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## EDITORIAL

## JAGUAR AND COVENTRY CLIMAX

Fusion of interests between Jaguar Cars, Ltd., and Coventry Climax, Ltd., is an announcement which has given rise to a great deal of speculation. However, it appears to be quite clear that there is no intention of making any drastic changes in the present activities of both concerns. In other words, there is no immediate prospect of a Climax-powered Jaguar or Daimler, nor will the racing programme of Coventry Climax be affected in any way. In point of fact, both organizations will benefit greatly from the "take-over" in respect of resources, technical know-how and the fact that considerable pooling of ideas will be available, not only in the highly specialized construction of high-output engines, but also in the commercial power-unit field. The change does not herald Jaguar's return to organized motor-racing, but no one can deny that Sir William Lyons and his companies will benefit from successes in Formula One racing merely through this association.

## MANUFACTURERS AND FORMULA ONE

AT the recent presentation of the Ferodo Gold Trophy to Sir Alfred Owen and B.R.M., speakers all emphasized the prestige which has been obtained by the British Motor Industry in general, by reason of Grand Prix successes. Mr. Ronald Pochin, of Ferodo, stated quite categorically that motor racing had been of untold value to his company in particular, and deplored the fact that many car makers were content to participate in the reflected glory of important victories without offering any material assistance to entrants. Newspaper magnate, Mr. Cecil King, spoke on the same lines, whilst Sir Alfred revealed that, many years ago, the late Sir Stafford Cripps, on behalf of the Government, had offered financial aid for Grand Prix racing if the S.M.M. and T. could present a convincing case for support. The majority of committee members of the S.M.M. and T. voted against any form of financial aid, and without their recommendation the Government could do nothing. Earl Howe also commented on the debt that this country's motor industry owes to the constructors of both formula and sports-racing cars in the matter of prestige. Autosport has continually stressed that Formula One racing is the highest form of automobile engineering, and that successes by the products of one particular nation do influence the rest of the world to appreciate the qualities that go into the construction of the race-winning machines. With the imminence of a strong challenge from the Far East, all concerned in the production and sale of passenger vehicles must realize that the Japanese are not entering this sphere for fun, but as part of a properly planned policy to publicize their products prior to an attack on export markets.

## OUR COVER PICTURE

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## PERFORMANCE

The latest expression of the Lotus theme, the SUPER 95 is specifically designed for peak road performance. Fantastic acceleration from the 95 b.h.p. Coventry Climax O.H.C. engine, more stopping power from the new 4-wheel servo assisted disc brakes and greater flexibility from the all synchromesh close ratio gearbox. These and many other new refinements combine to present the finest and fastest light G.T. car in the world. Why not telephone the Factory Sales Department, at Waltham Cross 26181, and arrange a demonstration run? H.P., insurance and finance facilities can be arranged. The price of the Standard Lotus Elite, when purchased in


The Morgan Plus Four 4-Seater, now fitted with TR4 engine, is outstanding in every way. This stylish car, with its positive steering and extra safe Girling Disc Brakes, is a thoroughbred in the true tradition, and furthermore, for a comfortable full 4 -seater car with Sports Car performance, this is the ideal choice.

## RACING AT SNETTERTON

Ohundred and forty-three entries were received for this Sunday's Snetterton race meeting organized by the Snetterton Motor Racing Club. So great was the demand for entries that an additional G.T. race is to be run. Amongst the notable entries are Chris Summers, who has entered his Chevrolet-engined Cooper Monaco, David Prophet (Brabham Junior), Bob Anderson (Lola Junior), John Aley and Paddy Gaston (Sprites), Roger Nathan, Tom Threlfall, Clive Hunt and John Wagstaff (Elites), Robin Sturgess (Daimler SP250), Dick Protheroe (E-type), Bill Aston (Jaguar 3.8), Chris Craft (Anglia), Doc Merfield (Lotus Cortina), Mike Beckwith, Tony Hegbourne, Keith Greene and Julian Sutton (Lotus 23s) and Steve Minoprio, Tony Lanfranchi and Dr. Ewen Paul (Elva Mk. 7s). All in all, this should be a firstclass meeting-it starts at 2 p.m.
$\mathrm{A}^{\text {LAN Rees, }}$ in addition to piloting a Lotus 23 in sports car events, will be seen in a new Lola Junior that will also be entered by R. Winkelmann (Racing), Ltd. This team has also acquired an A.C. Cobra which will be driven by Charles Kelsey, who was seen in a Chevy 2 saloon car last year. Remember him beating Roy Salvadori's 3.8 Jaguar at Brands Hatch? He might well do the same sort of thing in G.T. racing with the Cobra-GTOs watch out!

## JUAN GÁLVEZ

We regret to report the death of the veteran Argentinian driver Juan Gálvez, who was killed whilst competing in a road race 250 miles from Buenos Aires. The brothers Juan and Oscar Gálvez were celebrated protagonists of Southern American "Gran Premio" road races and even when five times World Champion Juan Manuel Fangio started racing, the Gálvez brothers were the men to beat.
Equipe sunbeam are to compete in the Tulip Rally for the first time for three years. One Rapier will be crewed by Peter Harper/Ian Hall, but only drivers who have so far been nominated for the other three works Rapiers entered are Tiny Lewis, Peter Procter and Rosemary Smith. Two Rapiers are also to be entered in this country for Saloon Car Championship races; they will be driven by Peter Harper and Peter Procter.


PETER JOPP (President of Gropers International) has become engaged to Judith Jackson-who is a dilly (see above). They hope to be married in May, if they can fit the wedding in between Pete's racing commitments.

## TULIP TRIUMPHS

Triumphs are to enter three 2.2-litre TR4s for the Tulip Rally, all fitted with two DCOE45 Weber carburetters. Team drivers are Jean-Jacques Thuner/John Gretener, Vic Elford/David Stone and Roy Fidler/John Hopwood. The TR4s have received considerable development in the last few months and Graham Robson says that they are now faster than ever before.

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## PIT and PADDOCK



Tony marsh's weapon for the Hill-Climb Championship this year is a new car powered by a supercharged 2-litre Coventry Climax engine.

## JAGUAR ACQUIRE COVENTRY <br> \section*{CLIMAX}

Jaguar cars, LTD., recently announced that they have agreed to acquire, by an exchange of shares, Coventry Climax Engines, Ltd. This acquisition has been made to extend still further the range of products manufactured by the Jaguar organization consisting of the parent company, Jaguar Cars, Ltd., together with the Daimler Company and its subsidiaries and Guy Motors (Europe), Ltd.

It is intended that the manufacture of existing Coventry Climax products, including Grand Prix engines, will continue as previously, while Leonard P. Lee will remain as managing director.
F.I.A. TROPHY AWARDED AT R.A.C. Under the chairman Wilfrid Andrews many important trophies were awarded last Monday before a most distinguished audience. From the Continent came Count Liedekerke Beaufort and M. de Peyerimhoff of the F.I.A.

Graham Hill had a busy evening, receiving the F.I.A. World Championship, the Hawthorn Memorial (1962) and Campbell Memorial Trophies, the Hawthorn Trophy being presented by Sir William Lyons. Sir Alfred Owen received the F.I.A. Formula 1 Constructors' Championship Cup and a special R.A.C. Plaque d'Honneur. To Pat Moss went the European Rally Championship Coupe des Dames Trophy, and the 1961 Hawthorn award went to brother Stirling.

The Plaque d'Honneur is an extremely rare award and was given to the Owen Organization, creators of the first allBritish car to win the constructors' championship.

Jim clark left for America last Wednesday to test the Lotus-Ford "Indy" car at Ford's testing ground at Arizona.


Rene trautmann and co-driver Karali won the recent Lyon-CharbonnièresStuttgart Rally in a Citroën DS 19. Robert Neyret/Jacques Terramorsi and Verrier/ Jourdain were second and third, also in DS 19s. The G.T. category went to the Alpine Renault of Jacques Feret/Hoffmann.
French Grand Prix for 1964 will be held at Rouen-les-Essarts, as last year.

Team elite '62, who operate from Derby, have appointed their mechanic Ron Bennett to the post of team manager in succession to Cyril Embrey who is no longer with the organization. The team hopes to compete in more than 20 major events in this country and abroad during the coming season, as opposed to ten meetings last year, and two additional mechanics are being taken on to cope with the extra work involved. The start of the season draws near and the two announced Elans have still not arrived in Derby!

John Sprinzel will drive his own 3.8 Jaguar in the Tulip Rally, but has nominated no co-driver as yet. He will also enter Brian Culcheth in a Sebring Sprite.

Only 360 b.h.p. out! In last week's issue we said that Mickey Thompson's lightweight Chevrolet Sting-Ray had a 40 b.h.p. engine. This should, of course, have read 400 b.h.p.

IT was intended to have a Formula 1 race at Brands Hatch on 14th September. Now, it seems, the main event will be for Formula 2 cars as the meeting is a week after the Italian Grand Prix and a week before the Gold Cup race at Oulton Park, and three important F1 races in a row might have caused a mechanics' strike!

BILL moss, at the wheel of the new 1,550 c.c. Cosworth-Ford-engined Elva Mark 7, has lapped Goodwood in 1 min .27 .8 secs.just 0.2 sec . off Innes Ireland's outright sports car lap record with a Lotus 19. And the Elva was suffering from a binding brake, too!

## B.A.R.C. OPEN RACING SEASON

THE Oulton Park meeting this Saturday, organized by the B.A.R.C., sees the official opening of the British motor racing season for 1963. Several new Formula Junior and sports-racing cars will make their debut, including the interesting twincam 1.6-litre Ford-powered Lotus 23s of Rodney Bloor and Mike Beckwith, the former's to be driven by Mike Costin. Another contender is likely to be Tony Hegbourne. Bloor will drive in the Formule Libre event against Beckwith and the new Juniors, including the Brabhams of David Prophet and John Dunn and the M.R.P. Lola (Bill Bradley or Richard Attwood). Racing starts at $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## CROFT AUTODROME

IF a town planning appeal is successful it is planned that the disused former Royal Canadian Air Force bomber base near the Yorkshire village of Croft will be transformed into a flying motoring and sports centre. In 1962 most of it was bought by a group of north-east businessmen, headed by Bruce Ropner, of Darlington, and Keith Schellenberg, of Middlesbrough, the wellknown club driver of Barnato-Hassan Bentley and Jaguar "C"-type fame. Their "Autodrome" scheme was the subject of a public enquiry, following their appeal against planning permission being withheld. The decision is now with the Minister of Housing and Local Government.


SIR ALFRED OWEN pictured with Graham Hill, seated in the V8 B.R.M., Earl Howe, chairman of the panel which presented to him the Ferodo Gold Trophy, and E. R. Pochin, Ferodo's managing director.

## ALEXANDER WOOD-RIM <br> \section*{STEERING WHEELS}

A lexanders are new in the wood-rim steering wheel business. They have recently brought out the Alexander Hunter which is a three-spoke wheel with a laminated wood rim complete with finger grips. The wheel comes complete with boss, which is manufactured to carry original electrical equipment. The wheel is extremely well made with a very attractive finish. It retails from $£ 7$ 10s. to suit most popular makes.

## SEBRING ENTRY LIST



POWERFUL A. C. COBRA team for Sebring includes (left to right) Phil Hill, Dan Gurney, Lew Spencer, Peter Jopp, Skip Hudson (pit director), Dave MacDonald and Ken Miles. Carroll Shelby is kneeling.

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## TEX "STAINLESS" WIPER BLADES

L ong corrosion-free life is claimed for the new Tex stainless curved blades, marketed by Magnatex, Ltd., Bath Road, Harlington, Middlesex. Fitted with neoprene wiping elements, the makers state that traffic films, oil and other minerals cannot be absorbed by the material. Also, there is reduced drag, especially on damp and/or drying screens. Equipment for very fast cars has been studied, and technicians have solved the problem of blade-lift on aerodynamic cars by setting the resistance to constantly changing air flow, well above the maximum speed of the vehicles in question. It is also notable that the neoprene elements have metal backing, and it is virtually impossible for them to twist, and possibly cause scratching on the windscreen. These elements cost 1 s . 6 d . for lengths up to $10 \mathrm{ins.}$, and 2 s. 6 d. 11 ins. to 15 ins. The stainless wipers cost from 10s. to 15 s . per blade, according to size.
IN last week's issue the power-output of the Herald " 1250 " was given as 41 b.h.p. instead of 52 b.h.p. The former figure relates to the standard Herald " 1200 ."

$\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{V}}$VER 80 personalities in the motor-racing world attended a splendid party given by Graham and Bette Hill at their home in Mill Hill last Saturday.
A station wagon version of the German Ford Taunus 12M "TS" was recently introduced.

GRAND T®URING CAR CLASS:
Lotus Elite (1,216 c.c.). Don Hulette: Don Hullete/Burk Weidner. Ecurie Shirlee: X/X. Lee Racing Team*: Victor Merino/X.
Simca-Abarth ( 1,288 c.c.). Abarth Corse: Hans Herrmann/Mauro Bianchi; Jean Guichet/Pierre Noblet; X/X. Canada Track and Traffic: Peter Lerch/Norman Nanerow.
Alfa Romeo Giulietta ( 1,290 c.c.). Swanson-Durant: Ross Durant/Art Swanson/Robert Richardson. Unknown Entrant: X/X; X/X.
Porsche Carrera Abarth (1,588 c.c.). Porsc e Car Imports: Don Sesslar/Chuck Cassel.
Sunbeam Alpine ( 1,592 c.c.). Filippo Theodoli: Filippo Theodoli/William Kneeland. Sports Car Graphic: Jerry Titus/Dave Jordan.
Osca ( 1,592 c.c.). Bob Publicker: Bob Publicker Burrel Besancon.
T.V.R. Grantura ( 1,622 c.c.). RM Imports: Mark Donohue/Jerry Segerman; Dick Semko/George McClure; Ben Warren/Jere Mosiman.
Sabra (1,703 c.c.). Autocars, Israel: Dr. Edmund Hessert/James Diaz/Benjamin Poster.

Volvo P. 1800 ( 1,780 c.c.). Art Riley: Art Riley/X. M.G.B Jack Flaherty; Denise MeClit Jim Christabel Carlisle.
Porsche Carrera ( 1,966 c.c.). Porsche System Engineering: Edgar Barth/X; Bob Holbert/Don Wester. Brumos Porsche Car: Linley Coleman/ Robert Stoddart. Bruce Jennings: Bruce Jennings/X.
Morgan Plus 4 (1,991 c.c.). Morgan Motor Co.:
Holquist; Arch McNeil Alton Rogers/Richard Holquist; Arch McNeil/ William Clarens/Joe Ferguson.*
Triumph TR4 ( 2,138 c.c.). Standard-Triumph New York: Peter Bolton/Mike Rothschild; Robert Tullius/Dana Kellner/Ed Diahl; Charles Gates Robert Cole/James Spencer. Genser Forman Distributors*: George Waltman/X.
Lancia Flaminia Zagato ( 2,458 c.c.). Auto Racing Club of Oklahoma: William Pryor/J. Frank Harrison. Ferrari 250GTO ( 2,953 c.c.). Mecom Racing Team Roger Penske/Augie Pabst. Rosebud Racing Team: Innes Ireland/Richie Ginther. Republic of Argentina: Juan Manuel Bordeu Carlo Abate. North American Racing Team: Doug Thiem/Bob Grossman; Jo Bonnier/Graham Hill. David Piper*: David Piper/X Jaguar "E"' (3,781 c.c.). Briggs Cunningham. Walt Hansgen/Bruce McLaren; Briggs Cunningham Qvale: Ed Leslie/X. A.C. Cobra ( 4,262 c.c.). George Reed*: George A.C. Cobra ( 4,330 c.c.). Ed Hugus: Ed Hugus Peter Jopp.
A.C. Cobra ( 4,727 c.c.). Shelby American Inc. Dan Gurney/Phil Hill; Ken Miles/Lew Spencer Dave MacDonald/X.
Chevrolet Corvette Sting-Ray ( 5,360 c.c.). I. Grady Davis: Dick Thompson/Don Yenko; Dr. Jess Wyllie/Duncan Black/Ed Lowther. Johnson Chevrolet Co.: Delmo Johnson/Dave Morgan. Alan Green: Jerry Grant/Don Campbell. Nickey Chevrolet Co.. A. J. Foyt/X. Dixie Motor Co.: George Robertson, Johnny Allen/Jeff Stevens. Unknown Entrant: X/X. * indicates reserve entry.

