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FERRARI CAKEWALK ROUEN : RACING AT SNETTERTON, SILVERSTONE AND KIRKISTOWN BO'NESS RECORD : ANNECY SPORTING TRIAL : TRAVEMUNDE RALLY : CANADIAN HILL-CIMB JOHN BOLSTER - p. W. S. POPE - "AENEAS" - DENNIS DENT

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## EDITORIAL

T$\checkmark$ HE performance of the $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Ferraris at Rouen last Sunday should sound a note of warning to British builders of potential 1954 F1 cars. With these fourcylinder machines, Farina won the G.P. of Rouen and Hawthorn had no difficulty in knocking 3.7 secs. off Ascari's 1952 lap record. The engine is reputed to develop over 220 b.h.p., and the remarkable thing about this very fast machine is that Ferraris consider it to be obsolescent, and merely a stop-gap between the present F2 cars and the Grand Prix vehicles for 1954! Indeed Maranello already have entirely new cars, and there is every chance that 2-litre versions will appear at Silverstone on 18th July for the British Grand Prix. It is obvious, therefore, that constructors of 1954 F1 cars must think in terms of 250 b.h.p. and over for unsupercharged " $2 \frac{1}{2} s$ ", if they are to compete successfully against the "Prancing Horse". Also, it must not be overlooked that, so far, the Italians have concentrated on engines with carburetter induction; there can be no doubt that their designers have kept themselves au fait with fuel injection equipment.

THis week-end at Rheims, the 12 hours sports-car event should prove an interesting experiment, as it will be the first occasion on which an International road race will start at midnight. Despite the absence of Alfa Romeo, Lancia and Aston Martin, the entry list contains Jaguar, Ferrari, Gordini, Talbot and Cunning-ham-sufficient to ensure that the race will be run at very high speed! In the Grand Prix de l'A.C.F. which follows, there should be an epic struggle featuring Ferrari, Maserati and Gordini-the three major F2 marques. It will be recalled that Gordini sprang a real surprise in 1952 with Jean Behra's famous victory. This year if non-starting rumours are unfounded, it may be Maserati's turn to pull off a win. Sad to relate, no British machine has so far emerged to challenge the aforementioned trio on the Grand Prix circuits of Europe, which is a great pity in view of this country's outstanding achievements in sports car events and, of course, the complete supremacy of our F3 machinery.

EVER-INCREASING speeds of the larger capacity sports $\mathrm{C}_{\text {cars }}$ are making this type of racing a problem to organizers. The wisdom of permitting small-engined machines to race in company with cars capable of 150 m.p.h. and upwards is open to question, and there is little doubt that one or two recent serious accidents have been due to slower cars, no matter how inadvertently, getting in the way of much faster machinery. In fact, the situation at present is on a parallel to F3 cars racing against B.R.M., Type 159 Alfa Romeo and $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Ferrari!

## OUR COVER PICTURE-

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## PIT AND PADDOCK

CONTINENTALS IN THE STATES: Two famous sports cars, the German Mercedes - Benz $300 S L$ (above) and the Spanish Pegaso V8 (right) were demonstrated at the recent Bridgehampton race meeting in New York State.


CLliff davis may drive an F2 car this season, and has already done trials for a works team.

NJEXT week's issue will contain a full and illustrated report of the G.P. and 12 hours sports car races at Rheims.

PReston gray set up B.T.D. at the Mt. Equinox hill-climb, New England, on 21st June. He was driving his new J2X Allard.

$\mathrm{Ma}_{\mathrm{a}}^{\mathrm{s}}$ASERATI plan full production of 3-litre sports car for 1954. About 20 examples of the Mille Miglia 2-litre model are being built this year.

AUSTIN'S have shaken the trade by knocking $£ 100$ off the cost of the Austin-Healey "Hundred"; this brings the basic price (complete with wire wheels and Laycock-de Normanville overdrive) down to £750!!

UNTIL the management drops its prices considerably, readers would be well advised not to have a meal at Le Touquet airport. A 100 francs cover charge, and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. service over and above an already expensive meal will not encourage travellers!

B.R.D.C. "Gold Star" positions at - present are:-1, Hawthorn, 89 points; 2, Peter Whitehead, 44.6; 3 , Moss, 38; 4, Rolt, 37; 5, Wharton, 32; 6, Hamilton, 31; 7, Parnell, 30.6; 8, Walker, 21; 9, Collins, 20; 10, Ian Stewart, 14; 11, Abecassis, 12.6; 13 (equal), Nuckey, Salvadori and Baird, 12.


PLAQUE: The M.C.C. LondonEdinburgh triple award, popular in pre-war days, has been revived, two recent recipients being Peter $H$. G. Morgan and H. B. Woodall.

SHELL-MEX AND B.P. LTD. (Touring Service) have published four 20-page miniature guide booksLondon, Royal London, London Art Treasures, and Oxford University, obtainable free from ShellMex House, Strand, London, W.C.2.
$V^{\text {illoresi }}$ is to drive the worksentered 4.1-litre Ferrari in the Rheims 12 hours race.
$F^{\text {RANCE's drivers are getting softer! }}$
F The Bol d'Or 24 hours sports car race is traditionally a one-man endurance test, but next year each car must have two drivers.

FANGIO, booked to drive a B.R.M. at Silverstone on 18th July, may also appear with a Gordini in the British Grand Prix if the Maserati "works" team does not materialize.
" $\mathrm{B}_{\text {phrase book in }}^{\text {ON }} 15$ languages, is available free of charge from the Touring Service, Shell-Mex and B.P. Ltd., Shell-Mex House, Strand, London, W.C.2.

STANGUELLINi may enter 750 c.c. and 1,100 c.c. cars for the sports car race at Silverstone on 18th July and for the Dundrod T.T. Hans Tanner was recently appointed European agent for the marque.

UJited states Air Force personnel based at Burtonwood, Warrington, Lancs, have formed the Burtonwood Auto-Sport Club, and are holding a sprint meeting this Sunday, 5th July. A one-mile circuit has also been devised, over which Peter Reece in his CooperM.G. and other drivers will be giving demonstration runs.

RIVERS FLETCHER put on an interesting programme of B.R.M. films at Kent House, Rubery Owen's London H.Q., last week. The colour film of Albi was particularly interesting, and showed all the drama when the three cars encountered tyre troubles. The tremendous FangioAscari duel at the start of the F1 heat was vividly portrayed.

## SP0RTS-NEWS

## RHEIMS PROSPECTS

Stirling moss and Peter Whitehead will share a disc-braked C-type Jaguar in the 12 hours race. Peter Scott-Russell will partner David Clarke in Gerard's Frazer-Nash. . . . Villoresi's 4.1 Ferrari may grow to 4.5 -litres by Saturday. . . . Entrants in the sports car event must make their own refuelling arrangements. . . . Two Bristols will run in the 12 hours, drivers Lance Macklin, Graham Whitehead, Jack Fairman and Peter Wilson. ... "Works" Maseratis may not run in the Grand Prix. . . . If they do not, Fangio will probably drive a Gordini.


FRENCH G.P. ENTRIES
Ferrari (4-cyl.): Ascari, Villoresi, Farina, Hawthorn. Maserati (6-cyl): Fangio, Gonzalez, Marimon, Bonett. Gordin (6-cyl) Behra, rintignant Giraud-Cabantous. Cooper-Bristol ( 6 -cyl): Gerard, Giraud-Cabantous. Cooper-Bristol (6-cyl.): Gerard, (6-cyl.): Chiron, Bayol. Ferrari (4-cyl.): Rosier. Maserati ( $6-\mathrm{cyl}$ ). de Graffenried Conner (4-cyl.): Claes, Bira.

## NEW DOVER FERRY TERMINAL

ON Tuesday last, 30th June, the Minister of Transport, the Rt. Hon. A. Lennox-Boyd, officially opened the new Car Ferry Terminal at Eastern Docks, Dover.

UNIVERSITY MOTORS LIMITED announce that Mr. C. H. Singer has now been appointed Sales Manager, Private Cars, at their Showroom at Stratton House, 80, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

FASTEST AT LE MANS (Speeds over Measured Kilometre)

1. Cunningham (Walters/Fitch)
2. Alfa Romeo (Sanesi/Carini)
3. Alfa Romeo (Kling/Riess)
4. Jaguar (Moss/Walker)
5. Ferrari (Chinetti/Cole)
6. Ferrari (Villoresi/Ascari) 7. Cunningham (Moran/Benett)
7. Ferrari (Marzotto/Marzotto)
8. Jaguar (Rolt/Hamilton)
9. Talbot (Mairesse/Grignard)
10. Talbot (Levegh/Pozzi)
11. Cunningham (Cunningham/Spear)
12. Jaguar (Whitehead/Stewart)
13. Allard (Allard/Parker)
14. Gordini (Trintignant/Schell) Other Notable Figures
Jaguar (Laurent/Tornaco)
Allard (Duntov/Merrick)
Lancia (Taruffi/Maglioli)
Aston Martin (Poore/Thompson)
Nash-Healey (Johnson/Hadley) Porsche (Glockler/Hermann)
Frazer-Nash (Wharton/Mitchell) Austin-Healey (Gatsonides/Lockett) Frazer-Nash (Gerard/Clarke)
Borgward (Poch/Mouche)
Osca " 1,100 " (Damonté/Heldé)

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| Panhard-Monopole " 611 " (Dussous/Flahault) | 105.53 | Renault (Rosier/Schollemann)

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136.48
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123.38
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121.47
118.12
117.12
114.02
99.98

RHEIMS CHANGES: Many alterations have taken place to the Gueux circuit and installations. (Above) The new Press Tribune which replaces the former "glasshouse". (Left) Modelled on the famous Le Mans bridge, Dunlops have erected a new crossing beyond the main stands.

## "TASO" MATHIESON THIRD AT BRESSUIRE

Rinen (Gordini) Wins French Sports Car Event-Talbot Second
I AST Sunday's International Cir$L_{\text {cuit }}$ of Bressuire for sports cars was won by a Gordini driven by M . Rinen, who averaged $58.03 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. over the 50 laps ( 83.26 miles) of the race. Blanc's $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Lago-Talbot came home second, and T. A. S. O. Mathieson drove a 2 -litre Maserati into third place. Speeds were much higher this year than last, Jean Lucas's old lap record with a 2.7 litre Ferrari at 53.37 m.p.h. being easily surpassed by the race leaders.

## RESULTS

Over $\mathbf{1 , 1 0 0}$ c.c. (50 laps): 1, Rinen (Gordini), 1 hr .26 mins. 40 secs., 58.03 m.p.h.; 2, Blanc (Talbot), 1 hr. 27 mins. 9 secs. (1 lap behind); 3, Mathieson (Maserati), 1 lap behind; 4, Simone (Jaguar); 5, Péron (Osca); 6, de Tudert (Jaguar); 7, Estager (Talbot); 8, Fayen (Ferrari); 9, Coste (Ferrari); 10, Cotton (Aston Martin).

Up to 1,100 c.c. ( 30 laps): 1 , Collange (Fiat), 50.32 m.p.h.; 2, Michaud (Dyna Real); 3, Celérier (Nardy-Sport); 4, Marcus (Panhard); 5, Doré (Panhard); 6, Debris (Simca Sport).

THE Triumph Company announces a reduction in the price of the Triumph Renown saloon from $£ 925$ to $£ 775$. Total price, including Purchase Tax, is now $£ 1,099$ Os. 10 d .


## NO WATKINS GLEN THIS YEAR

The New York State Department of Public Works is reported to have banned the use of the Watkins Glen road circuit for the S.C.C.A.'s traditional Grand Prix this year, probably in view of the fatal accidents to spectators last Autumn. Alternative courses are being sought, so far without success, and a hillclimb may be substituted.

## AUTOSPORT 500 C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS Placings up to 30th June

(Subject to confirmation)

## Points

48

1. Don Parker (Kieft)

21
2. Reg Bicknell (Staride)

19
Leston Spl.) 19
4. Stirling Moss (Cooper) 1
5. Siring Wos (Cooper)

13

BEFORE: (Above) Tony Gaze in his DB3 Aston Martin at Oporto, awaits the start of the Portuguese G.P. for sports cars.
AFTER: (Right) The remains of the Aston Martin, which was burned out following a crash when Gaze swerved to avoid a slower car. The Australian was hurled 25 ft . into the road, and escaped with a severe shaking.

## THE SPORTS CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Afier the Le Mans race, Britain's Jaguar and America's Cunningham currently share first place in the World Sports Car Championship with a total of 12 points each. Runner-up is Ferrari, with 10 points, Aston Martin follow with 8, Alfa Romeo with 6, Lancia 4, Osca 2, and Maserati and Gordini 1. Events already run which qualify for the Championship are the Sebring 12 Hours, U.S.A., the Mille Miglia, and Le Mans.
Next event in the series is the Belgian 24 Hours race at Spa on 25th/26th July, followed by the Nürburgring 1,000 kilometres, the Dundrod T.T., and the PanAmerican road race in Mexico. Points scoring is as follows: 1st, 8 pts.; 2nd, 6 pts.; 3rd, 4 pts.; 4th, 3 pts.; 5th, 2 pts.; and 6th, 1 pt. Only the best placing by any one marque in an event counts for scoring.

## VAL DE CUECH HILL-CLIMB

$\mathrm{O}^{\text {NCE }}$ highly popular on the Continent, the sport of hill-climbing has waned considerably in recent years. The French doggedly persist in staging events, however, the once famous Mont Ventoux climb still appearing in the calendar, while numerous smaller meetings, principally contested by sports cars, take

place. One such was the Val de Cuech hill-climb, near Marseilles, run on Sunday, 14th June.
In the racing car classes Farnaud's sports Ferrari clocked 3 mins. 3 secs., being comfortably beaten by Antonelli's Formula 3 Volpini-Gilera with a time of 2 mins. 57 secs. Best car time of the day went to a sportstype D.B. driven by René Abbo, who scaled the sinuous hill with its 33 bends in 2 mins. 55.4 secs. Grail's Jaguar took the over 2-litre sports class in 3 mins. 5 secs.

ARNotTS have a fully streamlined car on the stocks for an attempt on International Class I (500 c.c.) and J ( 350 c.c.) records. Norton power units will be fitted, and scene of the record attack will be the Monthéry piste de vitesse.
6. Don Truman (Cooper)
7. Charles Headland (Kieft and Martin-Headland) 10
8. R. K. Tyrell (Cooper) Ken Smith (Smith) E. Fenning (Staride)
11. G. G. Smith (Kent-Smith) R. A. R. Bell (Cooper)
13. T. J. Clarke (C.B.P.2) Reg Owen (Hill) Jack Moor (Wasp)
16. S. W. Creamer (Creamer) V. Labrum (Labrani)

Non-Series Production Cars

1. Ken Smith (Smith)
2. G. G. Smith (Kent-Smith)
3. T. J. Clarke (C.B.P.2) Reg. Owen (Hill) Jack Moor (Wasp)
4. S. W. Creamer (Creamer) V. Labrum (Labrani)

Michael and Nigel Allen are no longer associated with the Lotus Engineering Co., Ltd. They are now racing with a Ford 10 -engined car.

