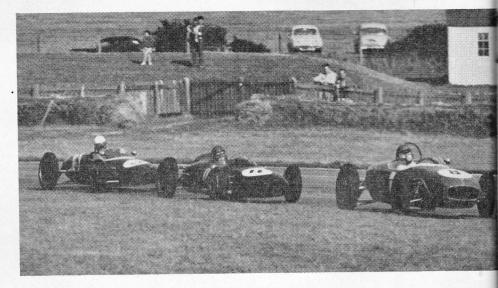
A fantastic scrap developed in race two, for sports cars up to 1,200 c.c. excluding o.h.c., between Geoff Oliver and Jon Derisley, in D.R.W.-Ford and Lotus-Ford respectively. K. W. Mackenzie jumped the start and was penalized, and Derisley began to get to grips with Oliver, both of whom were scrapping for points in the Brooklands Memorial Trophy competition. Derisley, after having tried several times to get past at various places round the circuit, notably going into Woodcote, eventually did so on the last lap, but somehow Oliver managed to get past again in the middle of the chicane, and had the crowd on their feet in the stands. He apparently won by one second, but it must have been a very short one!

The B.A.R.C. really got down to the business of trying to stop the dreadful things that keep on happening either at the start of Formula Junior events or ON THE GRASS at Madgwick is R. Dilley (Frazer-Nash) while J. P. H. Ditmas (Lotus), P. J. Dodd (Lotus) and J. A. Tiller (Allard) swoop past.

shortly after. Their briefing of the drivers was tough; for instance, not only was creeping at the front going to be penalized, but those who started creeping through the ranks of the grid from behind were also to be penalized. They

IN LINE ASTERN, John Fenning, Richard Attwood and John Pitcher queue up for Madgwick during the Formula Junior race. made up the grid in 3-2-3 formation to string them out a bit and it all worked very well. The race resolved itself into a battle between J. Fenning's Lotus-B.M.C. and J. Pitcher's Lotus-Ford, with R. Attwood's Cooper-Ford coming through the field. At halfdistance Attwood displaced Pitcher, and on the next lap H. P. K. Dibley got his Lola past him into third place. On lap seven Attwood succeeded in getting the lead from Fenning, who evenually lost it at Woodcote on the last lap, letting Dibley into second place and Pitcher up one into third.

Michael Salmon had the race for big sports cars sewn up after he displaced Laurie Keens's Lola, who made a mag-



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nificent start, on lap two. He went on increasing his lead and finished half a minute ahead of anyone else. The race was somewhat processional, Keens settling for second place and M. Beck-with third with his Lotus. Peter Lumsden seemed a little uncomfortable with his new "E"-type, presumably not yet being used to it. However, he managed fourth place.

The Cibié Cup race produced another tremendous dice between Derek Merfield and Bob Jankel, both of course in Ford Anglias. First lap and Jankel came into Woodcote first, but Merfield slipped by on the inside as Jankel went wide; next lap Jankel held him, having got by again after having been passed at St. Mary's, and so it went on until the last lap, when Merfield tried to get by on the inside at St. Mary's, which caused Jankel to lose it and spin off. Merfield did so himself but continued in the lead to win. The unfortunate Jankel could not get going so quickly and finished fifth. Cuff Miller had a race-long dice with Gerry Hodgson, and this time the Rapier just beat the Borgward. Thus Merfield's Willment-tuned Ford Anglia has won the Cibié Cup for this season.

The Marque scratch race provided a runaway win for Bob Olthoff's remark-ably quick M.G.A t/c, Bob Staples being unable to race as he is still suffer-ing form officient of the still suffering from after-effects of his crash and under strict doctor's orders. Having anyway already made certain of the Freddy Dixon Trophy, he was a specta-tor for a change. About the only tor for a change. About the only remarkable thing about the race, apart from Olthoff's rapid progress, was the number of spins, etc., that occurred, mostly at St. Mary's, too many to mention in detail.

Two excellent handicaps ended the meeting. The first, for closed cars, saw J. M. Uren bring the G.S.M. Delta through the field like a knife through butter. Starting from .05 sec., he was up in third place after three laps, and

soon disposed of limit "man" Miss S. Marten, who drove her Turner-B.M.C. very well. He then got past G. A. Naylor's Elva Courier into the lead on lap four. A. B. Fraser had a wheel strip off his Rapier at Madgwick. It broke right away from the nuts leaving them still nicely done up on the hub, and he handled the affair very well. The new Ballamy Debonaire was disappointing, seemingly suffering from fuel starvation. When it went it went well, but this was not often enough.

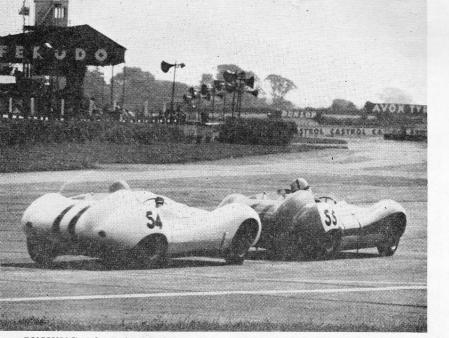
The last race settled the destination of the *Motor Sport* Brooklands Memorial Trophy for 1961. A decidedly complicated destination, as due to the fact that Jon Derisley was able to turn the tables on Geoff Oliver, after another

fantastic scrap, and not without the ultimate intervention of Peter Lumsden in the "E"-type, who seemed to get the hang of it a little better this time and split this scrapping pair, the Trophy is shared by no fewer than three people. Back to the race and J. S. Gamble's Doretti was overwhelmed on lap four and Derisley took the lead, continuously harassed by Oliver, while Lumsden came through from "owe 5 secs." eventually snatching second place on the last lap.

The Motor Sport Memorial Trophy is shared by Jon Derisley, Laurie Keens and Geoff Oliver and this is the first time anything similar has happened. They all scored 19 points and as yet the B.A.R.C. do not seem sure how they

STRUGGLE for the Cibié Cup: Bob Jankel (Superspeed Ford) leads "Doc" Merfield (Willment-Ford) into the chicane. But Jankel spun, and Merfield carried on to win the race and the trophy for the season.





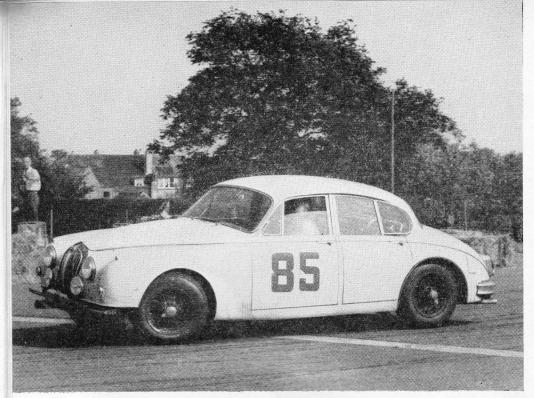
PUSHING: The Lolas in close company are those of John Nicholson and, leading, Laurie Keens during their race-long duel. Although Keens held the advantage all the way, there was seldom more space between the pair than this and both drew well ahead of the rest of the field.

are going to sort out the problem of how to reward these three fine drivers. PATRICK BENJAFIELD.

