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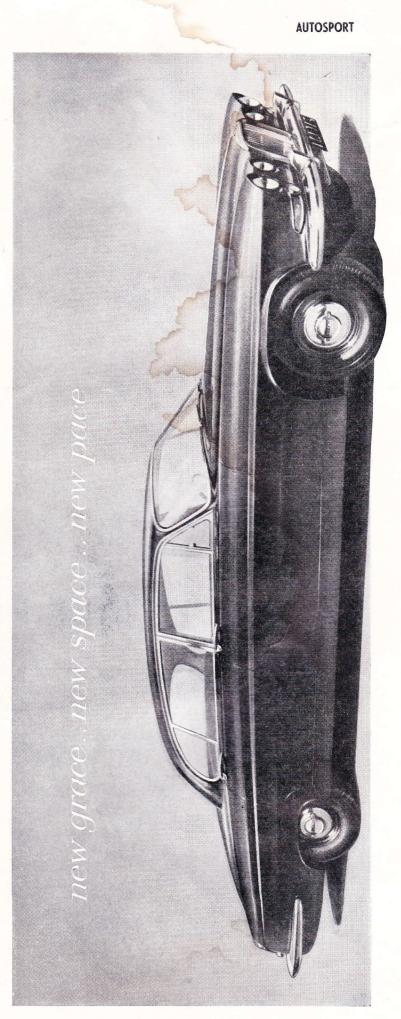


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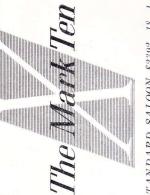


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#### EDITORIAL

#### A SUCCESSFUL ASSOCIATION ENDS

 $\mathbf{F}_{\text{Climax}}^{\text{OR many years the names Jack Brabham and Cooper-Climax have been synonymous. It seems just$ yesterday when the World Champion-to-be appeared in the 1955 British Grand Prix at Aintree, with his muchmodified Cooper sports-racing car, in which a Bristol engine was installed. That effort began an association with John and Charles Cooper which lasted till this year, bringing the Surbiton concern Formula 1 and 2 Constructors' Championships, and to Brabham the Drivers' Championship of the World in 1959 and 1960. The Australian had all the backing he required, both from Coopers and Coventry Climax, and there is little doubt that the arrangement was a profitable one for all concerned. Now Jack Brabham is on his own, with the formation of the Brabham Racing Organization, and the intention to build and race Formula 1 cars in competition with Cooper, Lotus, B.R.M. and, of course, Lola. No doubt Brabham has given careful consideration to this step and to the tremendous problems connected with building Grand Prix cars to challenge established marques. His experience will naturally be of untold assistance to his new venture and his name on the programme will be a sure draw to race promoters. Nevertheless, it is a bold undertaking, and the likeable Australian will require all the luck in the world if the enterprise is to be as successful as was his association with Coopers. AUTOSPORT wishes him and his associates all possible success for the future.

#### BRITISH CARS IN U.S.A.

This magazine has received a long letter from a sports car enthusiast living in Kansas City who owns a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ litre two-seater, a 2-litre G.T. car and a six-cylinder 2-o.h.c. saloon bearing an honoured name. In this letter he states that he has decided finally to sell his cars and to invest in American made products. His grumble is that the cars spend more time in his garage awaiting spare parts than they do on the road. He accuses British manufacturers of complete apathy as regards spares and service in his particular area and of disregard for a real after-sales service. This is one of many similar letters received in recent months, and it is perfectly obvious that, in order to sustain and to increase sales of British sports cars overseas, something will have to be done to ensure that distributors and dealers are making every effort to look after their customers. The position is not so bad, apparently, in the New York and Los Angeles areas, but in the West and the Middle-West, the spare parts situation is most acute. One plea is for the British industry to send out go-ahead representatives.

#### OUR COVER PICTURE

THE "BRIGHTON RUN"-annual November pilgrimage for the veteran car enthusiasts. Entering the Mall, against a Buckingham Palace background, is the 1900 Daimler 6 h.p. Tonneau of A. C. and H. S. Simons, leading the 1900 Benz 10 h.p. Dogcart of N. R. Cole and Mrs. P. Kendall-Torry.