## NEWHRTMITALY

Sports $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre "Four" by Ferrari; Racing 2-litre "Four" by Maserati

Photographs by JeRRY CHESEBROUGH


CON.-RODS ON PARADE: A batch of connecting rods for the sports/racing Maserati six-cylinder power unit. FROM FRANCE: (Right) Seen at a Modena coachbuilding establishment, this competition Peugeot coupé of the French D'Arl Mat organization has both door and hinged roof for ease of entry.
ending at Munich. There, on the Autobahn west of the town, acceleration and speed tests were conducted, wherein the Fraikin/Gendebien XK 120 Jaguar put up best performance. At this stage four cars, the Seibert/Bolz Citroën (Sestriere Rally winners), the Scheube/Gierke Ford Taunus, the Zeller/Hofman Porsche and the Polensky/Schluter Fiat were running dead level for the lead.

The Citroën crew, Polensky and Schluter learnt by grape vine, were intent on keeping the Fiat in sight, their 3 per cent bonus as foreign competitors strengthening their chances of victory. The rest of the Rally devolved into a terrific points scramble in which the German Fiat drivers came out best. Gaining five points during a damp and coldish run through Bieberach and Wassertrudingen, they then lost 11 precious minutes at a level crossing while a very long and incredibly slow train made its way across. A dash to Mergentheim brought them back on time, but a ferry at Lohr dropped them back another 11 mins.
At Gummersbach they caught a Belgiandriven Aston Martin DB2 and the Jaguar, both making rather heavy going over very poor roads. On to Borken and through the Ruhr, now down to 34 mins. loss, so a change of course, taking in the flat country north of Bad Essen, was decided upon, and in an exciting drive through Bremerrhode and Bremen, over the Weser to Kaltenkirchen and Hamburg, they retrieved most of their lost minutes. Buses, trains, traffic-the police obligingly held them all up for Travemünde Rally competitors.
An unexpected ferry, followed by an equally unexpected flat rear tyre and a running-out of fuel then upset the Fiat schedule, and Walter Schluter and Helm Polensky had a hazardous rush over wet, cobbled streets to Tonning, then on to Kappeln, where once again they were "out of the red". Travemünde was near now, but a chance of securing 10 extra points by clocking in at an optional control at Leusahn was taken, this entailing the covering of 71 km . in 31 mins. They reached the finish with eight minutes to spare, joyously celebrating at Travemünde with champagne and beer.

By 2 p.m. on Sunday their victory was confirmed, the Siebert/Bolz Citroën being a good second and a class winner,
(Continued on opposite page) The firs were amongst the Graz starters. The first part of their trip was uneventful, save for running out of water at Klagenfurt through fully muffing the Fiat's radiator due to the low temperature. En route to Bad Aussee, however, they halted at a refuelling point, to find only diesel fuel available; the road was bad and snow was falling, with four inches already lying. Some way farther along the road their car was charged by an irate nanny-goat, who succeeded in smashing their spotlight without damage to herself! Pressing on, Polensky and Schluter left the snow, only to run into heavy rain which fell remorselessly all the way through Salzburg to Innsbruck.

After encountering the usual delays at the Austrian-German border, they rushed on through the rain and darkness, now with Zeller's Porsche as a close com-

[^1]panion. Reaching the Cologne district on Thursday morning, they encountered large crowds celebrating a Catholic holiday, rally cars being held up for about 45 minutes. Schluter, however, knew the locality intimately, and found a different route over minor roads and by-ways, saving considerable time thereby.
On, then, to Cologne, to the Nürburgring, meeting more holidaying crowds, then heading for the Belgian frontier. At Folqubanks they were obliged to make a 26 km . detour owing to firing ranges being in use; at Liége came another deviation for road repairs, but when Luxembourg was reached they were back on time. At Nancy they were 10 minutes to the good, and as the route wheeled back to the German frontier and Freiburg they maintained this safety margin comfortably.

Bath, food and bed followed, but at 4 a.m. they were up, driving off in convoy to the Schauinsland Pass, for the regularity test up the slopes of Freiburg Hill, after which they followed a sealed route of 260 -odd chassis-testing miles,

## RESULTS

Best Performance: Polensky/Schluter (Fiat 1,100 ) 825,681 points. 2, Seibert/Bolz (Citroën) 800,618 points. 3,Scheube/Gierke (Ford) 788,355 points. 4. Bosmueller/Wencher (Fiat 1,100); 5, Deutsch/ Rousselle (Aston Martin DB2); 6, Menz/Meier (DKW); 7, Fraikin/Gendebien (Jaguar); 8, Engel/ Hoesch (Porsche); 9, Prahl/Prahl (Volkswagen), 10, Schwind/Gutbrod (Gutbrod).

Class Winners: A (II) Up to 1,300 c.c.: Engel/ Hoesch (Porsche). A (III) Over 1,300 c.c.: Deutsch/Rousselle (Aston Martin). B (IV) Up to 750 c.c.: Schwind/Gutbrod (Gutbrod). B (V) Up to 1,300 c.c.: Polensky/Schluter (Fiat).
Over 1,300 cc.: Seibert/Bolz (Citroën).

Ladies' Prize: Frl. Lautmann/Frau Chr. Meinecke (Ford).


# CONNAUGHTS CONQUER AT SNETTEIRTDN 

Salvadori (Connaught) Breaks Course Record-Ian Stewart (C-Type Jaguar) Sets New Sports Car Record and Wins "Bill Lyons" Trophy


#### Abstract

Despite dull, threatening weather and a smallish entry, the West Essex C.C.'s second race meeting at Snetterton last Saturday was a complete success. The works team of fuel-injection Connaughts, now free from Zandvoort sand, made a fine showing in the F2 event, McAlpine and Coombs taking first and second places, while Salvadori, who retired on the last lap, drove Coombs's car in the formule libre race to establish a new course record of 1 min . 50.4 secs. ( 88.04 m.p.h.)- 0.4 secs. better than the figure set by Wharton's Cooper-Bristol last April. Ian Stewart also went record-breaking with his C-type Jaguar, shaving 0.4 secs. off that established by Baird's Ferrari at the May meeting, to win the "Bill Lyons" Trophy for Jaguar cars. He scored another win, under wet and slippery conditions, in the five-lap race for sports cars, but had to retire his normally-aspirated Connaught in the F2 event. The F3 race was enlivened by a three-cornered scrap between Leston, Parker and Nuckey, victory going to the Kieft driver after Leston's gearbox gave trouble.


Event 1 (5 laps, handicap). The Snetterton course was distinctly "dicy" as the first race, for sports cars of over $1 \frac{1}{2}$ litres, commenced, and the hairpin was in a particularly interesting state. U.S.A.F. driver J. W. Farrow's XK 120 looked rather battered after a tin-bashing episode on the fourth lap, as a result of which A. Hubbard (XK 120), P. Westley (J.A.G.) and Keith Nightingale (XK 120) all had to retire. Roy Salvadori, driving Sid. Greene's FrazerNash from near-scratch position, worked through to third spot behind John Marshall (Allard), who was a bare half-a-length behind the winner, J. R. Stoop (Frazer-Nash).

## Results

1. J. R. Stoop (Frazer-Nash), rec'd. 45 secs., 10 mins. 59.6 secs. ( 76.59 m.p.h.). 2, R. J. Marshall (Allard), rec'd. 35 secs., 10 mins. 59.8 secs. 3, R. Salvadori (Frazer-Nash), rec'd. 25 secs., 11 mins. 5.6 secs. Fastest Lap: Salvadori, 2 mins. 0.6 secs.
$(80.60$ m.p.h.).

Event 2 (5 laps, handicap). There was less excitement in the under $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre event, S. A. Mitchell's M.G. special

## Travemiinde Rally-continued

and a Ford Taunus third. Co-winner Schluter, by the way, is believed to be the only German member of the HalfLitre Club; he also belongs to the B.A.R.C.

The Aston Martin won its class and took fifth place, while Maurice Gatsonides, driving a Ford with G. Dykstra, was 16th. It was rumoured the Hammersleys, mother and daughter from Paris, had the Ladies' Prize in the bag with their Lancia Aurelia, but elected to stop for a "hair do" in Hamburg in the last stage of the Rally! They finished in 19th position. Retirements included the Grosgogeat/Biagini Dyna-Panhard and a Brussels-entered Ferrari.
taking the lead from limit man K . Sloman (M.G. TC) on the second lap, and retaining it to the finish. Metcalfe's Balilla Fiat retired on the same lap, while Chris. Sears (Tojeiro) made the best showing of the back markers to achieve third place, managing to retain most of his 10 -secs. advantage over Don Beauman's Riley.

## Results

1, S. A. Mitchell (M.G.), rec'd. 1 min .50 secs., 12 mins, 41.2 secs, ( 64.69 m.p.h.). 2, K. Sloman 3. C. M. Sears (Tojeiro), rec'd, 12 mins. 55 secs. 1 sec. Fastest Lap: D. B. Beauman (Riley), 2 mins. 8 secs. ( 75.94 m .p.h.).

Event 3 ( 10 laps, scratch). In the 500 c.c. race the now-familiar Leston/ Parker duel was waged again, with interruptions from Rodney Nuckey's Cooper. Nuckey led for the first three laps before being passed by the other two, and then Leston's light green car (fitted with bugdeflector instead of aero screen!) and Parker's maroon Kieft stayed almost wheel-to-wheel for five rounds. If anything, Les. Leston was getting the better of it, but on the ninth lap he lost all gears except top, leaving Parker first and Nuckey second. J. Russell (Cooper), who had held a steady fourth position from the start, chased the slowing Leston to dead-heat for third place.

## Results

1, D. Parker (Kieft), 20 mins. 45 secs. $(78.08$ m.p.h.). 2, R. Nuckey (Cooper), 20 mins. 50 secs. 20 mins, Leston (Leston Spl.) and J. Russell (Cooper), 20 mins. 52.8 secs. Fastest Lap: Parker, 2 mins 2 secs ( 79.67 m.p.h.).

Event 4 ( 10 laps, handicap). The Jaguar race for the "Bill Lyons" Trophy Was virtually a scratch event, but the XK 120s were given 1 min .15 secs. over the C-types - and what a natty piece of handicapping that was! On the second lap Hugh Howorth (XK 120) took the lead from Salvadori (XK 120), who spun off-course at the hairpin in trying to repass on the fourth round. Officials made ready the black flag when they saw the state of his car, but there was no need to display it-Salvadori's nearside rear tyre collapsed before he had completed another lap. That left Michael Head in second place, until he was taken by W. T. Smith on the next lap, and both then lost their places to Ian Stewart in the leading C-type. Throughout the race XK 120 drivers misjudged the hairpin and, to misquote Leacock, "drove madly off in all directions", but the Ecurie Ecosse man went steadily on his way, cracking Baird's recently-established sports car record under far from favourable conditions. At the beginning of the last lap he was five seconds behind Howorth, and when the flag dropped, he was just 2.2 seconds in front; the other Ecurie Ecosse C-types, driven by Lawrence and Jimmy Stewart, were third and fourth.

## Results

1, Ian Stewart (C-type), 20 mins, 46.4 secs. $(82.98$ m.p.h.). 2, H. Howorth (XK 120), 20 mins. 48.2 secs. 3, J. Lawrence (C-type), 21 mins. 1.4 secs. Fastest Lap: Ian Stewart, 1 min. 55 secs. ( 84.52 m.p.h.). Sports Car Record.

Event 5 (10 laps, scratch). In the F2 race there were only nine starters, of which Jopp's Emeryson-Aston spluttered to a halt within yards of the starting line. All eyes were on the three works fuel-injection Connaughts, now repaired after having been damaged by sand at the Dutch G.P. Ken McAlpine's car led from the start, Roy Salvadori's took second place from Nuckey (CooperBristol) on the second lap, and, two laps later, John Coombs deprived Nuckey even of third spot. For six rounds the Connaughts lay well ahead of the rest, and it seemed a certain 1-2-3 victory until, on the last lap, Salvadori's engine gave out after he had made a fastest lap very close to the course record. On the previous round Stewart, who had been lying fifth behind Nuckey, found the back axle loose on his "carb. Connaught", and he had to retire also. McAlpine lapped the Frazer-Nashes of Bill Black and Wyatt.

## Results

1. K. McAlpine (Connaught), 18 mins. 53.4 secs. ( 85.76 m.p.h.). 2, J. Coombs (Connaught), 19 mins. 0.4 sec . 3, R. Nuckey (Cooper-Bristol), 19 mins. 12.8 secs. Fastest Lap: Salvadori (Connaught), 1 min .51 .2 secs. ( $87.41 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.).

Event 6 (5 laps, scratch). Rain, which had threatened for some time, now began to fall, and the always-tricky hairpin became so treacherous that even Ian Stewart (C-type) overdid things on his first lap, while Baxter overturned his Silverstone Healey at Riches' Corner. Stewart slowed visibly, but not as much as the rest of the field, and won as he liked, followed home by Lawrence (Ctype). The American driver, Farrow, profited by his earlier mistakes to display much better driving of his XK 120, and passed Salvadori (Frazer-Nash) for third place, only to be pipped by Oscar Moore's H.W.M. on the last lap.

## Results

1, Ian Stewart (C-type), 10 mins. 51.6 secs. ( $74.58 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{h}$. ). 2, J. Lawrence (C-type), 11 mins . 11.6 secs. 3, O. Moore (H.W.M.), 11 mins. 22 secs. Fastest Lap: Ian Stewart, 2 mins. 6.8 secs. (76.66 m.p.h.).

Event 7 (10 laps, scratch). The track began to dry as the grid assembled for the formule libre event-a grid much depleted by the usual, last-race-of-theday non-starters; there were, in fact, only eight runners, later to be reduced to five. Nuckey's Cooper-Bristol led for one lap before being passed by McAlpine and by Salvadori, who was now driving Coombs's car. Then Salvadori took the lead and, as the course dried up, went on to establish a new Snetterton lap record of 1 min . 50.4 secs. Behind Nuckey came Richardson, who tried hard with his Marshall-blown R.R.A. (now bored out to 1,781 c.c.), but just could not catch the lighter Cooper-Bristol. Peter Walker retired on the third lap, owing to suspension trouble with the Cooper-E.R.A., and on the next lap Wilkinson (E.R.A.) and J. K. Hall (Cooper-Bristol) also dropped out. Thus only five cars were left, of which Moore's H.W.M. finished one lap behind.

## Results

1, R. Salvadori (Connaught), 18 mins. 45.8 secs. ( 86.34 m.p.h.). 2, K. McAlpine (Connaught), 18 mins. 54.2 secs. 3, R. Nuckey (Cooper-Bristol), 19 mins. 14.8 secs. Fastest Lap: Salvadori, 1 min. 50.4 secs. ( 88.04 m.p.h.). New Course Record.
F. W. McC.

## MIDLAND ENTHUSIASM AT SILVERSTONE

Twelve races, for Formulæ 3, 2 and Libre, and all-capacity sports cars, made up the Midland Motoring Enthusiasts' C.C. programme at Silverstone last Saturday-a programme which began briskly to time but ended somewhat languorously with delays in the running of the final handicap events. June warmth and all the free-and-easy atmosphere of a "Club Silverstone" resulted in a pleasant afternoon's and-it must be said-evening's sport.
First event was Heat 1 of the 500 c.c. race, a Moor/Moore, Wasp/J.B.S. dispute in which Jack-without-an-e easily led Alan-with-one home. I. L. Bueb in his modified Arnott took Heat 2 after a goodly struggle with Austen May (Cooper), who led until his J.A.P. fluffed, D. Boshier Jones (Kieft) and C. R. Instone (Mezzolitre). The Final was Charles Headland's all the way, but Boshier Jones tried really hard to deprive Bueb of second place, the pair finishing barely a second apart.

