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THE MONTE CARLO RALLY

AUSTIN A40 WINS COUPE DES DAMES for the second year running

B.M.C congratulates

Miss Pat Moss and Miss Ann Wisdom

on their unique performance.

This is the first time that the same women's team has twice won this important award in the Monte Carlo Rally.

Official B.M.C. works entries represented one in fifty at the start and at the finish represented one in fifteen. These included 2 Morris Mini-Minors, 2 Austin 7's, an Austin A.40 and a Riley One-Point-Five, six out of seven entries.

The performances of the Mini-Minors and Austin 7's earned the admiration of the veterans of the Monte Carlo Rally . . .

"The gallant little Morris Mini-Minors were still buzzing along, their small wheels carving a way through the snow".

Peter Garnier, "The Sunday Times"

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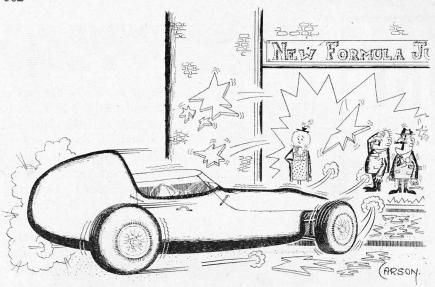
EDITORIAL

MOSS MAKES SENSE

STIRLING MOSS'S criticisms of the F.I.A. are perfectly justified. The international body which controls motoring sport has adopted such an isolationist policy that it threatens to ruin sports car and Grand Prix racing altogether. Completely ignoring the wishes of manufacturers who directly support racing, they have been responsible for issuing regulations which cannot do otherwise than cause the public to lose interest in major events. When a formula has proved so successful as has the present $2\frac{1}{2}$ -litre one, what can possibly be gained by introducing a 1,500 c.c. limit, restricting weight to about 10 cwt. minimum, and insisting that all cars carry batteries? It is rather like making horse racing for Shetland ponies, and banning all others. AUTOSPORT has long advocated adequate representation on the C.S.I. of the F.I.A. of fully accredited delegates from interested manufacturers. It is a ridiculous state of affairs that delegates of countries which neither build racing cars, nor organize grandes epreuves should have a say in the vital matter of international regulations. Drivers should also be represented: U.P.P.I. was a step in that direction, but its efforts tended to be feeble because it carried no official status whatsoever, and certainly took off on the wrong foot where the Monza 500 miles race was concerned. The 1961 formula is not an attractive proposition from any point of view, and it is extremely likely that the proposed formula course would be much preferred by all who directly support the building and racing of Grand Prix machinery. As for sports car racing, Stirling is absolutely right to condemn the silly windscreen regulations. Only those who have driven fast cars in inclement weather can realize the danger of having a large area directly in front, which cannot be kept unobscured by the best wiper equipment. To many people, the new sports car regulations are interpreted as being a definite attempt by the F.I.A. to discourage this type of racing altogether, in favour of machines built to G.T. specifications. Already it has caused the withdrawal of Aston Martin and, at the moment, prospects for the 1960 Sports Cars Constructors' Championship seem to be pretty dim. Surely it is about time that the F.I.A. should put its house in order, invite manufacturers' and organizers' delegates to a special meeting, and then take a plebiscite. It is fairly certain that the latest regulations would not be approved in full, and that the future of motor racing would not be so dismal as it would appear to be at present.

OUR COVER PICTURE

A FINE EFFORT: The Swedish privately entered Sunbeam Alpine of Rune Backlund and Nils Falk, which achieved a win in the 1,300 c.c.-2,000 c.c. Grand Touring category of the "Monte" after an extremely able drive. Here the car travels fast over ice-covered roads shortly after leaving the Oslo start.



"JUNIOR-R-R!!!"

AT Montlhéry the week before last Geoff Williamson drove his Alexander-modified Austin A40 round the banking for just over three-quarters of an hour, averaging an astonishing 101.8 m.p.h., and this with an unsuitable axle ratio!

It is said that von Trips recently broke the Nürburgring circuit record in an experimental 1½-litre V-12 Mercedes-Benz single-seater.

Briggs cunningham will enter at least one Chevrolet Corvette in the Sebring "12 Hours". There are also signs that a hot two-door Corvair is on the way.

Porsche may produce a new "flat-six" some time this year, with desmodromic valves and fuel injection.

It is likely that Daimler-Benz will support Schock/Moll and others in an attempt to win the 1960 European Touring Championship. The Monte Carlo victors are former European champions.

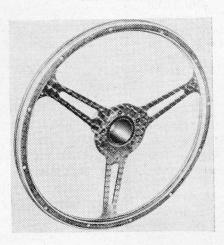
GERMAN GRAND PRIX FOR SOLITUDE?

THE AvD is considering staging the German Grand Prix on the Solitude circuit near Stuttgart. It will probably be open to both F1 and F2 cars and, in view of its situation, should attract over 300,000 spectators. Solitude is a true road circuit and, although narrow in places, will certainly offer a first-class

It is quite clear that the German club will not repeat the Avus experiment, and that for financial reasons Nürburgring will not be used, although the 1,000 kilometres will be staged there.

At the moment there is no likelihood of Mercedes-Benz representation, as the outlook at Unterturkheim as regards motor racing remains obscure. Porsche will undoubtedly be represented in the F2 category, and there are also rumours of a new Borgward rennwagen.

SUCCESS AGAIN: Receiving the Coupe des Dames award in Monte Carlo after the Rally are Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom, who won the trophy for the second year in succession with their Austin A40.



SMART wood-rimmed steering-wheel is marketed by Moto-Lita, Upper House Lane, Shamley Green, Guildford.

MIDNIGHT MOTOR RACING (on films)

THE season of B.A.R.C. midnight film matinées commenced on Friday, 29th January. This year there are nine show-January. This year there are nine showings—five in London and the others at Leicester, Worcester, Winchester and Eastbourne. The remaining London showings are at the Curzon Cinema, Mayfair, on Friday, 5th February; Wednesday, 10th February; and Friday, 12th February. Already, all the tickets for the Friday nights in London have been sold.

The provincial shows are at the Cameo Theatre, Leicester, on Monday, 15th February; the Northwick Cinema, Worcester, on Tuesday, 16th February; the Theatre Royal, Winchester, on Wednesday, 17th February; the Picturedrome, Eastbourne, on Friday, 19th February

In each case the programme will be the same.

FERRARI 1, 2 IN BUENOS AIRES

THE Buenos Aires 1,000 kms. race, held last Sunday, was won by Phil Hill and Cliff Allison in a works 3-litre Ferrari. Second was another Ferrari in the hands of Taffy von Trips and Richie Gintner. Joe Bonnier and Graham Hill were third in a works Porsche 1600.

Racing for the first time in a Championship event, the new 2.8-litre Maserati, driven by Masten Gregory and Dan Gurney, provided very stiff opposition for the Ferraris, the two Americans leading the race for almost half the distance before being forced to retire with gearbox maladies.

Results
1, Phil Hill/Cliff Allison (3.0 Ferrari), 159.580 k.p.h.; 2, Taffy von Trips/Richie Gintner (3.0 Ferrari); 3, Joe Bonnier/Graham Hill (1.6 Porsche). Fastest lap: Masten Gregory and Dan Gurney (both on 2.8 Maserati), 168.551 k.p.h.
A full, illustrated report will appear in a future issue.



TAKING DELIVERY of the first 1,500 c.c. Osca-engined Fiat cabriolet in Britain is Patsy Burt, here being presented with her car by Alan Brown, of Connaught Engineering.

BOB DRAKE WINS AT PALM SPRINGS

Victory for "Birdcage" Maserati; Eric Hauser's Remarkable Performance in "Old Yaller" Hauser-Larkin Special

BOB DRAKE came back into the racing picture with a fine win in Joe Lubin's new 2.8-litre "birdcage" Maserati at Palm Springs on 24th January. From the start, Eric Hauser steamed into the lead with "Old Yaller I", now known as the Hauser-Larkin Special. Powered by a 5.8-litre Corvette engine, and Pontiac triple, double-choke carburetters, the ex-Balchowsky machine (formerly Buickengined) put up a remarkable performance.

Hauser led for 16 out of the 21 laps, and was caught by Drake owing to brake troubles. He gallantly tried to keep up with the Maserati, but using his gearbox instead of brakes caused eventual retirement with transmission bothers. This allowed Bill Krause to come into second place with the Mercedes-Corvette, which set the highest-ever race average at Riverside Raceway. Balchowsky in "Old Yaller II" had to give up with tyre trouble—not surprising as he was running on retreads. Jim Hall was in the exBuell 5.7 Maserati, but was unplaced.

Drake averaged 84.5 m.p.h., despite a second-lap spin when he dropped from second to sixth place. Jay Chamberlain (Lotus 15) won the 1½-litre event from Michelmore's RSK Porsche by 12 secs. Bob Bondurant (Corvette) won the production big-car class after a thrilling race with Tony Settember (Corvette) and Vince Mayell (Corvette).

Settember spun, and Bondurant did likewise, but managed to scrape ahead of Mayell.

Joe Jordan (Lotus-Climax) was injured when he somersaulted during an earlier race. Other events were won by Bob Estes (Lago-Talbot), John English (Alfa Romeo), Ed Barker (Porsche "1600") and Lew Spencer (A.C.-Bristol).

The main race field included Hap Sharp in a Maserati-Ferrari (Monza 3-litre engine in 2-litre Maserati chassis), a disc-braked 3-litre Ferrari, two Lister-Chevrolets, two Kurtis-Cadillacs, a Monza Ferrari, the ex-Behra RSK Porsche, an Asca-Chevrolet, a 3-litre 250 TR Ferrari, and several Corvette Specials. Total entry was 220 cars, and there are 16 U.S.A.C. sports-car events scheduled for 1960.

ASTON MARTIN gave a première of their excellent Le Mans colour film Final Victory at Shell-Mex House on 1st February. Afterwards, Mr. Vignoles of Shell-Mex & B.P., Ltd., presented Mr. David Brown with a painting by Michael Turner—the original of the 1959-60 High Performance Cars cover.

JIMMY CLARK of the "Border Rievers" had a successful try-out for Aston Martins at Goodwood recently. The "Rievers" are anxious to purchase at least one of the ex-works DBR1 machines for British circuit racing.



SENSIBLE suggestion is that, at each International rally, there should be a separate C.S.I. sub-committee, empowered to deal immediately with protests.

SESTRIERES RALLY

ITALY'S International Sestrieres Rally takes place from 21st to 24th February over a 2,028 kilometres route from Sestrieres to Sestrieres, entirely in Italy. Although the route has been reduced by 500 kilometres, the number of time checks has been increased.

In addition to the road section, there will be speed events at Monza and Sestrieres, as well as hill-climbs at Diacceto-Passo La Consuma (5 kiloms.); Serravalle-Bivio Sottoborgo (4.5 kiloms.) and Cesano-Sestrieres (10 kiloms.).

PONTIAC'S REMARKABLE SPEED AT DAYTONA

Driving a fully modified Pontiac in the main race at Daytona on 31st January; Fireball Roberts turned in a lap at the amazing speed of 152 m.p.h.—a record for modified production cars of any capacity. In the compact car section, one of the modified Chrysler Valiants did 130 m.p.h., and followed this up with a lap at 89.3 m.p.h. on the road-circuit. This compares favourably with the fastest D-type Jaguar laps of 96 m.p.h. These speeds augur well for Daytona's big production car meeting on 13th-14th February.

THE 1959 RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

THE C.S.I. has announced that the Automobile Club of Germany has decided not to proceed with Wolfgang Levy's protest about the R.A.C. Rally. The provisional results therefore stand and Gerry Burgess/Sam Croft Pearson (Ford) are the winners.

The Ladies' Championship has been awarded to Ewy Rosqvist of Sweden, who drove a Volvo last season.

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It has not yet been possible to announce the winner of the Men's Championship, as the protests about the Portuguese Rally have not been resolved. It is unlikely, incidentally, that this rally will be run next year and it is certainly not

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up to Championship standard, judged on the 1959 event.

As a tail-piece, in the recent Rallye Monte-Carlo, the route in Germany, owing to the road blockages, etc., was much longer than the shortest one envisaged by the regulations yet no time allowance was made.

It was upon this point that Levy's protest was based, the implication being that such things only happened in British events—a nonsensical statement, as is now shown.

JOHN GOTT.

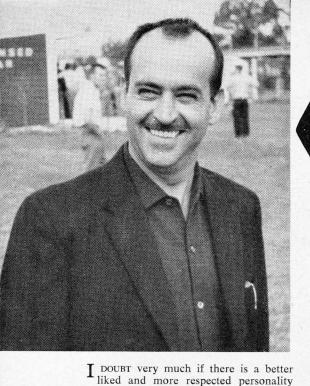
CIRCUIT OF IRELAND INTERNATIONAL RALLY

This event takes place from 15th-19th April, and is open to cars in the Series Production Touring and Grand Touring categories. In addition to performances in the General Classification, awards are also offered for performances in the undermentioned competition classes, to teams of cars, and to competitors in the "Touring" category. Also included are a number of special awards of interest to visiting drivers, a Ladies' Trophy and a Novices' Trophy. Competition classes will be as follows:

Series Production Touring Cars. Up to 1,000 c.c., over 1,000 c.c. and up to 1,300 c.c., and over 1,300 c.c. for touring cars, and up to 1,300 c.c. and over 1,300 c.c. for G.T. cars.

The AUTOSPORT Trophy, presented for the first time last year, will be awarded for the best performance by a car, the entrant of which has taken part in International Rallies other than in Ireland.