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 SPORTS NEWS
CLUB LOTUS DINNER-DANCE
The annual dinner-dance of Club Lotus was held at the Casino Hotel, Taggs Island, last Friday. Les Leston was in sparkling form, and one of the highlights of the evening came when he asked Stirling Moss to stand up and take a bow. Immediately half-a-dozen black-bearded figures rose to their feet at Cliff Davis's table, Moss being completely dwarfed by kingsized folk such as Ouvaroff and MacNab both around $6 \frac{1}{2}$ feet. Jabby Crombac replied on behalf of the guests, and another speaker was Frank Harris of the Ford Motor Co. Ltd.
Later Jim Clark, Mike Beckwith and Crombac drove in with an Elan, for the presentation of awards by Mrs. Tony Ellis, wife of the President. Towards the end, Colin Chapman was grabbed and de-bagged then fitted with a natty pair of blue nylon panties. Also, somehow or other, a Costin speedboat, won in the Tombola, found itself in the Thames-sans engine, but otherwise quite seaworthy.
Hazel Chapman was presented with a trophy by Fords, to carry her own name. It will be given for the best performance during the season by a driver with a Fordpowered Lotus.


HAIRY GOINGS ON! Stirling Moss (centre) is dwarfed by Messrs. MacNab and Ouvaroff at the Club Lotus Dinner-Dance. Beards seem to be coming back into fashion.


SKI-KART given by Mirroware Marine to Peter Warr being presented by Carole Fewings. E. T. Ogilvie-Hardy and Ron Clover look on. It later found its way into the River Thames!

## NOT A STAIN IN SIGHT. . .

SPring grove laundries, ltd., are to sponsor the Spring Grove Saloon Car Championship at several race meetings run by the British Automobile Racing Club during this coming season. The championship is open to members of the B.A.R.C. driving any four-seater supercharged or unsupercharged saloon cars (which leaves a lot of room for modifications!). There are to be two classes, up to and over 1,200 c.c., and the Spring Grove Trophy and a cheque for $£ 100$ will be awarded to the competitor scoring the most points in the eight qualifying rounds. The second competitor receives $£ 50$ and the third $£ 25$. The eight rounds are: Goodwood, 23rd March; Goodwood, 18th May; Whit-Monday Goodwood, 3rd June; Aintree, 8th June; Oulton Park, 13th July; Mallory Park, 17th August; Oulton Park, 31st August ; and Goodwood, 21st September.

## DONALD CAMPBELL PREPARES

Four inches of rain, which fell last September, have seriously damaged the surface of Lake Eyre in Australia where Donald Campbell plans to attack the World's Land Speed Record. When the lake drained, strong winds caused corrugations over the whole area of the surface, which subsequently dried out hard. This presents a difficult additional problem to the known one of removing the salt islands which, of course, still exist.

Work has started recently to try to ensure that the original schedule of testing in April can be adhered to.
Jack williams, the well-known motorcycle designer, submitted a thesis recently to the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. It was based on the two technical articles of his which were recently published in Autosport. As a result he has now become C. J. Williams, A.M.I.m.E. Congratulations!

## PAUL EMERY'S "TWIN-MIN"

Paul emery has been building racing cars for years. He has constructed cars for practically every type of single-seater racing and power units used have included Lagonda, Duesenberg, J.A.P., Norton, Aston Martin, Alta, Jaguar, Ford, Coventry Climax and Maserati. His latest effort is not a single-seater, but a saloon car. But it is a saloon car with a difference. . .

It is a converted Mini-a Mini with two engines! A complete Mini engine and drive unit, mounted in the detachable steel sub-frame normally fitted in the front of a Mini and with the steering locked straight ahead, is installed at the rear. The rear seat back and part of the floor pan are cut away to make room for the engine, and the body is stiffened by a welded cross-member. Despite the extra engine there is more luggage room than in most fast two-seater coupes and the fuel is carried in two four-gallon tanks on either side of the car.

An obvious problem with such a car is ensuring that the engines work in unison. Coupling the clutches and throttles was fairly straightforward, but arranging for a single lever to control both gear-changes was more difficult (incidentally, the B.M.C. twin-engined cross-country vehicle has two gear levers). Paul Emery has solved this problem by a simple but ingenious arrangement using a pair of aircraft-type flexible cables. In cases of dire emergency one engine can be locked in neutral and the car driven home on the other!

The prototype will be entered for several G.T. races this season, but the standard Mini engines will be replaced by modified

## ANGLO-SCOTTISH RACING

ANEW racing team has been formed by three drivers who contested club race meetings last year with success: Charles Crichton-Stuart, John Taylor and Alan Rollinson. The cars are to be two 1962 Cooper-Ford Juniors and a new Lotus 27 which is expected in April and will be used by Crichton-Stuart. Last year, driving both Formula Junior and "Formula 1" Cooper-Fords for Bob Gerard, John Taylor impressed many people with his undoubted skill and he should be well worth watching this year. The AngloScottish Racing Team plan to enter the major British events, while some trips abroad are anticipated.


LONG-AWAITED new Mercedes-Benz sports car was introduced this week. Called the 230SL, it is powered by a slightly modified version of the twin-cam, fuel injection, six-cylinder 220SE engine and has a claimed maximum speed of 124 m.p.h. It is available as a Roadster with flush folding soft-top, as a Hardtop Coupé, or a combination of both. It is a very comfortable sports car.

Mini-Cooper engines when the time comes. Production versions of the present car will be available later in the year and conversion of a Mini-Cooper will cost around $£ 400$. Future plans include a low two-seater G.T. car with a glassfibre body. Using the same mechanical parts as the "Twin-Min" prototype it is expected to have a top speed of around 150 m.p.h. (the "ordinary" twinengined Mini does 120 m.p.h.) and it should sell for less than $£ 2,000$ (or less than $£ 1,500$ in kit form).


THE PROTOTYPE Emery "Twin-Min" has most of its works on show-but production models will be tidier.


# The Dove GTR4 

TR4 with a 2 plus 2 body constructed by Thomas Harrington, Ltd.

## bY GREGOR GRANT

Produced by Doves of Wimbledon, leading Standard-Triumph distributors, the Dove GTR4 is an important addition to high-performance cars. Basically the Triumph TR4, the car has an attractive 2 plus 2 body, constructed by Thomas Harrington, Ltd., Hove, Sussex. Particular attention has been paid to general finish, which is of a high standard throughout, and the project has received the official backing of Standard-Triumph, Ltd.
Price, including purchase tax, has been fixed at $£ 1,250$, and delivery is about 4-6 weeks. The usual optional extras are available; these are (including P.T.): Leather upholstery, £14 10s. Heater, $£ 1315 \mathrm{~s}$. Overdrive, £51 7s. 1 d . Wire wheels ( 60 -spoke). Sun visors, $£ 14 \mathrm{~s} .2 \mathrm{~d}$. the pair. The following colour schemes are available: Spa White (red, black or blue
trim); Signal Red (red or black); Black (red or black). Powder Blue (blue); British Racing Green (red or black).
When not required the two occasional rear seats can be folded forward to add to the already capacious luggage space. The boot itself is reached through the rear window panel, which is hinged at the top.
The Dove GTR4 is supplied with the standard, 2,138 c.c. Triumph engine. For £ 35 extra Laystall-balanced crankshaft and cylinder head-flowing are available.

The car is a good proposition for the growing number of businessmen who prefer a vehicle with a high cruising speed, together with the comfort and refinement of the better class of saloon car. Sole distributors are, of course, Doves of Wimbledon, Kingston Road, London, S.W. 19 (LIBerty 3456).



ERONT TRÄCK A $_{4}=2^{*}$ WIRE WHEELS
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O/A WIDTH 5.1. WIRE WHEELS

INTERIOR RIMENSIONS ARE GIVEN
WITH CUSHIONS UNCOMPRESSED

Approximate Basic
Dimensions of
the Dove GTR4



V8 FORD. The American Ford engine is fitted with four DCN 54 Weber carburetters and power output is said to be in the region of 350-plus b.h.p.-and a more powerful version may be used for the race!

However, Fords have produced a twino.h.c. version which may be used.

Transmission is taken through a Colotti Type 37 four-speed gearbox, with two ratios removed. In order to counteract centrifugal forces on the banked Hoosier circuit, engine and transmission are offset $2 \frac{5}{8}$ ins.

The 29 could also be the basis of a firstrate Formule Libre car.

At Snetterton the car showed tremendous acceleration. Apart from minor teething troubles everything worked satisfactorily. Handling was remarkably good, considering that the machine has been constructed to run the opposite way to European circuits. More stringent trials will be carried out this month in Arizona.

## THE INDIANAPOLIS LOTUS-FORD 29

## Photography by GEORGE PHILLIPS

THE intriguing 4.2-litre "Indianapolis" Lotus-Ford 29 was tested at Snetterton last week by Jim Clark. This is the prototype for three similar machines, two of which will be raced by Jim Clark and Dan Gurney.

Based on the successful Grand Prix Lotus 25, the 29 is also of monecoque construction, but wheelbase is 8 ft .0 in ., and track 4 ft .4 ins. Fuel capacity is 42 imperial gallons ( 50 U.S.), and the oil tank carries 5 gallons.
Light-alloy wheels with knock-off hubs will be used at Indianapolis to cut down pit-stop time. Tyre sizes are $6.5 \times 15$ (front) and $8.25 \times 15$ (rear).

The V8 engine, prepared by Ford of Dearborn, is fitted with four DCN 54 Weber carburetters. Power output is given as 350 -plus with the push-rod engine.

MONOCOQUE construction is used as with the 1962 Lotus 25 Formula 1 car. The Lotus 29 (right) is a very small car and belies the fact that it is powered by a 4.2-litre V8 Ford engine.

JIM CLARK flashes past the pits at Snetterton. Jim is to be partnered by Dan Gurney at Indianapolis and by that time the car should be thoroughly tested. Despite the fact that it is intended for a lefthanded banked track the Lotus handled very well.


Space ... Pace...


JOHN BOLSTER tests

# THE JAGUAR MARK X 

$\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{F}}$ recent years the passengers in large and luxurious cars have been in a somewhat unenviable position. In spite of the prestige attaching to their opulent carriages they have experienced a far rougher ride than their poor relations in popular cars. Conservative design has been the curse among V.I.P. transport, and some small machines, with advanced all-independent suspension, have been floating over roads which caused larger vehicles to leap and wallow.

With the advent of the Mark X Jaguar all that is changed. Although the space and dignity of the chauffeur-driven car are retained, the centre of gravity has been brought right down to sports car levelindeed the Mark X is no less than $8 \frac{1}{2}$ ins. lower than its predecessor in the Jaguar range. This has rendered the adoption of "soft" independent suspension for all wheels an entirely practical proposition.

In order to achieve this low build the separate chassis frame has been deleted. A very low floor is essential, for ambassadors and tycoons do not expect to sit in Formula Junior attitudes, nor do they enjoy stepping onto the red carpet while crawling on all fours. Suffice it to say that, in spite of its dashing lines, the new big Jaguar is as easy
to enter as the dowager's limousine of tradition, and much more comfortable when on the move.

The interior has all the walnut, leather upholstery, deep pile carpets, and picnic tables that one expects to find in such a car. The width of the back seat is tremendous, and the front seats are fully adjustable down to a reclining posture. The central tunnel over the gearbox is extended as a console, joining the instrument panel and containing the heating and radio equipment. Thus there is no question of seating three in front, but the all-important rear compartment is increased in capacity because the independent suspension avoids any vertical movement of the differential and propeller shaft. Three press buttons control the ventilation and heating through the medium of small vacuum servos.
The independent rear suspension is broadly similar to that of the E-type Jaguar. The articulated half-shafts take the place of the upper wishbones, which avoids the necessity of providing them with slipjoints. Extremely rugged forked tubular members pivot beneath them and are reinforced by trailing arms. Four helical springs and telescopic dampers - two each
side - are the rear suspension medium. The hypoid final drive unit carries the inboard disc brakes and is located actually inside the rear body cross-member which carries the suspension and is rubber mounted, the whole assembly being quickly detachable.

In front the wishbones have a considerable trailing angle, and an anti-roll torsion bar is coupled to the lower members. Helical springs and telescopic dampers are again used, though not in pairs as at the rear. The re-circulating ball-type steering gear has hydraulic assistance, the pressure being supplied from a pump driven off the rear of the dynamo. Dunlop disc brakes are mounted on the front hubs.
A car weighing 37 cwt., or well over 2 tons when fully laden, needs a powerful engine if it is to have a good performance. The E-type, 3.8-litre version of the Jaguar twincam engine has therefore been chosen. This unit has three SU carburetters, a light alloy head, and seven lead-indium main bearings. Manual transmission is available, but the test car was fitted with the more popular Borg-Warner fully automatic gearbox, which has a hydraulic torque converter and gives three speeds, with epicyclic reduction trains.


## ACCELERATION GRAPH

## SPECIFICATION AND PERFORMANCE DATA

Car Tested: Jaguar Mark X four-door saloon, price $£ 2,0222 \mathrm{~s}$. 1 d . including P.T.
Engine: Six-cylinders $87 \mathrm{~mm} . \times 106 \mathrm{~mm}$. ( $3,781 \mathrm{c} . \mathrm{c}$.) Inclined valves in light alloy head operated by twin overhead camshafts. Compression ratio 8 to 1 250 b.h.p. at 5,500 r.p.m. Three S.U. carburetters. Lucas coil and distributor,
Transmission: Automatic three-speed gearbox with hydraulic torque converter, ratios 3.54, 10.95-5.08, and 17.6-8.16 to 1 . Static propeller shaft. Chassismounted hypoid unit, with limited-slip differential
Chassis: Steel monocoque body. Independent fourwheel suspension. Front: wishbones with trailing angle, anti-roll bar, and power-assisted recircula-ing-ball steering. Rear. forked tubular lower links, half-shafts forming upper links, plus trailing radtus arms. Helical spring and telescopic damper units all round, paired at rear. Dunlop disc brakes, $10 \frac{3}{4}$ ins. front, 10 ins. inboard rear, with hydraulic operation and vacuum servo. Bolt-on
disc wheels, fitted Dunlop RS5 $7.50 \times 14$ ins. tyres
Equipment: 12 -volt lighting and starting. Speedometer, rev. counter, ammeter. Oil-pressure, water temperature, and fuel gauges. Heating and demisting with vacuum servo control. Two-speed windscreen wipers and electrically operated
washer. Flashing direction indicators.
Dimensions: Wheelbase 10 ft . Track 4 ft .10 ins Overall length 16 ft .10 ins . Width 6 ft .4 ins Turning circle 39 ft . Weight 1 ton 17 cwt .
Performance: Maximum speed 120 m.p.h. Standing quarter-mile 17.9 secs. Acceleration: $0-30$ m.p.h., 4 secs.; 0-50 m.p.h., 8.1 secs.; $0-60$ m.p.h., 11 secs. $0-80 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} ., 19.5$ secs.; $0-100 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} ., 31.6$ secs.
Fuel Consumption: 14 to $17 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{g}$.

The first impression of the Mark X is that it is a very big car. In London traffic it takes a little while to learn to judge the width, and the steering feels strange at first, though it is difficult to analyse this effect. After an hour or two the size is found to be less of a handicap than one expected, and the steering becomes second nature. There is more "feel" than one usually gets with power-assistance and the wheel is by no means "dead"

Very high praise indeed must be given to the sound insulation, the absence of road noise being most marked. The silence of the transmission is also impressive, especially as the final drive unit is chassismounted. The engine can be heard and felt to some extent during hard driving, but it is never obtrusive.

A limited slip differential avoids wheelspin even on wet roads. Left to itself the gearbox changes up at $40 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. and $70 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$., or at lower speeds if the accelerator is not fully depressed. There is an intermediate hold switch which allows second gear to be held to over 80 m.p.h. and which avoids the undesired selection of top gear during cornering or in dense traffic. The transmission matches the characteristics of the engine very well.

The Jaguar reputation for performance is maintained in spite of the considerable weight of the Mark X . This is a genuine 120 m.p.h. car and it accelerates strongly, particularly in the upper ranges. The ride
is excellent over every sort of road surface and irrespective of the number of passengers carried. Personally, I would prefer a shade more damping, but the ride must be given full marks. The roadholding is remarkably good, too, and gives the driver a splendid feeling of confidence. Perhaps one of the car's most impressive attributes is its capacity to take corners really fast without disturbing the passengers; the angle of roll being very moderate and quite imperceptible from inside the body. The front seats, though very comfortable, must be criticized for failing to give proper lateral support during fast cornering.

The large Dunlop disc brakes are smooth, progressive and immensely powerful. Repeated stops from high speeds cause them no distress, so the problem of cooling inboard rear brakes has apparently been solved in this case. There is some dipping of the nose during heavy braking but nothing spectacular. The hand brake is not powerful but a warning light tells you if you are driving with it on. A transmission lock on the gear quadrant looks after parking on hills.

It is difficult to describe the sheer luxury of travelling in this car. The servo-operated heating system warms the front and rear passengers but the engine of the test car ran too cool for its efficient working during cautious driving on icy roads-a mere matter of the thermostat, no doubt. The four headlamps give a really splendid spread

of light and the dipped beam does not leave one almost in the dark, a common fault of Continental four-lamp systems.