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THAT unwieldy title, "Monte Carlo Rally British Competitors' Club", has gone. New title of that very useful organization is the British International Rallies Club.

DENNIS and Heather Herrick and Sandra return sincere thanks to their friends in the "Trade" and motor sport for their kind expressions of sympathy shown to them in the recent loss of their daughter Susan.

#### **B.A.R.C. DINNER-DANCE**

1,000 members and guests OVER crowded the Grand Ballroom at Grosvenor House for the annual dinner-dance of the B.A.R.C. The president, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, was in the chair, and during his ever-witty speech announced that the club would be organizing no fewer than 19 race meetings during 1962, including international events such as the British Grand Prix and the "200" at Aintree, and the Tourist Trophy at Goodwood. His Grace also announced that the membership of the B.A.R.C. now exceeded 16,000. Stirling Moss was presented with the B.A.R.C. Gold Medal, for his outstanding drives at Monaco and at Nürburgring. Mr. D. M. Glover replied on behalf of the guests.

Amongst racing drivers present were Stirling Moss, Jack Brabham, a kilted Jim Clark, John Surtees, Jack Lewis, Bob Staples, Albert Zains, Bill McCowen, Andrew Hedges, as well as Reg Parnell, Fabian and William Samengo-Turner, John Cooper, Sydney Allard, Colin Chap-man, Mike Costin, Tom Wisdom, Rex Foster, Peter Dimmock, Raymond Bax-ter, A. K. Stevenson and other notabili-

ter, A. K. Stevenson and other notabili-ties in the motor sporting world. Those who played hosts at tables were C. J. Rainer, J. I. Payne, S. M. Lawry, D. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bolton, S. L. Wallace, J. N. Sutton, Stan Norman and Eric Haddon, W. F. Benison, K. N. Atkins, D. A. Rawlins, R. T. Scott, John Morgan, C. C. Williams, F. Defty, L. H. Fowler, A. C. Dence, Mrs. Margaret Lewis-Evans, H. Wilton-all staunch supporters of the B.A.R.C. After dinner a cabaret featured the

After dinner a cabaret featured the John Tiller girls, comedian Arthur Haynes, the Baranton girls with their incredible balancing act, and the immensely popular Temperance Seven.

#### (Pictures on page 649)

ACK BRABHAM, World Champion, 1959 and 1960, has severed his connection with the Cooper Car Co., Ltd., and has formed the Brabham Racing Organiza-tion, with headquarters at 248 Hook Road, Chessington, Surrey. It is the intention to construct and race Formula 1 cars, incorporating many of the features of the experimental Formula Junior M.R.D.-Ford, driven late this season by fellow Australian Gavin Yuell.

So far, Brabham has made no definite plans as to which engines he will use in the Grand Prix cars, but it is almost cer-tain that a V-8 will be installed. Jack will drive in the 1962 World Championship series, beginning with the Dutch Grand Prix at Zandvoort next May. He also hopes to enter other F1 events, including Brussels and Pau amongst the non-Championship events.

Brabham's place as Number One in the Cooper-Climax team will be taken by Bruce McLaren, and the second member will be Jack Lewis.

#### PIT and PADD

LORRAINE ENGINEERING, of Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, have been appointed distributors for Downton speed and tuning equipment.

#### SURTEES AND YEOMAN CREDIT

DESPITE rumours and counter-rumours, John Surtees has signed up with the Yeoman Credit Racing Team for 1962. Should plans come to fruition, Yeoman will virtually become a "works" team for the new F1 Lola, on which designer Eric Broadley is at present working. Surtees has made many technical suggestions for this car, which is being con-structed to take a V-8 power-unit behind the driver.

#### **MODIFIED RENAULT**

WE recently tested a Renault Dauphine (three-speed box) which had been d with a Volcan manifold; these fitted manifolds are manufactured by REM of Paris who have appointed Brit-Over, from whom we obtained the car, as their sole concessionaires. A similar type of manifold is also available for the Renault Floride and Peugeot 403.

This simple conversion showed a marked improvement in acceleration, increasing the maximum speed by 5 m.p.h., and cutting the 0-60 m.p.h. by nearly three secs. The car tested was fitted with a single carb., but twin carb. manifolds are also available from Brit-Over and are said to increase further the performance. Cost of the single carb. manifold and exhaust branch is £13.