Entries for all categories should be received by the organizers not later than Saturday, 12th March. Late entries will be accepted up to Saturday, 26th March, for an additional fee of £3 3s. per entry. All team entries must be in by Wednesday, 6th April.



in motor racing today than Maurice Trintignant. A small, dapper little man with an infectious smile and wonderful

sense of humour, he makes friends wherever he goes, being at all times a charming and delightful person.

should become a racing driver, for he

was brought up among sports and racing

cars. His was very much a racing family and it has strong connections with the marque Bugatti, and this has imbued Maurice with a great love of

He was born in Nimes on 30th October, 1917, into "a small family of six children". His father was a farmer who owned a large estate in Nimes. This estate was very much a non-profit

organization, however, for it was for the most part covered with olive trees

Obviously this state of affairs could

not be allowed to continue, so a surplus army tank was purchased, and Maurice's elder brothers, Raoul, Rénê and Louis,

set to work and demolished the trees. When this was done a vineyard was planted, and today it is Maurice's

With such a large family Trintignant

père obviously had to have more than one car. In fact he had three—a

property.

which produced few, if any, olives.

these superb French machines.

It was almost inevitable that Maurice

PROFILE MAURICE TRINTIGNANT

Chenard-Walcker eight-seater which could carry all the family; a Peugeot and a Salmson. So Maurice became interested in cars very early on in his life.

His father was not in any way competition-minded, having these three cars for the simple reason that he had to, and because of this he was quite willing to let his sons do the driving, so every-

In 1929 both Réné and Louis bought

The next year Réné bought a real racing car, a G.P. T35 Bugatti. Louis bought a 2-litre car also, but very soon sold it in favour of a six-cylinder 1,100 c.c. blown Amilcar. Réné was a very fast but rather wild driver. "If, in a hill-

In fact, he had several shunts in 1931 and his wife made him give up competition. Louis, however, had many wins in his Amilcar and was a very accomplished driver. In 1932 he sold this machine and bought a 35C Bugatti. With this car he competed in 34 events and won 32. You can't do much better

Next year he bought another Bugatti, this time a 2.3-litre blown machine. In his third race with this car he was killed when he swerved to avoid hitting a gendarme who wandered across the road and Louis succumbed to his injuries.

racing members of the Trintignant family, however. In 1935 Maurice's younger brother Henri competed in several rallies, races and hill-climbs with

body was happy.

Bugattis, the one a Type 40 and the other an eight-cylinder 2-litre machine. With these cars they entered many hill-climbs and it was at this point that Maurice, at the ripe old age of 12, got his first taste of speed going as passive. his first taste of speed, going as pas-senger or riding mechanic with both his brothers.

climb, he reached the top, you could be sure that he would make B.T.D.," says Maurice, "but it was not often that he reached the top."

in front of him. The car crashed badly

This tragedy did not unduly deter the

a Hudson. He appeared again in 1936 but gave up at the end of the season.

Now it was Maurice's turn. In 1938 he bought back the Bugatti in which his brother had been killed, and entered for his first race at Pau. Except for the war he has been racing ever since. In this race he finished fifth. The measure of this achievement is only appreciated when you realize that he was in competition with works teams from Mercedes-Benz and Alfa Romeo!

Maurice has always been fond of Pau and it gave him especial pleasure to win the Pau G.P. 20 years later, in 1958.

He raced the Bugatti as often as he could—as an independent driver—until war came. But for the war he would have joined Ecurie Bleue to race with V-12 4½-litre Delahayes and 3-litre supercharged Maseratis.

He was due to drive a Delahaye at Berne in 1939 but in practice one of the team cars was crashed and Dreyfus took over Trintignant's car. Then he was entered for Tripoli, but war broke out before that race could take place.

After the war the world slowly began to settle down again and Maurice and many others turned their thoughts once more to motor racing. The first motor race in France was the G.P. de Paris, or the Coupe de la Liberation, held in 1946.

For this race Maurice dug out his old Bugatti, which he now called, affectionately, "Grandmère". The old lady had spent the war years in a barn and it was because of this that Maurice got his nickname, Petoulet, as we shall see.

"Grandmère", then, was spruced up and made ready for the race. However, after only a very few laps Maurice was forced to retire when the engine just died on him. He coasted to a halt, got out, and opened the bonnet to see what was wrong. He found that the fuel filter was completely clogged.

Eventually he discovered that the petrol tank had almost as much dirt in it as petrol and he began to wonder how this came about. The reason finally dawned on him.

During the war, while "Grandmère" had been laid up in the barn, numerous families of rats had made their nests in the petrol tank with the result that it became full of bits of straw and rat-

After the race, Jean Pièrre Wimille, who won, came up to Maurice and asked him the reason for his retirement.

Maurice explained the whole thing. "So you see," he said, "my filter was clogged up with petoule"—petoule, in the dialect of the South of France, meaning rat-droppings.

Wimille thought this was extremely funny and was almost helpless with laughter. There and then he christened

VICTORY COMING UP: Petoulet overtakes Roberto Mieres at the Station Hairpin during his winning drive at Monte Carlo in 1955.

MAURICE had many fine drives in the little Gordinis. Here he is seen at Silverstone during the Daily Express Trophy race in 1953.

Photo: H. J. ten Bruggen Cate.

Maurice "Petoulet" and the name has stuck ever since.

Maurice recalls this incident with considerable amusement and "Grand mère"

has forever a special place in his heart. He raced her for the remainder of the 1946 season and then in 1947 he bought a blown Amilcar, similar to the one Louis had raced in 1932. On this machine he won the G.P. d'Avignon. This year too, he joined the Gersac Stable and in company with Gérard and Laureau he raced a 3-litre Delage. Phi-Phi Etancelin joined the team for some races too.

Driving for the Gersac team suited Maurice just fine, for most meetings consisted of two races, one for small cars and one for big ones, so he was able to race the Bugatti in the one and the

Delage in the other.

In was in 1947 that he drove his first race for "Le Sorcier"—Amédée Gordini, at Nimes. It was an inauspicious debut for he blew a cylinder head gasket. He also drove the Delage in this meeting but he failed to finish in that, too.

The next year he signed up for Gordini and won at Perpignan and at Montlhéry. Then at Berne he crashed badly. He was seriously injured and lost a lot of blood-at one point his heart stopped beating, and it was to the considerable surprise of all concerned that Maurice lasted the night.

As a result of this shunt Maurice was out of racing for the rest of the season. He came back to the circuits with Gordini again at Pau in 1949. He stayed with "Le Sorcier" until 1952, when he made an agreement with Louis Rosier to drive Ferraris in a private team. This didn't work out, however, so he went back to Gordini and stayed with him

until the end of 1953.

The little blue 1,500 c.c. cars were competing mostly against 2-litre machines but nevertheless they gave a very good account of themselves. Among the circuits on which Maurice won for Gordini were Albi, Nürburgring, Cadours (twice) and Chimay (twice), Le Mans, where he won the 3-litre class with Harry Schell, Angouleme and Geneva.

In 1954 he joined the Ferrari team with Farina and Gonzalez and won at Buenos Aires, Caen, Rouen, Le Mans

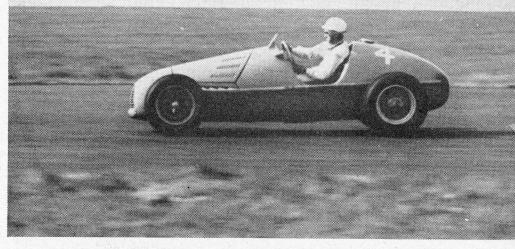
and Hyères.

The next year, still with Ferrari, Maurice won at Monte Carlo with an outclassed machine. This race was one of the most exciting of his career. Before the event he had an argument with Amorotti, who was then the Ferrari

team manager.

Maurice wanted a low axle ratio so he would only have to use first, second and third gears. Amorotti wanted him to use all four. Eventually they reached a deadlock and so a phone call was put through to Enzo Ferrari himself, who decreed that Trintignant should have whichever gear ratio he wanted.

HE HAD no luck in the Vanwalls, and never finished a race in one. This picture was taken shortly before his retirement at Monte Carlo in 1956.



So Maurice, using only three gears, won the race. He was very pleased to have his theory vindicated in such a convincing way!

His next win was in the Swedish sports car G.P. Then he had a shunt during the 1,000 kms. race at Monza. He was quite badly hurt but he appeared at Spa for the Belgian G.P. the next week-end, where he had to be lifted in and out of

In 1956 he signed with Vanwall, on an open contract. This was because Bugatti were expected to return to racing at any time and they wanted Maurice to drive for them. He did so on the only occasion the car appeared, at Rheims that year. In the race the throttle linkage seized and he was forced to retire. The car itself was not at all promising, however. "Its failure was mainly due to bad suspension design," says Maurice.

After Rheims he went back to Van-

wall but he never finished a race in the green cars. 1957 was not a very busy year. He had a few drives for Ferrari and B.R.M. though. But he was still hoping that Bugatti would have another go. The next season, however, was a better one, for he joined up with Rob Walker and once again won the Monaco G.P., this time in the little Cooper.

Maurice lives now with his wife and family in the little town of Vergese, in the South of France, and he is a highly respected citizen there, being mayor of the town. He was married in 1938, his fiancée, as she was then, promising to marry him if he gave up racing. So he married her-and continued racing! What does Mme. Trintignant think of her husband's dangerous activities? "She doesn't object," says Petoulet, "but she ages 10 years every race, although she doesn't look it!"

Besides his racing career he has his vineyard to look after and you may be interested to know that he produces a wine which he calls "Le Petoulet".

Like all Frenchmen, he knows and likes good food and is very partial to blood sausage and steak tartare. He drinks wine (naturally) and occasionally has a gin and tonic or a whisky. He smokes too, but only at the rate of half a cigarette at a time!

In his free time he enjoys watching any sport in which there is a certain amount of risk involved. He would dearly love to do some skiing but is afraid that he might break a leg or something and thus put himself out of

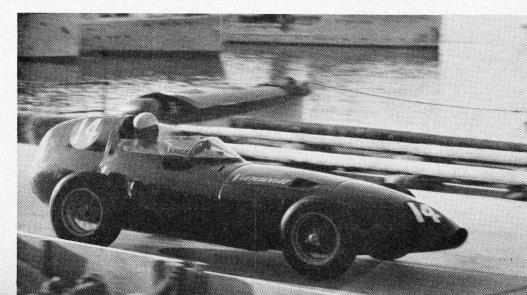
racing for some time.

His favourite racing car was "probably the 1954 Ferrari. I think the best cur-rent one is the F1 Cooper-Climax." Also, as I said, he retains a great admiration for the Bugattis of the old days. For his personal use he has a Facel Vega. 'Nuff said!

As a driver Maurice excels on difficult and twisty circuits and so it will come as no surprise to learn that his favourite tracks are of the same nature. He is very fond of Monte Carlo and Pau, both calling for precise and fault-less driving. He also delights in the fast circuits, like Spa and the no longer used Berne. Here again these two call for exceptional skill and courage, two qualities with which Petoulet is well endowed.

In common with almost everyone else he has no time for the 1961 Formula (which now looks as though it will, in practice, never become reality). "I think the present Formula 2 is ideal as an in between formula. However, the World

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Silverstone to The Simplon

An A35 on Road and Track

BY GRAHAM HILL

As my previous car was a 1929 Austin Seven "Chummy", which I bought from Hazel Chapman and ran for two years without any attention other than pouring in petrol, oil and water—in more or less equal quantities—I felt I was really living it up when I bought a new court grey Austin A35 early in 1958.

I took delivery of 69 PMT in January, 1958, and immediately had the engine modified to Speedwell Supersport tune. This involved the fitting of a balanced crankshaft and lightened flywheel, a reshaped cylinder head with special exhaust valves and strengthened valve-springs, twin S.U. carburetters, a special inlet manifold, a high speed camshaft and high compression pistons. I took particular care to see that all the gas passages blended smoothly, and carefully removed all casting flashes from the carburetters with a scraper.

I also removed the fan, which I consider power absorbing and noisy, and have always run without it, although this sometimes creates difficulties in heavy traffic in hot weather. Under such conditions I turn the heater full on and open all the windows; it works a treat!

Once the engine had been done I turned my attention to the rest of the car. The first move was to fit a Speedwell anti-roll bar, together with competition valves in the shock absorbers. The latter is quite a simple business, as the valves can be changed without removing the shock absorbers from the car; it is just a matter of unscrewing the standard valves and screwing in the new ones. Nevertheless, this is a really worthwhile modification, as it cuts out the sloppiness on corners which you get with the standard shock absorbers—rather like riding on a giant marshmallow—and gives much

more precise handling at the expense of a slightly harder ride—a sacrifice which I consider well worth while. I fitted Ferodo VG 95 brake linings in place of the rather soft standard ones, and have never experienced any brake fade, either on the track or on long Alpine descents.

on the track or on long Alpine descents. Having dealt with performance and roadholding I turned to the interior of the car, and started by moving the driver's seat back some two inches. This was accomplished by removing and rewelding the brackets on the adjustment platform, and enabled me to make full use of the seat adjustment provided. Normally, I find, most people have the seat fully back, which leaves no margin for adjusting it, other than moving it

LEADING A BUNCH of heftier competitors in the saloon cars race at the Silverstone British Grand Prix meeting in 1958, Graham Hill's A35 bears evidence of having been driven to the circuit! Transport was the car's principal function in spite of its track successes.

forwards, on really long journeys, when one position can tend to become rather tiring. Moving the whole thing back also slightly increases the rake of the seat at the full extent of its rearward travel.

I also turned the steering wheel upside down, by the simple expedient of removing it, turning it through 180 degrees, and refitting it. This brings the spokes to the "ten to two" position, which I prefer to the normal "twenty to four", as I like to drive with my thumbs crooked over the spokes.

I like to have an idea of what is going on in the engine compartment, so instead of the standard warning lights—which might not be noticed until too late—I fitted a rev. counter, oil pressure and water temperature gauges, and a recalibrated speedometer.