Results

Results Non-Supercharged Sports Cars up to 1,100 c.c.: 1. L. W. Keens (Lola-Climax), 85.31 m.p.h.; 2, J. Nicholson (Lola-Climax), 5.31 m.p.h.; 2, J. Nicholson (Lola-Climax), Fastest Iap: Harrison-Hansley (Lola-Climax), Fastest Iap: Harrison-Hansley & 8.16 m.p.h. Non-Supercharged Sports Cars up to 1,200 c.c. excluding o.h.c. enginest 1, G. E. Oliver (D.R.W.-Ford), 82.66 m.p.h.; 2, J. A. Derisley (Lotus-Ford), 82.66 m.p.h.; 2, J. A. Derisley (Lotus-Ford), 82.66 m.p.h.; 2, J. A. Derisley (Lotus-Ford); 3, J. B. L. Brooke (Lotus-Ford), Fastest Iap: Derisley, 84.87 m.p.h. Formula Junior: 1, R. Attwood (Cooper-Ford), 88.24 m.p.h.; 2, H. P. K. Dibley (Lola-Ford); 3, J. Pitcher (Lotus-Ford), Fastest Iap: Attwood, 90.76 m.p.h. Unlimited Sports Cars: 1, M. Sälmon (Japuar

3. J. Pitcher (Lotus-Ford). Fastest lap: Attwood, 90.76 m.p.h.
Unlimited Sports Cars: 1, M. Salmon (Jaguar D), 87.36 m.p.h.; 2, L. W. Keens (Lola-Climax); 3, M. Beckwith (Lotus-Climax). Fastest lap: Salmon, 89.63 m.p.h.
Cibié Cap Race: 1, D. P. Merfield (Willment-Ford), 75.74 m.p.h.; 2, M. H. Cave (Austin A40); 3, E. W. Cuff-Miller (Sunbeam Rapier). Fastest lap: Merfield and Jankel, 78.54 m.p.h. Class Results-Up to 1,000 c.c.: 1, D. P. Merfield (Willment-Ford), 75.74 m.p.h.; 2, M. H. Cave (Austin A40); 3, R. Jankel (Ford Anglia). Over 1,000 c.e.: 1, D. P. Merfield (Willment-Ford), 73.39 m.p.h.; 2, J. B. Hodgson (Borgward); 3, A. B. Fraser (Sunbeam Rapier). Fastest lap: Cuff-Miller, 75.13 m.p.h.
Marque Scratch Race: 1, J. R. Olthoff (M.G.A C), 81,02 m.p.h.; 2, P. H. Arnold (Triumph TR3); 3, N. H. Dangerfield (Triumph TR3). Fastest lap: Olthoff, 82,76 m.p.h.; 2, G. A. Naylor (Elva Courier); 3, D. P. Merfield (Willment-Ford), 71.20 m.p.h.; 2, G. A. Naylor (Elva Courier); 3, D. P. Merfield (Willment-Ford).
Fastest lap: Woodroffe, 79.12 m.p.h.
Handicap Race (B): 1, J. A. Derisley (Lorus-Ford), 82.82 m.p.h.; 2, P. J. S. Lumsden (Jaguar 'E''); 3, G. E. Oliver (D.R.W.-Ford). Fastest lap: Lumsden, 86.40 m.p.h.



The "Tour"—Half-way! PHOTOGRAPHY BY GEORGE PHILLIPS



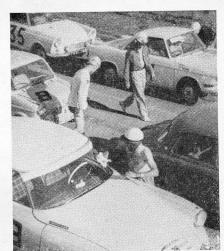
ABOVE: Start of the race at Rheims: Consten (Jaguar) leads from the similar cars of Sir Gawaine Baillie/Peter Jopp and Claude Lego/Jean Berges. BELOW: Grand Tourers at Brussels are led by the Peugeot 404 of Guiraud/ Pizaro.



At the time of going to press-roughly half-way through the Tour de France -the first four places were filled by Jaguars, with the Gawaine Baillie/Peter Jopp 3.8 in second place on scratch and in general classification. Highest-placed foreign car at this stage was the Alfa Romeo of Rosinski/Charon, in fifth place overall and 27th on Index of Performance.

place overall and 2/th on index of Performance. On Index, NSUs held two out of the first three places, with the NSU 598 of Behra/Cousin leading the NSU 583 of Billard/Benveniste and, in third place, the BMW 697 of Harris/Buggenhout. The Sunbeam entry was withdrawn early on in the event, although Peter Harper was classified in eighth place at Auvergne despite losing a wheel during the race. The works Citroën DS19 of Trautmann/Ogier was in trouble, too, having emitted considerable quantities of smoke and some hideously expensive noises

WARM WORK at Rheims: Henri Barbe cleans the screen of his Citroën before the race, wearing only crash hat and shorts.



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LEFT: Bernard Consten, leading the Tour on scratch and overall classification at the time of going to press, swings his Jaguar through a corner at Brussels. BELOW: Maurice Trintignant signs in at the Brussels control.



during the Brussels race. He returned to the fray after a long period spent in the pits, the engine sounding less unhealthy but still pouring out smoke. After two laps of this he disappeared, not to be seen again.

The weather during the early stages was magnificent. At Rheims, many pilots drove stripped to the waist, while a fierce argument developed between Jose Behra and Toto Roche, who refused to allow him to race due to accident damage and a badly starred screen. Behra subsequently arrived at Brussels with a new, but temporary, screen, and raced there. Worst luck was that of Rosinski, who damaged a piston during the Rheims races. He managed to get his Alfa Romeo to the *parc fermé* on three cylinders, changed the piston in less than an hour the following day and arrived at Brussels only nine minutes late—only to have the con-rod break before the race!

BRUSSELS: Lego's Jaguar leads Consten's similar 3.8 at Brussels as the latter queues up behind to take a right-hander.



REPORT FROM EIRE

The Irish Speed Season Draws to a Close

BY BRIAN FOLFY



TRALEE HILL-CLIMB

THE Kingdom of Kerry Motor Club held the only Southern speed event during the month of August, when they during the month of August, when they staged their second annual Tralee hill-climb on Sunday, 27th. The Kerry event carried Sexton Trophy status this year but the poor entry of only 20 cars was probably due to a clash with the 500 Club's Kirkistown meeting (with its attendant parties) which was held in the North on the previous day.

North on the previous day. For the second year running, Brian Bleakley set up B.T.D. and established a new record of 66.5 seconds in his 1,000 c.c. Kieft-J.A.P. Bleakley was 2.2 seconds quicker than he was last year. Captain John Burke was the second fastest man in his $1\frac{1}{2}$ -litre Gordini, with a time of 76.4 seconds achieved on his first run. Burke crashed the Gordini first run. Burke crashed the Gordini rather badly on his second run and the car was much damaged. Happily Burke's injuries are not as serious as were suspected, and he is now recovering in St. Bricken's Hospital, in Dublin, from a broken pelvis. Johnny duMoulin in his fantastically rapid, Weber-aspirated, 1,340 c.c. Ford Anglia was third fastest overall with 78.4 seconds. The red and

ALTIDORE HILL-CLIMB. New specials are a rarity nowadays in Eire hill-climbs. Dickie Lovell-Butt gave his latest creation its first airing at Altidore Hill-Climb. The engine of his rare-sounding L.B.-M.G. is a blown 1,087 c.c. K.3 Magnette unit.

white Anglia was almost five seconds faster than the next best saloon, which was Robin McKinney's Aston Martin DB2/4. This latter car is, I believe, the ex-John Surtees car.

ex-John Surtees car. Results Bowmaker Shield for B.T.D.: B. Bleakley (1,000 c.c. Kieft), 66.5 s. (record). Open Handi-cap: 1, B. Bleakley (Kieft), 66.5 s.; 2, M. Moloney (Sprite), 67.4 s.; 3, F. Nuttall (Ford Spl.), 67.5 s. Saloons up to 1,250 c.c.: 1, N. Burke (Austin A35), 86.6 s.; 2, P. O'Callaghan (VW), 87.3 s.; 3, R. Redmond (Auto Union), 87.9 s. Saloons over 1,250 c.c.: 1, J. C. duMoulin (Ford Anglia), 78.4 s.; 2, R. McKinney (Aston Martin), 83.2 s. Saloon Handicap: 1, P. O'Callaghan (VW), 61.3 s.; 2, N. Burke (Austin A35), 65.6 s. Racing/Sports up to 1,250 c.c.: 1, B. Bleakley (Kieft), 66.5 s.; 2, M. Moloney (Sprite), 85.4 s. Racing/Sports over 1,250 c.c.: 1, J. Burke (Gordini), 76.4 s.