Acceleration :	Dauphine	Modified
0-30 m.p.h.	5.2 secs.	5.0 secs.
0-40 m.p.h		9.2 secs.

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0-50 m.p.h.	15.4 secs.	14.6 secs.
0-60 m.p.h.	28.4 secs.	25.5 secs.
Maximum speed	71 m.p.h.	76.3 m.p.h.
Standing <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> mile	24.2 secs.	22.5 secs.
Consumption	40 m.p.g.	38 m.p.g.

Speeds in the gears:

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1st	25 m.p.h.	27 m.p.h.
2nd	48 m.p.h.	50.8 m.p.h.

Shown recently at the Shell-Mex/B.P. film show at Shell-Mex House, was "The Golden Age", a superb documen-tary of motor racing in the 1920s. Directed by Bill Mason, it is packed with exciting incidents, recalling that period when drivers had to be tough. Brooklands, Le Mans, Newtownards, Mont-lhéry-all find their place in this wonderfully edited film.

Out of the past came such great figures as Sir Henry Segrave, Sir Malcolm Camp-bell, Tazio Nuvolari, Glen Kidston, Woolf Barnato, Tim Birkin, Caracciola, Neubauer, Varzi, Tim Rose-Richards, the older Ascari, Enzo Ferrari and dozens of others. Cars such as Delage, Bentley, Mercedes, Lorraine-Dietrich, Amilcar, Salmson, Aston Martin, Talbot-Darracq, Sunbeam, Aries, Austro-Daimler, and so on, revive nostalgic memories amongst those who recall that age of dust and

"The Golden Age" is a must for club showing during the winter months—and ought to go on the circuits as well!

#### THE ARMY DRIVING **CHAMPIONSHIPS**, 1961

RUN as a team event and held during the week of 14th to 20th October, and run under R.A.C. rules and "watched" over by Jack Kemsley and Basil Tye, some 180 vehicles, of which 120 were tonners and 60 three-tonners.

Each vehicle had a crew of three, i.e., nine men to a three-vehicle team, the nominated driver, who must be the conductor during all tests, being either a lance-corporal or a private.

Starting from Colchester, Aldershot, Yeovil, Chester and Catterick, equidistant routes of some 250 miles led competitors to Proteus Camp, near Ollerton, where the first series of tests took place.

Thenceforth the quarter-tonners and the three-tonners separated to different routes but visiting the same checkpoints, namely, Bordon, for night tests and crosscountry driving, Halton, Warcop, arriv-ing at Catterick on the 19th to complete a 1,000-mile journey. Here a day's cross-country over the tank testing ground, well known to many mud-plug-gers and once the scene of the R.A.C. Trials Championship, sorted them out well and truly! Next day driving tests on one of the huge squares completed the course. FRANCIS PENN.

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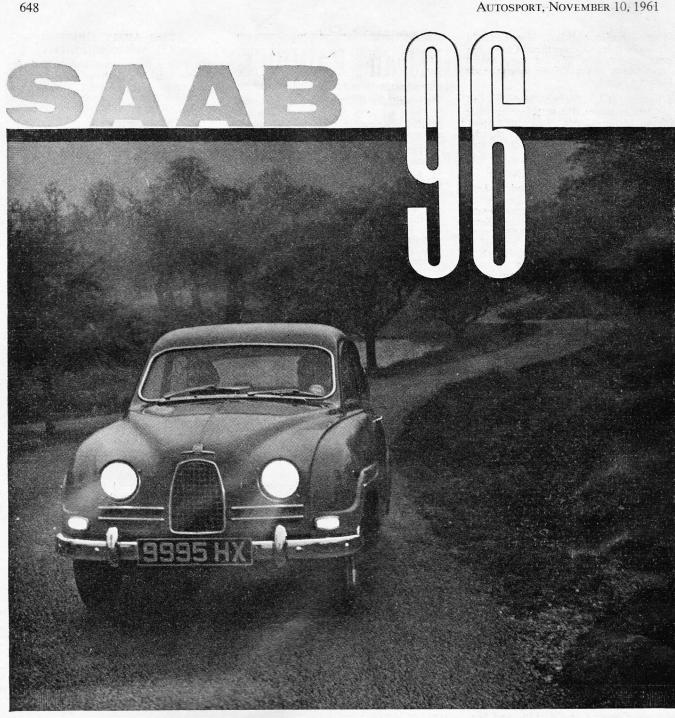
£7 5s. ex works.