Major A. Mallock (1,099 Austin) led the sports car race for unblown 1,100 s and blown 750 s right to the last lap, when W. F. Morris's Cooper-Riley caught him. Mallock battled to the very last, but his pace through the last turn, Woodcote, forced him wide, and Morris took the flag by a couple of lengths.

Peter Gammon's deceptively unobtrusive custard-yellow M.G. TC, so ably breathed upon by John Lucas, came out for the $1,500 \mathrm{c.c}$. event, leaving the result in little doubt, although C. M. Clairmonte's Clairmonte wasn't very far behind at the finish. This interesting newcomer is a refreshing departure from current dishcover body styles, has a frame of oval tubing, neatly fabricated helical spring i.f.s., de Dion rear end, a four-carburetter Lea-Francis engine, and something of the Parry Thomas "flatiron" about its ultra low build. A. P. Hitchings (Lester-M.G.) came out best in a lively scrap with H. H. Gould


TUSSLE: Tony Crook's Frazer-Nash is nearly passed on the inside by Peter Gammon in the very fast "oversize" M.G. TC.
in KOY 500-the ex-Leonard Cooper-M.G.-and Peter Jackson in another Lester.
Event 6 was a grand free-for-all for sports cars of any engine size, wherein J. B. Swift (XK 120C Jaguar) swept beautifully from a back row start into a lead he never relinquished. Ken Downing (DB3) lay second for six laps, then disappeared, letting that impudent 1六 litres of Gammon M.G. up until Tony Crook (Frazer-Nash) caught it after terrific efforts, his rear tyres a haze of smoke for 20 yards after each turn.
A far less strenuous drive brought a "first" to Crook in the Formula 2 six-lapper, his Cooper-Alta leading throughout, pursued initially by the irrepressible Charles Headland, thoroughly happy as he slid his way round the 1.6 -mile course in the Kieftderived Martin-Headland 500. Horace Richards, in a seemingly nimbler H.A.R. than of yore, caught Headland after two rounds, but clutch trouble ended his chances, whereupon 500 exponent A. J. Nurse, looking strange but comfortable in an H.W.M., closed up on Headland to pip him for second place in the final lap.
Ken Downing got back to winning form in the eighth race, taking his yellow-gold 2.9-litre Aston Martin DB3 out ahead after an initial brush with the dauntless Gammon in the M.G. Tony Crook, detecting a faulty oil pipe, quickly pulled his Frazer-Nash off-
course near Becketts' Corner, whereupon P. A. Everard (DB2), behind, ran off the road, the car gently turning on its side in the loose soil at about 5 m.p.h., without harm.
A Formule Libre handicap which attracted five 500 s , Tuck's blown G.P. Maserati, the H.W.M., the Cooper-Alta and a host of sports cars, set the organizers a fair problem, since limit man W. A. McMillan in the ex-Tyrer Mille Miglia BMW had an extremely generous 170 secs. start, which necessitated a clear grid long before the late starters were released. When things did get going after half an hour's delay, the race was an obvious gift for McMillan. A fine first lap flap arose when J. Higham's Cooper 500 declined to start and was still in the fairway when the BMW came round on its first lap, much flag-wagging and hyper-energetic shoving of the Cooper averting any disaster. J. B. Swift (C-type Jaguar) got to grips with Tuck's ex-Parnell Maserati, but found it difficult to get past. Scratch man Crook made the best of a hopeless situation and did very well to achieve fourth place.
The M.M.E.C.'s hitherto impeccable schedule was by now thoroughly out of sorts, but anyway it was that happy kind of meeting where nobody minded very much. Race 10 was Heat 1 of the sports car handicap, and it went to a spritely Ford 10 -powered special driven by M. R. Bendall, although Peter Gammon nearly


AWAY THEY GO: Start of one of the sports car races, with Gammon's M.G. drawing away from the Lester M.G.s of Peter Jackson and A. P. Hitchings, and H. H. Gould's Cooper-M.G.
made it from 75 secs. further back. Heat 2 was another success for an early starter, R. C. Green (H.R.G.) winning from B. G. W. Haynes, whose "Silverstone" Healey, besides being highly colourful in red and yellow, with blue and white top strips, was also a remarkably fast and well-driven example of the breed.

Last race of all, the Final, was preceded by a very long wait indeed, which cannot have pleased the spectators. When eventually the cars went out, a sort of Le Mans start without the drivers' gallop across the road was devised, cars being lined up in single file. Peter Gammon and others found they were seemingly giving a start to cars like Swift's XK 120 C Jaguar, and a certain degree of bewilderment reigned. Although D. O'M Taylor (Jaguar) was
apparently first home, there was much uncertainty as to the number of laps completed, so it was just as well that the race was finally declared null and void. Results were thus decided on the performances in the heats, Bendall (Ford) being adjudged the winner.
Dennis Taylor's Jaguar, very hot after that fruitless last race, gave vent to its discontent by catching fire in the paddock, the flames being extinguished most expeditiously amidst much excitement. Quite a day.
C. P.

## Results

500 c.c. Cars, Heat 1 (5 laps): 1, E. J. Moor (Wasp), 6 mins. 52 secs., 70.25 m.p.h. 2, A Moore (J.B.S.), 7 mins. 5.2 secs. 3, J. Higham Cooper), 7 mins. 18 secs.
Bueb-Arnoti) 6 mins 2 ( 5 laps): 1, I. L. Bueb (Bueb-Arnott), 6 mins. 55 secs., 69.75 m.p.h. 2, D

Boshier Jones (Kieft), 6 mins. 57 secs. 3, C. R. Instone (Mezzolitre), 6 mins. 57.1 secs.
500 c.c. Cars, Final ( 8 laps): 1, C. Headland 2, I. L. Bueb (Bueb-Arno. 45.3 secs., $71.73 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. 2, I. L. Bueb (Bueb-Arnott), 10 mins. 53.1 secs. 3. D. Boshier Jones (Kieft), 10 mins. 54.2 secs. 4, . A. N. May (Cooper), 11 mins. 3.2 secs. 5 R. Instone (Mezzolitre), 6, A. Moore (J.B.S.). Sports Cars, 1,100 c.c. U/s, 750 c.c. S (5 laps): 1 . W. F. Morris ( 1,089 Cooper-Riley), 7 mins. 53.2 secs., 62.21 m.p.h. 2, Maj. A. M. R. Mallock 1,099 Austin), 7 mins. 55.1 secs. 3, M. R , 4 K. D. Laverton (1,040 Fiat).

1,500 c.c. U/s, 1,100 c.c. $S$ Cars ( 6 laps): 1, 68.86 m.p.h. 2, C. M. Clairmonte (1. 496 Ses., 68.86 m.p.h. 2, C. M. Clairmonte ( 1,496 Clair-mester-M.G.). 8 mins. 34 , A. P. Hitchings ( 1,467 (1,467 Lester-M.G.). 34 secs. 4, P. Jackson Sports Cars, any
Sports Cars, any capacity (10 laps): 1, J. B. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Swift } & (3,442 \\ \text { m.p.h. } & 2, \text { T. A. D. Crook (1971 } \\ 1.1 \\ \text { mins. } & \text { secs., } 73.70\end{array}$ 13 mins. 26.1 secs. 3, P. D. Gammon (1 497 M.G.), 13 mins. 32.2 secs. 4, D. O'M. Taylor 3,442 Jaguar). 5 . B. G. W. Haynes (2,443 Healey).
Formula 2 Cars (6 laps): 1, T. A. D. Crook (1,980 Cooper-Alta), 7 mins, 34.3 secs., 76.41 m.p.h. 2, A. J. Nurse ( 1,980 H.W.M.), 7 mins. 57.2 secs. 3 , C. Headland ( 499 Martin-Headland), 7 mins. 58.3 secs. 4, W. A. McMillan (1,971 BMW). 5, J. Higham (497 Cooper).
Cars up to 3,000 c.c. $U / s, 1,500$ c.c. $S$ (6 laps): 1, K. H. Downing ( 2,922 Aston Martin), 8 mins. 3 secs., 71.91 m.p.h. 2, P. D. Gammon (1,497 M.G.), 8 mins. 11.1 secs. 3, B. G. W. Haynes (2.443 Healey), 8 mins. 27.4 secs. 4, H. Hunnes (2,443 Healey). 5, A. Lewis ( 2.443 Healey).
Handicap, Formule Libre ( 10 laps): 1, W. McMillan ( 1,971 BMW), 170 secs., 13 mins. 50.4
secs. 69.68 secs., 69.68 m.p.h. 2, B. G. W. Haynes $(2,443$ Healey), 125 secs., 14 mins. 26.3 secs. 3, G. R. Mansell ( 3,442 Jaguar), 125 secs., 14 mins. 52 secs.
, T. A. D. Crook (1,980 Cooper-Alta), scratch.
Sports Car Handicap, Heat 1 ( 5 laps): 1, M. R. Bendall (1,172 Ford Spl.), 125 secs., 8 mins. 29.2 secs., 60.38 m.p.h. 2, P. D. Gammon $(1,497$ M.G.), 50 secs., 8 mins. 31 secs. 3, B, A. Manning (747 Austin-Jeffery Spl.), 155 secs., 8 mins. 32.2 secs. 4, P. A. Everard (2,580 Aston Martin).

Sports Car Handicap, Heat 2 ( 5 laps): 1, R. C. Green ( 1,496 H.R.G.), 8 mins. 50 secs., 61.59 secs.. 8 mins. 50.1 secs. 3 ( 2,443 Healey), 50 secs.. 8 mins. 50.1 secs. 3, H. Hunter $(2,443$ Healey), 50 secs., 9 mins. 11 secs. 4, H. H. Gould
$(1,467$ Cooper-M.G.). ,467 Cooper-M. G.
M. R. Bendall ( 1.172 Ferd on times in Heats): 1, P. D. Gammon (1.497 M. Spl.), $60.38 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. 2, (747 Austin-Jeffery Spl.). M.), 3, B. A. Manning

NEAT NEWCOMER: C. M. Clairmonte's low-built Clairmonte, with de Dion rear axle, oval tube frame and 1,496 c.c. Lea-Francis engine.
mins. 25.7 secs.; 4, J. M. Hawthorn (Ferrari), 2 hrs. 32 mins. 19.5 secs.; 5, B. Castellotti (Ferrari), 2 hrs. 32 mins. 52.3 secs.; 6, A. Piotti (Ferrari); 7, G. Casella (Gordini); 8, Bonomi (Ferrari); 9, P. Scotti (Ferrari); 10, Stagnoli (Ferrari); 11, Mme. Y. Simon (Ferrari).

Fastest lap: Farina (Ferrari) 2 mins. 7.2 secs. 110.8 m.p.h.

## CHARTERHALL INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Sports cars and racing cars to Formułæ 2, 3 and libre will take part in the International race meeting at Charterhall, Berwickshire, on 15th August. Entries close on Wednesday, 29th July, for the meeting, which is organized by the Berwick and D.M.C., Lothian C.C. and Hawick and Border C. and M.C.C. The Secretary of the organizing committee is Bryan Groom, Hall Place, Galashiels.



Autosport, July 3, 1953
TOP HONOURS: Ron Flockhart, new Bo'ness record holder, takes the ex-Mays D-type Zoller-blown E.R.A. through the Snake in unflurried style.

In the half-litre class, valve trouble prevented Ninian Sanderson from getting away from the line for his first run. It looked as though Leslie Thorne was going to be the man for the class as, despite missing a gear in the Courtyard, he came back strongly, clocking the best time in the class in his first run and bettering it on the second run. He was not to get away with it, however, for excellent pit work under Sanderson père saw Ninian back on the line to make a fine climb that was just .09 seconds more than his own class record.
The category for racing cars of 751 c.c. to 1,100 c.c. saw Wharton on the line in his familiar Cooper. This time it was gearbox bothers that prevented the class record holder getting away. Again there was snappy repair work and the Smethwick man rocketed up the hill to break his own record in 33.91 seconds with

# Flockhart breaks bo'vess record 

## Scots Driver in ex-Mays E.R.A. Climbs in 33.82 secs. <br> —Wharton Runner-up - Eight Class Records Fall

OUTSTANDING feature of last Saturday's International meeting at Bo'ness was Ron Flockhart's classic climb of Kinneil Hill's tricky 880 yards. In his immaculately turned-out E.R.A. Flockhart made the day's best time, broke Dennis Poore's 1949 record for the hill and, of course, set a new class recordall in the space of 33.82 seconds!

This Scottish driver looks like being a truly formidable opponent for hillclimb champion Ken Wharton and we are looking forward immensely to the Rest-and-be-Thankful meeting tomorrow when their E.R.A.s will again be matched.

The whole day's sport was of a very high order, Scottish Sporting Car Club organization was beyond criticism, the meeting was blessed with fine weather and a very large turnout of spectators saw eight class records topple into the summer dust.
It was the racing car classes which, perhaps, provided the most exciting sport and it so happened that they opened with the class for $1,501-2,000$ c.c. cars and Ken Wharton was the first racing driver up the hill. Disappointment was felt in the Courtyard as John Stenhouse was heard to announce, " Ken Wharton's away!, His car's stopped! It's off again!"

From that sudden and inexplicable hesitation Wharton made a marvellous hesitation wharton his car through the recovery, sliding his car the wheel in his own unforgettable style to go roaring through the Snake at a really cracking pace. He could not, of course, make up that lost second-but 35.2 was a fair enough time!

ANOTHER NEW TWO-LTTRE: Jack Walton in his sports Cooper with BMW engine entering Courtyard at Bo'ness.

Then it was Flockhart; Ron Flockhart in one of the most magnificent ascents that have ever been made on this hill. The engine of the E.R.A. sounded clear and healthy. The driver's line round Paddock. Bend and through the Courtyard was clean and precise. There was no bank clipping in the Snake. As Ron disappeared over the brow of the hill there was a terrific cheer, for his climb looked as if it was a tremendously quick affair. And so it proved; 33.82 seconds, and just under the remarkable figure of 33.9 that Dennis Poore set up in his Alfa Romeo in 1949.
Ken Wharton made another attempt in Peter Bell's E.R.A.; and a grand attempt it was, beating his own class record and clocking the fine time of 34.19 seconds which was to be the third best time of the day.

Peter Reece the only real opposition in a Cooper with 34.82 seconds.
In the two remaining racing car classes Michael Christie (Cooper) got himself among the record breakers, but Peter Stubberfield's smart Bugatti sounded anything but its usual healthy self and never appeared for its second run.
The smaller capacity sports car classes were poorly supported but we saw the C.S.C. making its initial appearance in Scotland. Oddly enough in their first runs Peter Reece and Tony Platt, taking turn about, recorded exactly the same time. We thought we might see Peter make a duel of it but on his second run the bonnet of the C.S.C. flew open as he approached the Courtyard so he went through it and the Snake very sedately indeed.

C. W. K. Schellenberg in his very nimble 1,087 Riley managed to acquire a new class record and Archie Craig in his "Bongazoo"-so unexcitedly termed an M.G. in the programme-proceeded to make two nicely judged runs, beating his own record in both.
The well supported class for nonblown sports cars of 1,101 to 1,500 c.c. saw Peter Hughes achieve a splendid climb in Threlfall's M.G.-engined Tojeiro and there was only a fraction of a second between each of his runs, which were both better than the class record. There was a consistent run by the "Toj's" owner C. H. Threlfall and a remarkably good one by Francis Dundas (CooperM.G.) considering he was running in a new set of pistons and bearings fitted the day before the event.
Jack Walton's new twin-o.h.c., BMWpowered Cooper sports car showed real promise as after a slowish-for Jack!first run he showed obvious signs of getting the feel of it, and topped his class with his second climb.