ALTIDORE HILL-CLIMB

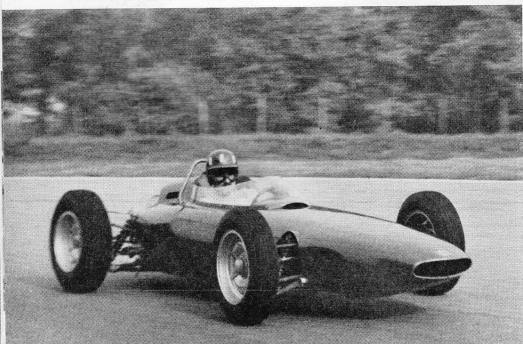
For the last three years the honour of L closing the Eire speed season has been placed on the shoulders of the Motor Enthusiasts' Club. The M.E.C.

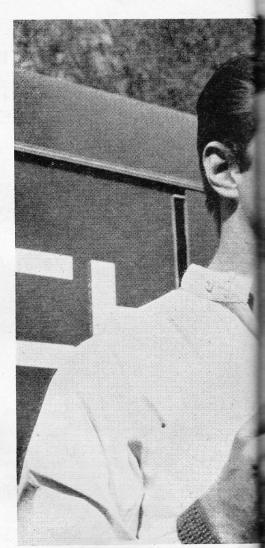
had high hopes of running a series of road races in County Louth on Satur-day, 9th September. A road closing order could not be obtained and so once again the season closed with their Altidore hill-climb in County Wicklow. On several occasions this year, drivers and spectators have been treated to some very badly organized hill-climbs. Long delays in starting are far too common, as well as such irritating things as cars running out of order, spectators running out of order, faulty timing, inadequate P.A., etc. We have come to accept Altidore as one of the better organized events, but this year M.E.C. were one hour late in starting and as the motor-cycles were first off, it was after 4 p.m. when the first car tackled the hill. Cars also were running very much out of order at Altidore with the comical result of having racing cars, sports cars and saloons all mixed up in the queue to the starting line. This criticism is not directed solely at M.E.C. but at the organization of hill-climbs in general, and I sincerely hope that the offending clubs will take note for next year. John Pringle continues to lower all

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A GREAT DRIVER-

MONZA 1961— The Italian G.P. broug Joy because one of its drivers won the because another tragically lost his life. to win the title since its inception. If joyfully acknowledges the plaudits of the its first appearance. This beautiful new **WHEEL-TO-WHEEL** for most of the race right). **BRILLIANT NEWCOMER** to G seen here with his father and wife.

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- A GREAT SPORTSMAN

both joy and pain to the House of Ferrari. **Hence** and the World Championship. Pain **HILL** (top left) became the first American Hence unaware of his team-mate's death, he hencowd. **THE NEW B.R.M.** (bottom left) made encoder is seen here in the hands of Graham Hill. Second Encode and Stirling Moss (bottom Second Was Ricardo Rodriguez (top right)

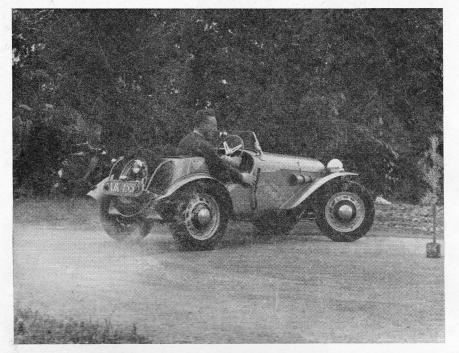


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his own records for the Irish hills and Altidore was no exception. With his $2\frac{1}{2}$ -litre Cooper-Climax, Pringle reduced his record of 41.99 seconds to 40.10 seconds. John really motors this very powerful machine up hills, and his many records will take some beating. Dan McAlister was very quick and as cool as usual in his $1\frac{1}{2}$ -litre Cooper-Climax. His best climb in 42.24 seconds was a quarter of a second outside Pringle's 1960 record. Edmund Gill was third fastest in his F.J. Lotus 18 with 45.87 New specials are certainly a rarity nowadays in Eire hill-climbs. Full credit therefore must go to Dickie Lovell-Butt for bringing out his new L.B.-M.G. The power unit is a blown, 1,087 c.c. K3 Magnette unit. Dickie's best time with this rare-sounding car was a creditable 60.81 seconds.

STRONGLY rumoured for next season is a new road circuit near Clonmel. It is strongly hoped that the Tipperary L.C. and M.C.C. can make a go of it. It is a long time since a road racing event was held south of Dublin.



seconds. Fourth fastest overall was Leslie Vard in the sole "E"-type Jaguar in Eire, with 47.90 seconds. Leslie was giving the "E"-type its competition début in Ireland and he left a wedding reception to do just one run, after which he returned to the festivities! Other exceptionally good times were recorded by Billy Reid (TR3), 52.36 seconds, the incredible duMoulin (Anglia), 54.03 seconds, and by Messrs. Diffley and Cooney with 57.88 and 57.89 seconds in a pair of modified Sprites. Duggie Hughes, who holds the bike record at 47.59 seconds set up in 1959 on a 500 c.c. J.A.P., returned again to Altidore but this time on a 250 c.c. "Leprekart". The little kart went up in a series of four-wheel hops in 73.09 seconds, to beat several saloons! Another car making its Irish competition début was Jackie Fildes's new 958 c.c. M.G. Midget. His best run was 68.01 seconds.

Midget. His best run was 68.01 seconds. Results Marsden Trophy for B.T.D.: J. R. Pringle (2.5 Cooper-Climax), 40.10 s. (record). Billy Telford Memorial Trophy (Best Eire Competitor): D. F. B. McAlister (1.5 Cooper-Climax), 42.24 s. Open Handicap: 1, J. C. duMoulin (Ford Anglia), 36.03 s.: 2, W. J. Reid (Triumph TR3), 38.36 s.: 3, B. Broderick (Volkswagen), 39.30 s. 1.100 c.c. Saloons: 1, M. Ivis (Austin Seven), 66.37 s.: 2, N. Burke (Austin A35), 67.77 s.: 3, J. Emerson (Austin Seven), 68.45 s. Over 1,100 c.c. Saloons: 1, J. C. duMoulin (Ford Anglia), 54.03 s.; 2, Miss R, Smith (Vauxhall Cresta), 65.36 s.: 3, Dr. M. B. O'Brien (Volkswagen), 67.26 s. 1.300 c.e. Racing/Sports Cars: 1, E. P. Gill (Lotus 18, F.J.), 45.87 s.: 2, K. Diffley (Sprite), 57.88 s.; 3, J. Cooney (Sprite), 57.89 s. Over 1,300 c.c. Racing/Sports Cars: 1, J. R. Pringle (Cooper-Climax), 42.24 s.; 3, L. Vard (Jaguar "E"-type), 47.90 s.

Seamus Griffin swings his neat Griffin-Ford in the Comeragh Cup trial, which he won with ease.

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THE Carrick-On-Suir Motor Club could aptly be renamed the "Pylon Club", as all their trials are notable for the large numbers of pylons used in the various tests to trap the unwary. Most of the tests in their Comeragh Cup trial were pretty tight affairs, which gave the specials and "Mickey Mouse" cars more than a decided advantage. Seamus Griffin, the Hewison holder, has made some changes to his beautifully built and turned-out Griffin-Ford. Most notable change is the colour, from bronze to a light metallic blue. Less noticeable is the change from the 1,172 c.c. Ford E93A engine to a more modern 1,172 c.c. Ford 100E. Certainly these changes have not affected Griffin's winning ways as he ably demonstrated on Sunday, 10th September. Griffin won the Comeragh Cup with a total of 290.1 marks. His nearest rival was his younger brother Stephen Griffin who was second overall and winner of the Specials/Sports class with 303.0 marks in his G.T.S. Johnny Moore in an Austin Seven was next in line, followed by the two NSUs of Noel Smith and Des Cullen. The latter had a front hub break and consequently lost a wheel in the first test. A brisk dash back to Carrick-On-Suir followed for a new hub, and Cullen, with the aid for a new hub, and Cullen, with the aid of the local dealer and club member Jim Brett, had the car on all fours again in record time. Cullen did the first test again, but after all the con-fusion he lost his way and dropped several vital marks which he was unable to pull down. Unluckier still was Gordon Percy who was going great guns until he had to retire his Ford Special around the half-way mark.