I used the car in this trim throughout the spring, and then took it to Silverstone for the International Trophy meeting in May, where I managed to win the 1,100 c.c. class in the touring car race and set up a new lap record at 73.48 m.p.h.—just a bit faster than the maximum speed of a standard A35 in a straight line. I found that I was going into Stowe Corner flat at 6,300 r.p.m.—90 m.p.h.—and coming out at 4,800 r.p.m.—70 m.p.h.; all the momentum was lost in negotiating the corner. I found that the best technique for cornering the A35 was to put on a full half-turn of the wheel going into a bend—to set the car up in a drift—and then come back to a quarter turn, after which there was generally no further need to move the wheel until the corner had been negotiated. Anyone who doubts that a relatively low-powered car like the A35 can be drifted need only look at the accompanying photograph.

In 1958 I also raced 69 PMT at Silver-



PROVING THE POINT—just to show that 69 PMT did reach the Simplon it is shown with Bette Hill on the train through the tunnel. ANGLE OF DRIFT referred to in Graham's article is clearly shown this picture taken at Silverstone in 1958, where he won the 1,100 c.c. touring class and set up a new lap record at the inter-national meeting in May of that year.

stone during the Grand Prix meeting and at the 750 Motor Club's Six Hour Relay Race, where it was a member of the winning team, and at Brands Hatch, where I set up a new class lap record. During the Relay Race I had an amusing incident with Denis Jenkinson, who had shown remarkable interest in my line for Woodcote Corner. Anyway, watching me for some time, he decided to try it in his Porsche. Next time round, I found him sitting facing me, stationary, in the middle of the track!

Jenks had earlier had some experience

of the A35 when Cliff and I took him round the Spa circuit after practice for the Belgian Grand Prix. At first he joined in the conversation; then he dried up. When I asked him what he thought of the car he said he was glad he hadn't When I asked him what he thought

tried to follow me in his Porsche.

For road use I found the best tyre pressures for the A35 to be 30 front, 26 rear, but when racing I put them up

to 40 front, 35 rear.

One modification I made after racing the car was to fit rubber-mounted carburetter float bowls. But the car's chief purpose was to provide transportation to race meetings both in this country and abroad, and in this it served me remarkably well. In 1958 it took me to Spa, Le Mans, Rheims and Monza, as well as all the British circuits, and in 1959 I used it to go to Monaco and Le Mans, by which time it had over 30,000 miles "on the clock".

On Continental trips in 1958 I kept the A35 going at 6,000 r.p.m. for miles on end, and all that happened was that oil pressure dropped from 40 to 35. generally travelled three-up, with plenty of luggage, as Cliff Allison and I had arranged to provide transport to alter-Prix it was Cliff's turn, so we went in his A35 (Speedwell-converted, and in much the same trim as mine) and did a total of 25 laps of the Nürburgring in it in an attempt to learn the circuit. each drove for a few laps and then swapped over, the passenger attempting to memorize the layout of the circuit while the driver concentrated on staying on the road, and in this way we both got an idea of the geography of the 'Ring-if not the best line for each corner— fairly quickly. Our first few laps took about 20 minutes, but we both got down to 16 minutes quite soon, and our best time was $14\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. With 60 m.p.h. the maximum speed in third gear we went most of the way in top, and although some of the corners seemed really sharp the Austin always managed to get round them. It was extremely stable, whatever we did, and could always be got out of trouble by winding on more steering lock. From experience on the 'Ring and elsewhere I would also say that it must be an extremely difficult car to

I used 69 PMT on the road throughout the winter—during which time a drunken Chinaman put it off the road for a few days by ignoring a red traffic light and ramming me amidships—and then in May 1959 I had a 3.7 to 1 crown wheel and pinion fitted shortly before driving down to Monaco for the Grand Prix. I had



a Speedwell CS4 camshaft-rather more torque-y than the high speed one—fitted at the same time, and found that this combination absolutely transformed the car for Continental use. I was now able to cruise at 85 m.p.h. with the engine turning over at under 5,000 r.p.m., and did the journey from Paris to Monte Carlo in 13 hours, including over two hours for meals. Even in this country I enjoyed using the 3.7 axle, which dropped the engine revs. by 1,200 at 85 m.p.h., even though it did mean hopeing down into first accessionally. changing down into first occasionally. Anyway, I continued to run the car in this form all through the summer, and found the high gearing particularly useful on the journey to Le Mans.

Eventually, after promising to do so for some time, I put 69 PMT "out to grass" by fitting a standard cylinder head and single carburetter inlet manifold and giving it to my wife, who uses it mainly for shopping. I now have a "Supersport" A40, to much the same mechanical specification as the A35, with the addition of an oil cooler. Compared with the A35, I find the A40 rather overbodied and under-tyred. On the normal tyres it seemed to break away rather early, although remaining beautifully controllable under all conditions, but I am now experimenting with Dunlop Durabands, which I think may be the answer. I have fitted a Speedwell electronic rev. counter, a recalibrated speedometer and a combined oil pressure/water temperature gauge, and have set the seat back in the same way as on the A35. However, I am now thinking about a further modification in this department, as a Monte "recce" in a Ford Zephyr with a very upright, but extremely comfortable, bucket seat has caused me to revise completely my ideas on this subject.

Nevertheless, I think I am going to find my A40 as useful, and as enjoyable to drive, as my A35. I don't always use the extra performance on the road, although it is occasionally amusing to watch the patronizing smiles of people in larger and more expensive cars turn to icy stares as a little Austin accelerates away from them at the traffic lights, but it is nice to have the power (and the roadholding) there when it is required.

Most important, I hope I am going to find the A40 as reliable as the A35, which never let me down on the Continent however hard I flogged it, and could be taken to Silverstone or Brands Hatch and raced successfully against cars which were specially prepared for cir-cuit use only. Perhaps this dual charac-ter was the feature I liked most of all about 69 PMT.

GOLD MEDAL FOR BRABHAM

WORLD CHAMPION driver Jack Brabham is to receive one of the British Automobile Racing Club's Gold Medals. The award is in recognition of his achievement in being the first British driver to win the drivers' championship in a British car, the incredibly successful Cooper.

This will be the third B.A.R.C. Gold Medal to be awarded as a result of the tremendously successful (for British efforts) 1959 motor racing season. Two were awarded in November-to David Brown, of the Aston Martin organization, and John Cooper, of Cooper Cars, winners respectively of the Manufacturers' Championships of the world for sports cars and Formula 1 and 2 cars.

The Medal is awarded for outstanding achievements in motor racing by British subjects. Prior to 1959 only three of the medals had been presented, for this is not necessarily an annual award. The other recipients have been Stirling Moss (1955), David Murray of Ecurie Ecosse (1957) and Mike Hawthorn (1958).

It is expected that Jack Brabham will receive his Gold Medal at a reception to be held at Goodwood House, Chichester, Sussex, on the occasion of the Goodwood Easter Monday International motor race meeting.

DON PITT has taken up a new appointment with the Morris organization, and will control a new development programme at Newbury. He will be remembered for his racing successes with M.G. and Frazer-Nash cars after the war, his achievements including lap records with the latter machines at Blandford and Ibsley and a class second in the T.T. at Dundrod.

Monoposto Register Widens Its Scope

Another Class of Membership

BY MARTYN WATKINS

BECAUSE of the unexpectedly rapid growth of the Formula Junior movement in this country the Monoposto Register, the organization formed a little over two years ago with the object of providing single-seater racing at modest cost for the clubman, has widened its scope and has introduced an additional class of membership for private owners of Formula Junior machines.

Original concept of the Register, rigidly maintained until now, has been the encouragement of the private ownerconstructor, and the formula drawn up, although remarkably free from other restrictions, nevertheless prohibited the use of chassis produced by professional manufacturers. Briefly, power units of any age are permitted, provided that the engine selected has been used in a saloon car of which at least 500 have been produced and sold. Overhead camshafts and supercharging are barred. limits laid down are 1,000 c.c. with overhead valves, or 1,500 c.c. with side valves.

Any form of chassis, suspension, engine support, gearbox or final drive may be used, provided that the car passes the Monoposto Register scrutineers' and R.A.C. scrutineers' requirements as to roadworthiness, safety and adequate strength of construction, and that the chassis is of genuine amateur construc-

tion and design.

This last point is amplified by the regulations, and provides that although Formula 2 and Formula 3 chassis of professional racing car manufacture are generally ineligible, these will be accepted if they have been constructed prior to

1953. Similarly, any standard production chassis other than these may be used provided that more than 500 have been built and sold.

Lights, dynamo, starter and battery are considered unnecessary, and all four wheels must be exposed, no wings or all-enveloping bodies being permitted. A minimum weight limit has not been imposed, but obviously flimsy structures would not be permitted.

Several cars built to this formula have already appeared on the circuits during the past season, and bearing in mind that these are still, and certainly were at that time, in early stages of development, compared favourably with professionally built Formula Junior cars.

This formula is retained by the Monoposto Register as its basic "Class A" membership, providing a formula for single-seater racing devised to exclude

professional competition.

With the rapid growth of Formula Junior in this country and from the very large number of professionally built cars which have been ordered or sold, it has become apparent that the majority of private owners of these machines will not be able to run at the national and international events, at which the field for Junior races will almost certainly be made up of works teams-or at least works supported entries. It is equally apparent that the private owner, especially he who has prepared his own car, is unlikely to have his entry accepted for these events and thus a large number of Formula Junior machines will appear in club racing. The rapid growth of the formula, and its universal adoption by professional constructors, has outstripped the amateur builder although such cars are being produced, and it is considered that these also will be unable to run at the bigger meetings.

From its standpoint as originator of the clubman's single-seater formula the Monoposto has created an associate membership, offered to private owners of factory-built Juniors, or those built from a marketed kit of parts, whether the machines comply with the Monoposto Formula, Junior formula or both. Works entries, and works sponsored or sup-ported entries, will not, of course, be eligible for entry, the "Class B" mem-bership having been specifically designed to accommodate the clubman who is without time, facilities, skill or even inclination to design and construct his own car.

The two classes of membership will "live together", as it were, and will enjoy the same facilities for technical advice, information and exchange of ideas and racing.

Subject to confirmation a number of racing fixtures have been arranged for the 1960 season. These are at Mallory Park on 21st May; Brands Hatch, 26th June; Goodwood, 9th July; Snetterton, 31st July; Mallory Park, 13th August; and Oulton Park, 27th August. Promoting clubs are the B.A.R.C. and the Seven-Fifty M.C., the latter being responsible for the Brands Hatch and Snetterton fixtures and in order to be cligible. terton fixtures, and in order to be eligible to compete membership of both these clubs is necessary.

Further details concerning the Register are available from the secretary, F. J. Tiedeman, 185 Swakeleys Road, Ickenham, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

Stirling Moss And The F.I.A.

Criticism of The Governing Body

In a recent hand-out, Stirling Moss has put forward several criticisms of the F.I.A., and its policy in regard to International events, particularly the Commission Sportive Internationale (C.S.I.), the sporting sub-committee of the ruling

Moss's first objection is to the representation of the various countries on the C.S.I. He instances Switzerland, whose Government has banned motor racing and road rallies, and in which country no motor cars are constructed. Stirling feels that it is unfair that the Swiss delegate should have equal voting power as England, Italy and the U.S.A.—the three countries which are, at present, the mainstays of the sport. He also points out that delegates are elected neither by drivers, nor manufacturers and circuit-owners: in point of fact they have no say whatsoever in the running of International motor racing. Moss also criticizes the new regulations calling for batteries on F1 cars: he maintains that this will increase the risk of fire.

Another objection is the length of

time which elapses before C.S.I. discussions are ratified by the F.I.A. Sometimes many months pass before decisions are made. Stirling cites the case of the

R.A.C. Rally as an example of the great loss in news and publicity value due to lengthy deliberation following a protest. He also points out that it costs manufacturers something like £4,000 to enter a team of cars in an event such as the "Liège-Rome-Liège", and calls for speedy decisions in order that results can be

issued without long delays.

Stirling goes on to criticize the F.I.A.'s interpretation of its own regulations. One example was the undertaking that six months' notice would be given for any change in the fuel regulations—yet the change-over to "Avgas" was announced three months before the 1958 Grand Prix of Argentina! Again, a month or so before this race was due to be held, British constructors had still not received copies of the regulations. It was not until the Monte Carlo meeting of the F.I.A. in the following May, that drivers learned that the Argentinian race actually counted for the World Championship.

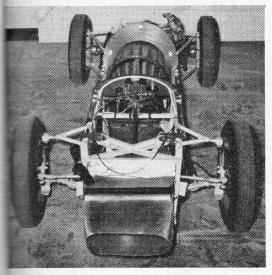
The F.I.A. then demanded a minimum period of three months before a race for regs. to be issued-yet permitted the Targa Florio to be run as a sports car championship event, with only a month between issue of regs. and the race.

Duration and distance rules were issued, i.e., 300 kiloms. or two hours' minimum for a grande épreuve. Yet the Belgian G.P. lasted less than two hours, and still counted for the Championship. It was also stated categorically that no race could be given Championship status unless it had been held at least once before. However, the G.P. of the U.S.A. at Sebring last December was immediately given Championship status!

Stirling continues with criticism of sports car regulations which caused the withdrawal of David Brown and Brian Lister. He has hard words to say on the question of windscreen size and the necessity of having a 65 x 40 x 20 cms. luggage space. Moss's view is that drivers of fast open cars must be able to look over their screens in the event of their becoming obscured by mud, oil and so on.

The question of driving in one race only in 24 hours is also discussed. Moss suggests that this could be permitted by means of physical examinations, as a driver's capacity for racing is a very variable thing. The "A" drivers rule is criticized: Stirling believes that it prevents entrants from "practising their trade".

He concludes by suggesting that drivers, manufacturers, circuit-owners and sponsors should be represented on the governing body-in order that those actively engaged in organized motoring sport should be the ones with the highest voting power.