Another new, car on the hill was Jimmy Gibbon's new Rover Special. Very disco volante-ish, Jimmy had a good first run but, in his second, the car suffered from fuel starvation. Taking the Courtyard entrance Anne Neil swung her Morgan a little too wide but made a fine recovery. Best man in the class was, however, Bob Dickson in his DB3 Aston Martin, the superb road-holding of which was demonstrated in no mean fashion with a new class record.

Amongst the large capacity sports cars a newcomer on the hill, Desmond Titterington (Allard) of Belfast, was exceptional. Taking the ladies' award and displaying a remarkably cool and unflurried style, Mrs. Sylvia Black not only defeated her Jaguar's owner, Freddie Mort, but was runner-up in the class.

What better to finish the day than the vintage car class! Pat Melville burned out a piston during practice and, instead of his familiar 30/98 Vauxhall, he was driving Ronald Miller's car in defence of his record. The Miller Vauxhall, either in Pat's hands or those of its owner, was no match for J. A. Williamson's $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Bentley which trimmed the Melville record in fine style. In fact, this class was a Bentley benefit, the marque taking the first three places at the conclusion of a grand day's sport.
A. N. F.

## Results

Best Time of the Day: Ron Flockhart (2-litre E.R.A. (S) ), 33.82 secs. New Hill Record.
Runner-up:
Ken Wharton
(996 Cooper-J.A.P. (S) ), 33.91 secs.
Third: Ken Wharton (2-litre E.R.A. (S) ), 34.19 secs.

## Sports Cars

501-750 c.c.: (Non S/c) Peter Reece (646 C.S.C.) and Tony Plati (646 C.S.C.), 45.20 secs. 751-1,100 c.c.: $($ Non $S / c)$ C. K. W. Sche 751-1,100 c.c.: (Non S/c) C. K. W. Schellenberg
(1,087 Riley), 42.70 secs.*. (S) A. H. B. Craig (1,087 Riley), 42.70 secs.*. (S) A. H. B. Craig
( 939 M.G.), 41.57 secs.*. (939 M.G.), 41.57 secs.*.
1,101-1,500 c.c.: (Non S/c) 1, Peter Hughes (1,467 Tojeiro), 39.8 secs.*. 2, Ian Hopper ( 1,496 Hopper Spl.), 40.05 secs. 3, Peter Reece ( 1,467 Cooper-M.G.), 40.60 secs. 4, C. H. Threlfall ( 1,467 Tojeiro), 40.70 secs.

1,501-2,000 c.c. Non S/c) 1, Jack Walton (1,971 Cooper-BMW, 37.80 secs. 2, R. Fielding (1,960 (H.W.M.), 48.2 secs. $\quad$, Mrs. D. Fielding

2,001-3,000 c.c.: (Non S/c)
(2,922 Aston Martin)
1, Bob Dickson (2,922 Aston Martin), 38.9 secs.*. 2, Jim Gibbon $(2,310$ Rover Spl.), 41.2 secs. 3, Gray Mickel
$(2,443$ Healey), 42.8 secs. (2,443 Healey), 42.8 secs .
Over 3,000
Allard)
c.c.:
38.60 , Desmond Titterington $(4,375$ Allard), 38.60 secs. 2, Mrs. S. Black (3,442
Jaguar), 41.15 secs. (Ladies' Award). 3, Fred Mort Jaguar), 41.15 secs. (Ladies' Award). 3, Fred Mort (3,442 Jaguar), 41.49 secs.


WOT, NO ENGINE?: Peter Reece has the bonnet of the rear-engined C.S.C. 650 fly open just after the start.

Vintage:
40.87 ses. J. A. Williamson ( 4.398 Bentley), 40.87 secs.*. 2, Gordon Lockhart (4,398 Bentley), 41.42 secs. 3, J. H. Bailey ( 4,398 Bentley), 41.54 secs.

## Racing Cars

Up to 500 c.c.: 1 , Ninian Sanderson (Cooper),
37.89 secs. 2, C. L. Graham (Cooper), 38.73 secs. 3, Leslie Thorne (Cooper), 38.86 secs.
751-1,100 c.c.: 1, Ken Wharton (Cooper-J.A.P.) 33.91 secs.*. 2, Peter Reece (Cooper-J.A.P.), 34.82 ecs. 3, E. G. Greenall (Cooper-J.A.P.), 35.12 secs 1,101-1,500 c.c.: 1, Michael Christie (CooperJ.A.P.),
Francis),
47.14 secs. Francis), 47.14 secs.
1,501-2,000 c.c.: 1, Ron Flockhart (E.R.A.), 33.82 secs.*. 2, Ken Wharton (E.R.A.), 34.19 secs. 2,001-3,000 c.c.: Peter Stubberfield (Bugatti), 38.54 secs.

## SCOTCI COIRNEI <br> By "AENEAS"

Tomorrow we are off on what may prove to be a "hail and farewell" mission. This is the Royal Scottish Automobile Club's International speed hill-climb on Rest-and-be-Thankful. The club's lease of this famous 1,425-yard hill comes to an end with this event and unless the paying customers roll up in their thousands it has been decided to end what has, of late, been a most unprofitable venture, owing to my canny countrymen spectating from the surrounding hills and not within the enclosure under the club's jurisdiction.
The entry is a good one, and hillclimb champion Ken Wharton will be there to defend his record for the hill of 54.23 secs., clocked in his Cooper at last year's event. Among those present will be Cooper drivers Bertie Bradnack, J. D. Sleeman and C. A. N. May, and Alex McGlashan drives Ninian Sanderson's car while Ninian is at Rheims. Ron Flockhart will, of course, be present in his E.R.A., and Belfastman J. D. Titterington competes in an Allard.
AN outing that is raising a great deal of interest is the Royal Scottish A.C.'s Veteran Car Run on 11th July. There is every promise of a first class entry and, something that will make the cavalcade look very spick and span, the Gaumont Cinema of Glasgow is presenting a silver trophy for the most
immaculate turnout of the entry. In addition the cars will be divided into three classes-those manufactured up to December, 1905, those from 1906 to December, 1910, and those from 1911 to December, 1914 and there will be an award for the best turnout in each class.
The route has already been published in these pages and it is a condition of the various awards that their winners must get from Glasgow to Largs under their own power.

MY friends up in the North of Scotland have just finished a period of frenzied negotiation with the Air Ministry which has done them no good at all. After their loss of the very fine circuit at Crimond, the Aberdeen and District M.C. immediately set out to look for a new one and found a very promising airfield circuit at Longside. There seems to be no real reason why permission to use this circuit should be refused and Aberdeen officials had hopes of running a meeting there this month, but plans had to be scrapped. Efforts to obtain the circuit still continue and we wish the Aberdeen club every success in them. It just isn't right that there should be no opportunities for circuit racing in the North, particularly when these meetings were among the friendliest in all Scotland.

## TELEVISION BO'NESS

LAST Monday, 29th June, television viewers were treated to a "Baby Bo'ness", organized by the Scottish Sporting Car Club and with awards presented by the B.B.C. The camera coverage was excellent, despite poor lighting conditions, and some very fast climbs were made by drivers representing England and Scotland. Victory went to the Sassenachs, by 28 points to 14 , and Ken Wharton established a new-albeit unofficial-course record in his supercharged 1,100 c.c. Cooper. He clocked 33.61 secs. on his first run, but lost i plug on his second ascent. Ron Flockhart (E.R.A.), holder of the official record, clouted the bank when leaving the Snake on his first climb, his time being 33.94 secs. His second attempt occupied 33.74 secs. Several other class records were lowered-again unofficially - and the commentary was by Raymond Baxter.

## STRANRAER CORONATION RALLY

Or Wednesday, 17th June, the Stranraer C. and M.C.C. held their Coronation Cup Rally, the Eight Clubs' route-ing system being used for the 140 -mile course. 22 competitors started, of whom all but two finished. F. Coulston (Vauxhall), navigated by J. Carruth, won the premier award. R. Duff/E. Jardine (Austin A.70) tied for second place with R. Keer/A. Donaldson (Ford Consul), on both the road section and the special test.

# A TALE DF TWO CITIES 

How British Formula 3 Drivers Fared in the Recent International Races at Orléans and Amiens

THe recent Formula 3 races at Orléans and Amiens, coming on consecutive, week-ends, made an attractive "double" in terms of time and distance, and support from this country was strong both numerically and in quality.

To Orléans went the Starides (Bicknell, Habin, Fenning); the Arnotts (Wood and Smith); the Martins (Brown, Taylor) and Coopers in the hands of Lewis-Evans père et fils, Brise, Leston and May, and the Leston Special to be driven by Ninian Sanderson (or Leston).

Saturday afternoon's practice brought sweat and tears for quite a few. In dire misfortune was the Leston camp, with two "double knockers" misbehaving, and Bicknell, who, together with Habin, spent the evening with sledge hammer and wooden wedges endeavouring to straighten a rear wheel and suspension member after contact with a kerb resulting from uncertain brakes. Habin was unhappy about his engine; Kurtz melted a piston in the J.A.P. engine of his ultralightweight French car, but was rescued by Austen May, who produced a secondhand piston which gave the Frenchman a higher compression than ever he had enjoyed previously, and made him the happiest man in Orléans.

Derek Wyborn got a replacement engine assembled and fitted into the Leston and around 10 p.m. Les went out for a trial run up the main street of the town to the satisfaction of all.

## Hansen (Effyh) Crashes

Misfortune overtook the short, early morning practice session on Sunday when Hansen had a steering-arm break at speed and the Norton-propelled Effyh overturned; Hansen was taken to hospital.

There was a terrific flap over fuel. Only Shell attended, and it was learned that not even they would be at Amiens so that fuel had to be obtained here at Orléans and stored in cans, drums and any containers that came to hand.


Leston, driving the Leston, having handed the Cooper to Sanderson, took the first heat in a good scrap with John Brown on the Martin, closely followed by Fenning's Staride, which slowed at the end when the driver found oil flowing around and was nearly caught by May's Cooper-J.A.P. "Pop" LewisEvans unaccountably slid the front-end of his Cooper, collecting a straw-bale and damaging the steering and front suspension, and Smith spun the Arnott and lost ground in re-starting; Habin had the crankcase of his Norton split right across.

The second heat was Stuart LewisEvans's, chased initially by Bicknell, who had straightened his wheel but was still unhappy about his brakes, and then by "As Aboué", as the French interpreted John Brise. Although Stuart was slowed by "Pop" for the last lap or two, this was still the faster of the two heats. Poor Sanderson had an engine seizure on the Leston Cooper, so that, to quote mechanic Derek Wyborn, "the équipe was down to its last two doubleknockers".
Leston, Lewis-Evans and Bicknell set the pace for the final, but Leston's effort was cut short when a chain broke.


Brown's Martin came to a standstill and after Bicknell had spun owing to brake failure it was "As Aboué" Brise who took up the chase of young Lewis-Evans. Dennis Taylor was down to two gears on the second Martin and May's Cooper was getting slower and slower, was passed by some of the French cars, and came to a standstill with a sheared mag drive. to a standstill with a she".

Lewis-Evans stayed in front of Brise, and Bicknell could not make up the ground he had lost to Taylor's Martin, despite the Martin having only two gears, and they finished in that order.

## Off to Amiens

All except Fenning went on to Amiens, and were joined by Brandon, Wicken and André Loens from Nürburgring, Paul Emery and Sir Francis Samuelson. "Pop" Lewis-Evans's Cooper had been straightened out but he was short of front fuel-tanks; Wicken had fitted a J.A.P. after trouble with his Norton at Nurburg, but melted a piston in this in the first practice session, and borrowed a single-cam Norton from Paul Emery. Leston elected to drive the Cooper this time, entrusting the Special to Sanderson. Brandon, Bicknell, Leston and the Lewis-Evanses headed the practice times. Foreign opposition included Lex Beels's pair of J.Ā.P.-engined Mk. VI Coopers (ex-Truman and Bill Whitehouse), two beautifully prepared Vol-
pinis, running under Italian colours and several Norton-engined French "oneoffs".

Full-lap rolling starts were used, which probably led to Wicken and Bicknell oiling up early in the first heat, and leaving the battle to Lewis-Evans jnr., John Brown in the Martin and Gerald Smith in the "works" Arnott, carefully watched by Daphne Arnott and George Thornton. Dennis Taylor pranged the second Martin in the second heat, which was undisputedly Eric Brandon's, and neither Loens nor Paul Emery went the full distance but nevertheless were accepted for the final. Both the Volpinis ran in this heat, as did Lex Beels, none of them finishing.

## Rain for the Final

Then the rain came. The line-up for the final was something of a shambles, drivers who had gone the full distance in the heats finding themselves behind others who had retired in the heats but had been accepted for the final to make up a good number. A full-lap rolling start was used and now the roads were almost under water.

Leston was early in trouble (the Special in Sanderson's hands punctured a tyre and subsequently damaged its rear suspension in the second heat); Bicknell started to oil plugs again; John Brown, wearing goggles instead of a vizor, could not see where he was going in the teeming rain, then Brandon, leading comfortably, pulled in, diagnosed gearbox trouble and was unable to continue.

Brise seemed untroubled by the rain, driving with deceptive calm; the LewisEvans family continued to go great guns and Leslie Wood was really going to town with the remaining Arnott. May got his J.A.P.-motored Cooper past Habin's "double - knocker" - propelled Staride, but both were lapped by Brise and Wood. The roads were awash, overtaking was a matter of "by guess and by God"; pit signals were unreadable; incidents at the hairpin were many and then trouble struck at the Lewis-Evans family, Stuart suffering a seized gearbox and "Pop" stalling the engine when trying to refuel in motion from bottles carried in the car. May and Habin then came into the picture, behind Brise, Wood and Paul Emery, and then, of all things, the Arnott ran out of fuel. So wet and confused was everyone at the finish that it was not until the prize distribution in the evening that the question of third and fourth places was finally resolved in favour of May and Habin, consequent upon the last-minute retirement of the Arnott and "Pop" LewisEvans's pit stop for fuel.
"Midlander"
by
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So many people are writing to me nowadays about suspension problems, that I must certainly prepare a series of articles and drawings on the subject. I produced such a collection once before, and I promise to write a modern version, in the light of the latest developments, for publication when space permits. However, there is one question which is so topical that it cannot wait, and to save answering a lot of letters-or leaving them unanswered and suffering from a guilty conscience -I had better deal with it now. "Why," one is asked, "do the Americans use 'old fashioned' front axles, instead of I.F.S., at Indianapolis and Le Mans?"
First of all, let us consider the problem which they are facing. Both the Cunninghams for Le Mans and the Kurtis-Kraft machines at Indianapolis, which they resemble, have engines developing well over 300 b.h.p., with immense torque in the lower revolution range. Obviously, the shattering potential acceleration of such cars can only be realized if wheelspin can be kept under control. To do this, it is necessary to employ an unconventional weight distribution, with the bulk of the load on the rear wheels. The Offenhauser and the Chrysler engines are both short and heavy, especially the latter unit, which is used in the Cunningham. Consequently, the power plant must be mounted towards the centre of the chassis, giving a low polar moment of inertia, and a distribution of masses which is inimical to good suspension. What are the consequences?
If one imagines a conventional layout, with independent front suspension and a beam axle at the rear, the roll centre will probably be at road level in front, and at the height of the Panhard rod (or other locating device) behind. With the rearward weight distribution already postulated, it will be difficult to avoid an oversteering characteristic, due to excessive weight transfer at the rear compared with the front. By artificially lowering the roll-resistance of the rear suspension, this can be overcome, but the car will then roll objectionably. It is true that a rolling car may yet corner fast, but it cannot be "thrown about". At any sudden change of direction, it takes an appreciable time to settle down, during which the handling may be peculiar. In any case, it feels horrible to the driver.