The Mark X is a very large car which is both safe and comfortable at high speeds. Under these circumstances the owner who uses the performance will not be disappointed at his 14 m.p.g. consumption, though up to $17 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{g}$. is available to the more gentle driver. Two fuel tanks, with separate electric pumps controlled by a switch, have a total capacity of 20 gallons. There are quite a lot of greasing points on the chassis but they do not demand frequent attention, the steering connections and the universal joints requiring the gun at $2,500-$ mile intervals and the rear suspension at twice that mileage.

Once again I must conclude a Jaguar road test on a note of incredulity. How all that performance and all that luxury-in fact all that car-can be bought for less than double the price is something that I shall never be able to understand.

## BY GREGOR GRANT

THE list of 56 acceptances for the Le Mans 24 -Hours Race contains several surprises. Missing from the list is the Ecurie Ecosse Tojeiro-Buick and the Coundleyde Selincourt Lotus 19. However, two G.T. Lolas have been accepted, and the remaining British prototypes comprise a 4-litre Aston Martin, the Sargent-Lumsden Lister-Jaguar, an Austin-Healey, a Deep Sanderson (997 c.c.) and the specially invited Owen Rover-B.R.M. of Graham Hill/Richie Ginther.
There are several very powerful and fast cars in the prototype G.T. category. From U.S.A. come a pair of Chevrolet-powered 5,359 c.c. Chaparrals (Hall/Sharp and Donner/Hissom). Maserati (France) has entered a 4-litre (André Simon/X), and

# THE LE MANS ENTRIES 

> Large Entry of V8 American-engined G.T. and Prototype
> Cars: Strong British Representation in G.T. Category with
> Jaguar E-types and Aston Martin DB4GTs: No Sign of Ecurie
> Ecosse Tojeiro-Buicks, but Two New Lola G.T. Models.

| No. | Car | c.c. | Class | Entrant | Drivers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Chevrolet Corvette | 5,359 | G.T. | Grady Davis, U.S.A. | X/X |
|  | Chevrolet Corvette | 5,359 | G.T. | Mickey Thompson, U.S.A. | Dick Thompson/Billy Krause |
| 3 | Chevrolet Corvette | 5,359 | G.T. | Alan Green, U.S.A. | Don Campbell/Jerry Grant |
| 4 | Chaparral Chaparral | 5,359 5,359 | P. | Chaparral Cars, U.S.A. | $\mathrm{Jim}_{\text {Bob Donner/Ronnie Hissom }}$ |
| 6 | Lola . | 4,737 | P . | Lola Cars, Ltd., G.B. | X/X |
| 7 | Lola | 4,737 | P. | Lola Cars, Ltd., G.B. | X/X |
| 8 | A.C.-Cobra | 4,727 | G.T. | A.C. Cars, Ltd, G.B. | Peter Bolton/ X (ini |
| ${ }^{9}$ | A.C.-Cobra $\quad$ - | 4,727 | G.T. | Shelby American Inc., U.S.A. | Ed Hugus/X |
| 11 | Maserati | 3,944 | P . | Maserati, France | André Simon/X |
| 12 | Ferrari | 3,968 | P. | SEFAC Ferrari, Italy | Willy Mairesse/Mike Parkes |
| 13 | Ferrari | 3,968 | P. | SEFAC Ferrari, Italy | Lorenzo Bandini/Lodovico Sc |
| 14 | Ferrari | 3,968 | P. | Pierre Noblet, France ${ }^{\text {a }}$, | Pierre Noblet/Jean Guichet |
| 15 | Aston Martin 212 | 3,995 3,781 | $\stackrel{\text { G. }}{\text { G. }}$ | David Brown Aston Martin, G.B. Briggs Cunningham, U.S.A. | Walt Hansgen/Bill Kimberly |
| 17 | Jaguar "E'" . ${ }^{\text {J }}$ | 3,781 | G.T. | Briggs Cunningham, U.S.A. | Bruce McLaren/Augie Pabst |
| 18 | Jaguar 'E"' .. .. | 3,781 | G.T. | Briggs Cunningham, U.S.A. | Roger Penske/Roy Salvadori |
| 19 | Lister-Jaguar | 3,781 | P. | Peter Sargent | Peter Lumsden/Peter Sargent |
| 20 | Aston Martin DB4GT Aston Martin DB4GT | 3,670 3,670 | G.T. | David Brown Aston Martin, G.B. David Brown Aston Martin, G.B. | X X |
| 22 | Aston Martin DB4GI | 2,953 | P. | SEFAC Ferrari, Italy | John Surtees/Nino Vaccarella |
| 23 | Ferrari | 2,953 | P. | SEFAC Ferrari, Italy | X/X |
| 24 | Ferrari 250GTO | 2,953 | G.T. | Equipe Nationale Belge, Belgium | Jean Beurlys/Georges Berger or "Elde"/Gerald Langlois van Ophe |
| 25 | Ferrari 250GTO | 2,953 | G.T. | North American Racing Team, U.S.A. | Pedro Rodriguez/X |
| 27 | Ferrari ${ }^{\text {austin-Healey }} 3000$ | 2,912 | P. | Donald Healey Motor Co., G.B. | $\mathrm{X} / \mathrm{X}$ |
| 28 | Porsche .. | 2,000 | P . | Porsche System Engineering, Germany | X/X |
| 29 | Porsche .. | 2,000 | P. | Porsche System Engineering, Germany | Jo Bonmier/ X |
| 30 | Porsche Carrera | 1,966 | G.T. | Porsche System Engineering, Germany | Edgar Barth/X |
| 31 | Porsche Carrera | 1,966 | G.T. | Porsche System Engineering, Germany Alan Hutcheson, G.B. | Alan Hutcheson/Paddy Hopkirk |
| 33 | Alfa Romeo Giulia | 1,570 | G.T. | Scuderia Sant Ambroeus, Italy | Giancarlo Rigamonti/Romolo Rossi |
| 34 | Osca | 1,568 | P. | Automobili O.S.C.A., Italy | X/X |
| 35 | Sunbeam Alpine | 1,592 | G.T. | Sunbeam-Talbot, G.B. | Keith Ballisat/Tiny Lewis |
| 36 | Sunbeam Alpine | 1,592 | G.T. | Sunbeam-Talbot, G.B. ${ }_{\text {E }}$ Ecurie Filipinetti, Switzerland | Peter Harper/Peter Procter |
| 37 <br> 38 | Alfa Romeo | 1,567 | ${ }_{\text {G. }}^{\text {T }}$. | Ecurie Filipinetti, Switzeriand | Herbert Demetz/X |
| 39 | Abarth | 1,288 | G.T. | Abarth Corse, Italy | Hans Herrmann/Mauro Bianchi |
| 40 | Lotus Elite | 1,216 | G.T. | Team Elite '62, G.B. | Gil Baird/Clive Hunt |
| 41 | Lotus Elite | 1,216 | G.T. | Team Elite '62, G.B. | Pat Fergusson/John Wagstaff |
| 42 | Alpine .. .. | 1,108 | P. | Sté Automobile Alpine, Fran | Bino Heinz/X |
| 43 | René Bonnet .. | 1,108 | $\stackrel{P}{P}$ | Rene Bonnet, France ${ }_{\text {Ecurie Filipineti, Switzerland }}$ | Herbert Müller/X |
| 45 | Deep Sanderson | -997 | ${ }_{P} \mathrm{P}$. | LawrenceTune Engines, G.B. | Chris Lawrence/X |
| 46 | René Bonnet .. | 996 | P. | Ecurie Méditerranée, France | Jean-Pierre Manzon/Jean Rolland |
| 47 | Alpine .. .. | 995 | P. | Sté Automobile Alpine, France | José Rosinski/X ${ }^{\text {den }}$ / |
| 48 | A.S.A. . . | 995 | ${ }_{\mathrm{p}} \mathrm{P}$ | Scuderia As. Elmo D'Argento, Ytaly | Giorgio Bassi/Carlo Facetti |
| 49 50 | Fiat-Abarth $\quad$ - | 983 | $\stackrel{\text { P. }}{ }$ | Abarth Corse, Italy | Gianni Balzarini/X |
| 51 | Alpine .. | 716 | P. | Sté Automobile Alpine, France | Bernard Boyer/X |
| 52 | René Bonnet | 715 | P. | René Bonnet, France | X/X |
| 53 | René Bonnet .. | 715 | ${ }^{P}$ | René Bonnet, France | André Guilhaudin/Alain Bertaut |
| 54 | DKW | $\begin{aligned} & 700 \\ & 701 \end{aligned}$ |  | "Suto Union G.m.b.H. | Andre Guilhaudin/Alain Bertaut |
| 55 00 | Fiat-Abarth <br> Rover-B.R.M. | $\begin{gathered} 701 \\ \text { Turbine } \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{\text { P. }}{\text { P. }}$ | "Swen Racing Organization | Graham Hill/Richie Ginther |

there are no fewer than three 4-litre Ferraris (Mairesse/Parkes, Bandini/Scarfiotti and Noblet/Guichet). John Surtees/Vaccarella are down to drive a 3-litre, and another has also been accepted.
Porsche have two eight-cylinder 2-litre cars, only Bonnier being listed as a driver, Osca have a " 1600 ", Ecurie Filipinetti an Alfa Romeo " 1600 ", whilst Bianchi/ Herrmann are listed for a 1.3 Abarth. All cars under 1,200 c.c. are prototypes. These comprise three A.S.A.s, a Deep Sanderson, three Alpines, four René Bonnets, a DKW and two Fiat-Abarths. The Grand Touring section contains three Corvette StingRays, three A.C.-Cobras (one from U.K.: Bolton/Sanderson), three E-type Jaguars from Briggs Cunningham, two works Aston

Martins, three GTO Ferraris, two Porsches, an M.G.B (Hutcheson/Hopkirk), an Alfa Romeo " 1600 ", two Sunbeam Alpines, two Lotus Elites and an Abarth-Simca.

Entries can be summarized as follows:

## Prototype

U.S.A., 2; Great Britain, 6; Italy, 14; Germany, 3; France, 7; Total, 32.
G.T.
U.S.A., 6; Great Britain, 10; Italy, 5; Germany, 2. Total 23.

Prototype Turbine
Great Britain, 1 .
Naturally, many drivers still have to be nominated, but one does notice the absence of Phil Hill, Gendebien, Trintignant,

Ireland, Clark, T. Taylor and others. Roger Penske and Roy Salvadori are in an E-type, as are Bruce McLaren and Augie Pabst, Bill Kimberly and Walt Hansgen.
Lotus did not make any application, the Elites being entered by Team Elite (Baird/ Hunt, Fergusson/Wagstaff). Pedro Rodriguez will be in an N.A.R.T. GTO Ferrari.

Actual works entries are from Aston Martin, Ferrari, Porsche, Donald Healey, Osca, Rootes, Automobile Alpine, LawrenceTune, Abarth, René Bonnet, Auto Union, Chaparral, Broadley Lola, Shelby U.S.A. (A.C.-Cobra), and the Owen Organization.

It is also interesting to note that at least 11 cars have V8 power units, which may be augmented depending on which prototypes Ferrari selects.


## NEW FERRARIS AT MONZA

I Ast week, Enzo Ferrari showed his 1963 Ferrari Prototypes at Monza. There were two open rear-engined machines and a front-engined coupé. Both versions will be competing at Sebring.

The open version, which is called the 250 P , has a V12 engine based on the welltried and reliable 2,953 c.c. 250 GT power unit. Compared to last year's rear-engined sports Ferraris which ran as Prototypes in several events, the 1963 model has a larger body with a higher screen. One featured a "hoop" to assist air-flow. Lorenzo Bandini sits in the car (left), and it is seen being tested by Mike Parkes (left, below).

The coupe is a true G.T. Prototype if ever there was one. It uses the 3,968 c.c. V12 engine as fitted in the Super America model but is equipped with six instead of three twin-choke Weber carburetters. The compression ratio is $9: 1$ and the power is reputed to be 400 b.h.p. at 7,500 r.p.m. John Surtees brings the car in after some fast lappery (below), while the interesting rear end can be seen (left, bottom).



# McLAREN'S LONGFORD WIN 

## Supporting Formule Libre Races Won by Lex Davison

BY F. G. N. EWENCE

L ONGFORD emerged from the 1963 South Pacific Championship meeting more firmly established than ever as the phenomenon in Australasian motor racing. It was Australasian in the broadest sense, too, as Bruce McLaren comfortably won the main Formule Libre race-and two of his fellow New Zealanders were in the first seven.

Longford, with its 115 m.p.h. lap and $113 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. race average, is the fastest circuit in the Southern Hemisphere. Its $4 \frac{1}{2}$-mile lap gives it distinction among the artificial airfield and racecourse circuits. It is set magnificently beneath the blue, $5,000 \mathrm{ft}$. Western Tiers, bisected by a winding river, and rolling across historic sheep land. In one section the road sweeps up from King's Bridge to enter the sleepy old town of Longford, lazing in the long summer sunshine. There the Continental atmosphere is strong. At the right-hand corner-Pub Corner-in the town one can see little groups of people at their front doors, or even standing, glass of beer in hand, watching the race from the hotel itself. But most beneficent of all is the official atmosphere. The Premier of Tasmania, Mr. Eric Reece, is the active patron of the Longford Motor Racing Association; his Government grants $£ 2,000$ annually for prize money for the main race; his police close and patrol the roads in a way which is at once the admiration and the envy
of visitors. Bowmaker Team manager Reg Parnell said that Longford was certainly the best circuit he had seen in "this part of the world" and better than some of the great European circuits, which are the Australians' yardstick.
The meeting has grown from origins in motor-cycle racing, and the two- and threewheelers are still provided for in the two days of racing, split by a heavenly Sunday of relaxation (if the car is in good shape), friendly gatherings and a late-afternoon reception and buffet dinner at Symmons Plains homestead.

Near-three-miles-a-minute speeds on the Flying Mile and lappery at $110 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. in the early autumn heat contrived to indicate that the 2.7 -litre cars have their weaknesses, not least in half-shafts and transmissions.

The bothers brought out in the Internationals' cars were so general that the Australians and New Zealanders were snapping hard at their heels. Indeed, both of the 45 -mile Formule Libre races on the first day were daringly seized by the happy doyen of Australian racing, the veteran Lex Davison, driving the 2.7 CooperClimax which John Surtees drove to victory last year in Longford's South Pacific Championship.
It was, in all, a grand meeting for the Coopers, especially as the marque had won the big Formule Libre race at Longford for the preceding three years-in the hands of

Jack Brabham, Roy Salvadori and John Surtees, respectively. This time they were under real challenge from three 2.7 Brabhams, a 2.7 Lola and a 2.5 Lotus, which were mixed among the generally prevailing Coopers.

Driving a 2.7 Brabham flown out from Britain in time for the Warwick Farm meeting on 10th February, Victorian Bib Stillwell had a faultless run into second place, and John Youl's now rather elderly, but cleverly converted 2.5 Cooper-Climax ran without a moment's hesitation to finish third; but Brabham's own new. Brabham as well as the car he drove in New Zealand (now in David McKay's possession) had more than their share of trouble, as did Tony Maggs's Bowmaker Lola. Even McLaren had a near miss. A telephone call to the met. office at nearby Launceston Airport for a weather forecast set McLaren to changing gear ratios, and while doing so his mechanics noticed a fractured bearing in the gearbox which would let him down in the race.
Not even Lex Davison escaped trouble. His gear-shift broke down near the pub, where last year he had so spectacularly lost his first 2.7 Cooper in a $130 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. skid.: "Why, hallo, Mr. Davison, back again?" remarked the landlord's wife as he entered the portals!

All in all, it may be asked whether the combination of a 2.7-litre engine and a

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START of the first 45 -mile race on the first day (opposite page). Lex Davison (2.7 Cooper-Climax), the ultimate winner, streaks away on the right from David McKay (2.7 Brabham-Climax). Bruce McLaren, in Cooper No. 10, has stalled on the front row of the grid. Tony Shelly (Lotus No. 11) swings around him, but John Youl (Cooper No. 5) has almost shunted him.

BIB STILLWELL (2.7 Cooper Monaco) leads Frank Matich (2.6 Lotus 19) through the climbing Newry Corner (right). Matich went on to break his own sports car lap record at 108.07 m.p.h. and win comfortably.
1.5 chassis is not too fragile for such a tough race. Certainly there is a strong opinion that next year's 2.5 -litre (and petrol) formula in this part of the world may improve reliability, though Australian tuners have had little experience with straight fuel.
As it turned out, the prevalence of 2.7 litre engines did not dent the lap and race records put up last year by Brabham and Surtees, respectively. However, the fitting of a 2.7-litre Climax in Bib Stillwell's Cooper Monaco and of a 2.6 in Frank Matich's Lotus Monte Carlo had marked effects on the sports car speeds, which crept appreciably closer to those of the Formule Libre open-wheelers. Matich pushed his own sports car lap record up to 108 m.p.h.