FRONT AND REAR suspension can be seen in this photograph (above).

The Envoy is a new British Formula Junior car, designed by Ian Raby and constructed by K. Cooper of Sewell and King, Springfield Road, Chelmsford. The frame, which is a reinforced ladder design, is constructed of square section tubes, and includes a cruciform member at the front. The suspension is independent all round, by Girling helical springs and telescopic dampers.

In front, the tubular wishbones of unequal length are adjustable for camber and castor, and there is an anti-roll bar. The steering is central, by rack and pinion. At the rear, the very long trailing radius arms form, in effect, the front half of the wishbones. The axle shafts are telescopic and play no part in the suspension geometry. The gearbox and final drive unit is from a Fiat 600 and special gear sets of four or five speeds are available.

The engine is coupled to the gearbox through a light alloy drop box, the pinions of which are lubricated from the gearbox and may be changed to alter the gear ratio. The popular B.M.C. "A" Series unit, standard or tuned, is the normal wear, but alternative engines can be fitted. Two fuel tank positions, below or above the driver's legs, are available.

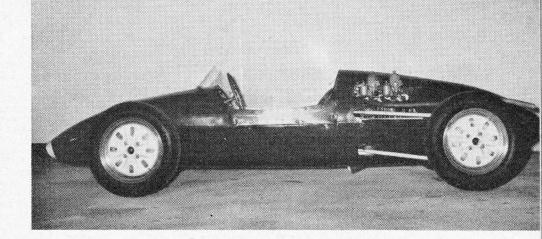
Magnesium alloy wheels are fitted with 4.50-15 ins. front tyres, the rear section being 5.00 ins. The Girling brakes in Alfin drums can be ordered in 8, 9 or 10 ins, diameter. There are twin master cylinders. The body is in four sections, the 18g. light alloy panels being secured by Dzus fasteners. The wheelbase is 7 ft. 6 ins., the front track 3 ft. 10 ins. and rear 3 ft. 9 ins.

The price is £850, or £900 with a standard B.M.C. engine. In kit form, less engine, the cost is £775.

JOHN V. BOLSTER.

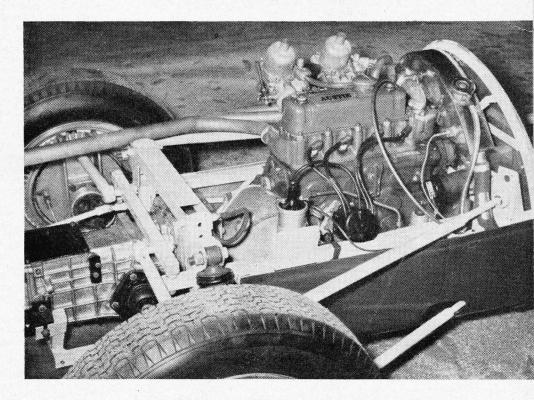
GOOD-LOOKER (top right): The Envoy is beautifully finished and has attractive lines. THE B.M.C. ENGINE is rearmounted (centre) and coupled to the gearbox through a light alloy drop box.

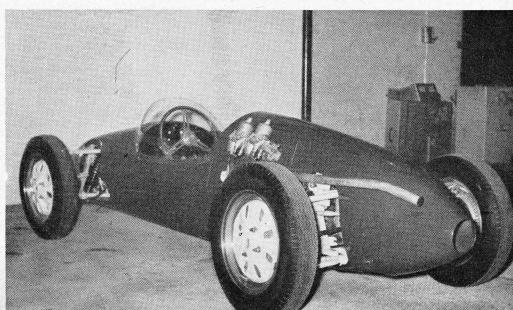
THIS IS THE VIEW, no doubt (bottom) that Ian Raby hopes will be seen by the drivers of other cars this season!



THE ENVOY FORMULA JUNIOR

An interesting new contender for Formula Junior Honours





RRESPONDE

The R.A.C. and Rally Prizes

IN 1958 and again in 1959, a restricted rally known as the "Horsman-Monte" was run. An additional award to the winner was to be, if it were possible, a free entry in the Monte Carlo Rally, a car provided and expenses paid, the object being to find the best and most worthy amateur driver who, for reasons of finance or risk of damage to his own car, would not normally be able to take part. Now it is a basic fact that this was a very praiseworthy object and I cannot see that it is possible to argue against the idea. But there was some criticism.

However, in spite of the opposition the rallies took place and in 1958 Eric Mather and Ian Hall gained the award, and in 1959 took a heavily equipped but mechanically standard Morris Minor to Monte Carlo to win second prize in the Concours. I recall that several press observers commented

that the car deserved first prize.

In 1959, Mike Sutcliffe was the winner, and with Phil Crabtree and Derek Astle duly completed the recent 1960 Monte in some of the worst conditions ever in a standard Ford They finished sixth in general classification, beat all Zephyr. They finished sixth in general classification, beat all the Ford Works Team and were the second British crew. This performance merits the highest praise.

It will be seen therefore that the "Horsman-Monte" Rallies were more than justified. Again this is a fundamental fact and in my opinion cannot be argued against.

Unfortunately, the opportunity provided by the "Horsman-Monte" may never occur again because the R.A.C. decided in Monte" may never occur again because the R.A.C. decided in their wisdom that such awards are unseemly, and in 1959 placed a limit on the value of awards to rally winners. There was no consultation with the "Horsman-Monte" sponsor or organizers. Nor was the decision taken by a majority of a committee of club representatives because there is no such committee. The action was entirely autocratic and in my opinion a great mistake. Do readers and followers of the sport consider that the R.A.C.'s action was justified and would the R.A.C. care publicly to state their case? the R.A.C. care publicly to state their case?

It is felt that most people would not quarrel with their decision if it were solely to prevent the giving of large cash awards

or very valuable prizes.

NORTH HESWALL, CHESHIRE.

R. J. KEELEY.

Formula Junior Regulations

THE technical article by Mr. J. Bolster on the above subject is indeed interesting and should prove a useful guide to those intending to construct a car within those limits, or purthose intending to construct a car within those limits, or purchase one of the several models now in an advanced stage of quantity production. It is surprising that Mr. Bolster has commented so lightly upon the most important regulation, that is the weight of the cars, suggesting that "something quite simple will suffice" also, that Juniors could easily be "fiddled" with regard to this point. Does he realize what will happen among not only Continental but British drivers whose prize money is at stake should they find that the scrutineer has disqualified the car for incorrect weight at the end of a race? The definition of "something quite simple" would be appreciated

If the method of check is by individual wheels, and adding up the respective readings, then an accurate scale passed and stamped by the Inspector of Weights and Measures is imperative to avoid disputes. Also, a suitable site must be provided at the time, the cost of such apparatus being borne by the

organizing club, or circuit owner.

LONDON, S.W.12.

I hear from good authority that the above method is not satisfactory. The only correct way is a proper weighbridge similar to that used at Brooklands before the war. The cost?

With regard to non-standard cylinder heads: if these are suspected, the R.A.C. and the organizers reserve the right to have them removed for check to solve any form of protest.

Formula Junior originated abroad and its growth in this country being very rapid, coupled with F.I.A. regulations by which all must abide, it is doubtful at the moment whether any club, or circuit promoter, can provide in time the necessary facilities when Formula Junior racing starts during the 1960 season.

Recent correspondence in your journal would indicate the state of mind of some intending constructors and drivers alike and not least the scrutineers who try to interpret regulations.

F. C. MATTHEWS.

R.A.C. Rally 1959

WITHOUT in any way wishing to detract from the merit of Herr Levy's performance in the above, I would like to point out to rally expert John Gott that car No. 44 did in fact have a navigator and co-driver: an expert by the name of G. S. Turner and undoubtedly one of the best in Great Britain at the present time. It can hardly be said, therefore, and I quote John Gott, "a stranger in a strange land to defeat these native crews", that Herr Levy did not have some assistance.

A further point of interest is the fact that this car was originally in Class 7 and subsequently came in Class 1. Could it be that someone else thought, as Mr. Wilcox did, that G.T. was its correct category? Even Mr. Gott will concede that it did not resemble the small family saloon cars in Class 1. Obviously full advantage had been taken of Article 258, paragraph one, of Appendix "J" International Sporting Code and R.A.C. Regulations. It was undoubtedly a two-seater and no effort had been made to fill the large rear space with anything resembling something for the family to sit on. Nor could it be described as a well finished motor car, very little had gone into the interior trim.

Nevertheless, a fine performance and the best of luck to

Herr Levy.

ACCRINGTON.

J. D. GARDNER.

WHILST endorsing Mr. John Gott's comments ("Correspondence", AUTOSPORT, 22nd January), regarding Wolfgang Levy's fine performance in the R.A.C. Rally, I should like to make a further point, which I feel Mr. Gott will not dispute.

The achievement in question, which has been described as "excellent", was, in my opinion, due in no small measure to the excellent navigating of Levy's co-driver, Stuart Turner.

This would appear to be corroborated by the results of the other less fortunate, members of the Auto-Union team.

Whilst it is not unnatural that the limelight is, for the most part, directed at the "man behind the wheel", I feel that in this instance, without the services of his English, and very able, paying to Herri Law, would never hear the man behind the wheel.

navigator, Herr Levy would never have been in a position to make his controversial and much-publicised appeal.

SOUTHPORT.

DEREK A. S. RIMMER.

Grand Prix Racing

GRAND prix racing. How unfortunate it is that the sport has been allowed to sink to the gutless mediocre state that it has. The majority of contenders for Grand Prix honours have engines that are so under-powered that "midget cars" have been developed to drop them into.

Can you think of anything more calculated to detract from our sport than the phrase "The Fire Pump Engine that wins races', an advertising blurb used by Coventry-Climax in their London showrooms? I know that the 'blurb' isn't strictly correct, but it does show the level to which we have sunk. Indeed, the sight of the 1.5-litre supercharged straight-eight Delage engine at the recent Racing Car Show made the 2.5-litre type F.P.F. Coventry-Climax engine look like a Fire Pump Engine!

The puny little cars that we see on our current Grand Prix

Engine!

The puny little cars that we see on our current Grand Prix starting grids appal me. With the passing of the 250F Maserati and the Vanwall we saw the last of the "Men's" cars. I know that they are not as fast as the "midget cars" but with them went the spectacle. The life's breath of Grand Prix racing. How long, I wonder, before we see a "Bambino Ferrari"?

To indulge in a little wheelspin off the starting grid is a bad thing these days because, "it might break something". There was a time when to get a Grand Prix car off the starting grid without getting wheelspin was a very difficult art indeed. Marvellous! Power, wheelspin and the smell of burning rubber, to say nothing of the smell of burning dope!

Everyone keeps talking about "Closer Racing". The sight of all the grid going round bunched together would not appeal to me. Speed is relative. I would much rather see one car being passed by another because the better driver can utilize all the power available because of his greater skill.

Currently that "power" is such that even a good driver, as opposed to a good "Grand Prix driver", can drive the present Grand Prix cars to their limit. The only thing that has kept my interest during the past season is the style of the "Men" drivers compared to the ragged untidy methods of the "Boys". How wonderful it was when Grand Prix racing was a team effort. Who said the paying public did not like the team's "number one" to take over another driver's car? There are

effort. Who said the paying public did not like the team's "number one" to take over another driver's car? There are very few "Great Drivers" currently behind the wheel (in fact there is only one in the opinion of many). If these are out of the race because of mechanical failure then there is little left to watch, save "the rest" apparently touring round. The spectacle depends very largely on certain drivers only, and

when these are not on the circuit the proceedings appear dull no matter how hard "the rest" are trying. It is tremendously exciting to watch a driver take over another car and carve his way through the field to challenge the leaders again, probably making fastest lap in the process.

We keep having complaints about the F.I.A. Certainly most of the present Grand Prix formula calamities can be blamed on to them. So let's sack them and ignore their rulings.

Perhaps a 3-litre formula might be more acceptable to every-

one in 1961, framed so as not to let the cars keep getting smaller and smaller (nothing smaller than were Tony Vanderwell's cars, say). Also, perhaps a certain restriction on the amount of fuel carried to ensure a pit stop, and proper 300 miles races, then we might have some wheel changes as well. Also, driver changes allowed. This would ensure "teams" and that the fastest men were out on the circuit trying really hard all the time, and a monetary prize for fastest lap.

The interest in a good formula would be such that the oil

companies would not be able to dictate regarding fuel, so any fuel could be used by the Grand Prix contenders. By this I mean the sport of motor racing would be self-supporting and therefore would not require "sponsoring", with all the atten-

dant "strings" attached that sponsoring implies.

These are just my own opinions and ideas, but I am sure that similar sentiments must be held by the majority of motor

sporting enthusiasts.

One thought has just occurred to me. Who would drive these hairy machines? It certainly can't be said there would be many drivers racing today who could exploit these cars. There is Stirling Moss, of course, but . . .

Ah! well, I think that's another letter.

HALESOWEN, BIRMINGHAM.

E. T. HARDY.

Circuits and Racing

WITH reference to the recent correspondence suggesting that the British Grand Prix be held at Oulton Park, may I put forward a point of view which is probably unknown to most motoring magazine correspondents, i.e., that of the impecunious motor racing enthusiast who can only afford the public enclosures? Comparing Oulton Park with the other three major circuits and using 1959 race meetings as examples, *i.e.*, British Grand Prix at Aintree, B.R.D.C. meeting, 2nd May, at Silver-stone, Tourist Trophy at Goodwood and the Gold Cup meeting at Oulton Park, we have:—

1. Accessibility. Oulton Park is bad; with no public trans-

port one has to go by car (except a few who live near enough to cycle). Silverstone and Goodwood are not

good by public transport but Aintree is first class. Admission price. At Oulton Park no less than 7s. 6d. plus 10s. parking. This is outrageous and compares with 6s. at Aintree, 7s. 6d. including parking (four in the car) at Silverstone, and 7s. 6d. at Goodwood with parking free a few hundred yards past the 5s. car park.