MAURICE TRINTIGNANT is to drive a Ford Anglia in the Monte Carlo Ford Angina in the Monte Carlo Rally. Last week he spent a day at the Ford Motor Company's Rally Depart-ment examining one of the cars pre-pared for the R.A.C. Rally.

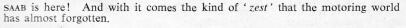
A NEW award, for the navigator of the winning car in the R.A.C. Rally, has been presented by Optrex, Ltd. This award is, of course, long overdue, as the large part played by the navigators has historic part of the president of the has hitherto been sadly neglected in the R.A.C. Rally and it is particularly apt that it should come from a company whose products are ideal for soothing eyes tired by hours of peering at maps.

#### THE CORSICAN RALLY

THE foulest weather greeted the 80 entrants in last week-end's Corsican Rally, high-speed averages being re-quired in floods, hail and blinding snow. Winner of the event was the Citroën of Trautmann/Ogier, with another Citroën, that of Bianchi/Harris, second, and a DKW (winner of its class) third. Eighth overall, and second to the DKW in its class, was the ex-Christabel Carlisle Austin Seven, driven by Warwick Banks and J. Handley-a splendid achievement. The real honours for the small British contingent, however, went to Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom, who won the sports car category with their Austin-Healey 3000, and were runners-up for the Coupe des Dames to Claudine Vanson (Citroën).



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MAN OF THE MOMENT: Stirling Moss receives the B.A.R.C. Gold Medal from the Duke of Richmond and Gordon.



YORKSHIRE CENTRE: Mike Wilson (chairman) with member Dick Holroyd and Centre secretary Harry Mason.

B.A.R.C. Dinner-Dance

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GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS: Left to right are David Benson (Today), Dick Jeffery, of Dunlops, Mrs. Pat Garnier, Peter Garnier (The Autocar), Mrs. Vallery Turner and Phillip Turner (The Motor).



ENGAGEMENT of John Surtees was announced during the evening. With him are Betty Parnell, his fiancée Miss Pat Burke (second from left), and Mr. and Mrs. Samengo-Turner.



THE DERBY CONTINGENT: John Dalton, Sally Stokes, Joe Waldron, Mrs. Wilson-Gunn and Andrew Wilson-Gunn with (seated) Mrs. Waldron.

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World Champion Driver-Phil Hill

#### 1961

Formula One Manufacturers' Championship-Ferrari

#### 1961 International Constructors' Championship for Sports Cars*-Ferrari*



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WINNING WAYS: Peter Highwood concentrates hard as he negotiates the leaf-mould on one of the later hills; running well to the end of the field he made nonsense of suggestions that this was an "early number" event.

THE Shenstone & District Car Club's Chase Trophy Trial was well up to the standard we begin to expect from this Midland club. Organization was good and the marking on the hills excellent leaving competitors in no doubt as to points scored and the course to be followed. The winner of the Chase Trophy was Peter Highwood, who lost only 67 points in the morning, with cleans on six hills, his total losses, including the afternoon sections, being 105 points. "Lol" Hurt also lost the same number of points but the award went to Peter on the tie decider, the "wall-ofdeath" bowl.

There were 17 sections in the morning and these were altered slightly in the afternoon while sections 5 and 9 were left out. Section 12, not used in the morning, was included after lunch. The



### **Highwood Wins "The Chase"**

Shenstone & D.C.C. Championship Qualifier



cars ran in numerical order and this order did not change in the afternoon; but as a high number (47) won no one could say it was a "low numbers" trial.

Hill No. 1 started with an adversecamber grass slope which was gentle at first but got steeper towards the top, and had several steps which, mudded and rutted as they were, proved the "Waterloo" of all but the most skilled. Norman Overton and W. R. Warr, early numbers, made the best climbs, with Rex Chappell, a late number, also making a good ascent. This section was altered in the afternoon and made considerably easier and several competitors got cleans, including David Render and Peter Highwood.