And Bob Jane, recent sensation of British and Australian circuits in a Jaguar, now with his 3.8 bored and stroked to something around 4 litres, hit the touring car records for several hearty sixes. He broke the lap record for touring cars at $92.42 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$., and his 142 m.p.h. through the measured eighth-mile on the Flying Mile was 8 m.p.h. faster than his own record of last year.

Jane's toughest competition came from nearly two tons of Ford Galaxie. This 6.7litre monster is owned by former leading racing driver Len Lukey, who ordered it with Thunderbird four-speed gearbox instead of the normal automatic transmission. It came out of corners as though they were launching pads, but its braking and handling let it down. "It's like driving a haystack," said Lex Davison, but he seemed to enjoy himself at the left-hand wheel, nevertheless. The Galaxie was electrically timed at 141 m.p.h. and lapped at 90 m.p.h.

A bored-out 3.9-litre Australian-made Chrysler Valiant driven by Ern Abbott, of Melbourne, was not as fast, but its healthy bellow and hard cornering made it look

more like a sporting gentleman's "touring" car and its 130 m.p.h. on the straight set some of the G.T. men to thinking.

Outpaced by the heavy machinery, the tireless Peter Manton was even more untouchable in the up to 1,000 c.c. classes in his Mini-Cooper than he had previously been in his bored-out Mini-Minor. Disc brakes in front are the telling factor.

Manton lapped at 78 m.p.h. and cracked the "ton" on the Flying Mile. His increasing body of disciples in the field of Mini-motoring are filling the fields in Tasmanians-only events and helping to bring on a fine new crop of young drivers. A lot of them are drooling at the prospect of acquiring M.G. 1100s when these become available in Australia.
In sharp contrast to last year, when Surtees and Davison blazed from the word go, the first practice session on Friday was a sedate affair. Only John Youl and Bruce McLaren cracked the 2 mins. 30 secs. ( 108 m.p.h.) lap time that has now become almost pedestrian. Youl, of course, knows

Longford as he knows the drive to his homestead, but Bruce was new to the scene. In the second session, McLaren cut $5 \frac{1}{2}$ secs. off his best time to lap in 2 mins. 23.3 secs., compared with Brabham's 2 mins. 21.3 secs. record of 1962 . David McKay (2.7 Brabham) cut his time to 2 mins. 27.0 secs., Davison was third fastest with 2 mins. 27.3 secs. and Youl, fourth fastest, did not improve on his 2 mins. 27.4 secs. of the first session. Youl's time was 4 secs. better than his fastest lap of 1962. His car is handling much better following extensive modifications to the suspension and widening of the track.
Others were: Frank Matich (in the 2.6 Lotus Monte Carlo), 2 mins. 29.0 secs.; Tony Maggs (2.7 Lola), 2 mins. 29.4 secs.; Tony Shelly ( 2.5 Lotus), 2 mins. 30.6 secs.; Chris Amon (2.5 Cooper), 2 mins. 31.6 secs.; Jack Brabham (2.7 Brabham), 2 mins. 34.5 secs.; Jim Palmer (2.7 Cooper), 2 mins. 34.8 secs.; Bib Stillwell (2.7 Brabham), 2 mins. 36.1 secs.; Frank Gardner (1.5 Brabham-Ford), 2 mins. 40.9 secs. and


SOMETHING BURNING? Jack Brabham looks anxiously over his shoulder (left) at the cloud of smoke streaming out behind his 2.7 Brabham as he comes out of Mountford Corner. He eventually came into the pits when flames emerged from under the car. Jack stands at the front of the car while the fire crew extinguish the blazing oil on the engine and roadway (right).


LEX DAVISON with his 12 -year-old son Christopher after his first victory on the first day. He later won the second supporting Formule Libre event, but retired in the main event.
Peter Boyd-Squires in an elderly 1960 c.c. Cooper-Climax which went like a clock, 2 mins. 48.8 secs.

Brabham did not reach Sydney until after 11 a.m. on his flight from London. He had only 15 mins. to clear customs and catch an aircraft to Melbourne, where he connected with a Viscount flight which put him down at Launceston Airport shortly before the second practice session began. He was hurried to the circuit, but spent the time mainly on adjustments.
The Saturday morning practice did not count for grid positions, but some fast times were put up, notably, Stillwell's 2 mins. 23.0 secs., McLaren's 2 mins. 23.3 secs., Davison's 2 mins. 23.7 secs. and Maggs's 2 mins. 25.2 secs. Brabham did not turn out, being away with the car in Launceston, where he and Tim Wall fitted their second engine, the first having developed an oil leak. The car was not ready for the first 45 -mile race of the day.

This race was notable from the start, when Bruce McLaren stalled on the pole position, baulking Youl. Though he lost more than 10 secs. he was sixth at the end of the first lap and fifth as they came down the Flying Mile in lap two, when the crowd was treated to a spectacle unparalleled in Australian motor racing as five cars braked from 170-plus and went into Mountford Corner in a tight bunch. Davison led from the corner, followed by McKay, Maggs, Stillwell and McLaren.
McLaren jumped to second in lap four, lapping at $114 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. , and then took the lead from Davison, only to retire when he sheared a universal on a drive shaft coming out of Mountford in low gear. Davison then held first, followed by Stillwell and Maggs, whose Lola was probably the fastest car on the circuit, but was giving the South African a busy time with its twitchy corner-
ing. In lap nine Maggs broke an engine mounting and Youl took his place.

For the second 45 -miler, McLaren was out and Brabham was in. Brabham went off in hot pursuit of Davison, who had pole position, but in lap two he came in to retire with carburetter trouble. Maggs had remained on the line when he sheared a half shaft as the clutch went in. Frank Gardner in the slower but very impressive BrabhamFord also quit early, with clutch trouble. Davison was untroubled to win by 9.3 secs. from Chris Amon, with Youl third. Not only had Davison's engineer friend, Alan Ashton, got the 2.7 Climax to its bellowing best, but his wider wishbones had improved the car's stability and he had the brakes at a pitch which enabled Davison to rush up on his decelerating opponents as they approached corners.
Grid positions for Monday's South Pacific Championship of $112 \frac{1}{2}$ miles were determined by lap times in Saturday's racing. Stillwell, McLaren and Davison were on the front row.
Brabham's engine, rebuilt over the weekend from two sick ones, soon appeared to belie the suspicions held about it. The Brabhams, indeed, had their moment of glory in lap one, as three of them in close order led the field across Long Bridge. But McKay's was living on borrowed time, with leaking cylinder-head sealing rings, and was lucky to make a lap before the water was blown out.

Nevertheless, Brabham calmly tailed McLaren until lap 10, when he took the lead, with Stillwell's Brabham nicely in third position. Four laps later the crowd on the stands at the pits came to their feet in horror as Brabham was seen coming down the Flying Mile with a great plume of smoke spreading out behind. He rounded Mountford Corner and raced to the pits with the smoke increasing. For the last few hundred yards he was blinded as the smoke began to gush from the front of the cockpit, and when he braked to a stop wickedly spreading flames came from under the cowlings.
Quick work with the $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ bottles saved the car from damage, but the oil which had been pumping from a leak on to the manifolds had also made a skating rink of Mountford Corner. In quick succession, Stillwell and several others made quick excursions down the escape road.
By the time McLaren came around the
sand-and-cement gang, ably assisted by three enthusiastic policemen, had covered the oil. McLaren, who had set fastest time of the meeting- 114 m.p.h. on lap 13 while chasing Brabham-could now relax and hold his lead from Stillwell, whose Brabham was running beautifully.
Youl, meanwhile, motoring effortlessly, held third, too fast for those behind him, but with insufficient speed to bridge the gap to Stillwell. His calmness was extraordinary, for he had had hectic hours beforehand with gearbox trouble that was not of his own making. His car on Saturday was using a spare box belonging to Stillwell, who had to ask for it back when his Monaco's box cracked up. From the instant of finishing the sports car race, mechanics swarmed over the Monaco to pull out the box and fit it to Youl's car before the start of the Formule Libre race. They succeeded with minutes to spare.
Meanwhile, Bill Patterson, who loves his Longford motoring in his now out-dated 2.5 Cooper, had reassured Youl: "If you can't fix the box, drive mine." As it was, Bill could enjoy his motoring, and came home a good fifth behind Jim Palmer. Poor Tony Maggs meanwhile gave a fine exhibition of the professional driver at work, driving under difficulties as hot oil blew over him from a crack in the chassis tube which carries the Lola's oil forward to the radiator. Bathed in oil and short of a couple of gears, Tony manfully held on to the finish, coming in sixth despite several calls at the pits for clean goggles.

Postscript: Despite the fact that Longford Motor Racing Association has no paid officials, it is limited by lack of population. The whole State of Tasmania has only 350,000 inhabitants. To get 30,000 of them to a meeting is equivalent to an attendance of some four million at a British meeting! This makes the $£ 20,000$ budget something of a nightmare to the L.M.R.A. The two previous years' operations had resulted in losses after necessary capital expenditure was met. This year hats went in the air when Treasurer Geoff Hudson's quick casting of accounts revealed a small profit. Longford will be on again next year.

And Premier Reece seemed so upset about an interruption caused by a passenger train at the level crossing in Longford township that those on the inside believe the trains will be very strictly controlled in future!

## RESULTS

Sports and G.T. Cars Championship ( 45 miles): 1, Frank Matich ( 2.6 Lotus 19), 25 m .28 .3 s. , $105.8 \mathrm{mp} . \mathrm{h}$; 2, Bib Stillwell (2.7 Cooper Monaco); 3, Bob Jane (3.8 Jaguar E-type); 4, Frank Gardner
(1.5 Lotus 23). Fastest lap: Matich, 2 m .29 .9 s ., 1.5 Lotus 23). Fastest lap: Matich, 2 m .29 .9 s.
$108.08 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Sports cars up to $1,600 \mathrm{ccc}$. Class: 1, Gardner; 2, G. Ellis (M.G.A) ; 3, John Roxburgh 1, Gardner; 23). Olis 1,600 c.c. Class: 1, Matich; 2, Stillwell; 3, J. W. McKeown (2.5 Repco-Holden), G.T. Cars Class: 1, Jane; 2, A. J. R. Osborne (1.2 Lotus Elite).

Racing Cars Scratch Race ( 45 miles): 1, Lex Davison ( 2.7 Cooper-Climax), 24 m .20 .2 s., 109.46 m.p.h.; 2, Bib Stillwell (2.7 Brabham-Climax); 3, John Youl ( 2.5 Cooper-Climax); 4, Jim Palmer (2.7 Cooper-Climax); 5, Chris Amon (2.5 CooperClimax); 6, Tony Maggs ( 2.7 Lola-Climax). Fastest lap: Stillwell, 2 m .23 .0 s . $113.29 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.

Touring Cars Championship ( 45 miles): 1, Bob Jane ( 3.9 Jaguar), $30 \mathrm{~m} .52 .7 \mathrm{~s}, 87.42 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.; 2, Lex Davison (6.7 Ford Galaxie); 3, Ern Abbott (3.9 Chrysler Valiant); 4, Bill Jane ( 2.6 Holden). Fastest lap: Bob Jane, $2 . \mathrm{m} .55 .3$ s., $92.42 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Up to 1,000 c.c.
Class: 1, Peter Manton ( 1.0 Mini-Cooper) Class: , Peter Manton (1.0 Mini-Cooper); 2, George Huse (1.0 Mimi-Cooper); 3, A. Hobden (1.6 Peugeot); 2, J. Buchanan (1.5 Hillman); 3, M. (1.6 Peugeot); 2, J. Buchanan ( 1.5 Hillman); 3 , M. Fob Jane; 2, Davison; 3 , Abbott.

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The Exammer Racing Cars Scratch Race ( 45 miles): $108.79 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p.h} . ; 2$, Chris Amon ( 2.5 Cooper.Climax) 3, John Youl (2.5 Cooper-Climax); 4, Bib Stillwell (2.7 Brabham-Climax); 5, Tony Shelly (2.5 Lotus

Climax); 6, Jim Palmer (2.7 Cooper-Climax) Fastest lap: Stillwell, 2 m. $24.1 \mathrm{~s} ., 112.42$ m.p.h. Touring, G.T. and Sports Cars Handicap for Tas manian drivers ( $22 \frac{1}{2}$ miles): 1, Gino La Rovere ( 25 MM Spl.) scr. $89.01 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} . ; 2$, D. J. Butler ( 848 Mini-Minor) 4 m 35 s hep.; 3, J. G. Barrett ( 848 MiniMinor) 4 ml 10 shcp ; 4 , Brian Bowe ( 1466 M.G. TC) 1 m 15 shcp . Fastest lap: La Rovere, 3 m .01 .0 s . 89.50 m.p.h.

Touring G.T. and Sports Cars Handicap for Tas manian drivers ( 27 miles): 1, R. M. Crawford (Triumph TR4), hep. $2 \mathrm{~m} .22 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ 2, Brian Bowe ( 1.5 M.G. TC), hcp. $1 \mathrm{~m} .55 \mathrm{s} ;$.3 , Ross Farmer ( 2.5 Holden), hcp. 2 m .35 s ; 4, A. Hobden ( 1.0 MiniCooper), hcp. 4 m .20 s . Fastest lap: Bowe, 3 m .19 s . 81.2 m .p.h.

Sports and G.T. Cars Handicap ( 36 miles) : 1, Frank Gardner ( 1.5 Lotus 23), hcp. 1 m .34 s .; 2, Bob Jane (3.8 E-type Jaguar), hcp. $2 \mathrm{~m} .34 \mathrm{~s} . ; 3$, Bib Stillwel (2.7 Cooper Monaco), scr.; R. M. Crawford (2.1 Triumph TR4), hcp. $6 \mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{~s}$.
South Pacific Gold Star Championship ( $112 \frac{1}{2}$ miles) 1, Bruce McLaren ( 2.7 Cooper-Climax), 1 h .01 m . $43.8 \mathrm{~s} ., 109.46 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} . ; 2$, Bib Stillwell ( 2.7 BrabhamClimax), $1 \mathrm{~h} .02 \mathrm{~m} .05 .5 \mathrm{~s} . ; 3$, John Youl ( 2.5 Cooper Climax), $1 \mathrm{~h} .02 \mathrm{~m} .58 .6 \mathrm{~s} . ; 4$, Jim Palmer ( 2.7 Cooper-Cooper-Climax), $1 \mathrm{~h} .04 \mathrm{~m} .00 .9 \mathrm{~s} . ; 6$, Tony Magg ( 2.7 Lola-Climax), $1 \mathrm{~h} .04 \mathrm{~m} .14 .3 \mathrm{~s} . ; 7$, Chris Amon (2.5 Cooper-Climax), lapped. Fastest lap: McLaren, $2 \mathrm{~m} .21 .9 \mathrm{~s} ., 114.16 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.
Touring Cars Handicap ( 27 miles): 1, L. G. Callaway ( 3.8 Jaguar), $23 \mathrm{~m} .26 .5 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, Peter Manton (1.0 Cooper-Mini); 3, Bill Jane (2.6 Holden)

## BRUCE McLAREN:

## From The Cockpit


last year) and half a dozen others all equally well prepared.

A lot of water flowed under the long bumpy bridge before Newry Corner between Friday's practice and Monday's race. We were among the first to strike trouble when we discovered a crack in the aluminium water manifold, and a new one had to be made up.

Brabham's car was the centre of interest sporting an 8 -plug head. This was a very impressive looking set-up, but it must have been firing the right plug at the wrong time or the wrong plug at the right time, because he had a lot of trouble getting it to run right.

That was Friday. The Saturday morning practice was kind to most of us except poor Jack again. The Brabham was smoking a lot more than a young car should, and he had to rush back into Launceston to take the engine out and fit his spare 2.7 Climax for the races in the afternoon.

There was one 45 -mile race at noon, and another at 3 p.m. In the first race I was going to make a beautiful start, but I boobed, and stalled the engine. I was very relieved when everyone managed to scrape past without coming over the top or taking one of my rear wheels with them.

In a lap or two I was back in the scrap that the Aussie boys were having-a real crowd-pleaser with positions changing several times a lap. After six laps I had established a short lead but coming out of a low-gear corner a drive-shaft yoke burst. Fortunately the shaft dropped neatly down onto the bottom wishbone and lay there without flailing around as they sometimes (Continued overleaf)
$W^{\text {rith }}$ an average lap speed of nearly $115 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. , one straight giving speeds of over $170 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. and the other something over $160 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$., a viaduct, a slightly rustic wooden bridge, a railway crossing, and a pub corner, the $4.5-$ mile Longford circuit just outside Launceston (Tasmania) is one of the best of the few genuine road circuits in use these days. The permanent pits and timing tower on the wide, smooth country road, slightly reminiscent of Rheims, help to give the circuit a character of its own.