The printed programme. The Gold Cup meeting programme was an insult compared with the others, but it still cost 2s. It contained very little reading matter and not even a map of the circuit. The programmes at the other circuits were reasonably good considering printing strike difficulties.

Toilets. There are either no toilets at Oulton Park outside the paddock (admission 15s.) or they are so well hidden that they can't be found. Admittedly the surroundings are well wooded, but this is just not good

enough, particularly for women.

View of the racing. This is good at Oulton Park and one can move about. Goodwood is similar and Aintree is better if one has x8 binoculars or telephoto lens (for photography). Silverstone is very bad and is a poor circuit for this reason alone.

Exits. Only one vehicle at a time can leave the inside of the circuit at Oulton Park. It can take literally hours to get out and there is no excuse for this. no hold up at Aintree, Goodwood or Silverstone.

Mud. I shudder to think what Oulton Park would be like on a wet day—certainly worse than the other three circuits.

Obviously the promoters of the Gold Cup meeting are responsible for some of the above, but facilities such as toilets, exits and hard surfaces need improvement before the circuit can reasonably cope with the large crowds that a Grand Prix might attract. On the other hand, I agree that Oulton Park is the nearest we have to a road circuit at present, and I should very much like to see the extension to $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles that Mr. Foster mentions realized.

The argument that Oulton Park favours Coopers (Mr. Williamson and Mr. Riskitt) is not really valid since the

Cooper wasn't designed specifically for Oulton Park, and one could argue that as Rheims favours Ferraris, the French Grand Prix should be held elsewhere. In any case Aintree also favours Coopers as was demonstrated during the 1959 British Grand Prix.

On the subject of the World Championship for Grand Prix drivers (J. W. Fleming's letter), I think this Championship has been a major factor in the decline of F1 racing from the peak of (say) the 1954 Spanish Grand Prix or the 1955 Monaco Grand Prix to the doldrums of the recent Sebring race. The Grand Prix season tends to revolve round the Championship and if anyone doubts that this has brought F1 racing to a sorry state today consider the following:

There were no non-championship F1 races held outside Britain last year. Former classic events such as Syracuse

or Pescara are either F2 or discontinued.

Now only Ferrari provides any overseas opposition to British F1 works teams. In 1955 there were also Gordini, Lancia, Maserati and Mercedes-Benz.

Consider the names on the C.S.I. list of Grade 1 drivers for 1960. A few years ago the British representatives were Collins, Hawthorn, Moss and Wharton.

The British dominance of international racing about which we read so much (e.g., page 70 of 15th January issue) is mainly due to the retirement of the opposition

The attendance at the 1959 European Grand Prix was only 20,000. Probably holding the Grand Prix during the Tour de France contributes to this, but such a figure would be regarded as disastrous for a big motor race in Britain.

Judging from the race reports in AUTOSPORT and other motoring magazines the Sebring Grand Prix was a poor advertisement for European-style Grand Prix racing. And this shambles or "race" was a World Grand Prix Drivers' Championship event which decided the 1959 title!

However, I can understand the reason for only awarding World Championship points to drivers who complete the race in one car. Under the old rules Stirling Moss would win almost every Grand Prix if he was leading a works team. In 1958 he would have won every race except the French Grand Prix and in 1959 every race except the French and British Grands Prix (and the freak Avus race). Thus the World Championship would be a foregone conclusion like the B.R.D.C. Gold Star has been for some years.

On another subject I am sorry to see that the Aston Martin sports racing team cars are to be sold since they will probably go to people with more money than driving ability. If they are to continue racing, it would be better if the complete team were taken over by an experienced organization such as Ecurie Ecosse. Alternatively, they should be put on exhibition in places such as the Montagu Museum, Aston Martin's London showrooms, etc., as the finest examples of a type of car that the world's race tracks will be poorer without, i.e., the racing sports car.

BLACKPOOL, LANCS.

D. J. H. LLOYD.

The "Monte"

WHY is it that the "Monte Carlo Rally" gets such publicity when events like the "Marathon de la Route" and the "Coupe des Alpes", to name only two which are more exacting on both crew and car and are more like rallies, receive little or nothing?

Is it not most unfair that a crew which arrives in Monte Carlo without loss of marks could finally end up as far down in general classification as 90th, whilst it is possible for a crew who arrives 59 minutes late to win the Rally? This could happen whilst the organizers place such importance on the eliminating mountain circuit, making the three days and nights

spent getting to the finish of little importance.

If the organizers attach so much importance to the final test, why not do away with the rally altogether and just have a 360-mile run round the mountains?

Surely a much fairer way would be to keep the basis of marking similar for both parts of the event, or better still, count the marks lost before arrival at Monte as road marks and use the mountain circuit as a tie decider. If the latter method was used, the winner would be found from the crew or crews who arrived clean at Monte and those who had lost marks getting there would be in their rightful place, lower down the list of finishers.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.

J. R. HALL.

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



taken from the top of the Col de Rousseau.

M O U N T A I N SCENERY: A view of a difficult descent, Barbier accepted, and gave the money to a French journalists' charity fund. Cuth Harrison/John Harrison (Ford

the sum of 2,500 NF, and an apology;

Zephyr) were also omitted, but the error was discovered in time. They were also unpenalized and it is difficult to understand why such a thing should occur.
Again, Tommy Wisdom and Jack Hay
(Austin Seven) were last-minute inclusions, even although they had lost only 80 marks.

What is not easy to understand is why unpenalized competitors should not have the slightest advantage after the start of the mountain test. Failure to finish, even if this should occur on the very last stage, immediately puts them to the bottom of the list. Surely, in view of the conditions, some consideration should have been given to the few who managed to arrive at Monaco with 0 penalties?

The touring categories completely dominated the finishing list, and out of the 78 entrants who completed the mountain circuit test, 61 were in the touring section. Best performance by a modified touring car was that of the SAAB of Bremer/Vainola, who finished in ninth place. Highest-placed G.T. car was the Renault Alpine of Feret/Rambaud which finished in 18th position, one behind Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom (Austin A40), winners of the Coupe des Dames, and highest-placed of the B.M.C.

Rally Wrangling At Monaco

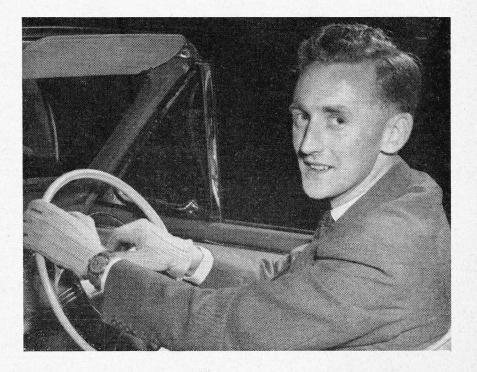
Protest of Marang/Badoche (Citroen) Goes to F.I.A.; Organizational Faults Spoil Otherwise Excellent Event; Eclipse of Grand Touring and Special Series Categories BY GREGOR GRANT

ONCE again an International rally has ONCE again an International rally has finished with protests. For that reason the prize-giving ceremony for the 29th Monte Carlo Rally, at the Palace, was abandoned, disappointing many competitors who had hoped to meet S.R.H. Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco. Only three awards were presented at the rally ball, to Walter Schock and Rolf Moll (Mercedes-Benz 220SE), whose outright victory cannot be affected by the protest, to Artur Keser who accepby the protest, to Artur Keser who accepted the Charles Faroux team trophy on behalf of Mercedes-Benz, and the Coupe des Dames to Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom (Austin A40).

The Parisians Ido Marang and Jaques Badoche (Citroën DS19) were penalized 500 marks at the technical inspection for allegedly removing a seal. They hotly denied having touched the seal, and when the provisional results were published, immediately entered a protest. This was turned down by the organizers, and their next step was to carry their objections to the F.I.A., when the matter will be discussed at the next meeting—a few months ahead.

This concluded a rally in which organizational faults created dissent amongst competitors and press alike. At the conclusion of the road section, the list of the 90 competitors qualifying for the mountain circuit test had to be reissued several times owing to errors. To crown it all, the unfortunate Claude Barbier (Volvo) was omitted from the final list, and there was consternation when, after the cars had already been dispatched, it was discovered that he was unpenalized. The organizers offered him

Peter Riley and Rupert Jones teams. did well to bring their Austin Seven into 23rd place, whilst the Morley brothers were 33rd in their Mini-Minor. Both drivers dispute Peter Jopp's observations in last week's issue that the B.M.C. "babies" were at a disadvantage in deep



BEST-PLACED BRITISH DRIVER was Peter Harper, who drove a Sunbeam Rapier with Raymond Baxter as co-driver—a Rapier being the highest-placed British car for the third year running.

FIRST EXPERIENCE of international rallies was gained by the B.M.C. baby cars. Here Tommy Wisdom and Jack Hay tackle the Col de Turini during the final test.

snow, owing to their small-diameter wheels.

One must commiserate with Anne Hall and Valerie Domleo (Ford Anglia), who arrived at Monaco with a mere 30 penalty points, only to lose a great deal of time in the mountain test with loose wheel-nuts. The perfomance of Graham Hill (Ford) in driving for scores of kilometres before Chambéry without lights or windscreen wipers deserves credit; eventually he had to give up, when weather conditions proved to be too

much for such a handicap.

The Col du Granier proved to be the stiffest obstacle on the Chambéry-Monaco section, and those who took the precaution of fitting chains at Chambéry had the best chance of reaching the Sassenage control on time, without being penalized for exceeding their rally average speed from the secret check to the control. Pat Moss/Ann Wisdom were amongst those who were delayed on the icy slopes, and many others lost time through being obstructed by sta-tionary vehicles. If the rally had been a few hours earlier, no one would have got up at all. George Phillips and the crew of his Hillman Minx took about seven hours to get to the top of the Col de Lachaux and had to purchase a large amount of fencing wire to wrap around their tyres to obtain any traction at all. They were about eight hours ahead of the first competitor, looking for the best possible vantage point for daylight photography.

Peter Harper/Raymond Baxter (Sunbeam) put up a first-class show. Not only were they fourth in the rally, but were highest-placed British car, best from Frankfurt, and class winners. This, of course, depends on the result of the Marang/Badoche protest, for, if allowed, the Citroën would take fourth place and the Citroën would take fourth place and also the class. The Swiss pair, Werner Lier and Heinrich Walter (Sunbeam) were seventh, and Jimmy Ray/Bill Bleakley were 11th, also in a Rapier. Another well-placed Sunbeam was that of Ronnie Adams/Ernie McMillen, in 19th spot. To the Swedes, Backlund/Falk, went the 1,300-2,000 c.c. G.T. class in their Sunbeam Alpine—first appearance of this type in a Continental event.



A very fine performance was that of Mike Sutcliffe/George Crabtree (Ford Zephyr), who took sixth place. This was their first "Monte", and the entry came



THE WINNERS: Walter Schock and Rolf Moll with their Mercedes 220SE.

from victory in the Horsman-Monte Rally, their car being prepared at the

The victorious Mercedes-Benz team used the new SE fuel-injection cars, and

during the road section had Dunloptyres with a sort of Wyresoles construc-tion. For the mountain circuit, Germanmade Dunlop B7 covers were fitted. The suspension was controlled by De Carbon dampers. The reason for their loss of time from Chambéry to Monaco was that chains were not fitted until they dis-covered that the Col du Granier slopes were almost unclimbable.

There was an attempt to persuade people that the entry was mainly a private one, but the fact that the team had spent some two months practising the mountain circuit, with racing manager Karl Kling in charge of operations, made it fairly obvious that Unterturkheim was behind the effort. I suppose Daimler-Benz considers that only participation in an event with signed-up racing drivers qualifies for full works entry! The number of "Les Leston" jackets

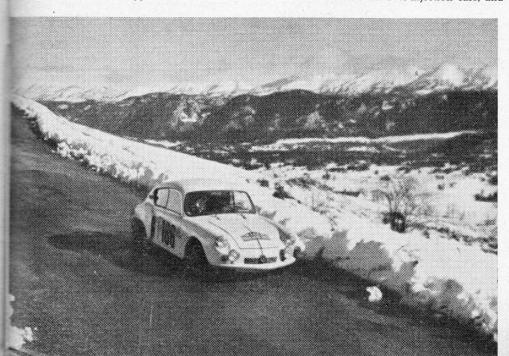
worn by competitors was unbelievable, and many people entertained the populace with the ripping-open stunt. Several of the foreign entrants were also similarly equipped, amongst them being Prince Friedrich-Karl von Preussen, who co-drove in Les Brooke's DKW. Brooke retired due to damaging his steering after hitting a bank on the way to Chambéry. At Frankfurt, Peter Harper had his car broken into, the thieves pinching his radio and also several bottles of Lucozade—the "ambrosia" of rally drivers!

The Webbair flight to Monte Carlo

was very popular with wives, girl-friends and supporters. This was run in addition to the invaluable M.C.R.B.C.C. baggage bus rented from Sheffield United Tours. The club also organized a wellattended champagne party following the conclusion of the mountain circuit test. and Jack Kemsley handed over to a civic official of Fréjus a cheque for £140, collected from members in aid of the disaster fund.

Even when the car was doing a spectacular waltzing act prior to com-

Script writer Ted Willis had a whale of a time as third man in the Philip Fotheringham-Parker/David Humphreys ing to rest against a snow-covered bank, the irrepressible Ted was busy registering his emotions for a coming TV script.



DESCENDING an ice-free slope near Vassieux are Feret and Rambaud in their Renault-based Alpine.