Norman Overton, after his excellent first hill attempt, was unlucky enough to break his "diff" on the second hill. This hill had a difficult step at its base and was very greasy with a difficult swerve half way up, and another nasty step at the top. This did prove easier for the early birds but Peter Highwood also did well. The second attempt *après midi* proved to be just as difficult for all; however, Charles Pollard and "Lol" Hurt were both clean. ENERGY:Gordon and Vera Holdrup work hard, but in vain, to defeat lack of grip on the "pendulum" hill.

The third hill was a very difficult climb, being an extremely muddy short section all on adverse camber. No one did well on this section as it proved too difficult. Hill 4 saw good performances from Peter Highwood, "Lol" Hurt and Gordon Holdrup, but it was made considerably easier for the afternoon attempt, and although no one was clean the majority made much better climbs.

Hill 5 proved much more slippy for the late starters, with the exception of Rex Chappell who got to "five", and the organizers decided to scrap this hill after lunch. The next hill proved to be another extremely difficult one, Frank Lewis getting to "six" and making the best ascent. The second run proved nearly as difficult although John Harrison somehow managed a clean, the next best being Malcolm Eaves with a "four".

Last year the club decided to run a "wall of death" in a bomb crater and as it was such a success (for spectators anyway!) they put it in this year, to the general delight of the onlookers. Competitors had to do a timed standing lap and one and a half flying laps, and this was to be a tie decider. As reported, it was here that Peter Highwood won from "Lol" Hurt. Fastest times of the day came from J. N. Rhodes, with 21.2 secs., and from Charles Pollard, with 21.4 secs. Eric Jackson and John Harrison might have made better times if they hadn't savagely attacked the AUTOSPORT representatives who were spectating at the top of the bow!!

First attempts at hill 8 showed it to be a little too difficult, with Warr and Ken Lindsay being the only ones clean. In the second runs, with several modifications, there were no fewer than eight people clean. The ninth hill was a down hill loop which came back on itself to form a circle and could be taken either way. Many competitors went straight on, brakes locked, towards the cattle grazing in the distance, as the surface was extremely treacherous. As no one succeeded in completing the loop, this section was dropped for the afternoon. The next hill was a straight blind up a long, slippery slope and the throttlehappy seemed to score well. "Lol" Hurt and Peter Brothers were best in the morning whilst Edward Harrison was best in the second attempt.

Most of the first 10 sections had all been on grass or mud, but the rest of the sections were on a fairly heavy wooded slope which was covered in leaves and proved to be reasonably dry once the top soil had been removed by frantic wheelspin.

The 11th hill proved hard in the morning but by afternoon had settled down nicely, and first man up, Malcolm Eaves, set the fashion after a very polished run to record a clean. Also to attain the top were John Deeley, "Lol" Hurt, Eric Jackson and Frank Lewis, but not Mr. Highwood, who was caught by the nasty step at the top. Section 12 was left out in the morning, and saw G. Hobson start a series of cleans, for he was clean on the next six hills; obviously he pre-ferred the wooded slopes to the grass. The 13th section was not unlucky for the majority, who soared up through the trees to record cleans, if not in the morning, then on their second runs. The next hill had a difficult step at its base, which caught out the unwary, but once past this it was a "cake walk"; the same could be said of hill 15. The wooded sections were proving a little easy, and "Lol" Hurt, John Harrison, Frank Lewis, Bill Bodenham, Bernard Dees and Peter Highwood were all making light work of it.

#### PATRICK MCNALLY. Results

Chase Trophy (Best Performance): P. F. Highwood (Canhi). Rugeley Bowl (Best Shenstone Entrant): J. Deeley (Oliver). Committee Cup (Most Improved Performance): W. G. Warr (Warr III). Pint Tankards: L. Hurt (Ford); J. F. Harrison (Harford); R. Chappell (Cannon); E. Jackson (Cannon); F. T. Lewis (Cannon).