My last race had been at Lakeside (Brisbane) 1,500 miles away, where John Surtees gave a brilliant display of wet weather driving in a torrential downpour which sent 11 of the 15 starters-including myself-spinning off the track. Surtees flew straight back to Italy to keep an eye on progress at Ferraris, while Jack, after his G.P. win at Warwick Farm, had flown back to London to crack the whip at the Brabham factory.

I stayed at Surfers Paradise just south of Brisbane, where the sun shines for 11 months of the year, to be with my wife Patricia who was in hospital with her leg in plaster as a result of a water ski-ing accident. However, she is recovering well now and will soon be back in the pits clicking stopwatches and looking after the lap charts.

The grid line-ups in these Australian races are looking better all the time, and there is some really high-class racing machinery around now. At Longford on the front row there was my dark green Cooper, Stillwell's greeny-blue Brabham and Lex Davison's red Cooper. On the second row was Tony Maggs in the Bowmaker 2.7 Lola and David McKay in his bright red 2.7 Brabham. Behind them were Jack's Brabham, John Youl's immaculate dark blue pencil-line Cooper, Chris Amon's red Cooper (the car I raced out here


VICTORY AGAIN. Jack Brabham (left) and Bib Stillwell (right) lean over the crowd around Bruce McLaren's car to congratulate the New Zealander after his South Pacific Championship victory. Earlier in the event Jack had led Bruce (top, left), but his car later caught alight.

From the Cockpit-continued
do. Now we were in real trouble. This was a part we hadn't envisaged breaking and we didn't have a spare.

Lex Davison went on to a clear win in his Cooper, a process which he repeated in the next race. Brabham arrived late in the afternoon and managed the first few laps of the second race before retiring once again with engine trouble. Tony Maggs broke a half-shaft in the Lola as he was accelerating away at the start.

The Launceston branch of Repco, one of Australia's industrial automotive giants, and Merv Gray's engineering shop probably did a better trade that Sunday than they had done during the previous week
Apart from Jack's engine problems, my particular drive-shaft problem could only be cured by fabricating a new part from available material, and there were a lot of
people with pistons, con-rods, clutches, and gearbox bits in their hands gratefully accepting the impromptu service which was very much appreciated.

On race day we had to make a big decision. During practice and in the race on Saturday we had been pushing a $10 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. headwind, but the wind had changed and we now had a 10 m.p.h. breeze behind us.

Most elected to change the gear ratio so that we wouldn't over-rev on the long straight with the tail wind. This was fortunate for us, because we discovered a cracked ballrace in the gearbox and there was panic for a couple of hours before the start of the race.

The race turned out to be a real beautycertainly for the first 15 laps anyway. Jack and I had a real ding-dong battle. I had decided to use the hard D9 tyres which gave me a little more speed down the straight,
while Jack was using the softer D12s which gave him an advantage on the slower corners.

I was a little disappointed, but more relieved, when Jack's car suddenly and spectacularly enveloped itself in smoke and deposited most of its oil on the track. I felt sorry for Jack because I know what it is like to have worked so hard on the car and then not finish.

I was left with an 80 secs. lead over Stillwell's Brabham and I was able to take it easy and cruise to the chequered flag.

As usual Bob Jane won the saloon races in his 4.1 litre (!) Jaguar from Lex Davison in the big Ford Galaxie-a form of competition which Lex refers to as automobile larrackinism. Frank Matich cleaned up the sports car races with his incredibly fast Lotus which he intends taking to England to race this season.

## New

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Notes

## BY PETER GREENSLADE

There will be no more international Formule Libre races in New Zealand and Australia. The Association of New Zealand Car Clubs and the Council of Australian Motor Sport have agreed to introduce a " 2,500 c.c. pump fuel" formula for international events next season.

The announcement has just been made by the president of the A.N.Z.C.C., Mr. R. W. A. Frost, who has been holding discussions with Australian race promoters and C.A.M.S. officials in recent weeks. "In international events in 1964 a maximum engine capacity of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ litres will be fixed with no supercharging allowed," he said. "Only pump fuel, as can be bought at roadside pumps throughout New Zealand, will be used."

Currently the best fuel obtainable by the everyday motorist has an octane rating of 93. It is unlikely that petrol with a higher rating will be available here by the time the international series comes around in January, 1964.
The A.N.Z.C.C. and the C.A.M.S. have agreed to make a joint application to the F.I.A. to confirm the new formula, according to Mr. Frost, who added that the formula was a major step forward in New Zealand-Australia motor racing relationships.

The high retirement rate among overseas drivers who competed in this year's New Zealand international series, particularly in the New Zealand Grand Prix and the Vic Hudson Memorial international race at Levin, is one of the major factors that has influenced local and Australian interests to establish a "South Pacific Formula". In short it would appear that at last everyone is beginning to take some notice of the view expressed a couple of years ago by Coventry Climax that when the $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre four-cylinder unit is "stretched" to

2,750 c.c. it cannot be expected to be reliable. In point of fact this New Zealand season has shown that a "stretched" Climax unit is generally not good for more than one race. When such engines are being used nearer home this might not matter so much, but limited facilities and lack of time for major rebuilds have posed problems for stables racing in this part of the world.

The problem has been accentuated by the "anything goes" fuel policy that has always pertained in New Zealand and Australian international events. To put it bluntly, too often the "power race" has made for poor motor racing as well as excessive costs for entrants. The general feeling is that the $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre limit will encourage more overseas drivers to compete in this part of the world, and the pump fuel requirement will ensure greater reliability.

It is also probable that the New Zealand Grand Prix and the Lady Wigram Trophy, both currently 150 -mile races, will be reduced in length to 100 miles. It is felt that if the races are shortened drivers will be less inclined to hang back and await events than they have been in the past.

Another factor that has influenced the decision is that the "South Pacific Formula" will enable New Zealand and Australian drivers to compete on more favourable terms against the drivers from Europe. The A.N.Z.C.C. and C.A.M.S. hope that by presenting a combined front to the F.I.A. it may be possible to establish an Australasian Championship, run on the same points system as the world championship, covering eight annual international events in New Zealand and Australia.

According to Mr. Frost, special provision will be made so that the new regulations will not affect New Zealand drivers participating in A.N.Z.C.C. road racing Gold Star events. Just what the association has in mind is not clear at present. Earlier it was being suggested that New Zealanders would be permitted to enter cars in international events equipped with push-rod engines having a capacity of not more than 5,000 c.c. But this idea has not found much favour among New Zealanders and it is doubtful whether either the New Zealand or Australian authorities will pursue that line.

Fears that the "South Pacific Formula" will bring with it a drop in race and lap speeds could well be groundless in New Zealand at least. It is probable that the extremely tight "Elbow Bend" on the new Pukekohe circuit will be ironed out for next season. Modifications there could push up lap speeds by five m.p.h. At

Wigram it is almost certain that the chicane will be removed. It was introduced some years ago for the express purpose of slowing cars in order that they would not "bottom" on a severe bump. Plans are now in hand for the elimination of the bump. Without the chicane, and even with the "South Pacific Formula", Wigram would almost certainly become a "ton" circuit.

On the comparatively short and tight circuits at Levin and Teretonga Park, Invercargill, the power available from a 2.7 Climax unit cannot be fully exploited in any case so there is no reason to suspect that a well-driven 2.5 car would be any slower.

As far as the New Zealanders are concerned it seems probable that the trend towards the extremely high-performance versions of the Dagenham Ford power units will continue. In the majority of cases Formula Junior chassis will find most favour.
$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{N}}$ interesting new development is that a completely New Zealand-built Formula Junior-type works car will probably appear on New Zealand and Australian circuits next year in the hands of New Zealand drivers. It is the Valour, a prototype of which has already been constructed by a Huntly engineer, Mr. T. A. Larsen, with a team of engineers and mechanics. Track testing should begin next month.

Currently a New Zealand sponsor is being sought for two cars for the 1964 season. Original development started more than a year ago, and construction of the prototype began last December. The design is original, but overseas designs and photographs have been carefully studied The prototype has a 1,100 c.c. Cosworth Ford engine with dry sump lubrication A power output of $108 \mathrm{~b} . \mathrm{h} . \mathrm{p}$. at $8,000 \mathrm{r} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ on an $11: 1$ compression ratio is the primary target. A five-speed gearbox in a Volkswagen housing is being employed.
A space frame made up of 35 -ton high tensile tubing is used with a glass fibre body. The dry weight is expected to be about 880 lb . Body width is 31 ins., overall length 11 ft .10 ins., and height to the top of the windshield $26 \frac{1}{2}$ ins. There will be independent suspension all round, disc brakes and magnesium wheels. It is hoped to equip the team cars with a 1,500 c.c. Cosworth-Ford power unit with the five-bearing crankshaft and twin overhead camshafts. The Valour will be offered for general sale, and in full race trim the car is expected to sell for less than £2,500.

## ICE RACING

## PER-OLAV ERIKSSON took these pictures at the recent Brunnsjön meeting, one of the six ice racing meetings that qualify for the Swedish Championship



THE Y'RE OFF! The event for modified 850 c.c. saloon cars has just started (above) and Anders Berglöf (Saab 96) is best away. He is closely followed by Stig Lester (BMW 700 Sport), Willy Falk (Saab 96) and, farthest away from the camera, 1962 class champion Erik Berger (Saab 96). At the first corner Berglöf led from Berger, Lester and Falk, but after a couple of more bends Berglöf's race finished with his Saab upside down. Berger went on to an easy victory.

THROWING UP THE SPRAY is Picko Troberg (Mini-Cooper) in the 1,300 c.c. Group 2 saloon car race (right). Troberg leads Oscar Matti, Börje Osterberg and Olle Nygren, the famous ex-Speedway competitor. Picko Troberg led this event from start to finish and put up a very impressive performance. He now leads the Swedish Championship after four races (three first places and one broken crankshaft when in the lead!), which is not surprising as he was last year's Ice Racing Champion.


## Hewison Final

THE Hewison Trophy Final Trial, to decide the Eire trials or driving tests championship, is due to start at 2 p.m. on Monday, 18th March. The starting point is at Ballinastoe Bridge, near Roundwood, and a number of tests will be included in two laps of a dyed course in this very picturesque area of County Wicklow.

The Royal Irish Automobile Club have not issued the official list of starters at the time of writing. Subject to official confirmation, the following drivers will compete in this year's Hewison Final: Des Bradley (NSU Prinz 4), Tom Burke (Volkswagen), Des Cullen (NSU Prinz 2), Jack Fildes (M.G. Midget), Leslie Fitzpatrick

(M.G. Midget), David Glover (AustinHealey Sprite Mk. 1), Seamus Griffin (Griffin-Ford), Stephen Griffin (G.T.S.), Charlie Gunn (Austin-Healey Sprite Mk. 2), John Hayes (Austin-Cooper), Michael Ivis (Austin-Cooper), Peter Jenkins (G.T.S.), Brendan Kenna (Austin-Cooper), Brian Kehoe (Austin-Cooper), Alex Malcolm (Buckler-Ford), Larry Mooney (Volkswagen), Johnny Moore (Austin-Cooper), Pat O'Callaghan (Volkswagen), T. P. O'Connell (Volkswagen Special), Paul O'Flynn (Morris-Cooper), Reggie Redmond (M.M.3), Don Sheedy (Austin Seven), Noel Smith (NSU Prinz 4), Cecil Vard (Austin-Cooper), and Leslie Vard (Austin-Cooper).

The Limerick Motor Club failed to send in the official results of their Winter Trial, which was held on 27th January. The R.I.A.C. require the full list of finishers in all Hewison Qualifying Trials, within 10 days of the event. Seemingly, the Limerick Club are too busy publishing an elaborate magazine to bother with the R.I.A.C's. Hewison regulations. If the R.I.A.C. erase the Limerick Trial from the Hewison list, Paul O'Flynn and Tom Burke will not be eligible for the Hewison Final. The two Cork drivers qualified at Limerick, and in two other Hewison events. Drivers must qualify in three Hewison events and unless they qualified in the Kerry Trial on 3rd March they are not eligible to compete in the Final. Results of the Kerry Trial are not to hand, and it is not known if this event was granted Hewison status at the last minute. Two years ago the Limerick Club offended in a similar manner, and it is to be hoped that the R.I.A.C. will take the strongest action to eliminate further occurences of this type of nonsense and injustice.

## BRIAN FOLEY'S Report From Eire



DES BRADLEY drives one of the two NSU Prinz 4 s in the Hewison Final. Bradley is generally well up with the boys with this diminutive device, as he proved with his second overall in the Cork Hewison-qualifying Trial.
details, location of special sections, hillclimbs, driving tests, etc., are not yet announced. A speed hill-climb will be held near Drogheda early on Easter Saturday morning, and it is believed that the hill used by the Tipperary Club at Clonmel last September will be used sometime during the day on Easter Saturday. The Easter Sunday run will as usual include a timed ascent of the famous Tim Healy Pass and the route will take in most of the breathtaking scenery of Killarney and other wellknown beauty spots in Co. Kerry.


JOHNNY MOORE is having a fantastic run of successes this season, having won at least 15 premier awards since last October. He will drive an Austin-Cooper in the Hewison Final.

# Club News 

By MICHAEL DURNIN

THE Maidstone and Mid-Kent M.C's National British race meeting at Silverstone on 27th April includes events for 1,172 cars, sports-racing cars up to 1,150 c.c., saloon cars, G.T. cars, unlimited sports cars and "marque" cars. There will be two races qualifying for the 1963 Autosport Championship. Regs may be obtained from the secretary of the meeting, Mrs. E. Waugh, The Glen, College Avenue, Maidstone, Kent, who must receive entries by 10th April. . . . The January Jaunt Rally of the Sussex C.C., Eastbourne and D.M.C. and Redifon C. and M.C. was scheduled to be run earlier in the year (as the title suggests!), but, for reasons that have been repeated in these columns for weeks now, it had to be postponed. It is now to be held on 15th-16th March Southsea M.C. ar holding their Hunt Trophy Rally on 6th-7th April. This is claimed to be a no-nonsense rally, using six figure map references and Tulip diagrams only, the route being obvious from the information given. There should be no regularity, no any order, no daylight dicing and no car wrecking sections. Philips are providing a free Philishave service at the finish providing a free Philishave service at the inish
for competitors and marshals and two for competitors and marshals and two
Philishave Razors will be presented to the winning team. The Hunt Trophy Rally is a qualifying event for the A.C.S.M.C. Rally Championship and members of clubs comprising the Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs have been invited. Regs. are obtainable from Miss Anna Peters, Moonfleet Cottage, Longcopse Lane, Emsworth, Hants and entries close on 1st April. Production Car Trial co-promoted by the Sussex C.C., the Eastbourne and D.M.C. and
the Worthing M.C. takes place on 7th April This is a closed event and entries must be sent to W. Edwards, 11 Chatsworth Road, Worthing, Sussex. . . Liverpool M.C. have a closed driving tests meeting, their Annual Easter Driving Tests, at the Dunlop factory at Speke on 7th April. Regs. may be obtained from the club secretary, P. Ledger-Lomas, Upper Charlton, 50 St . Anthony's Road, Upper Charlton, 50 St. Anthony's Road,
Blundellsands, Liverpool 23. . Anniversary Rally of the Thames Estuary A.C. and the East Anglian M.C. takes place on 24th March This is a closed event and is planned on the same lines as last year, i.e., providing something of interest for all members and catering for novices. Entries must be sent to Miss B. J Kaye, 78 Leitrim Avenue, Shoeburyness Essex. .. A London Counties Association Championship event is the Circle C.C.'s Owl Rally on 6th-7th April. Despite the bad weather the organizers have found an interesting route. Regs. for this restricted event are obtainable from Miss Ann Pearce, 32 Maxwel Road, Northwood, Middlesex. ... Rally Venus of the Falcon M.C. is also to be held on 6th-7th April-a very busy weekend-and it is to be co-promoted with the Verulam A.C. and the Sporting Owner D.C. This is a closed half-night navigation rally organized by women with man in mind (!) over a 120 -mile route on maps 146 and 147. The entry list closes on 3rd April and regs. may be obtained from Miss M. Howard, The Hermitage, London Road, Stevenage, Herts. . . A National Speed Trial is to be organized by the West Essex C.C. on 31st March. This is the first qualifying event for the 1963 Autosport National Sprint Trophy and there are classes for racing cars, saloon cars, sports cars and dragsters. The meeting is at Debden, as last year, and a half mile course will be used by all cars except the dragsters, who will only have to travel one quarter of a mile. Regs may be obtained from D. S. Davis, 160 Hermon Hill, South Woodford, London, E. 18 who must receive all entries not later than next Monday. Should be a good meeting.