The other solution is to have an anti-roll bar in front, with the object of transferring more load to the outside front tyre, and imparting an understeering tendency.

BOLD STEP: The beam axled Cunningham which finished third in this year's Le Mans 24 Hours Race.

The stiffer the anti-roll torsion bar, the higher the roll centre of the front suspension. With an extremely stiff anti-roll bar, a stage is reached where this relatively complicated suspension layout begins to take on some of the characteristics of a simple beam axle. Why not go the whole hog?

At this point, I can hear shrieks of horror. After all, most of the existing cars with beam front axles tend to over-steer, the exact vice that we are trying to cure. An examination of these machines shows the cause of the trouble. First and foremost, the two front semielliptic springs are closer together than those at the rear. They have to be, of course, to let the wheels move on to full steering lock. In order to get some stability, the front springs are then made shorter and stiffer than the rear ones, which is entirely contrary to all requirements for a smooth ride. Then, the front axle is often steeply downswept, thus artificially lowering the front roll centre.
Consider, on the other hand, the Kurtis-Kraft. This has a straight tubular front axle, and the caster is held constant by a similar pair of arms to those at the rear. In the latest model, these arms trail at the front and face forward at the rear. In both cases, transverse torsion bars are the suspension medium, and the front parallel arms, above and below the axle, are carried out almost to the king pins. I would guess that the roll centre is slightly above hub level behind, and a little higher than that at the front end. It will be readily understood that such a car bears no relation to ancient "cart-spring" jobs, and that an acceptable degree of understeer may be secured without stiffening the front suspension.
How will the machine handle, compared with the normal I.F.S. types? Straight away, one can say that it will not roll at all, and that it will be extremely responsive to the steering. Success or failure must depend on the speed at which front wheel flap, tramp, or shimmy is experienced. Any beam axle, with its wheels and steering linkage, contains the seeds of these diseases. At a certain critical speed it may only need a bump to create a gyroscopic precession which will set off the whole complicated chain reaction. Obviously, these cars have been so designed that this trouble has
been banished outside the usable speed range, but one imagines that limited movement and a relatively hard ride are the price that one has to pay.

At Indianapolis, that immensely difficult track which requires superhuman skill in its negotiation at today's great speeds, the Kurtis-Kraft handles better than any other chassis, including the Ferrari. To finish third at the fastest Le Mans ever, the new Cunningham must also possess roadholding of a very high order. One might regard Indianapolis as being too specialized for its lessons to affect us, but this Le Mans triumph is a very different story. If only we could see the Cunninghams in action at Dundrod, we would know whether severely limited axle movement has had to be resorted to in pursuit of stability, for that circuit, with its variety of bumps and changes of camber, really does sort out good suspension from not so good.

Now that the light, 300 b.h.p. sports car has arrived, rearward weight distribution is essential if we are not to espouse four-wheel drive. It's no use having bags of power if you can't put your foot down for fear of wheelspin. Rapid acceleration away from slow bends may be more important to lap times than $10 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. extra speed at the top end. Thus, one must not sacrifice traction to improve handling qualities, and yet the car, by virtue of its great performance, must have excellent roadholding. It is of absorbing interest that this problem has brought about the revival of the moribund beam axle, and one awaits the next step with great excitement.

## HDOK REVIEW

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The B.A.R.C. Year Book, published at 5 s., is a complete mine of information, dealing not only with club matters, but with motor sport as a whole. It is packed full of interesting details, facts and figures. Articles are contributed by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Professor A. M. Low, Paul Calvert, A. L. Ebblewhite, Stanley Sedgwick, W. Boddy, P. A. Turner, Johnnie Morgan and the Editor of Autosport.

In addition to giving maps of important circuits, the book also gives recommended routes to reach the Continental ones, with the approximate distances to each. Thus it is interesting to note that Le Mans and Grenzlandring are about the same distance by road from Calais!

A complete list of results is given of all races at Goodwood, since the inaugural meeting on 18th September, 1948, on what was then the perimeter of Westhampnett Airfield.

Altogether a well-edited volume which will be extremely handy as a reference book. Copies may be obtained from B.A.R.C., 55 Park Lane, London, W.1.
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## RATTLLESNAKL POINT HILL-CLIMB

Saturday, 6th June, heralded a fine, warm day for the annual hill-climb of Canada's Sports Car Club at Rattlesnake Point, Milton, 37 miles north-west of Toronto. Light, intermittent rain actually helped to consolidate the gravel road surface, but resulted in a deal of vicious sliding and flying stones. The course, 800 yards long, narrow, and well banked, set on a wooded hillside, was reminiscent of Prescott, but there were no Bugattis to add to the resemblance. Indeed, with the exception of a Volkswagen, a Porsche, a Detroit Ford V8 and a Nash Rambler, the entire entry of 40 were in British cars.

Class G (750 c.c. to 1,100 c.c. un-supercharged-blown cars were moved up one class) was a Morris Minor benefit, D. L. Bailey's neat modified car easily coming out top with 65 secs., the best of two runs. J. B. Harris, similarly mounted, clocked 74.8 secs., and third best was Peter Dillnutt (A30 Austin) in 76.75.
Best supported of all was Class F ( $1,100-1,500$ c.c.), wherein the combination of Tommy Hoan and his heartily "breathed-on" M.G. TC set the pace by recording 54.14 and then, second time up, 52.71. This bettered L. France's time with a Porsche in 55.05 . There were TCs and TDs galore, all fast, mostly well handled; a Jupiter went well low down, but lost higher up the grade, while F. Royce's interesting FM, an M.G.-powered Morris Minor which has been very successful in circuit events, was slower than usual in 65.58 .

FELTHAM SCABBARD: Class winner Ian Sword takes his DB2 Aston Martin through the Hairpin of Rattlesnake Point Hill.

A varied selection of machinery contested the 2-3-litre class, Ian Sword in the ex-Wheaton DB2 Aston Martin going up sleek and fast to win in 55.41 secs. A TC with V8 60 engine, handled by Neil Bryson, did 58.79 , then 57.51 , to become runner-up, and a SunbeamTalbot was third. The over 3-litre category was all-Jaguar so far as results went, with Vern Jefferies, G. Farrow and Peter Hayes 1-2-3-and it was Jefferies who produced Best Time of Day, his XK coupé rushing up the hill very, very fast, but smoothly, sliding his corners beautifully to record a magnificent 51.89 secs.
By 6.30 p.m. everything was over,
unfortunately, and next year it is hoped that improvements will have been made to the surface and that the interest shown by several of the "foreign" car distributors will blossom into real support at events such as these, so much a shop window of the sports car world in the dollar market.

The next big S.C.C. event and the highlight of the season is the Edenvale race meeting on 8th August, when a large entry is expected from all clubs affiliated to the Canadian Automobile Sports Committee, and especially from the S.C.C.A., now that road racing at Watkins Glen across the border in New York State, is regrettably to be prohibited.

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# KIRKISTOWN DEBUT 

Good Racing at New Ulster Airfield Venue

THE 500 M.R.C.I.'s new airfield circuit at Kirkistown, Co. Down, was opened by Senator Sir Wilson Hungerford on Saturday, 13th June, and thereafter a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators was entertained to a most enjoyable afternoon's sport. This little $1 \frac{1}{2}$-mile circuit, with its 1,000 -yard straight and five bends of varying severity, promises to be popular with drivers and spectators alike. A feature of the day's racing was the outstanding driving of Dick Lovell-Butt in R. E. Odlum's fast, single-seater Frazer-Nash, and in the Baird-Griffin. He won both the Open Handicap (in the Frazer-Nash) and the Open Scratch (in the Griffin) setting up a lap record of 1 min .17 secs. in the process, despite a scalded leg when the rear-mounted header-tank of the Griffin sprung a leak.

Saloon Handicap ( 15 laps ). The field in this race was sorely depleted by the exclusion of half the entry, for failure to comply with the "laminated windscreen" rule. A. N. Johnston pushed his Healey round very briskly to overhaul the field on lap 11 and win at 56.72 m.p.h., with Sydney Pentland ( 1,911 c.c. Citroën) second and A. C. Stringer ( 1,496 c.c. Riley) third. Paddy Hopkirk, who finished fourth in his Volkswagen, was determined not to incur the scrutineers' displeasure and drove without screen or side windows. Indeed, it was said that he had also removed the glass from the instruments in the interests of safety.
Results: 1, Johnston (Healey), 25 mins. 29 secs.
 Fastest Lap: Johnston, 1 min. 33 secs. ( 59.12 m.p.h.).

Open Handicap, Heat 1 ( 10 laps). B. W. Tughan ( 933 c.c. Ford) making his racing debut, was on the limit mark and made good use of his two laps, start to lead all the way. Rees finished second after a steady drive in the exHarvey Jackson Ford, but most excitement was provided by the duel for third

GRIFFIN: Driving Bobbie Baird's Griffin, Lovell-Butt lapped the entire field in the scratch race at Kirkistown.
place, between Arthur Clapham in the Kieft-Ford and Sydney Durbidge (Eros). Durbidge seemed to be all set to take Clapham coming into the last bend, but slid wide and Arthur just managed to stave off the Eros by one second. Fresh from his bank-clouting episode at Syonfiu, Marshall Watson had the misfortune to go out on lap one with clutch bothers.
Results: 1, Tughan (Ford), 13 mins. 39 secs. ( 57.57 m.p.h.). 2, Rees (Ford), 14 mins. 13 secs. Durbidge (Eros), 1 min. 24 secs. 65.46 Fastest Lap

Open Handicap, Heat 2 (10 laps). As in the first heat, there were 12 starters, with Miss Frances Glenny (847 c.c. M.G.) on the limit mark. She led up to the eighth lap, when she was caught and passed by Lovell-Butt in the FrazerNash, Christie ( 1,172 c.c. Zack), Tommy Seymour (Iota 500) and Morrison M.G. TD). Lovell-Butt won comfortably, throwing in a last lap in 1 min .20 secs. for good measure, and Seymour took Christie by half a wheel to finish a popular second. In the course of the excitement, Seymour got down to 1 min . 24 secs., auguring well for half-litre events to come at Kirkistown.
Results: 1, Lovell-Butt (Frazer-Nash), 14 mins. 28 secs. ( 66.01 m.p.h.). 2, Seymour (Iota), 14 mins. 50 secs. 3, Christie (Zack), 14 mins . $50^{1} / 5$ secs. Fastest Lap: Lovell-Butt, 1 min. 20 secs. ( 68.73 m.p.h.).

Open Handicap, Final (20 laps). After a demonstration run by Brian Morton's magnificent Bentley and Ronnie Jenning's 1922 Model T Ford, the first seven finishers in each heat came out for the final. Frances Glenny led for the first five laps and then Bill Tughan took over, only to be engulfed by the back markers on the 16th lap. Thereafter the lead changed hands rapidly. First Alfie Carroll (1,172 c.c. A.T.C.) led, then Arthur Clapham, but Dick LovellButt, lapping at 1 min. 19 secs., took


## KIEFT - SPRUNG:

 Arthur Clapham, in his Kieft-suspended Ford special, and R. I. Rees in the exJackson Ford, wait for the flag in the final of the handicap event. Clapham was passed by LovellButt (driving Odlum's Frazer-Nash) on the nineteenth lap.Clapham on the penultimate round to win handsomely by over half a minute. Sydney Durbidge looked like catching Clapham's Kieft-Ford comfortably, and this he did on the last lap, only to repeat his first-heat slide on the hairpin and allow Clapham to gain second place by the proverbial gnat's eyebrow.
Tommy Seymour had the wretched luck to lose a pin out of his gear-lever, and after seven laps of "top-only" motoring was forced out when the clutch packed up. Pat Pixell's driving of Sandy Fleming's M.G.-Ford improved visibly lap after lap and, though unplaced, he attracted many favourable comments for his cornering at the "Wiggle-Woggle". Billy Maguire, in the ex-Vauxhall Special, seemed to be intent on clearing the straw bales from the hairpin and demolished at least half a dozen per lap, much to the delight of "the farmer who supplied the bales on a "cash or return" basis.
Results: 1, Lovell-Butt (Frazer-Nash), 28 mins. 15 secs. ( $67.26 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}.) . \quad 2$, Clapham (Ford), 28 mins. 50 secs. 3, Durbidge (Eros), 28 mins. $50^{1} / \mathrm{s}$ secs. Fastest Lap: Lovell-Butt, 1 min. 19 secs. (69.60 m.p.h.).

Open Scratch ( 20 laps). The dead car park being full to overflowing with casualties of the previous races, only a small field was left to contest the Open Scratch event. Among the absentees were Robin Scott, whose Ford had (literally) gone up in smoke, and MacGregor, who had the misfortune to throw a rod. Lovell-Butt made rather a slow start, due to a slight lack of concentration as the flag fell, but nevertheless the fierce acceleration of the Griffin took him to the front before the field entered the first bend. There he stayed until the end. The only real excitement apart from his lowering of the lap time to 1 min . 17 secs., was his endeavour to lap everybody at least once. In this he succeeded, but only just, as Sydney Durbidge was taken barely 200 yards from the finish, and Pat Pixell was a popular third.

Results: 1, Lovell-Butt (Griffin), 27 mins. 6 secs. ( 67.26 m.p.h.). 2, Durbidge (Eros), 27 mins. 8 secs. 3, Pixell (M.G.-Ford), 28 mins. 40 secs. Fastest Lap: Lovell-Butt, 1 min . 17 secs. ( 71.406 m.p.h.).

## Brian Thomas.

## MIDLANDS CAR RALLY

The Pathfinders and Derby M.C.'s Midlands Rally, postponed in April owing to the illness of a number of officials, will now take place on 19/20th September, and regs. will be available shortly from J. A. Leyland, 15 Eastwood Drive, Littleover, Derby, or from J. B. Smith, 39 Duffield Road, Derby.


UNTOUCHABLES: (Above) Nino Farina and Mike Hawthorn sweeping towards the "Virage des Six Frères" with their 2.5 Ferraris, in which they finished 1-2, three laps ahead of the third man.

CHALLENGER: (Below) Maurice Trintignant, whose 2.5 Gordini was closest to the Ferraris until it fell out with rear axle trouble at half-distance.

ALLEZ! (Right) "Phi-Phi" Etancelin, followed by characteristic smoke from his rear tyres, waves on Hawthorn coming out of Nouveau Monde hairpin.


Originally billed as an F2 event, and then as a two heats and a final F1 and F2 affair, the Grand Prix of Rouen last Sunday was actually run as an F 1 race admitting F2 machinery, on 60 laps of the 5.1 kilometres Essarts circuit. Unfortunately B.R.M.s were unable to get a car over in time, and John Heath's $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre H.W.M. also did not appear. However, Scuderia Ferrari sent a couple of $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre "fours", with Nino Farina and Mike Hawthorn as pilots. The anticipated struggle between the Italian cars and Trintignant's fast $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Gordini fizzled out, and the red cars went on to score an easy 1-2 victory, with veteran "Phi-Phi" Etancelin third after a magnificent drive in his Talbot. All three British drivers finished, Stirling Moss (Cooper-Alta) struggling on despite losing first gear on lap 1; Bob Gerard (CooperBristol) and John Lyons (Connaught) were placed eighth and ninth respectively.