Results

Comeragh Cup: Seamus Griffin (Griffin-Ford), 290.1 marks. Specials/Sports Class: 1, Stephen Griffin (G.T.S.), 303.0; 2, Terry Power (Culford), 348.3. Small Saloons: 1, Johnny Moore (Austin Seven), 304.7; 2, Noel Smith (NSU Prinz 30), 315.1; 3, Des Cullen (NSU Prinz 30), 316.0. Large Saloons: 1, Fintain Kealy (Volkswagen), 337.8; 2, Tommy Connolly (Volkswagen), 380.8; 3, Pat O'Callaghan (Volkswagen), 401.3.



ALTIDORE HILL-CLIMB. Making its Irish competition debut at Altidore Hill-Climb was Leslie Vard's "E"-type. Vard had only one run but set up fourth best time overall behind a $2\frac{1}{2}$ - and $1\frac{1}{2}$ -litre Cooper, and a Lotus 18.



By MICHAEL DURNIN

THERE are those who say that the future of rallying is in the hands of the organizers and competitors who participate in proper, orthodox, R.A.C.-recognized events. They say that, if the clubs first put their houses in order and conduct their road events so as to cause no inconvenience to the general public, all will be well and the future of the sport will be assured. They say (and I could go on like this for hours) that if recognized clubs run rallies considerately and well public opinion will swing to the support of the sport.

All this is fairly true, as far as it goes. However, it seems to me that every bit of goodwill that the competent and disciplined clubs running competitions under the aegis of the R.A.C. manage to create and foster is more than compensated for by some piece of lunatic and criminal folly which alienates the general public from rallying. In most cases the culprits are to be found among the ranks of "pirate" motoring clubs which owe no loyalty except to themselves and could not care less about the future of rallying as a sport, as distinct from a social entertainment.

Almost every week letters arrive in this office describing, with horror and indignation, the latest transgression of some "pirate" club, usually attached to a factory but quite often organized by a group of individuals who have similar ambitions and desires for their clubs as orthodox club members, but who are not prepared to accept the discipline which is demanded and obtained from members of R.A.C.-recognized organizations.

An example of the outrageous stupidity and frankly illegal activities which we have come to expect from "pirate" clubs was recently relayed to us by Graham Gauld, editor of our Scottish contemporary Motor World. Apparently a non-recognized club recently ran a rally with their second-last control at Lugton in Ayrshire and stated that, as a tie-decider, the fastest man from Lugton to the finish, at a hotel on the main Kilmarnock-Prestwick road, would be the best-placed. Graham tells us that it is unlikely that this information is incorrect, as his informants were the Ayrshire police, who take a grave view of this blatant example of organized racing on the public road and he believes that the consequences for those implicated may be very serious.

The driving test meeting which the **Midland A.C.** hoped to hold on Lich-field Airfield has had to be cancelled, one of the main reasons being that unauthorized persons and/or clubs have been using the airfield. The M.A.C. have had permission to use this venue for the past five years and feel very strongly about the whole matter, and the secretary, Gerard Flewitt, feels that "this is yet another case of unauthorized use by irresponsible persons or clubs—and R.A.C.-affiliated clubs having to suffer in consequence."

What is the answer? Already it is laid down that persons holding an R.A.C. competitions licence must not compete in unregistered events, but surely every



THE WINNERS of the Craven M.C.'s Hawthorn Rally, Peter Church and John Brown (Ford Zephyr). A full report of this event appears on page 406.

member of every orthodox club should use his or her influence to dissuade anyone who plans to organize or compete in clandestine timed events on the public roads and instead persuade them to join a "real" motor club and enjoy wellorganized events.

KILMARNOCK C.C. SEPTEMBER 200 RALLY

TWENTY-SEVEN cars turned up for the start of Kilmarnock Car Club's September 200 Rally on Sunday, 10th September. Four of the competitors, Tom Paton and navigator Rusty Wilson and David Black and navigator Ross Finlay had just competed in the Riley Car Club's Pathfinder Rally which finished that morning at 7.30. After a night's hard driving in storms and floods they man-aged to present themselves eager and pretty well shaved for another day's rallying.

This was quite a performance from four people who had just spent a very eventful night. Tom Paton's usual navigator, Jim Bryden, had been taken ill during the night and left Tom sans route tracer. However, a last-minute arrange-ment with Rusty Wilson, who had been ment with Rusty Wilson, who had been navigating for his brother Hamish, solved that problem. David Black's trouble started when his dynamo stopped work-ing at the tests. He borrowed a battery from the Dauphine of marshal Jim Ferns and continued to the finish, then borrowed Charlie Kerr's for the Kil-

marnock Rally. This year the rally wound its way through Ayrshire, Kircudbrightshire and Wigtonshire, taking the competitors right down to the Solway Firth, where there was an hour's lunch halt and the driving tests. For once the driving tests were of greater significance than is usual in a rally. Although the times of the tests were only to be used in the event of a tie on the road section, any penalties incurred during the tests were counted as road penalties. This made a great dif-ference to Bill Porter (Morris Minor), whose test penalties cost him first place in the rally.

The tightest section of the 200-mile event was the third through Glen Trool where four competitors retired and the Darvel postman turned up at Control 3

with the bumper of his Morris Minor altered in shape. He had left the road to inspect a ditch.

Control 6 had a queue of cars sitting outside waiting to check in and from this the marshals decided that it must have been an easy section. Just as they were about to close the control a car was heard approaching from the wrong direction. It charged into the control, checked in and charged out, still going in the wrong direction. A hundred yards down the road it passed the control board, realized what had happened, executed a three point turn and disappeared in the right direction.

The end of the rally at the Towans Hotel, Prestwick, saw only 13 drivers checking in, with no one clear of penalties. The rally had been designed to keep the competitors out of the way of the week-end motorists and was successful. R. McA.

 Results

 Caledonian Cup:
 1
 A. MacGregor (Vauxhall),

 10 penalties;
 2
 D. Black (Dauphine),
 30;
 3
 J. S.

 Martin (Mini),
 50.
 Class 1:
 1,
 D. Black (Dauphine),
 30;
 3
 J. S.

 Martin (Mini),
 50.
 Class 1:
 1,
 D. Black (Dauphine),
 30;
 2,
 J. S.
 Martin (Mini),
 50.
 Class 2:
 1,
 T. Paton (Fiat 1800),
 60;
 2,
 T. Boyes (Gazelle),
 70.
 Navigator's Award:
 J. MacGregor (Vauxhall).

Coming Attractions

- 22nd-23rd September. London M.C. London Rally.
- 23rd September. Mid-Cheshire M.C. International Gold Cup Race Meeting, Oulton Park, near Tar-
 - North Staffs M.C. Restricted Race Meeting, Silverstone, near Tow-cester, Northants. Sunbac Hill-Climb, Ragley Park, Alcester, Warwicks.
- 24th September. Winfield Joint Committee Race Meeting, Charterhall, Greenlaw, near Berwickshire.
 - B.A.R.C. Sprint, Hudson Road Mills, Leeds.
 - Falcon M.C. Sprint, Snetterton, near Thetford, Norfolk. Thames Estuary M.C. Hill-Climb,
 - Stapleford, near Chigwell, Essex. U.H. and U.L.M.C. Hill-Climb,
 - Wiscombe Park, near Honiton, Devon.

AUTUMN AINTREE

Aintree C.C. Restricted Race Meeting



USING the short circuit, the Aintree Circuit Club staged their second restricted meeting of 1961 on Saturday, 9th September. In spite of opposition in the shape of meetings run by the B.A.R.C. at Oulton Park and the B.R.S.C.C. at Rufforth, the meeting, timed to a split second and organized to perfection, drew an entry of some 65 to perfection, drew an entry of some 65 starters who completed a well-selected programme of eight events, each over 10 laps.