## Coming Atractions

15th-16th March. Sussex C.C., Eastbourne and D.M.C. and Redifon C. and M.C. January Jaunt Rally. Starts Maresfield Motors, Maresfield, Sussex (M.R. 183/466240), at 11 p.m.
16th March. B.A.R.C. Race Meeting, Oulton Park, near Tarporley, Cheshire.
Hagley and D.L.C.C. Sprint, Wellesbourne, near Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire
B.A.R.C. (S.E. Centre) March Hare Rally. Sussex (M P $183 / 412249$ ) Ho 80 , Chailey
Scottish S.C.C. Driving Tests, Bothwell, Sottish S.ic.
Lanarkshire
16th-17th March. Wolverhampton and South Staffs C.C. National "Express and Star" Rtd., Wolverhamptor Stafts Motor Tyre Co Sutton and Cheam M.C. Tempest Rally. Starts
Addington, Surrey.
Sporting Owner D.C. Ge Rallye Dubonnet. Starts The Packhorse Garage, Knesworth, Beds. (M.R. 160/051177), at 6.30 p.m.
Lagonda C. North Riding Rally. Starts near Northallerton, Yorks.
Forces M.C. (Kent and Sussex Group) Jack
Frost Rally. Starts The Gate Frost Rally. Starts The Gate Inn, Dunkirk Canterbury, Kent (M.R. 173/089587), at 11 p.m.
Mini-Se7en C. Sir Walter Rally. Starts Blue Star Garages, Ltd., Great North Road, St Neots, Hunts (M.R. 134/183623)
Austin-Healey C. (S. Counties Centre) 10 Windsor C.C. Piccolo Nocturnal Rally. Wivertising M.C. Rally.
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Snetterton M.R.C. Race Meeting, Snetterton, Snettert Thetford, Norfolk. Starts 2 p.m.
Tunbridge Wells M.C. Sprint, Brands Hatch, near Farningham, Kent. Starts 12.30 p.m. B.A.R.C. (Surrey Centre) Sprint, Blackbushe Airport, Camberley, Surrey. Starts 1.30 p.m. Torbay M.C. Hill-Climb, Oddicombe, Torbay, Devon. Starts 10 a.m
London M.C. Sprint Slalom, Finmere, near Buckingham.
North London E.C.C. Jacobean Trial. Starts Engine Hole Pit, Ware, Herts, at 10 a.m. Liverpool M.C. Production Car Trial. Starts Riveracre Valley, Bromsborough.
Welsh Counties C.C. Production Car Trial. Starts Weycock Cross, Barry, Glam., a 10 a.m.
Sporting VW C. Production Car Trial. Starts
Canada Height, Swanley, Canada Height, Swanley, Kent, at 11.30 a.m.

Worksop and D.M.C., Nottingham S.C.C. and Eastwood C.C. Spring Autocross. Start Oldcoates, Worksop, Notts. (M.R 103/571894)
Darlington and D.M.C. Grinton Picnic Rally. Starts Scotch Corner Hotel, A1.
21st-23rd March. Sebring Formula Junior Race, Sebring Three Hours (G.T.1) and Sebring 12 Hours (G.T. 2-3, P.).
23rd March. B.A.R.C. Race Meeting, GoodW. A.C. 1962 Chichester, Sussex
R.A.C. 1962 Trials Championship Final, Vintners Park, Maidstone, Kent. Organized by Kentish Border C.C. Also Production Car Trial, Driving Tests and Autocross.
Liverpool M.C. and B.A.R.C. (N.W. Centre) Over 40's Rally. Starts Park Hotel, Netherton, Worcs., at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$
23rd-24th March. Vintage S.C.C. Pomeroy Memorial Trophy Competition.
Airedale and Pennine M.C. Pyramid Rally
South Wales A.C. Welsh Marches Rally.
East Surrey M.C. Teamsters Rally. Starts T.A.
H.Q., Marlpit Lane, Coulsdon, Surrey H.Q., Marlpit Lane, Coulsdon, Surrey (M.R. 170/308583), at 9 p.m.

Austin-Healey C. (Midlands Centre) Spring Rally.
Leicestershire C.C. "Bat $\mid B o$ " Trophy Rallv Starts Croft Filling Station (M.R ${ }^{132}$ 526960), at 11 p.m.

23rd-27th March. Hants and Berks M.C. Mobil Economy Run. Starts Harrogate, Yorks.
4th March. B.R.S.C.C. Race Meeting, Brands Hatch, near Farningham, Kent.
South Wales A.C. Hill-Climb, Castel Farm, Llangynwydd, near Bridgend, Glam. Starts 2.30 p.m.
B.T.R.D.A. Junior Trials Championship, Vint ners Park, Maidstone, Kent. Starts 11.30 a.m. Hagley and D.L.C.C. Production Car Trial. Thames Estuary A.C. and East Anglian M.C Anniversary Rally. Starts Lynfield Cafe, Witham, Essex, at 10 a.m.
Wilton Works M.C. Routemaster Rally. Starts Saltburn, Middlesbroush, Yorks, at 9.30 a.m. W O.C. March Hare Rally. Starts Denham Motor Sales, Denham, Bucks, at 10.30 a.m. 0 th March. International Race Meeting. Snetterton, near Thetford, Norfolk. Organized by 1st March. Bossier City, U.S.A. (I.CE, F1, F.J., S.).
th April. Brussels Grand Prix, Belgium (F1). 11th-15th April. East African Safari Rally.

SUNBAC have their first hill-climb at Ragley Park on 6th April. It is a restricted event and the following clubs have been invited: Midland A.C., Dudley M.C., B.A.R.C., 432 M.C.,
B.R.S.C.C., Hagley and D.L.C.C. Midlands M.E.C., Coventry and Warwickshire MC Bugatti O.C. and Seven-Fifty M.C. Regs. may be obtained from the secretary of the meeting, Mrs. D. E. Tracey, 40 Danford Lane, Solihull, Warwickshire. Entries close on 25 th March. . . . Seven-Fifty M.C.'s Conquest Trial which was to have been held on 3rd March had to be cancelled because of the weather. Nevertheless, Alan Butler is trying to have the date transfered to 21st April.

## DUDLEY AND D.C.C. <br> BEWDLEY A.C <br> OWEN ORGANIZATION M.C. STARGAZER RALLY

$A^{\text {s a result of much last-minute work by the }}$ - organizers, sufficient snow-ploughed roads on the northern half of Map 129 had been found to enable the co-promoted Stargazer Rally to be held on 2nd-3rd March. Even so, conditions were quite tricky and it was cold enough for the exit slopes from a ford to become icy from water dripping off the early cars. Because of this and a road blocked by an inverted Mini later on, the novices, running at the tail of the field, accumulated very large penalties. The first car away from the start at Dudley was the newly acquired ex-works Healey of John Bloxham, and despite finding it rather a handful on ice, he put up the best performance of the 34 entries, of whom only 19 were classed as finishers.

## Results

Experts: 1, J. Bloxham/R. Morris (Austin-Healey 3000 ), 150 penalties; 2, C. J. Evans/J. A. Halford (Ford Anglia), 360; 3, M. H. Barratt/J. Medley Triumph Vitesse), 390. Novices: 1, D. R. Lawley/ Brookes/G. Webster (Mini), Herald), 3,740; 3, K. J. Fynn A. Bruce (Triumph Herald), 4,390 .

## MORGAN 4/4 C.

## DRIMING TESTS

THE 1963 driving test season opened with a lubing on 3rd March when the Morgan 4/4 Club held their Inter One-Make Team driving tests at Honeybourne Airfield in brilliant sunshine under a cloudless blue sky. The organizers had thoughtfully supplied coke braziers, round which cold mortals could gather whilst they watched the fun!
A prompt start at 11 a.m. enabled four interesting and varied tests to be performed before the lunch interval, by which time the M.G. Car Club team of Series I Sprites (driven by John Townsend, Richard Squire and Arthur Whatmough) had established a lead of about 40 seconds. They had earlier been hotly pursued by the same club's AustinCooper team (Robert Davies, Derek Smith and Peter Anton), but on test four Davies lost his gearbox and sump cover, spilling oil all over the course.

The Hagley Morris Minis (Len Gibson, Harry Livingston and Ray Meredith, the latter usually Morgan-Plus-4 mounted) then moved into second place.

The occasion was notable for the presence of five lady competitors. Miss Thomas had a very smart Series $V$ Morgan 4/4, and the M.G. Car Club sported a Midget team M. G. Car Keen and Mrs. Joyce Longland. It was Jill Bowles, however, who drove her series 2 Sprite in a most purposeful and neat style, who romped away with the Ladies' award.

Len Gibson won the closed class in his ex-Whitmore Mini, followed by Derek Smith and Harry Livingston. John Townsend had a very close fight for the open class with Arthur Whatmough and Richard Squire, the three finishing in that order. E. J. S. Townsend.

## Results

Teams: 1, M.G. C.C. Sprites I. (Townsend, Squire, Whatmough), 946.7; 2, Hagley Morris Minis (Gibson, Livingston H., Meredith), 1,028.9; 3, Hagley M.Gs. (Livingston J., Pickering, Glover), 1,060.7.
Closed cars: 1, L. Gibson (Morris Mini), 310.3; 2,D. B. Smith (Austin-Cooper), 328.4; 3, H. Livingston (Morris Mini), 335.6.
Open class: 1, E. J. S. Townsend (Sprite D), 314.9: (Sprite I), Whatmough (Sprite I), 316.3; 3, R. Squire (Sprite I), 316.6.

## West Essex cocoss CLOVER LEAF RALLY

## Third Time Lucky

The organizers of the Clover Leaf Rally, which was held on 2nd-3rd March, had promised in the regs. to lay on as near a Welsh type no-nonsense thrash as the terrain would allow and without doubt their promise was kept. They were lucky that the weather, though clear on the night, had left a reminder of the past weeks in the form of snow and ice partially melted and refrozen on most of the back lanes which certainly gave the drivers their money's worth and the navigators some sharp intakes of breath.
At the start just north of Newmarket we were notified of a few route modifications as a result of a run made on the Friday night by the Clerk of the Course and so no one could claim that any part of the official route was impassable. Watches were issued
and any wrong-slotting meant a time penalty as the route was so tight that it was impossible to make $\mu \mathrm{p}$. As far as we were concerned the odd minutes lost here and there were worrying, but we felt that everyone was having a tough time and were not unduly despondent. We gave the front wing a clobbering doing a hand-brake turn in a narrow wrong-slot and at one point went off the road, but fortunately were able to push the car back on and in fact only lost one minute in the process. Another foot into that particular ditch and our rally would have been over!

The route had wound north onto 125 and then east around Swaffham and East Dereham until we arrived at the supper stop (Control 63) on the A47, five miles west of Norwich. By the time we had refuelled the car and ourselves an outline of the places up to supper was available from the hard working results team and we were pleased to see that we were lying second to Alec Lobb in his VX4/90. However, knowing Alec, it looked to us as though we would once again lose the first place as had been the case in 61 and 62. Nevertheless, there was still quite a way to go with tricky roads and tricky navigating in plenty.

On approaching Control 78 we were a little worried to notice that there were no wheel tracks ahead of us, but a hurried check on approach direction convinced us we were right, and at the Control we were told that, although two cars had booked in ahead of us, they had both come in from the wrong direction. This meant that they had collected a "Fail", and as far as we knew left us the only unfailed crew. We therefore decided upon a little tactical driving and reduced speed sufficiently to make sure
that we kept it on the island and at the same time took great care over approach and leaving instructions at the expense of odd minutes at controls
On arrival at the final control at Thetford we were agreeably surprised at the excellent breakfast and awaited the results with some trepidation. The general opinion expressed was that this event had fully maintained the high standards set in the past-it was obvious that a great deal of thought and hard work had gone into the selection of the route and general organization. The marshalling par ticularly was of a very high standard, and the thanks of all competing crews must go to them. To be sitting in the warmth of the car and then arrive at a control to be cheerily greeted by an official who must have been absolutely frozen is quite an experience. Incidentally we are pleased to note that at least our marshals are gentlemen enough to let their wives or girl friends sit in the car while they do the cold vigil!

After hearing the results we made our way back to Brentwood and the rather ticklish problem of explaining to Mrs Bent-Marshall that her two-week-old CooperMini would have to spend a day or two in the workshops!

All in all a firsteclass event and a very good night's sport-there's nothing much wrong with the state of rallying while they put them on as good as this

Charles Bent-Marshall
Dennis Pratt
Results
1, C. Bent-Marshall/D. Pratt; 2, A. T. Lobb B. Lockyear; 3, D. C. H. Golding M. Knot 4, C. S. Perkin/T. Stevens; 5, J.T. Tanswell/E. Rigden Best Novice: A. J. Wells/E. Negri.


DESPITE ending up sideways in this ford, Tony. Wells and crew went on to win the Novices class in the West Essex Car Club's Clover Leaf Rally. Now, just how does one contrive to end up sideways in a ford?
and all set back to Rally time-whoever thought of this idea certainly did a service to marking teams!
The first Section allowed 35 minutes for a run up A11 through Thetford to Control 1 just off the main road five miles north-east of the town, and during this time we were able to plot the out of bounds areas and prepare ourselves for what was obviously going to be a very busy night. 100 Controls in 200 miles-there were nine one-minuters and 15 of 2 minutes-were sufficient guarantee of a result on the road. Nevertheless, four "timed to the second" sections were also promised just in case life got dull!
The general pattern of the event was immediately apparent-we received small slips at selected controls giving details by reference of the following two or three so that it was never possible to plot more than a few miles ahead. As most points had obligatory approach and leaving directions one had to make quick route decisions

## Blackfriars Motor Club's CROCUS RALLY

THE Blackfriars "Crocus" is notable for its very thorough staff work, and for the tremendous amount of detail involved in its preparation and presentation. A high degree of navigational skill is required, and although the map-work is varied from section to section, it never resorts to trickery, and the formula is acceptable to the vast majority of the entry.
A really first-class route of just under 200 miles, mainly on 172 and 173 , added to the fun and ensured that drivers, too, contributed their quota. Indeed, so good was the route last weekend that at breakfast it was considered that it would have sorted the entry out had all references been available before the start. The organizers are to be congratulated for resisting the current temptation to commit cartographic chicanery with the partly completed M2 Motorway, with its attendant disruptions to the printed map. Instead, their route led generally south-east, following the line of the A20 road, explored the myriad of roads in the Lyminge Forest area and concluded with a marked map "quickie", using a black-and-white 171. The multiplicity of hairpins to be handbraked and the singularity of halt signs bear witness to the care which had been taken, and the fact that 75 per cent. of the finishers are believed to have fallen victim to the Halt Sign Marshal is more victim to the Hal Sign Marshal is more organizers.
Seventy-five crews left Aylesford at a sensibly late hour, and the rally flared immediately. The pressure could be resisted, at first, for there were no unmanned controls, and, how pleasant for a change, the roads were completely free from ice for the first time this year. Conditions, though poor by normal standards, with stair-rods of rain and some hill fog, could be said to be vastly improved. The first route card was a Tulip, followed by a section devoted to map references only, with, and here was the rub, supplementary R.C.s handed out en route, so that navigators could never be more than a plot or two ahead. By the end of this little stint, just north of Wormshill, all clean sheets had vanished, and the first casualties had begun to occur. Lovelace and Lucas, going well for the Anglia and Prefects Owners Club with one of the Monte Carlo Anglias, withdrew with a faulty front-wheel bearing.

- Section 3, on the Eight-Clubs principle, was "on" for the quicker crews, and by now the field had begun to string out. A simple link map trace led to Section 4-straightforward plot and bash, but very tight and designed to extract the last ounce out of the territory. The Ward/Herwin Herald was retired with water-pump trouble-another potential winner was out, although the crew appeared at the finish, having limped home to Woolwich with the car and returned with "something out of the showroom'

Section 5 was short and sharp and novel in its presentation-the route was identifled solely by kilometre squares, printed on the route card "in any order
Supper came at this point, and with it a marked lack of cars-less than half the starters came in still within overall lateness. Just after this, and before things recommenced in earnest, the Stentiford/Trott Mini was seen stationary by the roadside, its radiator dry. A convenient stream provided the vital liquid, but not before the two Johns had run themselves right up against their overall lateness.
The second half generally was less severe than the first (actually the halt came at nearer two-thirds distance than a half). The MiniCooper of Robinson/Addington, No. 7, was now leading the field in fine style, albeit a shade apprehensively, since they were a little unsure about an earlier control.
A "barred route" section and a regularity offering followed. This latter was no doddle - you had to be very quick indeed to keep up with the plotting and the motoring, for this was regularity in name only. In effect it was just as tight as the final sting, the marked map, which included three consecutive "ones"
The 1963 Crocus had been a worthy A.C.S.M.C. qualifier. The only complaint relates to seeding. In the interests of all concerned the quicker crews should be released before the less-experiẹnced competitors.