For the first time since Jimmy

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# ITWALK ROLIEN 

Itre Car-Mike Hawthorn Establishes $\because$ Success in Sports Car Race


Murphy won the French G.P. with his Duesenberg in 1921, an American driver won an International race in Europe. This was Bob Said (1.3* litre Osca), who won the 751-2,000 c.c. sports car event, and finished first in the general classification.

Undoubtedly the organizers believed that the sight and sound of Formula 1 cars would, as in the case of Albi, bring large crowds to the fine Essarts circuit. With no B.R.M.s on the starting line, however, the race-going French public believed that it would be yet another Ferrari occasion, as both $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre cars had managed to circulate well under Ascari's lap record of 2 mins. 17.3 secs. The only possible rival to the "Prancing Horse" was Maurice Trintignant, whose 2.5 Gordini almost equalled the Ferraris in practice, and then concluded by making third best lap of the training period.
Much to his surprise, John Lyons found himself in the third row along with Schell's Gordini and Bayol's Osca. This may have been due to the fact that Moss did a few practice laps with the smart green Connaught. His own quickest laps with the Cooper-Alta were somehow overlooked by the timekeepers, and Stirling found himself relegated to the back row.

The start itself almost produced a major disaster. A foolish French photographer got himself mixed up with the


POWER-PLANT: (Top) The 2.5-litre, 4-cylinder Ferrari engine used by Farina and Hawthorn at Rouen. It employs two large, double-choke Weber carburetters, and is said to produce over 220 b.h.p. (Centre) Twin magnetos are driven from the front end and supply an 8-plug cylinder head.

DRAMA: (Below) With eight laps to go, Mme. Etancelin signals "Phi-Phi" to step on it, whilst "Robert" and Jean Lucas in the Gordini pit prepare to give the same orders to Harry Schell, who is in fourth place.


for "Phi-Phi", whose performance in the Talbot captured the imagination of all. Harry Schell, one of Europe's most improved drivers, also came home to a grand reception-his Gordini being the only 2-litre car to finish in the first seven!

Preceding the F1 race were a couple of sports car events, the up to 750 c.c. class containing mainly Renaults, Panhards and, surprisingly enough a couple of 2CV Citroëns-surely the slowest cars ever to appear in a race!

Redèle's swift little Renault put it over the Panhards and Segrestain just managed to get his nose in front of Quesnel's Renault for second place.
(Above) Bob Said in his winning Osca coming out of Paradis hairpin. (Right) Hereng's Sprint Panhard doing its wheel-lifting act at Paradis.
cars, and was almost hit for six by several, including Moss's Cooper-Alta. Elie Bayol had to brake hard to avoid the melée, and the Osca's gearbox jammed. The car was pushed to the pits, where mechanics worked hard to free it, but to no avail. Bayol did about a couple of kilometres and retired.

Farina and Hawthorn swept into the lead, chased by Trintignant. When the cars came past the tribunes, Hawthorn had a $2 \frac{1}{2}$ secs. advantage over Farina, whilst Trintignant was in front of Rosier (4.5 Ferrari) and Jean Behra (2.3 Gordini). Moss had come through the field up to sixth place, ahead of Harry Schell (2.0 Gordini), whilst John Lyons led all four Talbots, Gerard's Cooper-Bristol and Johnnie Claes's Connaught.
Hawthorn led for five laps, with Trintignant losing ground to the Ferraris at the rate of 2 secs. a lap. Behra was pressing Rosier, and Schell took Moss when the Cooper-Alta lost bottom gear -a necessity on a circuit containing a couple of sharp hairpins. Farina went in front on lap 5, and one tour later Giraud-Cabantous's Talbot halted for good with gearbox bothers. Behra passed Rosier into fourth place, and Gerard overhauled Lyons.
With 10 laps on the board, Farina led Hawthorn by 3.2 secs., and Trintignant by 19.1 secs. Farina set up a new circuit record of 2 mins. 13 secs., 138.045 k.p.h. ( 85.78 m.p.h.). On the 13 th tour, Moss stopped to adjust his front dampers, and dropped back to last place. Three laps later, Behra came in with steering troubles on his Gordini, and red-hot front brake drums into the bargain. He stayed in the pits for six laps, did seven more and finally retired.
Meanwhile the two Ferraris circulated in close company, Hawthorn appearing to be able to close up on Farina as and when he pleased. At 20 laps there were 4.6 secs. between them, and Trintignant was almost a minute in arrears. Two laps later Hawthorn came up on the tail of his team-mate after setting a new lap record of 2 mins. 12.8 secs., 138.253 k.p.h. ( 85.91 m.p.h.). Etancelin, driving with all his usual dash, easily led the Talbots in sixth place-ever a threat to Schell's Gordini and Rosier's Ferrari.
The Ferraris relentlessly pressed on. By half-distance they had lapped the entire field with the exception of Trintignant, who retired on lap 31 with the Gordini hoodoo-rear axle trouble! This put Rosier into third place, but Schell dropped back to eighth after a stop to change plugs. All the time John


Lyons was circulating steadily in 10th place, behind Gerard, and Moss was having a trying race negotiating the hairpins in second gear. Claes retired after 28 laps with transmission failure.
From then on interest was concentrated on the fight for places. Rosier appeared to be slowing and having difficulty sorting out his gears. The crowd began to cheer on their local favourite, Etancelin. "Phi-Phi" was giving onlookers at Paradis hairpin heart-failure, his rear brakes locking as he took the corner and tyres smoking all the way up the straight as he stood on the accelerator. Harry Schell was driving a storm of a race in the remaining-and smallest-Gordini, and was lapping at $4-5$ secs. faster than the Talbot.
Rosier lost both first and second gears, and was caught by Etancelin, Schell and Levegh (Talbot) in that order. At 50 laps, with 10 to go, Schell lay only 13.6 secs. behind Etancelin, and seemed certain to catch him. Farina, easing off slightly, found Hawthorn once again on his tail, and the Italian made angry signs to his pit which were interpreted as: "For goodness sake, slow Mike down!" Sure enough, out came the board, and Hawthorn was told not to be such a naughty boy.
Schell drew ever nearer Etancelin, but the Frenchman suddenly began to lap even faster. Harry pressed on that little bit too much, revolved at Nouveau Monde hairpin, and lost a plug after restarting. The Ferraris went on to score an unchallenged 1-2, with Mike Hawthorn looking as if he could do another 60 laps. Cheers were loudest, however,

The larger class had Sir Francis Samuelson's 400 Bristol running against pukka sporting machinery such as Osca, Porsche, BMW and Ferrari. Bob Said whistled round absolutely unchallenged, finishing well ahead of Veuillet's PorscheSuper at the best speed of the day, and recording the fastest lap with the Osca.

Luffargne's Citroën "Six" kept missing the straw bales at Paradis by a series of miracles, whilst Hereng's Panhard continually lifted its inside rear wheel. Floch's Inter Ferrari 2-litre coupé was completely outpaced by the Osca and the Porsche.
G.

## Results

## Grand Prix of Rouen

1. Nino Farina ( 2.5 Ferrari), 2 hrs. 15 mins. 5.8 secs., 135.920 k.p.h. ( 84.96 m.p.h.).
2. Mike Hawthorn (2.5 Ferrari), 2 hrs . 15 mins. 7 secs.
3. Philippe Etancelin ( 4.5 Talbot), 3 laps behind.
4. Harry Schell (2.0 Gordini), 3 laps behind.
5. Pierre Levegh (4.5 Talbot), 4 laps behind.
6. Georges Grignard (4.5 Talbot), 4 laps behind.
7. Louis Rosier ( 4.5 Ferrari), 4 laps behind.
8. Bob Gerard (2.0 Cooper-Bristol), 5 laps behind.
9. John Lyons (2.0 Connaught), 6 laps behind.
(Results continued on page 20)


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10. Stirling Moss (2.0 Cooper-Alta), 7 laps behind.
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1. Redèle (Renault), 47 mins. 55.3 secs., 95.8 k.p.h.
2. Segrestain (Panhard), 49 mins. 12 secs.
3. Quesnel (Renault), 49 mins. 12.3 secs.

751-2,000 c.c.

1. Bob Sa1d ( 1,300 Osca), 42 mins. 29.2 secs., 108.03 k.p.h.
2 Veuillet ( 1,500 Porsche), 43 mins . 43.7 secs.
2. Floch ( 2,000 Ferrari), 1 lap behind.

Over 2,000 c.c.

1. Rambaux (750 D.B.-Panhard (S) ).
2. Quevillon (Talbot).
3. Luffargne (Citroën).


## ANNECY SUCCESS

London Motor Club's French Sporting Trial Won by H. Sinclair-Sweeney

## 面y F. DENNH TDENT

TThat the London Motor Club's second annual French Sporting Trial was a great success is putting it mildly and nobody who visited Annecy would doubt that the terrific enthusiasm of the local inhabitants, coupled with possibly the toughest Trial of the year, made this one of the best of sporting parties.

Marcel Becquart, to whom the club is eternally grateful, had gone to great length to publicize the event and, with the enthusiastic assistance of the Committee of the Automobile Club du MontBlanc, the local police and others, had made available some terrain which produced a very difficult course, something of a cross between the mud of Gloucestershire and the steepness of Bag-
shot Heath. shot Heath.


At the reception by the Mayor of Talloire on the day before the trial a never-to-be-forgotten sight was to be seen-that of a distinguished member of the R.A.C. Comps. Committee wriggling his way on his stomach underneath a hedge to obtain an extremely funny photograph of a bikini-clad lady! Much laughter from the many observers did not penetrate her hearing; perhaps Mr. Flather will one day let us see the photo for a small fee!

Heavy rain on the morning of the trial made an already difficult course even more so, but clearly nothing was going to damp the enthusiasm of the French crowds. Scrutineering took place in pouring rain in the centre of the town, watched by an amused crowd, undeterred by the downpour. At 11.30 a.m. the rain ceased and then occurred a unique event, which would have astounded any English small town on a Sunday morning. Led by five police motor-cyclists, who had asked the trials drivers to remove their silencers, the competing cars, together with those of all the officials, drove two laps at a fast speed through Annecy with horns blaring and with a colossal noise coming from
the now unsilenced motor-cycle engine of the now unsilenced motor-cycle engine of John Deeley's "Cranford".
When we went up to the course after lunch, we were utterly staggered by the swarm of spectators who had arrivedthe hills were a seething mass of humanity which made it sometimes a little difficult for drivers to follow the correct course, but such good humoured enthusiasm was displayed by these people that the marshals were always assured of plenty of assistance in pushing or lifting failures to clear them off the hills.

LA PENETRATION: Denis Flather in the Keystone charges a bush a little farther up the same hill.

L'ASCENSION: Ernest Chandler is watched by a large gathering of spectators as he attacks a section at Annecy.

The proceedings opened with a driving test which was virtually a "figure 8 " around trees, in which the fastest time was put up by H. Sinclair-Sweeney (Vicki Spl.) in 35.4 secs., closely followed by T. C. Harrison (Harford III), 35.8 secs., the next fastest being Maurice Wilde (Ford Spl.) in 37 secs. dead. From there the first section proved trickier than it appeared; only Michael Lawson (Lotus), Denis Flather (Keystone II), H. SinclairSweeney, Edward Harrison (Harford IV) and Ernest Chandler (Chandler Spl.) achieved clean climbs. Cuth Harrison managed four out of the six sections but both B. J. Bodenham (Dellow) and Donald Ackernley (Dellow) unfortunately scored no marks.
The second hill was much more difficult, ending in a steep rise coupled with loose stones and this failed the whole entry. Bill Bodenham, Michael Lawson, H. Sinclair-Sweeney and "Doc" Lilley (Wharton) cleared five sections and Chris Rhys-Jones (Cranford), Hubert Illingworth (C.I. Spl.), Edward Harrison, Maurice Wilde (Ford Spl.) and Norman Coates (N.H.C. Spl.) managed four sections, a surprise failure being Cuth Harrison (Harford III) who managed only three.
The third hill was a brute, nobody getting out of section 4, although most managed to get there with the notable exception of Edward Harrison amongst others. The fourth proved reasonably easy in contrast, only three failing to climb it completely, but the fifth hill, on which much pushing was required to clear failures, was a real stopper. Only B. J. Bodenham, Hubert Illingworth, Ernest Chandler and Norman Coates got out of section 4, whilst Michael Lawson managed to clear section 5 , although nobody climbed the hill entirely.
Hill 7, which involved a nasty bend round trees which were almost invisible through the mass of spectators, was extremely difficult, only Cuth Harrison and H. Sinclair-Sweeney managing to clear

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# Correspondence 

## An Enthusiast in Israel

From a friend in England I got a few numbers of Autosport and I must say that I find your magazine really excellent. Being for many years connected not only with motor-cycles, but also racing and the technical-journalistic game I have always had great interest in motoring sport as well; indeed, 1 wrote my first car racing report when I was still a small boy at school.

I am from Czechoslovakia and have during the years attended many international races, coming in contact with many racing cars and drivers. I even-only tried!-to drive a car which was the dream for many ... the 1939 3-litre works racing Mercedes-Benz, one of the two cars which after the war found their way into Czechoslovakia. One was sold to Rowland of Byfleet, eventually going to America while, so far as I do know, the second car, minus a few parts, is now at the technical Museum at Prague.

My racing car enthusiasm goes back to the twenties, to the times of the Brescia Bugattis, to the Bugatti types 23, 40, 37, 35, 43 and 35 B and C, and later the wonderful Type 51 . My first tutor in this game was the late Vincenc Junek, who in a Model 35B-the 2,300 c.c. single camshaft-was killed in the Grand Prix of Germany in 1928. His wife, Eliska Junkova Junek was probably the best woman racing driver the world has ever known. Her fantastic drive in a Bugatti in the Targa Florio of 1927 and 1928 will long be remembered.

Some racing cars I remember are probably unknown to British enthusiasts. Amongst them I mention the 2-, 4-, 6 and even 8 -cylinder, two-stroke Czech-built " $Z$ ", the 1.5 -litre Wikov racing car with Scap engine, the 1,100 c.c. two-cylinder and now the 2,000 c.c. 8 -cylinder Tatra, the Italian 1,100 c.c. S.A.M., the 500 c.c. as well as the 1,100 c.c. DKW two-stroke racers, the 750 c.c. BMW and the 3 -litre Walter. About British cars I surely do not need to talk, but should anyone be interested to hear about racing or sports cars produced since the first world war, I will gladly answer letters to the best of my ability.
Wishing the British drivers the best of luck.

> Erwin Tragatsch.

5 Hillel St., Shunot Montefiore,
Tel-Aviv, Israel.

## Eight Clubs Inundation

I feel impelled to write you a line to remark on the overwhelming results I have had from the Autosport advertisements of our Silverstone meeting on 6th June.
Since the first one appeared I received an average of about 20 letters every day asking for tickets-and this is in addition to applications made to the Secretaries of the member clubs -with the result that I sent out nearly 2,000 tickets to readers of Autosport.

Barclay Inglis.
Frognal, N.W.3.