Commencing with production saloon cars, this first race was a gift to P. T. Middlehurst, whose well-known A40 was much, much too fast for the opposition, consisting in the main of Minis. Middlehurst, on his ninth tour, lapped the entire field, this on a 1.6-mile circuit! He eventually finished a complete lap, plus 13 seconds, in front of his second man, D. E. J. Lomas, whilst third came J. D. Lewis, both driving 848 Minis.

Next came sports cars up to 1,000 c.c. After an early neck-and-neck struggle, P. C. Mitchell (Lotus 7) gradually drew away from A. Leonard, similarly equipped, to take the flag by eight seconds. Third, some 20 seconds later, came W. J. Morgans, in yet a further Lotus 7.

The third race was for 750 Formula and produced a grand scrap be-tween P. A. Cross (Austin), who won by 0.6 sec., and A. R. Wontner (A.R.W.), with J. Anziani (Anco) third. These little cars went extremely well, the fastest lap falling to G. Whitehead, whose special recorded a time of 1 min. 23.8 secs., or 70.45 m.p.h. Event 4, being well over-subscribed,

was run in two heats (for sports cars up to 1,700 c.c.), the three fastest times to count for places. The first heat was taken by M. Adlington from K. R. Bailey and W. J. Morgans, all driving Lotus 7s, the winner putting in a lap at 1 min. 11.2 secs., or 82.92 m.p.h. Un-fortunately this race started the spinning act, of which more later, with reCARRYING ADVERTISING on the windscreen, and leading this pair, is M. McCombe's Sunbeam Alpine. Behind, and hanging on to the side of his Lotus Seven in what is practically 500 c.c. fashion, is K. R. Bailey.

volves by Adlington and F. W. Dodgson (Lotus 11) on the second lap at Club, and by T. Youlton (Terrier) again at Club on lap 5.

Club on lap 5. The second heat was won by G. D. Hill (Elva) from H. E. O'Brien's Thor Spl., with B. J. Smallthwaite (Lotus Elite) third. Hill's best lap was in 1 min. 12.4 secs., a shade down on Ad-lington in the previous heat, but his perfect driving and freedom from "inci-dent" paid off, and he took first place in the aggregate with Adlington second in the aggregate with Adlington second, O'Brien third and Smallthwaite fourth.

Formula Juniors should have been next, but scratchings left only three proposed runners and the event was deleted from the programme.

Results

Results Production Saloon Cars: 1, P. T. Middlehurst (A40), 73.93 m.p.h.; 2, D. E. J. Lomas (Mini-Minor); 3, J. D. Lewis (Mini-Minor). Fastest lap: Middlehurst, 1 m. 18.2 s., 75.50 m.p.h. Sports Cars up to 1,000 e.c.: 1, P. C. Mitchell (Lotus Seven), 79.04 m.p.h.; 2, A. Leonard (Lotus Seven); 3, W. J. Morgans (Lotus Seven). Fastest lap: Mitchell, 1 m. 13.0 s., 80.80 m.p.h. 750 Formula Cars: 1, P. A. Cross (Austin), 68.49 m.p.h.; 2, A. R. Wontner (A.R.W.); 3, J. Anziani (Anco). Fastest lap: 6. Whitehead (Special), 1 m. 23.8 s., 70.45 m.p.h. Sports Cars up to 1,700 e.c. (Heat 1): 1, M. Adlington (Lotus Seven), 79.16 m.p.h.; 2, K. R. Bailey (Lotus Seven); 3, W. J. Morgans (Lotus Seven), Fastest lap: Adlington, 1 m. 11.2 s., 8.9.2 m.p.h.; (Heat 2): 1, G. D. Hill (Eiva), 79.72 m.p.h.; 2, H. E. O'Brien (Thor Spl.); 3, J. J. Smalthwaite (Lotus Elite). Fastest lap: Hill, 1 m. 12.4 s., 81.55 m.p.h. Sports Cars over 1,700 e.c.: 1, F. W. Dodgson

1, Hin; 2, Adington; 3, O blet. Sports Cars over 1700 c.e.: 1, F. W. Dodgson (Lotus Eleven), 80.37 m.p.h.; 2, B. J. Hough (Cooper); 3, P. C. Mitchell (Lotus Seven). Fastest lap: Dodgson, 1 m. 11.2 s., 82.92 m.p.h.

1172 Formula: See text.

1172 Formula: See text. Marque Race: 1, J. B. Pemberton (Austin-Healey 100/6), 71.60 m.p.h.; 2, B. Stratton (TR3A); 3, G. Weldon (TR3A). Fastest lap: Pemberton, 1 m. 20.6 s., 73.25 m.p.h.

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Event No. 6, for sports cars over 1,700 c.c., found F. W. Dodgson's Lotus 11 too fast for the opposition, and he took the flag some eight seconds in front of his second man, B. J. Hough (Cooper), with P. C. Mitchell (Lotus 7) third, some 13 seconds in arrears. Lap six saw J. Scott Davies (Lotus 17) spin at Bechers, but he continued, nothing daunted.

Event 7 was for 1172 Formula cars, of which there were eight starters. On the first lap it was A. R. Wershat (Spl.) leading from A. D. Bennett (Terrier II) and T. Youlton (Terrier). Lap two saw Youlton take Bennett while A D Youlton take Bennett, while A. D. Murray and J. R. Gray, on Lotus 7s, spun wildly but in unison at Club. Lap 3 saw the leader lose the lot in a big way at Club with the rest taking wild avoiding action. No one hit anyone, though how they missed each other I'll never know! G. R. Eccleston (Spl.) reported doing the same at Country. During this, the placing had changed. Youlton and Bennett now led by some distance from a recovered Wershat, that is until lap 7, when Bennett, obviously Youlton to brake and lose his lead! Lap 8 saw Wershat back in the lead, with Youlton taking to the grass all the way round Club to rejoin the circuitwithout a care, or even a look back. At the flag it was Wershat, Bennett and Youlton, while fourth and fifth came W. G. Lomas (Lomas Spl.) and M. R. Pilbeam (Virage), the only finishers with any manners at all! The writer has described this race in detail, as it was very obvious that this sort of as it was very obvious that this sort of thing could not be tolerated, and it wasn't, the Stewards acting very promptly. The following statement was handed to your Northern Editor and is published in full, as it may act as a warning to those *few* who consistently try to get away with it!

The statement reads: "The Stewards as a body were grossly dissatisfied with the standard of driving in Event 7, which they considered to be dangerous, and in correspondence of uncircum schemes, and consequence of various observers' re-ports and their own observations, they summoned A. R. Wershat, A. D. Ben-nett, T. Youlton, A. Murray, G. R. Eccleston and J. R. Gray to appear in front of them. After giving these com-petitors an opnortunity to evaluate their petitors an opportunity to explain their actions, the Stewards considered Event 7 as a whole and announced their findings as follows: Wershat, Bennett and Youlton being respectively first, second and third, be excluded from said event, that Murray be reprimanded, and that Eccleston and Gray be fined £3 each. The Stewards further declared the winner to be W. G. Lomas and the second to be M. R. Pilbeam and that third place be not awarded."

be not awarded." Last came a Marque race, in which J. B. Pemberton (Austin-Healey 100/6) crossed the line some six seconds in front of B. Stratton's TR3A, with G. Weldon's similar car a close third. This event was the scene of another fan-tastic spin, this time by M. McCombe whose Sunbeam Alpine demolished the observer post at Club, causing the flag marshal to lose his flag during his escape dive! (Club, the scene of all the trouble, is a half circle loop which joins the short circuit to the main, at Railway the short circuit to the main, at Railway Straight and Cottage Corner, and it requires care and attention!)

FRANCIS PENN.