Ron Ambrose.

## Results

R. H. Ambrose/A. J. Straker (Allardette), 300 marks; 2, J. M. Robertson/M. H. Addington (Austin-Cooper), 340; 3, H. J. Harper/J. Mace
(M.G.A), 470; 4, D. P. Keen/Mrs. J. Vaughan (M.G.A), 470 , 4, D. P. Keen/Mrs. J. Vaughan -J. H. Ray/G. Alcorn (Allardette), H. E. Davies $\vec{H}^{\mathrm{H}}$. Bates (Volkswagen) and D. P. Keen Mrs. J. Vaughan (Austin-Healey Sprite).
 CORRESPONDENCE


## Brands Hatch and the Yorkshire Rally

I MUST thank Mr. Delamont, manager of the R.A.C. Competitions Department, for his letter in your issue dated 8th March, 1963, in which he confirms that in the case of the Brands Hatch "Autobog", on 9th February, the R.A.C. did in fact speed up their own procedure for the inspection of a new course, inscription of a new date, grant of a National Open permit and for the acceptance for approval of Regulations.

I would however beg to take issue with his suggestion that in this case the procedure in the General Competition Rules of the R.A.C. is in no way modified., Without in the least seeking to become a "Barrack Room Lawyer", G.C.R. No. 66 states that application for an organizing permit for an event must be made at least four weeks before the event and that where a speed event is to be held on a new course, application for a track licence must be made to the R.A.C. at least two months in advance. In view of the circumstances surrounding the event on 9th February, it is difficult to believe that this was in fact the case and I submit that in telescoping their procedure, the Competitions Department were guilty of, at least, "bending" their own rules.
The point I was trying to press home in my original letter was that where a factory driver had entered our "Yorkshire Rally " before going off on the "Monte" and subsequently on his return home at the beginning of February found himself commanded by the works to appear at Brands Hatch on a very last minute event, the danger of such people being entered for two events on the same day was a very real one indeed.
With the utmost respect to Mr. Delamont, I would query his point that "As no other speed events were scheduled for this day, there was no question of any other club being entitled to object to the granting of the date". Surely, if his department are co-operating in the institution of a new event which will involve the members of works rally teams and are speeding their own set procedure with all the care he suggests, then it would have been a perfectly normal precaution to notify all clubs with established rallies on the date concerned.

The very last thing I would wish to do would be to put any sort of a damper on the spirit of enterprise which prompted the promotion of the Brands Hatch event, all I ask is that every person concerned in such a venture should be particularly on his guard lest in the enthusiasm for the publicity showpiece of the moment, normal obligations imposed by the International Sporting Code and its British offspring should be overlooked.
Yorkshire S.C.C., Leeds, 12, Yorks.
Mike Wilson

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## Problems

I read Mr. K. H. Wigglesworth's letter in Autosport regarding the racing of saloon and sports cars of up to 1,100 c.c. on the Isle of Man T.T. course

I don't know if Mr. Wigglesworth has ever been round the T.T. course, but the objections to having a car race even on the lines stated (e.g., 30 sec . starting intervals) are numerous.
(1) Convince the Isle of Man tourist board that it would bring more visitors and business to the island. And will the House of Keys pass a bill allowing for further roads closing during the summer, as they already close them for the T.T. races, the Manx G.P. and the Cycle G.P.?
(2) Would the R.A.C. competitions committee issue a permit for a course that cannot be marshalled completely and, because of the road width, cars cannot overtake each other safely on many sections of it. In the event of a spin the road in some sections would be almost blocked.
(3) Drivers would have to be experienced, or at least have some knowledge of the course, because if they have only raced in this country it will scare the daylights out of them!
(4) The course is $37 \frac{3}{4}$ miles in length. Height above sea level varies from 20 ft . in Ramsey to 1,400 on the Mountain. One lap of it consists of 219 bends, and at 12 places on the circuit first gear is used. The Nürburgring is easy compared to this course on our doorstep!
I could go on giving reasons against a car race over the T.T. course, but, in concluding this letter, I will say that if a race was organized over this magnificent course it would be a very great test of car and driver and I for one would be interested in the average speed as compared to the bikes. Any comments from John Surtees?
London, W.C. 1
J. King.

Why We Don't Climb Mountains
I would like to offer an explanation to Andreas Gescher as to why
1 British drivers do not compete in European Mountain Championships.
The basic reason being cost, I should have thought this would have been obvious. The cost of transporting a Formule Libre Cooper to the Freiburg hill-climb, plus mechanic, would be around $£ 175$.

Now, to do this one also has to write off five days, which to a man who only has a limited time to devote to the sport is prohibitive.

I hope this will throw some light on the subject for Andreas Gescher.
In conclusion, may I thank Autosport for an excellent magazine and say that in my opinion it is the finest magazine for competitor and spectator alike.
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# SOUTHPORT SPEED TRIALS 

B.T.D. by J. T. Butterworth (Lotus 23)



TAKING NO NOTICE of the road signs, but nevertheless taking the right road, D. Rydings goes under the pier in his Volvo.
$A^{\text {FTER a }} 24$-year lapse since the days of the $\mathrm{A}_{\text {famous sand races, the sound of powerful }}$ engines and the smell of Castrol R filled the town, when West Lancs Motor Club staged the Speed Trials on the Marine Drive on Sunday, 3rd March, in co-promotion with the B.R.S.C.C., Liverpool M.C. and Severn Valley M.C.

Blessed with glorious weather and a full entry of 75 competitors from as far afield as Reading and Dumfries, the meeting commenced with practising at 10.30 a.m. From the start it was obvious that the $90-\mathrm{deg}$. bend beneath the Pier was going to sort out the men from the boys. Early on Colin Johnson produced a glorious spin here in his Jaguar XK150, but put things right on his second run by putting up a creditable 37.3 secs.

John Scott-Davies was very impressive in his Lotus 17 and did 37.08 secs. at his first attempt; also impressive was E. Williams, from Bristol, in his Cooper-Climax (35.06 secs.).
In the second practice runs A. Lambe in his T.V.R. produced a prodigious spin to end up nudging the straw bales on the Pier bend. The Alta of J. Bateson did not appear for a second practice run, which was rather disappointing as this car cast one's mind back to pre-war racing days.

The ex-Reg Phillips Fairley-Climax, driven by Keith Moore, made a welcome re-appearance to sprinting-it became the eventual class winner, but only recorded 37.06 secs. at this stage.

Marked improvements over their first practice runs were shown by those getting their braking distance right for the Pier bend; notable here were J. Smith (Lotus 7), with an improvement of 3 secs., and Cedric Brierley (Lotus Elite), who shaved off 5 secs. The remarkable thing here being that Brierley did not produce a similar time in the event proper, yet he still won his class.

Dead on 2 p.m. car number 1, the Lotus 17 driven by John Scott-Davies, immediately set the pattern for the afternoon by knocking four seconds off his practice times, to produce 33.36 secs.

In class 2 for sports cars 1,001-1,600 c.c., D. Bridges (Lotus), Don Hill (Elva) and E. Williams (Cooper) all produced 34.00 secs. plus, but they were going to have to try very hard on their second runs to get anywhere near J. T. Butterworth (Lotus 23) who returned a fantastic 31.66 secs.

In class 3 C. A. Chrimes (Austin-Healey) was seen to be going very well ( 37.78 secs.), as was J. L. Charnock (Elva) who recorded 36.82. The first run time of J. G. Sharp (M.G.A)- 36.15 secs.-was never beaten, however.

There were only five cars in the up to 850 c.c. saloon class, all Morris Mini-Minors, except for Geoff Breakell (Austin 7) who easily won the class with 41.54 secs., nearest man being J. A. Buchanan-Morris with 42.66 secs.

Class 5, which produced the usual large entry of Mini-Coopers with a few Anglias thrown in, was dominated by Vic Cocker and Brian Redman, who returned 38.74 secs. Brian Redman, who returned 38.74 secs.
Cocker's 38.42 secs., however, was not to be beaten.
In the $1,001-1,600 \mathrm{c} . \mathrm{c}$. saloon class a husband and wife "battle" was going on (as

## Results

B.T.D.: J. T. Butterworth (Lotus 23), 31.66 s . Best Novice: J. G. Sharp (M.G.A.), 35.87 s . Ladies Award Mrs. J. Charnock (Elva), 39.21 s . Best West Lancashire M.C. Member: J. Scott-Davies (Lotus 17), 32.84 s. Best Liverpool M.C. Member: J. T. Butter worth (Lotus 23 ), 31.66 s . Sports Cars Up to 1,000 c.c.: J. Scott-Davies (Lotus 17), $32.84 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, J. A. Barratt (Lotus 7A), $35.23 \mathrm{~s} . ; 3$ 3, J. Bentham (Lotus 7A), 36.59 s. 1,001-1,600 c.c.: 1, J. T. Butterworth (Lotus 23), 31.66 s.; 2, E. Williams (Cooper), $33.29 \mathrm{s.j}$, 3 , G. D. Hill (Elva-Climax Mk. 6), 34.39 s. Over 1,600 c.c 1, J. G. Sharp (M.G.A.), $36.23 \mathrm{~s}: 3$, G. Hoyle (Morgan), 37.41 s . Saloon (Elva), $36.23 \mathrm{~s} . ; 3$, G. Hoyle (Morgan), 37.41 s. Saloon Cars Up to 850 c.c.: , G. H. Breakell (Austin ), $41.54 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, J. A. Buchanan (Morris Mini-Minor) $851-1,000$ c.c.: 1, V. Cocker (Mini-Cooper), 38.42 s . $2, \mathrm{~B} . \mathrm{H} . \mathrm{T} . \mathrm{Redman}$ (Morris Minor), 38.74 s .; 3, D Flanagan (Mini-Cooper), 39.06 s . 1,001-1,600 c.c. 1, M. Poole (Ford Anglia), 36.36 s ; ; , P. T. Middlehurst (Austin A40), $36.84 \mathrm{~s} . ; 3$, J. B. Pemberton (Mini-Cooper) 39.73 s . Over $\mathbf{1 , 6 0 0}$ c.e.: 1, Co H Wild (Volvo), $41.82 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, J. A. Haworth (Ford Zodiac), 42.95 s . G.T. Cars. Up to 2,000 c.c.: 1, J. C. Brierley (Lotus Elite), 35.65 s.; 2, A. Lambe (T.V.R. Grantura) $35.70 \mathrm{~s} . ; 3$, N. H. Barnes (T.V.R. Grantusa), 36.03 s Over 2,000 c.c.: 1, E. P. Scragg (Jaguar "E"), 33.06 s . 2, E. B. Wadsworth (Jaguar "E"), 34.84 s.; 3, K Wilson (Jaguar "E"), 34.90 so Racing Cars: 1, K Moore (Fairley), 35.10 s.; 2, P. Williams (J.P. Special),
37.71 s.; 3, Dr. I. Entwistle (H.W.M.-Jaguar), 39.11 s.
usual). Phil and Cynthia Middlehurst (A40), and Syd and Mrs. Reakes (Anglia) were fighting it out, and didn't seem to notice that Mike Poole in the Performance Motors Anglia had slipped in a very quick 36.36 secs. to take the class.
John Scott-Davies in his second mount, a G.T. Sprite, produced the sensation of the day when he over-cooked it coming into the Pier bend, lost it, clobbered the straw under the Pier, spun out into the course again, and came to rest a very niuch wiser man.
No more of this type of excitement was seen again, but Phil Scragg took the big G.T. car class very efficiently with his E-type Jaguar, closely followed by Wadsworth and Wilson, who had travelled up from Bridgend, in similar cars
The glorious weather, after the dreadful winter, made this opener to the Sprint Season a very enjoyable one for the competitors and officials, and the thousands of spectators who lined the kilometre course.

Let's hope next year is as great a success. At least it can now be said that motor sport has returned to Southport.

Stan Crouch.

## B.A.R.C. (N.W. CENTRE)

## CHAIRMAN'S RALLY

With Rover works driver Ken James as clerk of the course, the competitors for this year's Chairman's Rally held on Saturday, 9 th March, could expect a very interesting course. It was a route that included a fair share of metalled roads as well as the unmetalled, and the weather from mid-day onwards on the day in question did not improve the condition of the hazards, with the result that some competitors may well have had a not-so-interesting Sunday morning extricating their mounts.
The route was approximately 87 miles in length, covered by OS sheets 100 and 101, and it started and finished at the Park Hotel Netherton, near Liverpool. It extended as far into East Lancashire as Rivington Pike, providing a very interesting evening exercise for both drivers and navigators.
It is very encouraging to the organizers to see the number of first-timers on the increase and also the very creditable performances put up by some of the novices, in particular the effort of G. Frost and M. Daley who had a clean sheet for approximately 85 per cent. of the route, but unfortunately got rather bogged down between Halsal and Ainsdale and finished with a total of 880 penalty points. But in spite of the large score they finished in fifth position-a very creditable performance when one considers that the outright winner finished with a score of 130 penalty points
The short evening rally is obviously becoming an increasingly attractive event, and they are certainly providing a good training ground for the up and coming.
A. J. Keane.

Results
1, D. Hanson/P. Hough (Mini-Cooper), 130 penalty points; 2, G. Randall/F. P. Cawson (Morgan Plus 4), 260. Open Class: G, Randall/F. P. Cawson
Vovice Award G . A. Gould/G. Oxendale (Austin 7)


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## BRANDS HATCH SPEED TRIALS



THE M.G. TF Special of B. C. Douglas rounds Druids with Robin Richards's M.G.B in hot pursuit.

The morning practice session was run on a dry track in sunshine, with 99 starters in the sports, sports-racing, saloon and modified saloon classes. The organizers did a wonderful job of giving all competitors ample practice periods before lunch. Some of the newcomers to the circuit were seen to be learning to respect the limit of adhesion, the art of braking and gearchanging in the correct places and

## Results

B.T.D.: M. J. Crabtree (Lotus 7), 2 m .9 .2 s . B.T.D. by M.G.C.C. Member in standard-bodied M.G.: J. Sharp (M.G.A), 2 m .21 .4 s . B.T.D. by standard-bodied T-type M.G.: W. J. Weston (M.G. TC), 2 m .35 .4 s. B.T.D. by pre-T-type M.G. R, E. Davis (M.G. PB), 2 m .42 .4 s . B.T.D. by Lady Miss G. Dollar (Austin-Healey Sprite), $2 \mathrm{~m}, 46.0 \mathrm{~s}$ Production Saloon Cars. Up to 1,000 c.c.: $1, \mathrm{M}$. Davidson (Austin-Cooper), $2 \mathrm{~m} .23 .0 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, P. Albon
 R. Bell (Morris 1100), $2 \mathrm{~m}, 40.2 \mathrm{~s} .1,301-1,500$ c.c. 1, P. Morris (M.G. Y-type), $2 \mathrm{~m} .49 .2 \mathrm{~s} . \dot{2}, \mathrm{Z}, \mathrm{G} . \mathrm{P}$ Evans (Hillman Husky), $2^{2} \mathrm{~m} .50 .2 \mathrm{~s}$. Unlimited: 1, J. B. L. Jacobs (Jaguar 3.8), 2 m .37 .0 s.; 2, D.
Hadoulis (Jaguar 3.4), 2 m .38 .4 s . Production Sports Hadoulis (Jaguar 3.4, 2 m .38 .4 s . Production Sports and Modified Saloon Cars. Up to 1,000 c.c.: $1, \mathrm{C}$. N Ramus (Austin-Healey Sprite), $2 \mathrm{~m} .35 .4 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, J .
Pearce (Austin-Healey Sprite), 2 m .37 .6 s . 1,001Pearce (Austin-Healey Sprite), 2 m . 37.6 s . 1,00. 1 , T. A. Crawford (Morris 1100), $2 \mathrm{~m} .29 .6 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, M. W. Winch (Simca), 2 m .35 .4 s . $1,301-1,500$ c.c.: 1, D. Coleman (M.G.A), 2 m .32 .4 s ; 2, R.I. Diggens (Anglia), $2 \mathrm{~m} .39 .4 \mathrm{~s} .1,501-2,000$ c.c.: 1, J. Sharp (M.G.A), $2 \mathrm{~m} .21 .4 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, R. Richards (M.G.B), 2 m .23 .2 s. Unlimited: 1, P. S. C. Rose (Austin-Healey), 2 m .28 .4 s . Sports-Racing and Climax-engines. Up to $1,300 \mathrm{c} . \mathrm{c} .: 1, \mathrm{M}$. J. Crabtree (Lotus 7), $2 \mathrm{~m} .9 .2 \mathrm{~s} . ; 2$, B. R. Millbank (Lotus 7), 2 m .15 .2 s . Unlimited: 1, E. Price (Lotus 7), 2 m , $13.6 \mathrm{~s} .: 2$, R. Rye (Lotus-M.G. Mk. 6), 2 m .13 .8 s .
finding the quickest line through the corners. The timed runs started promptly at 1 o'clock with Class A for Production Saloon Cars up to 1,000 c.c. This was a 100 per cent. Mini benefit with all the various versions. C. R. Wilson's Austin 7, although sounding very hot and noisy, was nowhere near as fast as Martin Davidson (Austin-Cooper) who recorded a very creditable time of 2 mins. 23.0 secs. on each of his runs to win the class by a substantial margin. The next class for up to 1,300 c.c. saloons was taken by Roger Bell in his Morris 1100 in a time of 2 mins. 40.2 secs. The 1,600 c.c. class produced a really close struggle for first place by Phillip Morris in his veteran M.G. "Y"-type saloon, which succeeded in taking the class from the very
innocent-looking Hillman of G. P. Evans by a mere second in 2 mins. 49.2 secs. which improved on the Volvo's and VW's times by almost 10 secs. The unlimited saloon class went to J. B. L. Jacobs (Jaguar) in 2 mins. 38.2 secs. in a very wet run. The first of the Production Sports Car classes-up to 1,000 c.c.-was also run on a very wet track and went to C. N. Ramus (Sprite) in a time of 2 mins. 35.4 secs. In the class were two beautifully prepared M.G.s of the 1930s B. A. R. Dermott's PA and Michael Hawke with his well-known J2. The class for 1,300 c.c. sports cars was won by T. A. Crawford in a modified Morris 1100 in 2 mins. 29.6 secs. beating Maurice Winch's Simca which (Continued on page 365)

## WILSHIRE TROPHY TRIAL

$\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{N}}$
3 3rd March, the Wilshire Trophy Trial at the Egerton Arms. This Mid-Cheshire Motor Club Championship-qualifying event attracted 33 entries and there were only two non-starters: Peter Highwood and Stephen non-starte

After a road section of about two miles, the cars entered wooded land for the first six sections. Several made clean climbs on the first section, which comprised a right-hand bend soon after the start followed by a straight dash to the finish, all of it being on loose soil.