## Argentine Aftermath

Due to circumstances beyond my control, it has taken me a long time to answer Mr. Cooper's letter published in "Correspondence" in the 20th February issue, where he makes some criticism of my report on the Argentine Grand Prix (Autosport, 6th February).
I would like to point out that no reflection whatsoever on the Cooper-Bristols was meant when I stated that Mr. Schwelm spun off course following the breaking of a stub axle. Mr. Cooper's version of the Schwelm mishap differs very much from the driver's own. Mr. Schwelm did not touch the kerb before the stub axle had given way. Mr. Cooper in his letter says the car hit the kerb; but Mr. Schwelm states that it did not. Call it a hunch, but I checked facts with Mr. Schwelm before writing the story.
Autosport has a big circulation over here and Mr. Cooper's letter was read by quite a number of people in local racing circles, and their reaction was unanimous if only on one thing: his implication of the Autodrome's kerb bendingand breaking-a stub axle. Sorry, Mr. Cooper, but most of them simply laughed over this piece of overstatement. The kerbs, as you must have seen, are about 2 ins. high, of a blunt, round cross-section, and they have been run over or slapped sideways thousands of times, with terrific force, by
all sorts of cars-racing, sports, stock-during one full year of racing thereon, and so far no blame for any substantial damage could be placed on them.

Mr. Cooper is perfectly right in stating the wheel did not "fly off" but slid under the car. For its "flight", please accept my apologies; this way my mistake, and I must have mixed wheels up-Manzon's certainly did fly.
I append the story of the mishap as described by the driver of the wrecked car, Mr. Adolfo Schwelm, which I hope will help to clear up the matter.

Dr. Vicente Alvarez.
Buenos Aires.

W AS driving fairly fast into an $S$ bend, one of the tricky pieces of the 1 course, well away from either of the kerbs, and applied my brakes in the middle of the $S$ bend when suddenly I felt what, at that split second, I thought was a locking of my front left wheel. Immediately the car spun round twice and $I$ went off the course at considerable speed, being extremely fortunate not to run into any of the public that were standing dangerously close to the course itself.

Of course, I did not actually see the stub axle break-I do not think any driver looks at his front wheels while he is taking a difficult bend-but the fact that the sudden spin of the car was caused by the breaking of the stub axle and not by the sudden locking of the left front brake, as I thought at the moment, has been substantiated by the two track stewards, who were stailoned at ere is the official version of the Argentine Automobile Club

Mind you, I have often run my wheel (sometimes wheels) over kerbs. Since Fangio and Ascari themselves do it occasionally I feel amply justified in admitting the fact but on that particular occasion $I$ was driving well in the middle of the track.

## Midnight Sun Rally

I Noted the remarks in your report of the Midnight Sun, regarding entries from abroad, and the fact that there was only one British entry. Possibly one reason for this reluctance is a lack of knowledge of Scandinavia, and as one with a knowledge of the countries I am keen to enter any of the Scandinavian events. My own car is unsuitable, but I would be glad to navigate or co-drive for any British competitor, either in a future Midnight Sun Rally, or the Norwegian Viking Rally in September.
I am able to use a spanner effectively, and can speak Norwegian, which is very similar to Swedish. Should it transpire that a number of people are interested in this suggestion, then I think I could find one or two other navigators, either of Norwegian nationality or Norwegian-speaking British nationality.
D. H. Oakley.

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MARY THOMPSON of Chatelard, Les Avants, Montreux, Switzerland, wishes to correspond with a boy motoring enthusiast of around her own age (16) in Great Britain, France or Italy.



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## NEWS from the CLUBS

## By Wilson McComb

I[N referring to JB. 4607 as the exNuvolari T.T. car, I seem to have Started Something. J. L. M. Meikle now writes that the M.G. Car Company believed it to be a team car, fitted with seven-leaf springs and driven by Nuvolari in the 1934 T.T. But Tazio did not take part in the 1934 race!

Mr. Meikle also says, "Unless the Irish Sea exerted a metamorphic influence, the car did not leave Messrs. Portland Autos as an NE Magnette. It certainly was a K. 3 when it arrived in Belfast, complete with 1,087 c.c. engine and E.N.V. box, and the engine number is 15K626". Curiouser and curiouser. The 1934 T.T. was the first "unblown" race of the series, for which the M.G. company developed the NE from the NA, modifying the valve timing of the 1,271 c.c. engine. So if the car is an NE, it cannot have been driven by Nuvolari in 1933-and if it is a K.3, it cannot have raced in 1934 as the makers suggest.

Anyhow, I am glad to hear that the 500 c.c. J.A.P. engine which now lives under the bonnet will shortly be removed and replaced by the original K. 3 unit, which should please all true-blue M.G. enthusiasts. And if any Knight of the Octagon would like to have a stab at clearing up the mess, I shall be delighted to hear from him.

## SUNBEAM WOLVERHAMPTON RALLY

O.p. hartree and an Australian colleague battled with punctures, lighting failures and other troubles for some twenty hours to win the Sunbeam Register's Age/Distance Rally on 20th/21st June, with his 1924 14/40 tourer. The driving tests, in the grounds of Messrs. Guy Motors at Wolverhampton, were won by W. Woodruff's 1935 Dawn saloon, and the Concours d'Elégance, judged by ex-Sunbeam employees, by J. M. B. Dove's 192916 h.p. tourer. After the Concours, a police car convoyed the procession through Wolverhampton to the old Sunbeam factory.

## Results

Age/Distance Rally: 1, O. P. Hartree (1924 14/40 tourer), 520 miles +25 age marks; 2, J. M. B. Dove (1929 16 h.p. tourer), $138+16 ; 3, \mathrm{R} . \mathrm{K}$. Webster (1932 $16 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. saloon), $133+10$.

Driving Tests: 1, W. Woodruff (1935 Dawn saloon), 917.3 pts.; 2, J. Coombes (1935 Dawn saloon), 907.9; 3, C. A. E. Paget (1934 25 h.p. tourer), 904.15.

Concours d'Elégance: 1, J. M. B. Dove (1929 16 h.p. tourer), 72 mks .; 2, A. W. Showell (1913 12/16 tourer), 69; 3, E. May (1934 Speed 20 saloon), 65.

Oldest Car: Showell (1913 12/16 tourer).


FLYING START: G.P. Shea-Simmonds arrives by air, with only seconds to spare before making his run in the Gosport A.C.'s Speed Trials on 21 st June. Driving a blown Rapier, he won his class.

## FURNESS FESTIVAL RALLY

Provisional results of the Furness D.M.C.'s Festival Rally on 20th/21st June are as follows:

Festival Trophy: B. Y. Pickles (Morris Oxford), 6 marks lost.

First Class Award, Open: E. G. Vanner (Dellow), 7. Closed: J. R. Robinson (Hillman), 8. Second Class Award, Open: H. E. Couzins (M.G.), 8. Closed: N. A. Fulcher (Triumph), 9. Third Class Award, Open: J. I. Wood (Dellow), 12. Closed: J. Towers Leck (Jowett Javelin), 9.

## SOUTHERN JOWETT EVENT

Members of the Southern Jowett C.C. took part in a Point-to-point and Driving Test meeting on Sunday, 21st June, covering some 30 miles between Woodford and Rayne, near Braintree. Competitors then drove to an airfield near Halstead, where three driving tests were negotiated, after which drivers were blindfolded and navigated by lady passengers. Results of the point-topoint were: 1, F. D. Marine; 2, Mrs. T. Fletcher; 3, Mrs. Rimer. The three tests saw the best performances made by P. Putt (Jowett Jupiter), E. A. Jenner (Jowett Javelin) and J. Fitzpatrick (Morris Minor), respectively. The ladies' competition was won by Mrs. Rimer.

## M.G.C.C. GYMKHANA

DESPITE a steady downpour, 20 com petitors enjoyed a Gymkhana staged by the S.W. Centre of the M.G.C.C. on Sunday, 21st June, at the Bristol City Football Ground, taking part in six driving tests. An affair of spearing potatoes, and a "Baby Prix" on a cinder track, were particularly exciting. Final results were: 1, C. J. Toomer (Jaguar XK 120). 2, T. V. Wiltshire (Triumph Roadster) and A. W. Morrish (M.G. Special). 4, G. W. Best (Ford Anglia). 5, Rees (M.G. TC) and Davies (Ford Zephyr).

## A.M.O.C. SNETTERTON MEETING

Next Monday, 6th July, is the closing date for entries for the Aston Martin O.C.'s U.S.A.F. Trophy Meeting at Snetterton on 25 th July, but late entries may be accepted up to 8th July. The Secretary of the Meeting is P. C. Doyle, Downs Farm, Cannon Lane, Pinner, Middx., and other information may be had from Mr. Wallace at CIT. 4506.

American entrants for the meeting include A/1C Alexieff (V. 8 Parker Spl.) and Sgt. Hawtree and A/1C Traxler, who have built an interesting Lea-Francis special with an aircraft "belly tank" body of teardrop design. Sgt. Hawtree is President of the Burtonwood Auto-Sport Club, who are holding a series of $\frac{1}{4}$-mile sprints at the Burtonwood Air Force Base next Sunday, 5th July, together with races on a 1 -mile "stock car" circuit.

## SUNBAC MIDSUMMER EVENING

 TRIALEntries close on Saturday, 11th July, for Sunbac's Midsummer Evening Trial on Wednesday, 15th July, which will include regularity and driving tests, but no observed sections. The event is open to specials, open and closed cars, and motorcycles, and the Secretary of the Meeting is Jack Woodhouse, 106 Jockey Road, Suton Coldfield.

## TALK BY NANCY MITCHELL

MRs. Nancy mitchell broke new ground on Wednesday, 17th June, by giving her first talk to a motoring club. Those who were entertained in this way were the members of the Singer O.C., the subject of the talk being Mrs. Mitchell's experiences in rallies and races. Mrs. Mitchell stated that she considered the Tulip Rally to be the best, and expressed her regret that, in her view, open cars would soon be barred from all the major rallies.
More News from the Clubs on page 26


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## V.C.C. OXTED RALLY AND TRIAL

 O Naturday, 27th June, the S.E. Section of the Veteran C.C. held their annual rally to Oxted. As usual, the event was divided into two parts, a rally to the Hoskins Arms Hotel, and a timed trial. The weather was perfect and it was good to see the beautifully prepared cars, of which there were about 60 , lined up in rows with their brasswork gleaming.After lunch, speedometers, where fitted, had to be covered over and route cards were only presented to competitors five minutes before their starting time. The short trial covered some of the most beautiful country in Surrey, and cars were required to average different speeds according to their ages. These ranged from 12 m. p.h. for the pre-1901 machines to $24 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. for the "modern" post-1910 vehicles. It was difficult to judge how much speed to put on to make up for slow hill-climbing, but some very accurate results were achieved. In particular, Air Chief Marshal Sir Alec Coryton distinguished himself in both the trial and the rally, which underlines his success in the club's recent Windsor event.

The results were issued and prizes presented during tea, which concluded an excellently run and most enjoyable show.
J. V. B.

RALLY-Class A (Cars up to 1904 inclusive): 1 , Air Chief Marshal Sir A. Coryton, K.C.B. (1902
de Dion Bouton). 2, F. C. Hall (1902 ArrolJohnston). 3, E. P. Shaw (1902 Beaufort). ArrolClass B (Cars from 1905 to 1916 inclusive) Class B (Cars from 1905 to 1916 inclusive): 1 ,
DitzPatrick (1906 Wolseley-Siddeley). 2, E. J. Steel (1905 Alldays and Onions). 3, J. C. G. Hill (1914 Morris Oxford).
TRIAL-Class 1 (Cars manufactured before 1501): R. J. Stephens (1898 Stephens).

Class 2 (Cars manufactured between 1901 and 1904 inclusive): 1, Air Chief Marshal Sir A. Coryton, K.C.B. (1902 de Dion Bouton). 2, John Bolster (1903 Panhard-Levassor). 3, R. D. Gregory (1904 Darracq).

Class 3 (Cars manufactured between 1905 and 1910 inclusive): 1, P. C. Ward (1908 Renault). 2 , C. R. M. Hardy (1910 Metallurgique). 3, D. FitzPatrick (1906 Wolseley-Siddeley).
Class 4 (Cars manufactured between 1911 and 1916 inclusive): 1, E. R. Cass ( 1913 Delage). 2, H. W. Dawkins (1911 Renault). 3, S. J.
Humphries (1914 Perry).

## MALDEN CLUB GYMKHANA

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Embers of the Malden and D.M.C. were favoured with good weather for their Gymkhana at Slough Farm on Sunday, 21st June, which was won by W. Stabb (Ford 8). Runner-up was J. Armstrong.

## C. AND W. SPOR ${ }^{*}$ IING ${ }^{*}$ HALF DAY

Twenty-four competitors took part in the Coventry and Warwicks M.C.'s Sporting Half Day on 21st June, which comprised four driving tests, attempted twice. The surface was of loose gravelkind to transmissions, but not the best for dead accurate steering. Results were:

Attleborough Trophy: R. B. James (M.G. $1 \frac{1}{4}$ saloon), 24 marks lost. First Class Awards, Open: F. A. Denning (Morris Special), 27, and B. S. March (Austin), 37. Closed: R. S. Henson (Sunbeam-Talbot), 94, and M. WarbreckHowell (Standard Vanguard), 114. Second Class Awards, Open: A. M. Whittaker (M.G.), 40, and J. Horobin (Borton), 41. Closed: D. Underwood (Aero Minx), 116, and S. Keen (Morris Oxford), 130. Team Award: R. B. James, G. A. Lewis and J. C. Winby.

ABERDEEN MEETING CANCELLED
We regret to hear, from the Aberdeen and D.M.C., that their attempts to obtain permission to use an aerodrome circuit in N.E. Scotland have come to nothing. The Air Ministry would not permit it, and the club's proposed race meeting on 25th July has been cancelled in consequence.

## SOUTHSEA CHANGE OF SECRETARY

Colin dewey resigned his secretaryship of the Southsea M.C., at their annual general meeting on 18 th June, and his position has been taken over by H. R. Winnicott, Deerleap, Rowlands Castle, Hants.

## SPORTING HALF DAY AND CHALLENGE MATCH

Sunbac's Sporting Half Day and Challenge Match against the Hagley and D.L.C.C., consisted of six driving tests on a disused airfield near Stratford-uponAvon, on 21 st June. The Challenge Match was won by the Hagley club, by the narrow margin of two points. Individual awards were presented as follows:
Best Performance: A. E. Marsh (Dellow S.), 228.6 marks lost. Runner-up: J. Dorsett (Ford Anglia 10), 258.4. Class B: J. F. Livingston (Standard tourer), 270.4. Runner-up: G. White (Morgan Plus Four), 278.2. Class C: J. F. Livingston (Standard saloon), 257.4. Runner-up: A. J. Brown (M.G. $1 \frac{1}{4}$ saloon), 269.6. Ladies' Prize: Miss P. L. White (M.G. TD), 293.0. Novice Award: C. M. Wyatt (Buttercup), 270.2. Team Prize: Hagley No. 1 (B. J. Smith, F. D. Lawton and J. Dorsett (Ford 10 Anglias)).

## WEST HANTS AND DORSET EVENT

A pleasant and informal meeting, the West Hants and Dorset C.C.'s Members Day on Saturday, 20th June, comprised a series of tests at Ibsley Airfield. Geoff Dear and Peter Cooper succeeded in balancing a rubber ball on the bonnets of their cars in one test, and Cooper again shone in a starting test which required great personal acceleration on the part of drivers: he made the best performance in several tests. to win the closed car class with his Sunbeam-Talbot. John Macklin's 750 Formula Austin, winner of the open class, caused quite a problem in the height and width-judging contest, the highest part of his ensemble being the driver's head-which was obviously adjustable! In any case, his car was so tiny that the officials were unable to set the bar low enough for it. Hus-band-and-wife rivalry flourished between Mr. and Mrs. Leavens (Ford Zephyr) and Mr. and Mrs. Jesty (Morris Minor), and great delight was registered when the club's Chairman succeeded in hitting two marker drums at once.
A. Hollister.