S.S.C.C. DRIVING TESTS

THE Scottish Sporting Car Club had • originally intended to hold a sprint last Saturday but changed it to a driving test meeting. B. Filer was unaware of the change and journeyed up from the change and journeyed up from London with his Morris Mini to take part in the sprint. However, his journey was not altogether wasted for he took part in the tests and won his class. The meeting was held at Strangs Garage in Chapelhall and there five

tests were set out on a good tarmac surface. According to the programme the number of starters was 23, but with Agnes and Gray Mickel having entered a Hillman Husky and Mini and John Sword and Boyd Tunnock each having a run in the other's M.G.A, the actual number of competitors was 19.

Test 1 was a straightforward reverse-and-stop-astride affair by way of a warmer up, but penalties were collected by Gray Mickel (Mini), Ian Menzies (Morris) and Alan Mickel (Rapier) in the first run and by John Maclay (M.G.A) and D. Howie (Triumph Herald) in the second attempt. The best time in this test was put up by Duncan Paterson in his M.G.A.

Test 2 had a series of four lines which had to be straddled in a forward direction and were so placed that it was necessary to reverse and turn sharply before approaching each line. This sent the rubber flying and the only two penalized in the first run were Alan Nicol (Dauphine) and D. Webster (Consul). In the second run, when it was clear that Duncan Paterson (M.G.A) was going to be hard to catch, there were more penalties; these were collected by John Sword (M.G.A), Boyd Tunnock (M.G.A), John Maclay (M.G.A) and Ian Menzies (Morris).

Test 3 was a scissors and caught out hardly any of the competitors as far as penalties went, and the best time again went to Duncan Paterson.

Test 4 was a box which had to be entered twice and had enough room inside for the biggest cars to execute a handbrake turn without demolishment. This was successfully accomplished by the M.G.A drivers and Gray Mickel almost completely handbraked the well-sprung Husky. The extremely small turning circle of the Triumph Herald was demonstrated in this test by J. Broadbent, who just drove into the box and out again without any trouble.

Test 5 was the stiffest and tightest of all the tests and no less than 16 penalties

were collected out of the 23 runs. The test started with a wiggle-woggle be-tween four buckets and into a garage. The competitors then had to reverse out of the garage, back down the line of buckets and into another garage. Bucket number two was the one which received the most attention and by the end of the meeting it had been reduced to a somewhat shapeless mass of yellow plastic. Among those clear on this test was Agnes Mickel in the Hillman Husky, which is no mean feat for a test which was even catching out the Minis. Slowest performance must have been set by Ian Burns, who stopped his Gordini in the middle of the test to consult his sheet and find out where he was going. John Sword in Boyd Tunnock's Twin-Cam managed to take three buckets and a garage.

The results of the meeting showed that Duncan Paterson had had a field day as he took a class win in his Ford Popular and won overall in his M.G.A. The results were :-

Overall Winner: D. Paterson (M.G.A), 105.4. Class 1: B. O. Filer (Mini), 115.6. Class 2: D. Paterson (Ford), 128.8. Class 3: Insufficient entrics. Class 4: J. C. Sword (M.G.A), 114.4.

NORTH WALES INTER-CLUB DRIVING TEST MATCH

THE Caernarvonshire and Anglesey Motor Club fielded the successful team in the annual driving test match between the three North Wales clubs this year. The tests were organized by the North Wales C.C. this time, on the West Shore Promenade at Llandudno. Teams of six cars from each of the clubs, the C. & A. Motor Club, the North Wales Car Club, and the South Caerns M.C., completed the six tests while a large crowd of spectators enjoyed the sun and watched the drivers put the cars through their paces.

Best Time of Day was put up by the North Wales C.C. team captain, W. T. Meredith (Austin 7), though second, third and fourth positions went to members of the C. & A. M.C. team. This was a particularly welcome win for the C. & A. M.C., as this club is celebrating its Silver Jubilee this year.

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE M.C. Mancetter Hill-Climb

DRY roads in the first runs resulted in four class records being broken at the Coventry and Warwickshire Motor Club's speed hill-climb held recently at Mancetter Quarry, near Atherstone. A record went to R. D. Broad (Austin

Seven), for saloon cars up to 1,600 c.c., and in the class for saloon cars over 1,600 c.c., P. Bragshaw and his Aston Martin clocked 38.82 secs.—beating the old class record of 41.91 secs. D. W. Embley's Lotus did a climb in 36.91 secs. -beating the old class record of 37.14 secs. for sports cars up to 1,300 c.c.

J. Randle's Cooper put up B.T.D., 34.19 secs., to win him a club trophy, and also beating the old class record of 34.20 secs. for unlimited sports racing cars. B.T.D. by a member of an invited club went to W. J. Camp, in a Cooper, winning him the Newsome Trophy.

AUSTIN APPRENTICES' A.C.C. September Driving Test Meeting

THIS year the meeting was a restricted event and eight clubs from the Midlands area accepted the invitation. The North Work's car park of the Austin Motor Co., Ltd., was an ideal site, and the 11 tests provided the 28 competitors and spectators with an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment. The first 10 tests were run in pairs and formed the main competition, whilst the 11th was a long open test, which started with a "Le Mans"-type start. The Minis which were so fast last year were in a separate class from other saloons. In the sports car class specials enjoyed a five per cent. handicap.

P.G.V.

Sports Cars: 1, M. Hazlewood (M.H.S. Special); 2, M. S. Barber (A.-H. Sprite); 3, B. Pickering (A.-H. Sprite). Minis: 1, W. T. Meredith (Austin 7); 2, R. J. V. Kellar (Austin 7). Other Saloons: 1, M. Bassett (Austin A35); 2, B. W. Pearsall (Ford Prefect); 3, M. J. Wild (Wolseley 1500).

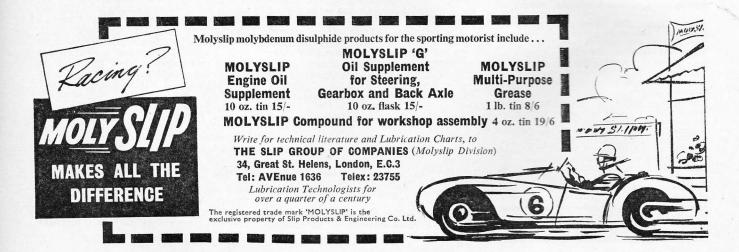
Results

MRS. JENNIFER WRIGHT, wife of Stephen Wright, M.A.C.I., secretary of the British Motorsport Association, recently gave birth to a son, Christopher Jonathan Neave. Mrs. Wright, a trained nurse, has accompanied many of the association's air trips abroad.

GODIVA TROPHY RALLY

A FULL report of this event will be published in next week's issue.

published in next week's issue. Result 1, J. Sprinzel/J. Brown (Sprite), 9 m.; 2, B. Harper/R. Crellin (Sprite), 14 m.; 3, D. Grim-shaw/B. Melia (Austin-Healey), 15 m. Class A: G. Mabbs/D. Stone (Herald), 17 m. Class B: J. Grimshaw/D. Ralphs (Alpine), 60 m. Class C: P. Astbury/K. Binns (Morgan), 30 m. Best Mixed Crew: Mrs. P. Mayman/D. Hewitt. Best Coventry Car: S. Pateman/Miss V. Domleo. Team: Sprin-zel, Harper, Culcheth (Sebring Sprites).



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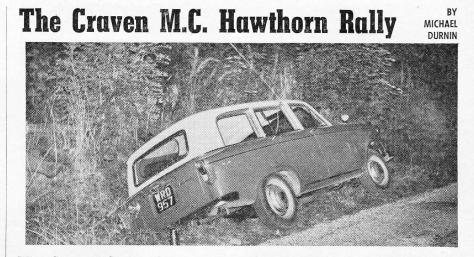
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THE Craven M.C.'s Hawthorn was, as usual, a first-class rally and very well received by the 80 crews who took part. Peter Church and John Brown (Zephyr) are to be complimented on a fine win in their big car, while Stan Pateman/ Valerie Domleo (TR3) and Ken Hussey/ Ian Macleod (Rapier) did very well to gain second and third places respectively.