Sidelights On The Monte

Leslie Brooke Fills In The Gaps

It is never easy to describe the aftermath of any motor sporting event—more especially the "Monte", for practically all the time one sees the same faces except on the occasions when an early number comes flashing by at astronomic speeds, the grim expressions of the crews telling of desperate troubles left behind and hopes of making the next control within that precious one hour limit. Then one sees in a town, perhaps, broken glass on the road, a note book—with a gendarme attached to it and a crumpled NSU Prinz, looking at the front for all the world like a Boxer dog—this was near Luxembours. this was near Luxembourg.

The first stages of the 1960 Rally were both cold and irritating with the continual observation of village speed limits and immensely large lorries and immensely large trailers, but as we approached the Massif Central the scene altered to fog and slush-covered roads slashed here and there with melting ice which is much better than a "wakey-wakey" pill—if you happen to be nearly

dropping off.

This year we noticed considerable differences in the attitude of the police in the various departments. Some were most courteous and helpful, whereas some just took no notice even while on point duty: one even went so far as to shake his fist at us. At night they swing shake his list at us. At high they swing torches at cross roads which invite one with equal impartiality to turn left or right—au choix. Also there were occasional Police Jeeps bristling with aerials and containing earnest-looking officers staring at unseen objects inside with such incredible concentration that automatically slowed up by 10

In our particular batch were "the

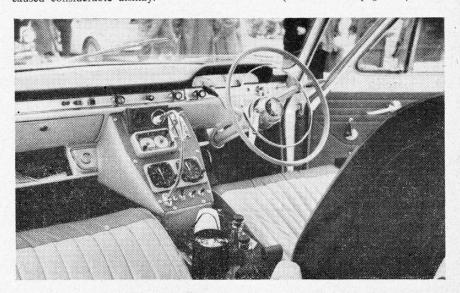
Harper" and "the Baxter" and full marks to "the Baxter"-who usually suffers from that wretched complaint, navigators' sickness on the trickier sections and who, nevertheless, unfailingly turns up at controls pale but smiling. Then comes our Editor with his youthful crew, sometimes having to use all his old force and skill to catch up a few valuable minutes and seconds now and again. Plus a little hopped-up Prinz which is just slow enough to get in the way and just fast enough not to be caught on the twisty sections but when they run into a shallow snowdrift their little wheels come off the ground and they look like turtles trying to swim on dry land. On arrival at the Altier passage control in the middle of the Massif Central several crews who tanked at the only pump there found to their horror that the stuff they had bought was a tractor concoction made from a mixture of petrol, paraffin and water—which caused considerable dismay. WINNER: Premier award in the Concours d'Elegance went to the Vauxhall of Bill Banks and Sam Croft-Pearson.

Controls varied considerably as to efficiency, easily the best being at Blois, run by the A.C. d'Ouest. I imagine that years of running the 24 hours' race has made this sort of thing fairly easy for them. Full marks to the fairly easy for them. Full marks to the Shell Station at Gerardmer where our car was serviced in ten minutes and where we were serviced with coffee (gratis) at the café next door. This was very welcome, for, after a very fast slither down the ice-coated Col de la Slucht just a few kilometres back we really did need some lubrication.

During the special stages the Col de Granier presented difficulties to many of the later crews for the sun had come out and melted the top layers of ice, leaving a very treacherous surface. On top of this there was a very forceful "Gang Warily" sign in the form of a Porsche beautifully balanced on one of the earlier edges overlooking a precipice. The latter stretch of this étage on the way to Sassenage gave one the heavensent opportunity to make up time lost in the black gorge and the Col du Cucheron, and also the chance to go too quickly and lose marks. On this stage one competitor gave his card to the official to clock-in, which he did one minute too early while the enraged crew were trying to find words in French not to do so YET. Nominal charge—600 marks!

After a clear run and on the third special stage our 1960 Monte came abruptly to an end. Brooke, having witnessed a splendid selection of large black dogs which melted into a brick wall when more closely approached, then fell soundly asleep at the wheel and ran into a wall, waking up to see the astonishing sight of a point duty gendarme poised about six feet in the air without any visible means of support. Such is the penalty of trying to do a Monte with only some two hours' sleep. As our car was just sufficiently bent to prevent us continuing we concluded the remainder of the journey in a taxi—an expensive but safe method of transport. It was cold comfort to find that something less than half the field had finished either,

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RALLY LAY-OUT: The cockpit of Edward Harrison's Ford Zephyr which arrived at Monte Carlo without loss of marks. Note the neat additional control panel.

WITH THE SNOW melting under the warm rays of the sun, Phil Walton urges the Jaguar up the Col de Roussett.

The 29th "Monte" will go down in rally history as the first in which a "works" team scooped the pool by taking the first three places in General Classification and the coveted team prize. It is likely to be a long time before a team repeats the Mercedes triumph of 1960. As a rally, it can be summed-up as far superior to the shambles of 1959, but still falling short of the standard of administrative efficiency justifiably expected from an event of such great traditions which attracts such fantastic publicity.

If one accepts the theory of the A.C. de Monaco that a "classic" rally should be won by skill with a stop-watch rather than by skill with a steering-wheel, then the rally was well-planned. Certainly the most objectionable feature of last year, secret checks which were so secret that their whereabouts were not divulged until after the results were posted, was absent; this year crews were stopped at the secret checks and could record their

time of passage.

What was disgraceful was the unsatisfactory method of selecting the 90 crews for the Mountain Circuit, which was really the only part of the 1960 "Monte" which counted. To start with, the list was not produced on schedule, the excuse being the penalties incurred on the section Chambery to Monaco, surely something which should have been foreseen. When it did appear it was obviously inaccurate. Crews were included who were not yet in Monte Carlo, others were given excessive penalties, some were penalized because the officials had not troubled to study their own regulations. A storm of protest was immediately aroused and no fewer than four lists were put up, even the final one being inaccurate. The ethics of consoling with hard cash a competitor missed off the list by the carelessness of officials is questionable; there is no question at all that such things should not be necessary in a classic rally.

The Effect of the Starting Points

One of the unique features of the "Monte" (which many experienced drivers feel makes it such a gamble) is the pattern of routes from numerous starting points filtering into a common route to Monte Carlo. Although the distances on all routes are approximately the same, the difficulties of terrain are far from equal and the variation in weather all over Europe inevitably gives some crews a big advantage. Even on the comparatively short common route the fact that there is some six hours in time between the passage of the first and last cars in the rally caravan means that some crews get better conditions on the passes than others. The only factor which prevents the rally becoming a complete gamble is that the routes are published in good time, so that crews can practise and choose the best starting points, i.e., those giving the easiest run up to the commencement of the common route. (Continued on page 178)

ON THE WAY. Peter Craven, one of AUTOSPORT'S Northern correspondents, gets out of his car at the Barnby Moor Control.

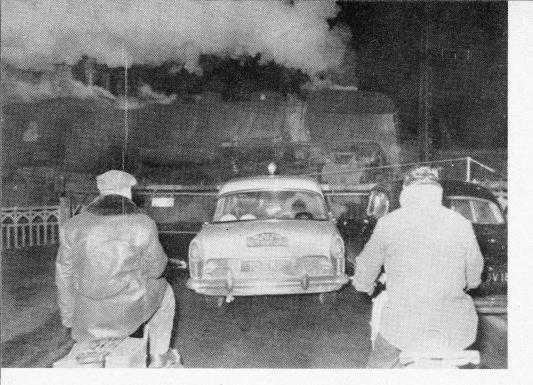


JOHN GOTT'S VIEWS ...

A Summing Up

Starting Point	Entries	Starters	Unpenal- ized at Chambèry	Arrived at Monaco	Unpenal- ized at Monaco	Qualified for Mountain Circuit	RESULTS OBTAINED
Oslo	97	93	31	63	1	45	Coupe des Dames. Four Class Wins.
Glasgow	78	71	4	31	1	9	6th in Gen. Classn.
Paris	50	42	13	22	7	18	8th, 9th and 10th in Gen. Classn. Three Class Wins.
Lisbon	40	36	1	9	-	6	7th in Gen. Classn. Two Class Wins.
Warsaw	29	24	11	16	_	11	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th in Gen. Classn. Team Prize. One Class Win.
Frankfurt	17	14	-	4	_	1	4th in Gen. Classn. One Class Win.
Athens	16	15	1	2		1	
Hague	10	9	1	4	_	1	
Rome	8	7	1	1	_	1	
Totals	345	311	63	152	9	93	





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HOLD-UP (above). M. Sutcliffe and G. Crabtree wait for a train to pass at Bourges. DRINKS FOR THE BOYS (below). Paddy Hopkirk runs out with some Lucozade to the Leston/Jopp Sunbeam on the Col de Lachaux. THE BELL TENT (bottom). The Pitt/Ambrose Mini-Minor corners hard during the tests at Monte. PREPAREDNESS (top centre). The works Mercedes had strong wire grilles over their headlamps.







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KICKING UP THE SNOW (bottom centre). The Morel/Lemerle Volvo hurries over the Col de Lachaux. HURRY UP (above). John Cuff awaits his route card while Hugh O'Connor-Rourke gets ready to move away from the Rousset control. HARD ROUND (below). The Verrier/Umbricht Citroen is seen here during the driving tests at Monaco. PORSCHE ON ICE (bottom). Dooijes and Vaandorp climb the Col de Lachaux.









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Obvious sections to avoid this year were the Auvergne and Massif Central in France, which did not come into the Athens, Oslo and Warsaw routes. It was no accident that 132 of the 314 starters chose one of these starting points. The wisdom of their choice is proved by the fact that 43 of the 63 crews unpenalized at Chambèry and 57 of the 93 crews selected for the Mountain Circuit started in Greece, Norway or Poland.

Only the Glasgow and Lisbon starters had to cope with a section as short and difficult as the 108 km. (66 miles) from Figeac to Mauriac and it was equally no accident that although 103 crews started from these starting points only five were unpenalized at Chambèry and only 15 qualified for the Mountain Circuit.

However, unpredictable weather conditions can upset the best-laid plans. "On paper", Athens was undoubtedly the easiest route, for which reason such experts as Gunnar Andersson (1958 Rally Champion), Thomas/Delliere (second in 1959), Rey/Guilhaudin (winners of the G.T. category in the 1959 Alpine), Mme. de Cortanze-Hustinx (winner of the Coupe des Dames in 1951) and Courtes (seventh and a class winner in 1956) chose it. Not one of them reached Monte Carlo, being beaten by fog, floods and heavy snowfalls.

Chambèry to Monaco—A First Selection

Although details of the common route from Chambèry to Monaco had been published long before the rally, the situation of the controls and the average speed imposed were not made known until the crews arrived at Chambèry. The section was skilfully planned to tax crews to the uttermost and to tempt them to exceed their top average on the straighter roads (far too many did), so that of the 63 crews which left Chambèry with "clean sheets", only nine were at first shown as arriving at Monaco still unpenalized. Over this section luck and the weather evened up the advantage given to the Oslo and Warsaw starters,

THIS PICTURE shows some of the equipment installed in Bill Banks's Concours-winning Vauxhall. The holdall is a Thermos bag which keeps things either hot or cold.

who were now leading the rally. For them the Col du Granier immediately out of Chambèry was near unclimbable at speed. Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom on their A40 had to make three attempts at it whilst Peter Riley's Austin 7 just managed to creep to the top, appallingly late on schedule. Yet drivers of similar cars coming down from Paris some three hours later climbed fast without trouble once the sun had melted the ice. It is significant that no less than seven of the "clean" crews started from Paris, that the first "clean sheet" was that of No. 29, H. Ingier/Hagen (Volvo) (29 minutes after the first car away), and that the others were kept by crews carrying numbers between 214 and 308, i.e., crews starting the section between 3 hours and 34 minutes and 5 hours and 8 minutes after the first crews had left Chambèry.

However, whether favoured by the luck of the draw or no, to retain a "clean sheet" over the Chartreuse and the tricky section after Castellane was a fine effort indeed, and all credit must go to Edward Harrison/Dick Habershon, Denis Scott/John Armstrong (Ford Zephyrs) and

WAIT A MINUTE. Graham Hill (Ford Anglia) awaits permission to leave Barnby Moor. Note the Ford's filthy windscreen!

"Tiny" Lewis/Tony Nash (Herald), the only British crews to manage it.

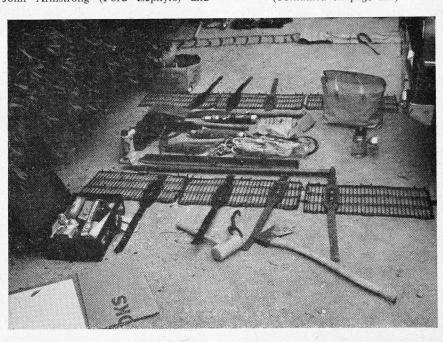
The unfortunate feature of the whole rally was that such fine drives meant so very little in the final results. Far too few people (the "works" teams and particularly the German teams excepted) appreciated that the rally would be decided on a 350-mile regularity test and that results on the run to Monaco meant little, provided one qualified for that test. Thus the publicity rightly given to the fine British efforts on the run to Monaco gave the impression to many people here at home that a British victory was not far off "in the bag"—an unfortunate delusion.

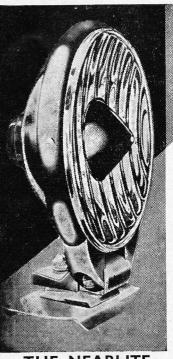
The Mountain Circuit—An Over-Weighted Factor

The A.C. de Monaco at least should have been under no delusions that the Mountain Circuit was six times as important as the run to Monte Carlo, for a minute's timekeeping error on the run in cost only 10 marks as against 60 marks on the Mountain Circuit. A further complication was that the times achieved on the first lap of 175 miles had to be matched on the second circuit, or further penalties were incurred. The practical effect of this was that any error, whether by driver or navigator, or any mechanical failure, entailed so many penalty points that the crew concerned was immediately out of the hunt. This was the fate that befell Anne Hall/Valerie Domleo (wheel coming loose), Greta Molander/Helga Lundberg (took wrong route), Edward Harrison/Dick Habershon (brake trouble) and "Tiny" Lewis/Tony Nash (electrics caught up in loose wire), all very well placed at the start of the Mountain Circuit.