Nobody was clean on the second, a leaf-mould-covered slope with a hump half-way which stopped most of the entry. The third was twisty on ice and snow and two made clean runs after most creditable performances: Tony Marshall and Ivor Portlock.
The fourth section was uphill between gorse bushes on pure snow. Delicate throttle control was deemed necessary, but nobody cleaned it. Best climb on the fifth hill was by Ivor Portlock, who stopped at marker 4, this Ivor Portlock, who stopped at marker 4, this mould.
Several were clean on the sixth, which was a twisty ascent through sand, ferns and leafmould, but the seventh was even twistier and the start area turned to solid ice as the top was worn off. None was clear

Straight and steep was the eighth hill, on grass, stubble and leaf-mould-all frozen Tony Marshall made the best climb, failing at marker 2. Marshall also made the best climb on section nine, failing at marker 3 , this being a straight and steep ascent on snow.
Edward Harrison's turn came on the next hill, a twisty section on snow and leaf-mould. He reached marker 4. None was clear on the eleventh section either, while the last was a fairly straight affair with a wall on one side. It started on snow but then continued on mud and grass. Frank Lewis made the best climb here, reaching the sixth marker.
The lunch stop followed after sections 1-6 had been repeated and then after refreshment had been taken, sections $1-6$ were repeated yet again, while 7-12 were run twice, which made 36 sections in all.
The position at the half-way stage was: 1, Tony Marshall, 87 points lost; 2, Ivor

Portlock, 89; 3, Lol Hurt, 99. R. A. Jager, who has performed well in recent trials, retired at the lunch stop with a broken wheel.

During the afternoon Ivor Portlock retired with a broken differential after section 21 when he was only eight points behind Marshall D. Bratt retired after section 30 and the only other retirement was the Austin Special of K. G. Rowlands who gave up in the morning, his car being more suitable for Production Car Trials.
A.S.A.

Results
1, T. A. Marshall (Cannon), 171; 2, L. Hurt (Ford Special), 178; 3, E. Harrison (Harford), 194; 4, E. J. Chandler (Chandler), 200; 5, M. J. Eaves (Cannon), 207; 6, C. W. Pollard (Cannon), 214; 7, G. D. Hobson 9 D. J. Rawlings (Cannon) 217 . 10 D W, (Cannon), 217.


THE CANNON of A. F. Robbins seems as though it is about to attack one of the marker posts during the Mid-Cheshire Motor Club's recent Wilshire Trophy Trial.

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AUSTIN-HEALE Y 100-Six of A. Stephens, having gone round the marker barrel at Sear, rushes back again towards Riches Corner.
$\mathbf{A}^{\text {lthough it was not the first sprint of the }}$ year-Southport held theirs a week earlier-the Cambridge University Automobile Club's Snetterton Sprint last Sunday was nevertheless equal first in the south with Brands Hatch. The meeting was held in weather conditions that varied from warm and sunny to downright wet and windy, but the competitors enjoyed an interesting day's sport that was witnessed by an admirable array of spectators.
The special sprint course started in front of the pits, went through the right-hander at Riches and up to a point just before Sear Corner where a marker barrel had to be circumnavigated in order that the competitor should find himself back at the start line in the least possible time. Immediately one car completed the course, the next competitor could commence operations-a procedure that meant the day's sprinting ran slickly, as befitting a meeting run by young enthusiasts.
Practising was enlivened by spinning Sprites, while even in the event proper some of the 92 competitors were rather too enterprising after the long, cold wait since motor sport ceased last year. Incidentally, the recent cold spell does not seem to have harmed Snetterton's surface to a great extent, which is a good thing. Unfortunately the Bramley 750 Special blew-up in an almighty fashion in practice, while the interesting MAG Special could not be persuaded to start.
Despite a beautiful spin at Riches during his first run, Dickie Stoop had his faithful old Porsche Carrera fully wound-up later and he stormed around the course in a remarkably short space of time- 54.9 secs.-which earned him B.T.D. by a good margin. Tom Threlfall's


TAURUS MINI-COOPER of B. M. Brown leaves the starting line. The track was wet for most of the event.


## SPRINTING AT SNETTERTON

## Cambridge U.A.C. Speed Trials

white Elite sounded very crisp, yet Tom could only manage 57.1 secs. to be second in his class to Stoop. Seen in this class was John Haden's M.G.A, this being the B.M.C. works car used in the 1962 Monte Carlo Rally.
Minis manifested themselves so much so that they gained four class awards! Quickest was young Nick Porter's Downton-tuned Austin-Cooper, which recorded 60.75 secs., and he beat no less a gentleman than John Aley who tied for second place with J. V. Terry. Incidentally, John Aley was unable to drive his new mount-a Sebring Sprite-as it was not quite ready
John Corfield's Terrier deservedly won the 1172 and 750 Formulae class after a very neat run. The ex-Mike Eyre Pegasus was seen in this class in the hands of its new conductor, R. H. Sussams. W. H. Summers drove an immaculate 1750 Alfa Romeo to win the immaculate 1
Last year's meeting saw the début of Peter Westbury's Cooper-Daimler. Unfortunately, there were no interesting single-seaters to be found this year-not even a Jim Russell Junior! -and the class went to J. R. Axon's 500 c.c. Kieft-J A.P with a time of 68.05 secs.-a time that does not compare favourably with most of the Minis!
After a protest, the Fibrepair-entered Lotus 7 G.T. of Richard Seth-Smith and M. J. Donegan was removed from the G.T. class to the sports-racing division (it is not yet homologated and this one had a full Junior engine!). During the runs this car gained control from its driver at Riches on the way back to the start line, this, unfortunately, spoiling what would have been a very fast run.

Apart from the time when a rabbit invaded the course and had to be tempted away, the event ran very smoothly, though it was a pity that several of the fast cars had both their runs on a wet track. Cambridge won the Inter-Varsity award-though they were opposed by only one team, a team from Edinburgh

Michael Kettlewell.

## Results

B.T.D.: J. R. Stoop (Porsche Carrera), 54.9 s . B.T.D. by Resident C.U.A.C. Member: W. B. Jenkins (Elva Courier), 60.4 s . B.T.ID. by Veteran C.U.A.C. Member: P. A. Doughty (Ford Capri), 63.85 s . Team Award: Team Peterborough-J. Corfield (Terrier Mk. 2), M. Garton (Austin-Healey Sebring Sprite) and J. N. Jibb (M.G. Midget). InterVarsity Team Award: Cambridge "B"-W, B. Jenkins (Elva Courier) and C. H. Blyth (AustinHealey). Saloon Cars. Up to 1,200 c.c. Group 2 and Group 1 Cooper-Minis: 1, C. A. B. Saunders (AustinCooper), 67.15 S.; 2, G. Line (Austin Mirris Mini) Unmodified 850 Minis: C. Pickering (Morris Mini) 7.25 S . ${ }^{2}$ to 1,200 c.c. Group 3 and Group ${ }^{2}$ Cooper-Minis: I, N. Porter (Austin-Cooper), $60.15 \mathrm{S.;}$ Cooper), 62.15 s . $\mathbf{1 , 2 0 1 - 1 , 6 0 0}$ c.c.: P. Aley A. Doughty (Ford Capri), 63.85 s . Over $1.600 \mathrm{c.c}$.: W. B. Fowler (Jaguar 3.8), 64.9 s . Praduction Sports and G.T. Cars. Up to 1,150 c.c.: 1, A. W. Blore (AustinCooper), 63.5 s.: 2, M. Garton (Austin-Healey Sebring Sprite), 63.8 s . $\mathbf{1 , 1 5 1 - 2 , 7 0 0}$ c.c.: 1, J. R. Stoop (Porsche Carrera), 54.9 s.; 2, T. J. Threlfall (Lotus Elite), 57.1 s. Over 2,700 c.c.: C. G. Cray (Austin-Healey 3000), $59.1 \mathrm{~s}, 1,172$ and 750 Formulae: J. Corfield (Terrier Mk. 2), 57.55 s . SportsRacing Cars. Up to 1,151 c.c. and Lotus Sixes and Sevens: R. M. Terry (Lotus-Climax 7), 56.85 s . Unlimited and Racing Cars: J. R. Axon (Kieft-J.A.P.), 68.05 s. Vintage Cars: W. H. Summers (Alfa Romeo), 69.85 s .

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## Pat Moss Wins a Tough Event

$\mathrm{T}_{\text {He Targa Rusticana was notable for the }}$ duced. Each control carried an accurate clock which was preset so that each competitor was due at each control at the same time. For example, car number 1 left the first control at 00.01 as shown on the marshal's clock. The time allowed for the first section was 10 minutes and the clock at control number 2 was set back 10 minutes from the clock at control number 1 so that the first car was also due at control number 2 at 00.01 .
From the start at Vincent Greenhous Garage, Welshpoool, competitors were led away on a neutral section to the south of the town. The first section to Trefnant Hall involved the use of a white road unknown to most competitors and set the pattern that was to follow throughout the night. A 3 minute section to control 3 was followed by a neutral section through Berriew. All towns and villages on route were neutralized in order to avoid inconvenience to residents, and timing on these sections was generous, there being penalties only for taking less than the set time but no penalties for exceeding it.
The 12 minute section from control 5 to control 6 accounted for a good many clean sheets and involved using the white road running north-east from 124012. This was marked as a non-goer on almost every map, but,
although it was deep in snow, it was passable. although it was deep in snow, it was passable. At the front of the field John Sprinzel/Elma Lewsey got their Ford Anglia snowed under with the result that most of the ensuing queue of cars were late. Sections 7 and 8 were also long, but there was little time to hang about since all except main roads were covered in hard packed snow with the occasional patch of sheet ice and most were badly rutted. Many of the roads were reminiscent of the Cresta Run where snow ploughs had pushed the snow into vertical banks 6 ft . or 7 ft . high on either side of the road.

The first half continued with quite long sections, but with cars well spread out. Section 21 saw the Vic Elford/Sam Actman Vitesse spin between impossibly narrow snow banks and become firmly wedged across the track. It was 10 minutes or so before the next cars arrived on the scene headed by Pollard/ Baines (Rapier), Seigle-Morris/Irwin (Cortina) and Douglas Wilson-Spratt, whose Ferrarilooking Sprite looked most unhappy on the rough packed snow.
Except for about the first five cars, section 28 wrought havoc amongst the entire entry. Going south from 044157 was an almost unclimbable hill and, despite intensive gritting operations, by the time the first few cars had got up the road was like a sheet of glass. Many locals were amusing themselves here by climbing into the boot of each car and helping to bounce it to the top! This did not work with either a Mini or a Vitesse-the former, of course, because it has the boot the wrong end and the latter (at least, those with decambered rear suspension) because the additional weight simply pushed the wheels firmly against the body!
By the time the petrol halt was reached, at Llanfyllin, the only car clean was the incredible Pat Moss, navigated impeccably by David Stone) who incidentally, will be joining Vic Elford in the Triumph works team for future international events this year). Pat was carrying a passenger in her Ford Anglia in the shape of "the man from the Pic" and one wonders how many spare pairs of trousers he must have had stowed away in the back seat for use in cases of emergency

The second half followed much the same pattern as the first but the sections started closing up and were shorter and tighter than the first half.

The notorious ford at 130247 was not as bad as usual although many competitors decided not to risk it and by-passed that section.
From
From control 43 onwards the route suddenly threw everything at competitors and the first casualty just north of Trefonen Hall (248264) was the pilot car! Richard MartinHurst and John Brown were preceding the field in a Land-Rover carrying a master clock in order that checks could be made at each control. They slid into a ditch where the Land-Rover became firmly wedged-and they became the first crew to use the S.O.S. card system they had so cleverly devised! This was a splendid idea whereby each competitor carried a card headed S.O.S., and in the event of retirement en route the card was filled in with the competitor's number and position, handed to the first following competitor who, in turn, handed it to the next control.
Section 46 and the steep hill at 255283 caused some embarrassment to many people as it was covered in sheet ice and offered no grip at all. On arrival at the right-hand bend at the bottom the early cars used the snow bank to steer themselves, which was fine until the inevitable happened and someone got stuck on the bank. The snow was dug away by enthusiastic spectators with the result that following competitors having no steering grip just vanished off the road at the point where the snow bank had previously been.

The sting in the tail from control 54 to 55 through the slate quarries at Bank Farm, just south of Llangollen, was not as painful as south of Langolen, was not as painful as
intended as the marshal at control 54 had himself got snowed under on the way to man his control. So from the slate quarries the depleted battered convoy finally came to rest in Llangollen. Pat Moss/David Stone put up a superb performance to lose only 8 minutes, although all but about the first half-dozen cars suffered baulking and hold-ups whenever an incident occurred anywhere in front of them and it was by no means unusual to see a them and it was by no means unusual to see a try to rush a tricky ice-covered hill.

Vic Elford.

## Results

1, Miss P. Moss/D. Stone (Ford Anglia 1200),
fails, 8 points; 2 , A. Fisher/B. Melia (Mini-Cooper), 0 fails, 8 points; 2 , A. Fisher B. Melia (Mini-Cooper) 4, R. D. Broad/Mrs. A. Taylor (Morris 1100),

## RUSTICANA RUMBLINGS

Official starter was Eric Carlsson, using a chequered flag to send competitors on their way. . . . Eric and Stuart Turner were observing the rally from a Ford Thunderbird, which arrived brakeless at the start and was hastily equipped with brakes from a Bedford truck by the staff of Vincent Greenhous.
Ninety map references giving the positions of blocked roads were issued to competitors to avoid unnecessary wrong-slotting.

## Brands Hatch-continued

recorded 2 mins. 35.4 secs. The 1,301-1,500 c.c. class went to D . Coleman on his first run time 2 mins. 32.4 secs. Then to the battle in the 1,501 to 2,000 c.c. class, which was finally resolved by an extra run to decide the tie between Robin Richards and John Sharp, the former with his Monte Carlo M.G.B and the latter with an M.G.A with an 1800 engine. Both had recorded 2 mins. 23.2 secs., but John Sharp managed to improve on his, winning the class in 2 mins. 21.4 secs.
Now to the sports-racing cars un to 1,300 c.c. In a beautifully driven run, M. J. Crabtree with a Lotus 7 recorded 2 mins. 9.2 secs., which was 6 secs. better than Roy Millbank in a similar machine, and thus secured B.T.D. The over 1,300 division went to Douglas Price in a Lotus 7 in 2 mins. 13.6 secs. followed extremely closely by R. Rye in 2 mins. 13.8 secs., both times recorded on their first runs.
Two extremely heavy showers made conditions very treacherous with Bottom Bend almost completely under water at times, and it speaks very highly of the standard of driving to report that the day passed through with only two spins, both without any ill effect, and the meeting went through without a hitch to finish at 4.55 p.m., with duplicated results of all competitors available by 5 p.m.

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