## Results

Closed Cars: 1, P. G. Cooper (Sun-beam-Talbot), 117 marks lost. 2, J. B. Jesty (Morris Minor), 128. Open Cars: 1, J. Macklin (Austin 7), 127. 2, E. Cooke (M.G.), 128. Ladies: 1, Mrs. G. A. Leavens (Ford Zephyr), 208. 2, Mrs. W. Mears (Triumph), 233.

## SUSSEX CLUB ACTIVITIES

Hov. Secretary of the Sussex C. and M.C.C. is now W. H. Edwards, 57 Greenways Crescent, Shoreham, and the club's Tuesday meetings will, in future, be held at the Southwick Community Centre, starting at 8.0 p.m.

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## S.T.O.C. TURNBERRY GYMKHANA

For their Gymkhana and Concours d'Elégance at Turnberry during the week-end of 13/14th June. SunbeamTalbot O.C. members got a spell of really first-class weather which made the club's new secretary, Peter Miller, hope to find time for another foray into Scotland before the season's over.
Saturday's doings consisted of five driving tests which tested a variety of reactions, but were guaranteed not to bend motor cars. Although it was a Sunbeam-Talbot event it was the Hillman Minxes that scooped the awards pool, and it's obvious that going on the Monte Carlo Rally is the sure passport to success in club events. Both Roy Hastie and Nairn Marshall were on this year's Monte and, in their Minxes, Roy was the day's best performer while Nairn took the award for the best initial score in an S.T.O.C. event. Oddly enough the top man among the drivers of the club's own marque was also on this year's rally, but Gordon Greaves always seems to manage to do well, and the nearest approach to his tidy driving was that of John Melvin. Following the five driving tests there were three light-hearted gymkhana items, threading needles, munching dry biscuits and blowing up penny balloons until red in the face.

These motoring diversions were followed by an evening's dining and dancing in the pleasant surroundings of Turnberry Hotel and, at a reasonable hour on Sunday morning, a fleet of SunbeamTalbots assembled in the hotel courtyard for the Concours. Amid a collection of very spic and span motor cars Alex Bicket's was particularly notable, and its condition was all the more remarkable for the fact that Alex bought it as a write-off after someone had tried to wrap it round a telegraph pole. No one envied Tom Mulcaster's job in having the final say-so, and it was only after due deliberation that he decided that the Greaves Sunbeam-Talbot had just pipped the Bicket car for first place.
A. N. F

## Results

Gymkhana: 1, R. Hastie (Hillman Minx); 2, H. R. Anderson (Hillman Minx); 3, G. Greaves (Sunbeam-Talbot).
Best Initial Performance: N. Marshall (Hillman Minx).

Concours d'Elégance: 1, G. Greaves (Sunbeam-Talbot); 2, A. Bicket (Sun-beam-Talbot).

## BURTONWOOD AUTO-SPORT CLUB

" 0- nce the personnel on the base noticed some of the examples of your very fine sports cars, there was no stopping them". So says Paul J. Wolff, writing to tell us of the formation of the Burtonwood Auto-Sport Club, which is believed to be the first and only motoring club in the United Kingdom comprised of members of the U.S.A.F. The club has now 40 members, hopes to sponsor airfield races, and would like to contact other clubs with a view to arranging joint meetings. Members will probably take part in the Aston Martin O.C.'s U.S.A.F. Trophy meeting at Snetterton on 25 th July. The secretary's address is 59th Acft. Equip. Rep. Sq. Dep., Burtonwood Air Force Base, Warrington, Lancs.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

July 3rd/4th. South Wales A.C. Welsh Rally.
July 3rd/6th. Dax Rally, France.
July 4th. R.S.A.C. Rest-and-beThankful Hill-climb, Argyll, Scotland. Start, 2.0 p.m.
M.G.C.C. Race Meeting, Silverstone, nr. Towcester. Start, 12 noon.
July 4th/5th. 12-Hour Sports Car Race and French G.P. (F.2), Rheims, France.
Thompson Raceway Meeting; Thompson, Connecticut, U.S.A. Lake Starnberg Rally, Germany.
B.A.R.C. Seventh Annual Eastbourne Rally.
Cemian M.C. Coronation Rally. Start, Watermill Restaurant, nr. Dorking, 11.30 p.m.
July 5th. Cidonio G.P. (S.), Italy. Circuit of Villa Real (S.), Portugal.
Horsham and D.M.C. and L.C.C. Lulworth Cove Trial. Start, nr. Southwater, 4 a.m.
B.A.R.C. (N.W.) North Wales Trial. Start, Lever Causeway, Higher Bebbington, Birkenhead, 10.0 a.m.

Northampton and D.C.C. Driving Tests, Welford Aerodrome. Start, 2.30 p.m.

Burtonwood Auto-Sport Club Sprint Meeting, Burtonwood A.F.B., Warrington, Lancs. Start, 10.30 a.m.
S.S.C.C. INTER-CLUB GYMKHANA A long spell of dry weather at Falkirk resulted in the Scottish S.C.C.'s annual Inter-Club Gymkhana, at the Ice Rink on 13th June, being held in clouds of blinding dust. As, in several of the six tests, three cars were performing simultaneously, they frequently disappeared completely, and in the first test M. Wallace bounced his Singer off a wall. It was unfortunate that the surface had not been damped for, although the tests were exciting to watch, it was almost impossible to see them!
A. N. F.

## Results

1, M.G.C.C. Closed Team "E" (F. A. Mickel (Ford), Miss Balfour (M.G.) and Simpson (Javelin), 419.5 marks lost) and Open Team "F" (Mainland (M.G.), Craig (Austin) and Yaffy (Austin), 422.7). 2, M.G.C.C. Closed Team "C" (Kay, Herrald and D. W. Mickel (M.G.), 471.8) and Open Team (Milne (M.G.), Wallace (Singer) and Tunnock (M.G.), 505.6). 3, S.S.C.C. Open Team "A" (Fraser (M.G.), Robertson (Morgan) and Lithgow (H.R.G), 462.1) and Closed Team "D" (Hunter (Javelin), Organ (Javelin) and Woolf (Sunbeam-Talbot), 758.4).

## ALLARD O.C. ACTIVITIES

ON Tuesday, 14th July, a meeting of the Allard O.C. will be held at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, Bath Road, Cranford, West Hounslow, starting at 7.30 p.m. The main subject for discussion will be the club's Driving Tests at the Football Club Ground, Horley, Sussex, on Sunday, 26th July.

GOSPORT A.C. SPEED TRIALS
$A^{T}$ the Flight Test Road, Brockhurst, on 21 st June, speeds were generally a little lower for the Gosport A.C.'s s.s. quarter-mile sprint meeting, but some class records were broken. J. B. Norris (Alta Special), who made B.T.D. with 13.57 secs., broke his own record of 13.92 secs., which has stood since September, 1950 . P. A. Everard's 17.25 secs. with his DB2 Aston Martin bettered the previous figure of 17.59 secs., established by D. H. Sessions (Healey Silverstone), who on this occasion managed only 17.75 secs. A third class record was set up by Rex Neate ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Riley) who improved his own figure to 22.25 secs. in an all-Riley saloon class: R. W. Elliott, with a pre-war Kestrel, beat a post-war $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre model to second place. P. J. Cocking decided that his car was due for a decoke, which he proceeded to perform in the paddock whilst awaiting his turn to compete!
J. R. M.

## Results

Saloons up to 1,300 c.c.: 1, R. C. C. Palmer (Austin A40), 24.51 secs. 2, J. D. Hayden (Riley ${ }_{1,800}$ c.c.: 1, R. Neate (Riley), 22.25 (Class Record) $1, \varepsilon 00$ c.c.: 1 , R. Neate (Riley), 22.25 (Class Record) 2, R. W. Elliott (Riley), $23.05 .1,801-3,000$ c.c.: 1, R. R. C. Walker (Riley), 23.05. 1,801-3,000 c.c.: 1, R, R. C. Walker
(Lagonda), 22.03. 2, J. Erskine (Ford Zephyr), 22.20. Over 3,000 c.c.: 1, J. A. Shutler (Invicta), 18.25 (Best Saloon Time). 2, S. G. Greene (Mk. VII Jaguar, driver D. W. Brown), 20.39 .

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c.c. S: 1, B. Croucher (Jowett Jupiter) $19.73,100$ c.c. S: 1, B. Hammond (H.R.G.), 20.75 $1,501-2,000$ c.c. $\dot{U} / \mathrm{s}$ or $1,101-1,500$ c.c. $S: 1, \mathrm{~S}$. G Greene (Frazer-Nash), 17.25. 2, D. W. Davis (M.G. S), 17.93. 2,001-3,000 c.c. U/s or 1,501-2,000 c.c. S: 1, P. A. Everard (Aston Martin), 17.25 (Class Record). 2, D. H. Sessions (Healey), 17.75. Over 3,000 c.c. U/s or over 2,000 c.e. $S: 1, C$. M. Kemp (Alta-Jaguar), 15.97 (Best Sports Car Time). 2, J. Goodhew (Darracq), 16.04. 3, W. L. Cripps (Cripps Special), 16.09.
Racing Cars, up to 500 c.c.: 1, R. Bicknell (Revis), 16.10. 2, A. W. Richards (J.B.S.), 16.50. 3, L. Walker (Revis), 16.83. 501-1,101 c.c.: 1, G. P La T. Shea-Simmonds (Rapier S), 15.17. 2, R. M Smith (M.G. S, driver G. V. Coles), 15.54. 3, R. M. Smith (M.G. S), 16.05 . 1,101-2,000 c.c.: 1 , J. B. Norris (Alta Special S), 13.57 (B.T.D. and Class Record). 2, R. R. C. Walker (Connaught), 14.60. 3, A. F. Rivers-Fletcher (Bugatti), 16.57. Over 2,000 c.c.: 1 , J Goodhew (Alfa-Romeo S) 14.80 . 2 , G. E. Pinkerton (Steyr-Allard), 15.63 3, C. M. Kemp (Alta-Jaguar), 15.92. 750 Formula Cars: 1, K. Stanton, 22.25. 2, J. A. Shutler, 22.89. 3, J. J. Macklin, 23.29.

## CLUB FIXTURES

Cornwall Vintage C.C.-Meeting, 3rd July, The Chiverton Arms, Blackwater, 8 p.m.
Alvis Register.-Meeting, 4th July, The Green Man, Batchworth Heath, nr. Rickmansworth, 7 p.m.

Mercedes-Benz Club. Concours d'Elégance, 4th July, The Bull Hotel, Gerrard's Cross, Bucks, 3 p.m. First Anniversary Dinner, 8 p.m.

Coventry and Warwicks M.C.-Meeting, 6th July, City Arms Hotel, Earlsdon.
750 M.C.-Meeting, 6th July, Abbey Hotel, Neasden. Western Centre meeting, 7th July, Queen's Arms, Bleadon.
Wolseley Hornet S.C.-Meetings, 6th July, Derby Arms, Upper Richmond Road, Sheen, 7.30 p.m. and 9th July, Royal Oak, Stratford Road
Hockley Heath, nr. Birmingham, 8 p.m.

Southsea M.C.-Marshals' Meeting, 7th July, The Aero Club, 8 p.m.
Vintage S.C.C.-Meeting, 7th July, The Woolpack, Coggeshall, Essex; 9ih July, Red Lion, Church Street, Birmingham, George and Dragon, Colne Street, nr. St. Albans, Wheatsheaf, Baslow, and Bull Hotel, Wrotham.

Northampton and D.C.C.-General Meeting, 7th July, Queen Eleanor Hotel, Wooton, 8 p.m.
Epping Forest M.A.-Square Dance, 8th July, St. Mary's Hall, 203 High Road, Loughton, 8 p.m. A.C. O.C.-Meeting, 8th July, The Silver Cup, Harpenden, Herts, 7.45 p.m

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section 3, whilst No. 8, a similar hill, kept all but Cuth Harrison, "Doc" Lilley, Norman Coates and H. SinclairSweeney below section 2 .

Hill No. 9 was also difficult due to its steepness and the mass of spectators, nobody getting above section 3 . As a change No. 10 was climbed by everybody except Donald Ackernley (Dellow), who managed five of the six sections.

The second lap of the course was now undertaken, leaving out hill No. 6. Both Cuth Harrison and Maurice Wilde failed surprisingly at the bottom of hill No. 1 and scored no marks. Eight competitors put their front wheel past the "section ends" card on section 2 and it took all Nina Imhof's and my efforts to restrain the enthusiastic spectators from pushing the competitors over the top.

All the other hills in the second lap were much the same as in the first lap, although "Doc" Lilley surprisingly failed hills 8 and 9 in the first section, it later transpiring that his clutch was not very happy. The same could be said of that of John Deeley, whose motor-cycle engine, still unsilenced, made a colossal noise until he finally retired.

At the end of the trial occurred a repeat of the driving test, in which Cuth Harrison made the best time, 35.4 secs., followed by a triple tie for second place between Edward Harrison, Michael Lawson and B. J. Bodenham, with 37.2 secs. H. Sinclair-Sweeney put up a very good time, but unfortunately overshot the finishing line, which spoilt his test for him, but he still emerged as best performer in the trial, winning the Coupe du Comité des Fêtes.

A charming party took place later at the Casino where Marcel Becquart insisted that each driver bring his passenger to receive the prize and, provided the passenger was female, exercised the French privilege of a kiss on both cheeks. Before the evening was over we were already discussing next year's French Sporting Trial, and both the A.C. du Mont-Blanc and the town of Annecy have said with much feeling that they look forward to this annual event, which looks like becoming a classic in its own right, and one which competitors will not want to miss.

## Results

Best Performance (Coupe du Comité des Fêtes): H. Sinclair-Sweeney (Vicki Spl.), 79 marks.

2 (Coupe de la Ville d'Annecy): M. H. Lawsor (Lotus), 77. Also best performance driving a car complying with the 1949 formula.

3 (Coupe de la Commission Sportive de l'A.C. du Mont-Blanc): N. H. Coates (N.H.C. Spl.), 75. 4 (Coupe de Marcel Becquart): Edward Harrison (Harford IV), 74
5 (Coupe de l'A.C. du Mont-Blanc): E. J. Chandler (Chandler Spl.), 72.
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Team Award (Coupe Etienne Brachon and Coupe du Comité des Fêtes): T. C. Harrison (Harford III), E. Harrison (Harford IV) and Maurice Wilde (Ford Spl.), 210.

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 Two motoring events will take place in the Cornish Riviera during August Bank Holiday week-end. They are the race meeting at Davidstow, with F3 and sports car events, on 1st August, and the West Cornwall M.C.'s hill-climb at Trengwainton on 3rd August. Enquiries regarding the race meeting should be addressed to J. W. Limmer, Little Meadows, Toldish, St. Columb, Cornwall.
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[^1]:    Travemünde Rally winners Walter Schluter and Helmut Polensky with Herr Jules Köther, Sports President of the A.D.A.C. (left).

[^2]:    CAUGHT: Harry Schell (2.0 Gordini) about to overtake Louis Rosier's 4.5 Ferrari at Nouveau Monde.

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