The effect of the Mountain Circuit on the final results (still, incidentally, only provisional, due to a protest) can best be judged by the table on page 180.

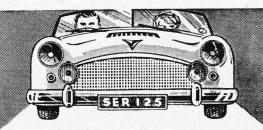
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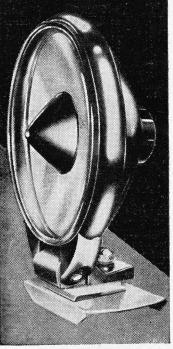
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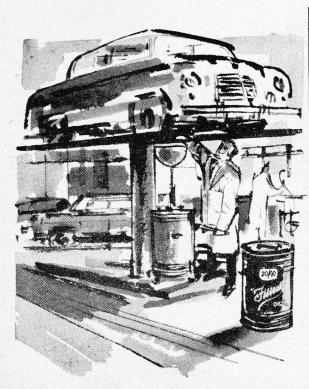
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		General Classifica	tion		
Final	Placing on		Error on run	Error on	Total
Placing	arrival Mon		to Monaco	Mountain Circuit	
1.	20		8 m.	30 s.	110
2.	47		19 m.	1 m. 48 s.	298
3.	33		13 m.	8 m. 40 s.	650
4.	24		9 m.	10 m. 59 s.	749
5.	28		11 m.	10 m. 44 s.	754
6.	46		18 m.	10 m. 35 s.	815
7.	44		16 m.	11 m. 24 s.	844
8.	=1		0 m.	14 m. 23 s.	863
9.	=î		0 m.	14 m, 40 s.	880
10.	=1		0 m.	15 m. 28 s.	928
		Coupe des Dam	es		
17.	66	Pat Moss/Ann Wisdom (Austin A40) .	33 m.	14 m. 32 s.	1,202
36.	11	Anne Hall/Valerie Domleo (Ford Anglia	a) 3 m.	34 m. 31 s.	2,101
38.	31		13 m.	34 m. 14 s.	2,184
16.	61		5 m.	57 m. 55 s.	3,525

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Two things stand out.

Firstly, the comparative unimportance of a good run to Monte Carlo. The winners lost eight minutes on the run in and were only 20th at the start of the Mountain Circuit, where the runners-up were as low as 47th, whilst the highest that a crew unpenalized at Monte Carlo

could finish was eighth.

Secondly, the complete superiority of the Mercedes team in this crucial test. It is true that there was not much snow and ice except on the Col de Turini but the Mercedes 220 is a big, heavy car for twisting, narrow roads, often slippery with gravel. The performance of Walter Schock/Rolf Moll (Rally Champions of 1956), was a tour-de-force of skill and precision, which must receive the highest praise. It is a matter for conjecture whether the Mercedes' superiority would have been so marked had the conditions on the Mountain Circuit been less easyindeed, their loss of marks on the run to Monte Carlo tends to show that the worse the conditions the less their superiority—but the hard fact remains that the Mercedes team concentrated upon the test which really mattered and in that test wiped the floor with the opposition.

It is a matter of opinion whether it is right for one test to carry so much weight, but the A.C. de Monaco have latterly always given over-much weight to final tests, and this year's run round the mountains was at least a really good

test of its sort.

The British Effort

The French, for once, had a poor year, their highest placing being that of Quilico/Michot in eighth place. On the whole, British results were not quite so good as last year, after some high hopes had been raised by the excellent showing of the Ford team on the run to Monaco. In the end, the private Ford Zephyr of Mike Sutcliffe/Crabtree (works prepared, however) finished above all the "works" cars in sixth place—a most meritorious drive.

Sunbeams again provided the highestplaced British car, a much sought after distinction, which this time went to Peter Harper/Raymond Baxter in fourth place. This was a magnificent show by Peter Harper, for poor Raymond had an indifferent rally, first involving the car in an accident and then suffering from nausea on the Mountain Circuit, so that Peter did most of the hard work almost single-handed. This must have pleased him greatly, for this was his first serious competition after his crash in the Coronation Safari, and he was certainly not allotted the best starting place in those chosen by the Sunbeam team.

Pat Moss/Ann Wisdom carried off

their second consecutive Coupe des Dames, and put up a magnificent show Mountain Circuit, considering that their car was running in the Improved Class which meant that they had to maintain a higher average speed than the Mercedes and their other com-

petitors in the Coupe des Dames.

Although not finishing "in the money",
Alick Pitts and Tony Ambrose drove their much-battered Mini-Minor with the utmost determination and courage to the bitter end of the course and of the six "baby" cars entered by the B.M.C., four got on to the Mountain Circuit and all finished, the best-placed being that of Peter Riley/Rupert Jones in 23rd position

All in all, the XXIXth Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo can be written down as a reasonably good event, which might have been really good if more attention had been paid to administrative detail and less weight had been attached to one test of 350 miles in a 2,350-mile rally.

It was obvious that the A.C.

Monaco took last year's criticisms to heart, and it is to be hoped that next year's rally will not embody this year's faults. The "Monte" has too great a place in motor sport to have its tradi-tions spoilt by a series of slipshod events.

FURTHER MONTE RESULTS

Manoeuvrability Test
Dooijles (Porsche), 1 m, 6.36 s.
Poll (Porsche), 1 m, 8.23 s.
Sims (Morgan), 1 m, 9.10 s.
Wilson-Spratt (Sprite), 1 m, 11.41 s.
Bent-Marshall (Riley), 1 m, 11.70 s.
Kuhner (Mercedes-Benz), 1 m, 11.75 s.
Spiuth (Alfa Romeo), 1 m, 12.10 s.
Bootz (DKW), 1 m, 12.45 s.
Walton (Jaguar), 1 m, 12.59 s.

Securitie Routiers 1, Trigg/Miller (Sunbeam); 2, Banks/Croft-Pearson (Vauxhall).

Prix de Confort 1, Banks/Croft-Pearson (Vauxhall); 2, T. C. Harrison/J. Harrison (Ford).

R.A.C. Challenge Trophy Banks/Croft-Pearson (Vauxhall).

]	How the Makes	Fared
Mercedes-Benz	12 starters	7 finishers
Sunbeam	28	15
Ford	40	20
DKW	16	9
Citroën	25	14
Volvo	23	15
SAAB	3	3
Simca	13	7
Austin	17	5
Skoda	9	7
Triumph	13	3 7 5 7 5 2 2 0
Peugeot	7	2
Morris	7	2
NSU	2	0
Lloyd	6	4
Singer	2 6 4 4	1
Vauxhall	4	2
Wolseley	1	1
Morgan	1	1
M.G.	2	1
Volkswagen	2 3	1 1 3
Alfa Romeo	10	3
Panhard		1
Renault	3 5 2 3	1
Renault Alpin	e 2	1
Hillman	3	1

Lotus	1	0
D.B. Panhard	1	0
Fiat	5	3
Borgward	3	1
F.S.O. (Poland)	2	2
BMW	1	1
Opel	1	1
Jaguar	10	4
Riley	7	3
Porsche	8	2
	200	145

Other British Finishers

Other British Finishers

(In addition to General Classification, published last week)

79. Denis Scott/Ken Armstrong (Ford Zephyr), 7,600 pts.

Edward Harrison/Dick Habershon (Ford Zephyr), 7,600 pts.

84. Andrew McCracken/Arlene McCracken (Ford) 7,820 pts.

86. Graham Hill/John Patten (Ford), 7,900 pts.

92. Peter Jopp/Les Leston (Sunbeam), 8,160 pts.

(The following did not compete in the mountains 96. John Sunley/Andrew Pigott (Sunbeam), 8,460 101. Hugh O'Connor-Rourke/W. Cuff (Jaguar), 8,910

109. Peter Bolton/Gordon Shanley (Simca), 8,950 113. Thos, White/Brian McAdam (Simca), 9,000 Alan Fraser/L Shenley-Price (Sunbeam), 9,000 Bill Banks/Sam Croft-Pearson (Vauxhall),

116, Ian Walker/Gerry Burgess (Ford), 9,010 120. Maurice Pickering/Roy Pickering (Sunbeam),

Eric Jackson/Norman Baguley (Ford), 9,090
124. Robert Hooper/Douglas Johns (Sunbeam),
9,160

125. Lyndon Sims/Roger Jones (Morgan), 9,180 127. Robert Crawford/George Brass (Sunbeam), 9,210

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Eric Haddon/Stanley Norman (Jaguar), 9,210
129. Ken Lee/Peter Craven (Riley), 9,230.
130. Frank Ward/Michael Cotton (M.G. Twin-Cam), 9,240
133. C. Bent-Marshall/Robin Richards (Riley),

133. C. Be 9,380

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135. John Kirkham/Roy Gradwell (Ford), 9,490
137. Bob Haddow/Andrew Mowat (Sunbeam), 9,570
139. Dan Margulies/Frank Bigger (Austin), 9,630
141. Phil Walton/Michael Martin (Jaguar), 9,650
144. Edward Gahan/Henry Shillabeer (Wolseley),

9.770

145. James Bullough/Gerald Loniax 9,780
148. D. Wilson-Spratt/Horace Bayliss (Sprite), 10,210
10,210 Miller (Sunbeam), 10,460.

Starting Control Awards

Warsaw: Walter Schock/Rolf Moll (Mercedes-Benz 220SE)
Frankfort: Peter Harper/Raymond Baxter (Sunbeam

Frankfort: Peter Harper/Raymond Baxter (Sunbeam Rapier)
Glasgow: Mike Sutcliffe/George Crabtree (Ford)
Lisbon: Werner Lier/Henriech Walter (Sunbeam)
Paris: Raymond Quilico/Raphael Michot (DKW)*
Oslo: Wolfgang Levy/Linzenburg (DKW)
Athens: Pierre Courtes/Edgar Julien (Citroën)
The Hague: Siegried Eikelmann/Falk (DKW)
Rome: Andre Chardonnet/Jacques Pinier (Citroën).
*Subject to Marang/Badoche protest.

Profile—continued

Championship should, I think, be decided with a free formula, with a careful selection of drivers.

Last year, as well as driving in Rob Walker's équipe, Maurice was in the World Sports Car Championship-winning Aston Martin team. This year he has signed to drive the Formula 1 Aston Martin in company with Roy Salvadori and probably another driver, as yet unnamed. He may also drive a as yet unnamed. He may also drive a DB4 GT in certain Grand Turismo races but nothing has been settled yet. For Formula 2 he has bought a Cooper off Rob Walker and he will race it as a private entrant. He also expects to compete in some sports car races with

So, 1960 looks like being a very busy one for Petoulet. His inclusion in a British Grand Prix team will be very well received over here, and you can be sure that wherever he goes, this charming and brilliant little Frenchman will be delighting crowds by his superb driving and warm personality. Long may he continue to do so!

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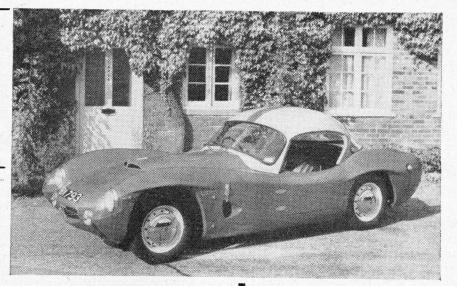


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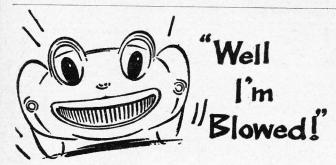
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Club News

By MICHAEL DURNIN

THIS week's issue starts off with a small complaint from us to you: and it concerns the response we show to events you are running. The point at issue is this. Several times, particularly in recent months when the weather has, perhaps, been a little inclement, we of AUTOSPORT have arranged to cover an event which has been publicized, and when we arrived we have found that it has been cancelled.

Maybe this sounds like a small point to you, but just consider for a moment what is involved. Covering an event so far as we are concerned means that the matter has to be arranged with the production staff, so that they may allow for the space it will occupy, with photographers, who must allow time in their own crowded schedules, and with writers, to whom the thing has the same importance as for the men with the cameras. Cancellations are sometimes necessary, we know, and when we are informed we make allowances and rearrange our schedules. But when no one bothers to tell us it means that the production people are left with a couple of pages they must fill with something which, for a variety of reasons, may not be properly ready for publication; photographers and writers have wasted time and money and, in addition, it may mean that another club whose event could otherwise have been covered may suffer.

You all know our address and telephone number: it is clearly printed in the front of the magazine; those of you who are in the north are similarly knowledgeable, for the most part, about Francis Penn's address—we publish it from time to time in Club News anyway. So just let us know—PLEASE!

Now then, having got that off our chests, let's get on with the news. Starting, as it were, with the "A's", the Anglia and Prefect O.C. holds its annual Acquarius Rally on 20th February. Invited clubs are Bucks Constabulary M.C., B.A.R.C., London M.C., Singer O.C., Chess Valley M.C., Marconi A.C., Sporting O.D.C., Chiltern C.C., N.L.E.C.C., V.W.O.C., and secretary of the meeting is G. Hayes, 18 Farm Way, Northwood, Middlesex. Closing date for entries is 10th February. The Anglia and Prefect O.C. has its annual dinner, by the way, on 4th March, and its annual general meeting and a film show on 23rd March.