From starts at Pangbourne and Wantage the routes led to a converging point at Picket Port Gate, near Warminster. Crews were free to choose their own routes but had to check into a series of three checks on the 90-mile run-in. A good feature of this main-road section was that each route check was, in fact, the start of a short special stage off the main road which made the run-in very interesting indeed. This is the kind of imaginative touch which raises some events above others!

From Picket Port Gate, where a mobile canteen served hot dogs, soup and other refreshments, the route went to a time control half a mile west of Frome and then led north-west on tricky roads and a series of short, sharp sections to Wellow, where several crews lost time when navigators ignored a nasty-looking "white" road and took a long way round. The "white" road turned out to be a lot quicker than it looked. The pace eased a little as the plot turned through Shoscombe (where Geoff Roberts/Gerald Mansell nearly hit a bridge in their Austin 7, looked over their shoulders at it and went through a fence) before turning south on a very tricky little road to Luckington Close and Stratton-on-the-Fosse (where Jock Huggins/John Hard-ing (Anglia) appeared from the wrong direction).

The next three sections were all around Blackers Hill and were fairly comfortably "on", letting drivers have a breather before turning towards Shepton and T.C. 15 which lay between Batcombe and Bruton, and where the Skoda of Michael Manning/Geoff Sheppard inverted itself, causing Peter Church and John Brown a few minutes' delay while it was man-handled off the road. West to Lamyatt and south-west past Castle Cary where two optional white roads confronted navigators; needless to say, the least obvious one was the quickest, and then only one more simple section took the field to a short stop for petrol at Camel Cross.

From the halt it was plain sailing to a point two miles east of Ilminster and then ordinary map references westwards

A STEWARD'S Vanguard Estate car went into a ditch while being parked on a special section.

to T.C. 21, near Buckland St. Mary, where a four-page Tulip card was issued. Some of the mileages on this were a bit suspect and the diagrams were not to scale, but the two most unfortunate navi-gators were Marilyn Wright (with Brian Dunster in a Dauphine), who found a blank page in her Tulip card, and Val Domleo, who turned over two pages at once. Val was puzzled, but they man-aged to lose little time to the next con-trol and there sorted things out. This was really stiff going, especially for the bigger cars, most of which lost time as the Tulip led via six secret checks back the Tulip led via six secret enecks back to the major control at Camel Cross for another break. All through the Tulip section the idea was that navigators would be so busy on the card and fol-lowing the route that they would have no time to read the road to drivers, who were really having to work for their living. Mick Green and Sam Actman lost a great deal of time replacing the throttle linkage of their TR hereabouts and much confusion was caused by a locked level crossing and a road up, which lost time all round and left the organizers with no option but to scrub the section. However, most of the navigators managed to get themselves to the next available control and from there, still on Tulip sections, back to Camel Cross.

After a short halt the hunt was on again but Ron Aldritch found that the starter on his new Classic wouldn't and John Brown had to appropriate a marshal's torch when he found that all the internal electrics of Peter Church's Zephyr had given up the ghost. Short, sharp and exceptionally twisty sections led to a half-hour break at Warminster which was followed by a run-home on similar lines to the run-in with a second special stage at Savernake Forest over nearly two miles of tracks, with marshals at every cross-roads. Then to the finish at the Great Western Hotel, Reading, where the organizers laid on free electric shaves by Philishave (Philips electric shavers going to the winning crew) and a series of mark sheets from the rally's earlier sections. Results were issued with little delay and, at the inevitable postmortem, competing crews agreed that the Hawthorn was definitely an event worth remembering and would certainly feature in most competitors' calendars for next vear.

LIVERPOOL M.C.'s "SWAN" **AUTOCROSS**

TF proof were needed of the popularity of autocross the Liverpool M.C. cer-tainly provided it last Sunday when over 50 competitors turned up for their closed meeting which developed into a battle for B.T.D. between John Kennerley's Lotus Elite and Jim Hacking's 1600 Porsche, a battle which was won by the Elite.

During the morning practice laps most cars took it easy while learning the course, although Ian Bennetts spun off in his Sprite and bent his silencer, and Graham Richards did the same in his Morgan 4/4 and altered the shape of a rear wing. The unfortunate W. T. Cooke had transmission trouble with his Isetta and thereupon (intentionally) laid the car on its side to attend to it.

Proceedings opened with the amalgamated class for sports cars, eventually won by Bennetts' Sprite despite another excursion off the course on his first run. After this the small saloon class was run through and for a while the honour of fastest time was held by Ken James in 1 min. 49.6 secs., this being put up not in his Sprite but in his wife's stan-dard shopping Mini. This time was fractionally reduced later by Jim Hacking running in the next class in his boredout Diggory-tuned Austin Seven. In this class some very spirited driving was seen, notably by Barry Woods (VW), John Kennerley (A40), and Syd Reakes (Minor 1000).

The 1600 saloon class was, of course, a walk-over by Hacking's Porsche and his time of 1 min. 46 secs. netted him second B.T.D. The rest of this class was an all-Rootes affair, but despite the presence of Rapiers and Gazelles the two best times were put up by Dave Vernon and Mike Hughes in an airborne Minx Estate car.

The most spectacular runs of the day were in the unlimited saloon class when Keith Moore really went to town with his Zodiac, hurling it round in a mud-slinging series of slides, the car being off the ground for a good deal of the time and generally looking like something out of a Safari film! If anything, however, the Allard saloon of Mark Rylance was even more hairy and really showed the meaning of the term oversteer. His time of 1 min. 48.6 secs. was excellent and enough to give him the class, and the worried look on the face of owner John Bethell while all this was going on was wonderful to behold.

As there were no less than seven com-petitors for the Ladies' Award a spirited timed runs was used for mark dice was going on amongst them. Best time eventually went to the Sprite of Miss Gillian Sanders, her winning time of 1 min. 59.8 secs. being put up on her first run as she well and truly ran out of road on her second go. Second fastest lady (as a driver that is) was Margaret James whose husband kindly let her have her car back to make her competition début.

Results

Results Fastest Time of the Day. Swan Trophy: J. R. Kennerley (Lotus Elite), 1 m, 43.6 s. Second. Blake Trophy: J. P. Hacking (Porsche 1600), 1 m. 46.0 s. Class I and 2 (combined): 1, I. Bennetts (Sprite), 1 m. 47.2 s.; 2, G. Richards (Morgan 4/4), 1 m. 48.8 s. Class 3: 1, A. Flint (TR2), 1 m. 49.8 s. Class 5: 1, J. P. Hacking (Austin 7), 1 m. 49.6 s.; 2, K. J. Moore (Mini-Minor), 1 m. 50.0 s. Class 5: 1, J. P. Hacking (Austin 7) 960 c.c.), 1 m. 49.4 s.; 2, B. Woods (VW), 1 m. 50.0 s.; 3, J. R. Kennerley (Austin A40), 1 m. 56.4 s. Class 5: 1, M. Rylance (Allard Saloon), 1 m. 48.6 s. Ladies' Award: Miss G. Sanders (Sprite), 1 m. 59.8 s. Novice Award: W. R. Shipley (Austin 7), 1 m. 51.0 s.

THE EIGHTH COLCHESTER AUTOCROSS

Another B.T.D. for Frank Pryor

SIXTY-NINE entries, including most of the country's top autocross drivers, attended the East Anglian Motor Club's big-scale meeting at Kingsford Park, Colchester, which was sponsored by the Colchester Express. Everything about the day's proceedings was up to "pro-fessional" motor racing standards, credit for this being due to organizer Ken Truscott, himself a keen competitor. The event was held on a 1,000-yard course of fairly smooth but undulating parkland, and the efficient way in which the programme of events was run was largely the responsibility of the local Civil Defence, who turned out in force with vehicles and radio-controlled marshals.

The course alternated between patches of bare earth and sections of thick short grass, which, after much rain, was extremely slippery, necessitating great care in selecting such "grippy" portions as were available around the circuit. These conditions made it very difficult to select the best lines through the corners, and so added to the interest and excitement, both for competitors and for the of spectators around the thousands of course.