The second Coventry Clubs' joint promotion of 1960 takes place on 20th 21st February. and regulations and entry forms are available from G. Robson, 54 Warwick Avenue, Coventry... Circle C.C.'s "Herts Half-night rally" takes place on 20th February, regulations being available from A. C. Lorkin, 9 Linksway, Northwood, Middlesex. ... Lothian C.C. (Edinburgh) holds a driving test meeting on 7th February at Riccarton Estate, Midlothian. ... B.A.R.C. Yorkshire Centre's All Fools' Rally takes place on 26th-27th March—that being reasonably near All Fools' Day—and eligible clubs are Airedale and Pennine M.C., C.U.M.C., East Yorkshire C.C., Ilkley and D.M.C., Y.S.C.C., B.R.S.C.C.,



WHEELS at odd angles and going at full bore, T. L. Wood sets his Messerschmitt at the last hill on the M.G.C.C.'s Salisbury Trial.

De Lacy M.C. of Pontefract, Knowldale C.C., Huddersfield M.C. and Rotherham and D.M.C. Secretary is P. Scott, 75 Low Road, Leeds 10. . . . Sussex C.C. hold a restricted rally on 13th-14th February, for which all member clubs of the Central Southern Association are eligible. Secretary of the meeting is L. V. Cruttenden, 283 Dyke Road, Hove 4, Sussex. . . . West Hants

Coming Attractions

6th February. Forces M.C. Jack Frost Rally. Start, Chelsfield, Kent, at 5 p.m.

6th-7th February. Thames Estuary A.C. National Cat's Eyes' Rally. 7th February. Hagley and D.L.C.C.

7th February. Hagley and D.L.C.C.
Clee Hill Trial.
Seven-Fifty M.C. Walsingham Cup
Trial, Brands Hatch. Start,
10 a.m.

13th-14th February. Sporting Owner D.C. Rallye Dubonnet. Start, 8 p.m. from The Square, Dunstable.

14th February. Mid-Surrey A.C. and East Surrey M.C. Joint Sprint Meeting, Brands Hatch, near Farningham, Kent.

North Midland M.C. Kitching Trophy Trial. Start, Ladybower Inn, Ashopton, near Sheffield, 10.30 a.m.

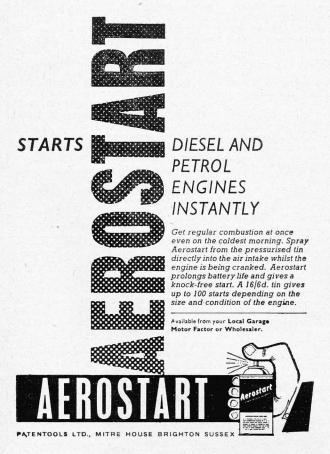
20th-21st February. R.M.C.S.M.S.C. Rallye Militaire. Start, Shrivenham, 7.30 p.m. 19th-20th March. Burnham-on-Sea

19th-20th March. Burnham-on-Sea M.C. Wessex Rally. Start, Huntworth Gate Garage, Bridgwater, at 10.30 p.m.

and Dorset C.C.'s closed Moonfleet Rally takes place on 13th-14th February, full details being obtainable from R. A. W. Binney, 71 Richmond Park Avenue, Bournemouth. . . Sunbac's Colmore Trophy trial—and we would remind competitors that this is a Saturday trial—takes place on 5th March, starting from Broadway, Worcs, at 10 a.m. Invited clubs are Bristol M.C. and L.C.C.,

London M.C., N.M.M.C., Hagley and D.L.C.C., Leicestershire C.C., Shenstone and D.C.C., Lancs and Cheshire C.C., Maidstone and Mid-Kent M.C., Y.S.C.C. and West Hants and Dorset C.C. Entries close on 25th February and secretary of the trial is J. D. Woodhouse, 106 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield. . . . Fiat 500/600 Club holds its annual general meeting at the Red Cow, Hammersmith, on 27th February at 7.15 p.m. . . . Y.S.C.C. holds its closed "White Rose" sporting trial on its closed "White Rose" sporting trial on 28th February starting from the Howley Hall Golf Club, Scotchman Lane, Morley, near Leeds, at 11 a.m. Secretary is R. J. Wilson, "Woodlands", Gildersome, near Leeds, and entries close on 22nd February. . . Pembrokeshire M.C. hold their annual Lydstep hill-climb on 2nd April, with classes for racing, sports and saloon cars. . . The date of the Wirral Hundred M.C. Rhydywmyn Sprint Trials has been changed from 2nd April to 26th March. Details from T. Woodworth, 62 Hawthorn Road, Little Sutton, Wirral, Cheshire. . . The Sporting Owner D.C. will hold their third Rallye Dubonnet (a Silver Star event) on 13th-Dubonnet (a Silver Star event) on 13th-14th February. Start of this 300-mile restricted event will be from The Square, restricted event will be from The Square, Dunstable, at 8 p.m. and invited clubs are: B.A.R.C., Harrow C.C., Bedford M.C., Bedford A.E.C., M.G.C.C. (South-Eastern), Mascot M.S.C., North London E.C.C., Falcon M.C., Oxford U.M.D.C. and Healey D.C. The entry list is now open and secretary of the event, Michael Brettell c/o Luton Commercial Motors. Brettell, c/o Luton Commercial Motors, Ltd., The Square, Dunstable, Beds, must have all entries by 8th February. . . . Entries for the Royal Military College of Science M.S.C. Rallye Militaire close on 9th February but late entries (at an additional £1 entry fee) will be accepted until 16th February by the secretary of the meeting, Brian Falvey, Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, Wilts. . Burnham-on-Sea M.C.'s fifth annual Wessex Rally will take place on 19th-20th March, starting from Huntworth Gate Garage, Bridgwater, at approxi-

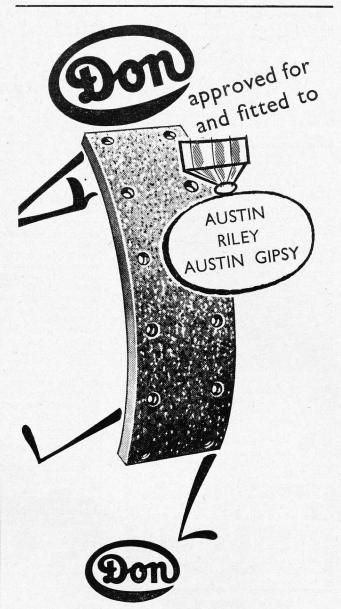
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mately 10.30 p.m. Clubs invited to enter this 220-mile event are members of the South-Western Association of Motor Regs. are available from Mrs. Clubs. Marjorie Buncombe, 2 Grove Road, Burnham-on-Sea, who must have all entries by 15th March. . . Mid-Surrey A.C. and East Surrey M.C. are holding a jointly promoted driving test meeting at Banstead on 14th February. Secretary of this closed meeting is P. D. Benwell, 6 Beverley Road, Hampton Wick, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey. . . The Austin S. and S.C.C. have elected George ("Doc") Shepherd club president for 1960. Membership is open to all Austin owners and details are available from the secretary, A.S. and S.C.C., 3 Stoneleigh Crescent, Epsom, Surrey, . . . Surrey Sporting M.C. will have their eighth annual sprint meeting at Brands Hatch on 28th February. There will be classes for 750 and 1172 formula cars, open and closed cars, racing cars and for pre-1940 sports cars. Invited clubs are: B.A.R.C., B.R.S.C.C., London M.C., 750 M.C., Mid-Surrey A.C., Club Lotus, Jaguar D.C., East Surrey M.C., Guildford M.C. and Vickers M.C. Secretary of the meeting is D. H. Barrett, 1 Ladbroke Road, ng is D. H. Barrett, I Ladbroke Road, Redhill, Surrey. . . A closed one day reliability trial will be held by the London M.C. on 21st February. Start of this event, the Coventry Cup Trial, will be from the Cunning Man Inn, Burghfield, at 10.30 a.m. Entries close 15th February. ary and secretary of the event is Mrs. Anthea Scott-Job, 26 St. James Mansions, West End Lane, London, N.W.6. . . . Farnborough District M.C. will be dining, wining and dancing at the Queens Hotel, Farnborough, Hants, on 12th February. The year's awards are being presented during the evening. . . Tickets are now available (double, 1 gn.; single, 12s. 6d.) for the **O.R.M.A.** annual data which will be held in the Paviours. dance, which will be held in the Paviours Arms, Page Street, London, S.W.1, on 26th February. Tickets are limited and early application—to Mrs. Molly Wheeler, O.R.M.A., Kent House, Market Place, Oxford Circus, London, W.1—is to be recommended.

> B.A.R.C. (Surrey Group) Signpost Rally

FIFTY-SIX crews sighed with relief when the snow thawed recently but sighed again when the gales and rain started. It was "back to school" for competitors who soon saw why they had been advised to bring a pair of compasses which proved invaluable in sorting out the sticky navigational problems of

section one which started from Sandford's Garage at Leatherhead at 7 p.m. Supper stop at the Blue Pencil at Crawley saw half the field outside the time limit and quotable quotes were "What Sign-posts" and "All the ones I saw hadn't any mileage".

Having worked out the secret in plotting, the survivors tackled the second

section.

Outright Winners: White/Machin (Zephyr I).
Runners-Up: Scers/Boyce (Sprite). First-Class
Awards: Marriott/Tobbitt (Magnette); Symonds/
Tribe (Riley 1.5). Novices Award: Davidson/
Sheppard (Austin-Healey).

SEVENOAKS AND DISTRICT M.C. Fleabite Rally

WITH 34 entries this closed event was the first of the season and was organized by Hilary Bacon and Grahame White. The course was about 63 miles over mostly minor roads, starting at the Grasshopper Inn, Westerham, and finishing at the Country Club, West Kingsdown, just over two hours later. The course was divided into five sections. The first section was 18 miles in length with only two control points defined by straightforward map references with information to collect, the end of which brought competitors down to a control about a mile from Cowden.

Section number two was as per Tulip Rally in the way of marked arrows for direction with information to be found, the map reference of which to be put in the competitors road book. Quite a lot of snow with deep drifts was encountered during this part of the rally, particularly just before control No. 3 which made the 30 m.p.h. average difficult to main-

Section three which took the rally cars from south of Leigh to Knole Park, Sevenoaks, via Fletching Green and Underriver was an any order map reference with three manned controls to be visited at stated times. The winning car managed to average 90 miles per hour between two controls, doing 1½ miles in one minute. Quite how he did it is a little baffling. Many people lost most of their marks at this stage.

Section four was a T.L. T.R. route

with one secret check point—by this time conditions were getting slowly worse, having had more snow, and the road up through Ightham and Seal Chart to Kemsing was mostly very slippery slush and patches of ice. Every entry up to

this point lost time en route.

From then on to the east section No. 5 which was again map reference with information to collect date of road acts on sign, etc., which went through Heaverham and Ash and back again to Kingsdown to the finish.

First car to finish was the ultimate winner, a V.W. driven by Stephen Clipston and navigated by Tom Godfrey who both put up a wonderful performance under extreme weather conditions -a fitting reward to Stephen Clipston who was entering his brand new V.W. in its first rally. A very good performance was also put up by 20-year-old Russell Prescott with his navigator R. A. Black who were entering in only their fifth rally with Prescott's new Hillman Minx—they finished fifth over all and won the Novices Award easily.

Results

Outright Winner: S. P. Clipston/M. T. Godfrey (V.W.), First Expert: M. Reeves/R. J. Chorley (Austin-Healey 100/6), First Novice: C. R. Prescott/R. A. Black (Hillman Minx), First Beginner: S. Macadie/D. C. Milton (Jaguar 2.4).

NORTH WALES C.C. NIGHT RALLY

ORGANIZED by Basil Jones, the N.W.C.C. Night Rally of approximately 75 miles in the Conway Valley area, took place on Saturday, 23rd January. The rally started and finished at the Fountain Garage, Mochdre. There were 12 controls and the routes between controls were handed to the navigators at the start of each section, so the working out of map references quickly caused many headaches and resulted in there being no clean sheets.

Refreshments were served at the finish and the following results were worked

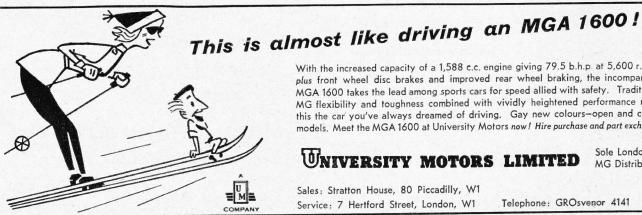
Results

1, G. F. Flint/G. K. Jackson (Sprite); joint 2, M. J. Day/I. Forfar (Ford) and W. T. Meredith/ J. Meredith (Austin); 4, D. Masters/E. Vernon (Hillman).

Leslie Brooke-continued

but I think that the weather conditions this year may be said to have offered the finest "Monte weather" for quite a long time, for it caught both the unwary and wary alike. It was nice to notice one little incident when one of "our batch" fell into a snow ditch and some 15 competitors, representing six nations, stopped to help. Ward's M.G.A stopped so suddenly that he went into the ditch opposite and had to be helped out first. As this all happened on a tight section it certainly goes to show that noblesse oblige is still with us.

On the way home, a final incident made us smile when a petrol pump attendant on the outskirts of Zürich quite seriously enquired if the Monte Carlo Rally was a Stock Car Race—but then the Swiss were never really and wholeheartedly interested in motor sport.



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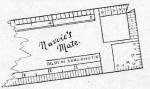
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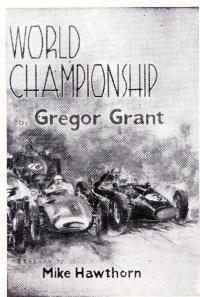
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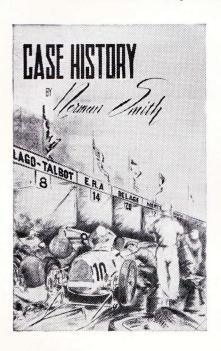


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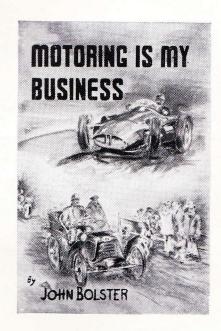
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