For the second timed runs the weather had improved, resulting in much faster times and fewer "moments" on the partly dry surface. As is usually the timed runs was used for marking purposes.

Undoubtedly the day's main interest lay in the battle between Cambridge farmer Frank Pryor in his Iris Special and Sid Davey, from the West Country, with his 1,100 c.c. Lotus-Climax. At the Taunton National Autocross last month Frank had returned F.T.D. in his then brand new car, and this time Sid was out to level the score, but a tiny gap of four-fifths of a second finally decided the issue in Pryor's favour. However, the experienced Exeter garage owner took second in the class and, driving his Ford Zephyr, was third in the class for unlimited saloon cars.

The award for best performance of the day went to Ken Piper who, in his 981 c.c. DKW Junior, beat the next best in class by the greatest margin, 3.1 secs. Ken's Messerschmitt was not fast enough to beat the Lotus opposition on this occasion.

Nine 850 c.c. saloon cars contested the "baby" class and times were close, J. Williams's Austin Seven finally emerging victorious, with W. Banks and Pat Ozanne second and third respectively, also in Austin Sevens, Pat's car looking understandably scruffy after its Continental rallying exploits.

Fish-carburetted Laurie Manifold's VW was narrowly beaten by a very welldriven Alexander-converted Triumph Herald coupé belonging to P. Meldrum, who is to be congratulated on his class success against the doughty Manifold.

Easily the fastest cars in the G.T. and series production classes were the Lotuses of J. Sheldrick, A. Butcher and A. Westwood, which finished in that order, Sheldrick winning the class by a mere tenth of a second. It is always good to see Bert Westwood performing, in view of the debt owed to him by the sport of autocross, for which he has done so much. SAM ACTMAN.

Results Best Performance: K. Piper (DKW), 1 m. 28.2 s. Group 1—Class A: 1, J. Williams (Austin), 1 m. 29.3 s.; 2, W. Banks (Austin), 1 m. 31,5 s.; 3, Miss P. Ozanne (Austin), 1 m. 31,9 s. Class B: 1, P. Meldrum (Herald), 1 m. 31,9 s. Class B: 1, P. Meldrum (Herald), 1 m. 31,9 s. Class B: 1, P. Meldrum (Herald), 1 m. 31,3 s.; 2, L. Manifold (VW), 1 m. 31,7 s.; 3, P. Marr (Ford Anglia), 1 m. 34,9 s. Class C: 1, W. Rennie-Roberts (Zephyr), 1 m. 33, s.; 2, C. Mockford (Citroën), 1 m. 33,9 s.; 3, S. Davey (Zephyr), 1 m. 36,4 s. Group 2—Class A: 1, J. Sheldrick (Lotus 5), 1 m. 23,7 s.; 2, A. Butcher (Lotus 5), 1 m. 23,8 s.; 3, A. Westwood (Lotus 9), 1 m. 26,5 s. Group 3—Class A: 1, F. Pryor (Iris 2), 1 m. 21,9 s.; 2, S. Davey (Lotus-Climax), 1 m. 22,7 s.; 3, A. Butcher (Lotus 5), 1 m. 26,4 s. Team Award: Davey, Piper and Butcher. West-wood Trophy: J. Bradford (Morgan). Ladies' Award: Miss P. Ozanne.

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Correspondence-continued

Practice Confusion

ATTENDING the Peterborough Motor Club's Silverstone meeting A as a competitor, I was distressed to see an Inter-Continental Formula car and a 750 Formula car practising at the same time. Could not this be stamped out?

SHERIDAN THYNNE.

READING, BERKS.

Prescott Records

UST a reflection on the last meeting at Prescott. So far in the Just a reflection on the last incerting at ressort. So that in the motoring press there has been no mention of the fact that the rubber bollards were removed from the esses, which, I think, accounted for some of the very fast times. Instead of gingerly negotiating the artificial bend of markers (if you hit one, you were

out) most drivers were driving straight across. Surely the most important factors of hill-climbing are the records, so why make a farce of them by altering the hill without, apparently, any justification?

In my opinion David Boshier-Jones would have been down to the early 49 secs. on this new hill.

BIRMINGHAM.

MIKE HATTON.

The Purpose of Racing

The Purpose of Racing IN days gone by the purpose in a motor race was to win it, and in particular to win it for your team. Now all that matters, apparently, is to score points for one championship or another. We have seen the melancholy spectacle of drivers making no attempt to win a race, although a rival from another team was in the lead. Now we go a step further. The T.T. is a bit of a flop because there is "literally nothing at stake"; the American G.P. is pointless because there is "literally nothing at stake". Let us suppose then that there are nine grandes épreuves in a year. Let us suppose then that thoses on a Lotus wins the first five (1). As the championship of drivers and manufacturers would then be settled the remaining four should, presumably, be cancelled. Together with these let's cancel such events as Syracuse. Modena, the Goodwood F1 race and all events for vintage cars. There's literally nothing at stake. Or could we have, early in the year, one immense event for F1, F.J., I.C., S., G.T. to decide all the championships and then get down to some real motor-racing, unworried by points, for the rest of the year?

of the year? T. BRETTELL.

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G.P. reports. C. S. RICHARDS

Stock Car Racing IS Motor Racing

As a competitor who has driven both in "proper motor" racing and also "stock car racing", I would like to refute the idea that stock car racing is not "motor racing", as suggested by Mr. P. Swinger in the 1st September issue, headed "Television Coverage". This might have been true in the early years when the promoter was more interested in general havoc on the track. With the formation of the British Stock Car Board of Control, of which I am a member, the sport has been put on a firm footing, with rules governing racing and the scrutineering of all cars before a meeting.

a meeting.

a meeting. The accent in recent years has been on speed: to obtain this engines in the region of 200 b.h.p. are used, such as Ford Thunder-bird, Chrysler, Oldsmobile Rocket, all V8 o.h.v.s. The only British engine to be used with any success is the 3.4-litre Jaguar. All drivers are graded into one of four grades, on past perform-ances. To make sure the races will not become processional, the top grade drivers start at the rear of the grid. Theoretically, every driver has a chance of winning a race. Practically most races are won by the star grade drivers by sheer determination and good driving.

driving. If this is not motor racing I fail to see what is! G. R. Dore

(Vanwall Racing Mechanic).

The 1500 Formula

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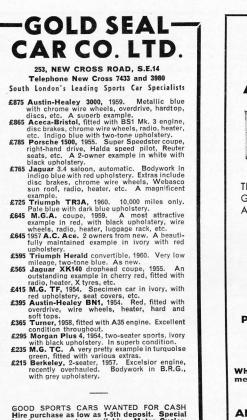
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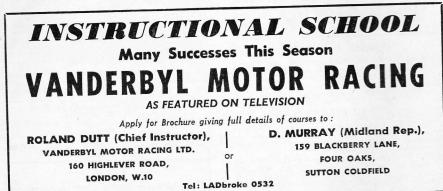


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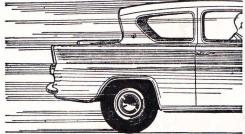
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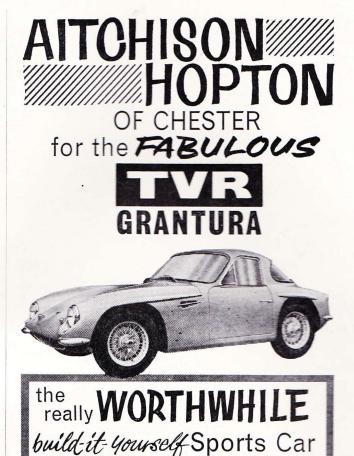
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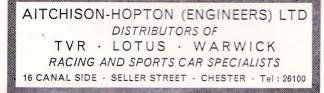




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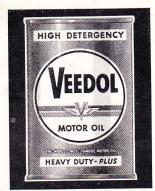
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