# NEXT WEEK-THE R.A.C. RALLY

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#### WHERE TO SEE THEM - AND WHEN

R.A.C. INTERNATIONAL RALLY ROUTE (Excluding Secret "Special Stages")

Main Controls	Total Distance (Miles)	First Car	Date
Blackpool (Middle Walk)	0	18.00	Monday, 13th November
Brough	155	23.24	
Crook	326	05.08	Tuesday, 14th November
Drymen	402	07.47	,, ,,
Inveraray	459	09.39	
Fort Augustus	587	14.55	
Inverness	694	18.32	,, ,,
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Inverness	0	10.00	Wednesday, 15th November
Spital of Glenshee Hotel	139	14.38	,, ,,
St. Fillans	231	17.43	,, ,,
Crook	326	20.53	,, ,, ,,
Brough	456	01.15	Thursday, 16th November
Scarborough	615	07.00	., ,,
Mallory Park	808	14.27	
Oulton Park	897	18,25	., ,,
Eppynt	1.099	02.10	Friday, 17th November
Prescott	1,269	08.00	
Brighton (Madeira Drive)		16.00 (a	approx.) ", "
	(OVERN	IGHT RES	ST)
Brighton Speed (Madeira Driv		11.00- 16.00	Saturday, 18th November

WITH nothing in the way of Champion-W the nothing in the way of champion ships really hanging on the R.A.C. (Ewy Rosqvist having sewn up the Ladies' Championship and Walter being virtually assured of the Men's title pen-ding an obscure protest in Scandinavia) the event still promises to be of absorb-ing interest. There are six foreign ing interest. There are six foreign competitors: the Porsche of Champion-ship leader H. J. Walter, to be co-driven by John Sprinzel; the Volvos of Gunnar Andersson, who has, as yet, nominated no co-driver, and Ewy Rosqvist/Miss U. Wirth: the Mercedes of Bohringer/Aal-Wirth; the Mercedes of Bohringer/Aaltonen and Eger/von Korff and, of course, the SAAB of last year's winner, Eric Carlsson, who will be navigated by John Brown, making his début in international rallying in very distinguished company.

Opposing these visitors from abroad will be some very strong teams from the British factories, all determined to do well on their home ground. These teams are: Austin-Healey 3000: Don and Erle Morley, Pat Moss/Ann Wisdom and David Seigle-Morris/Tony Ambrose; M.G. Midget: Tommy Gold/Mike Hughes, Mike Sutcliffe/Roy Fidler and Derek Astle/Peter Roberts; Ford Zephyr: Ian Walker/Paul Steiner, Eric Jackson/Noel Donovan and Gerry Burgess/Sam Croft-Pearson; Ford Anglia: Anne Hall/Valerie Domleo, Ken Chambers/Peter Marshall and Henry Taylor/Phil Crabtree; Sunbeam Rapier:



Paddy Hopkirk/Jack Scott, Peter Harper /Ian Hall, Peter Procter/Graham Rob-son, Tiny Lewis/David Stone and, in a Humber, Raymond Baxter/Willie Cave (who will also represent the B.B.C.). This year, in an attempt to avoid un-necessary baulding, the entries have been seeded, although there appear to be come major discrepancies in the seeding order, with such anomalies in the order as

major discrepancies in the seeding order, with such anomalies in the order as R.A.C. Rally Champion Bill Bengry appearing in the 40s, Peter Astbury/ Brian Harper in the 50s and, of all places, Julian Chitty/John La Trobe placed only eight cars from the end! The route will cover some 2,000 miles, of which, by permission of the Forestry

LAST YEAR'S WINNER-Eric Carlsson, who will again be driving a SAAB.





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SUNBEAM—always a contender for major honours, and one of the most successful marques ever in international rallies. The team is of quite extraordinary quality, too!

# THE PROTAGONIST $\leftarrow$ MARQUES $\rightarrow$

Commission, about 200 miles will be on private roads and will be run in the form of "special stages", the most crucial parts of the event which, this year, may well be of a standard to compare with the great European rallies. Details of the precise high-speed routes over about 20 of these "special stages" are secret and will not be divulged to competitors until a short time before they are flagged away. (Note: The full permissible particulars of the route are enclosed in Rally Bulletin No. 3.)

Kally Bulletin No. 3.) Using a ramp start, as in the Mille Miglia, the first car will set out from Middle Walk, Blackpool, at 18.00 hours on Monday, 13th November. The circuitous route takes the cars over the Pennines and the Yorkshire moors northwards through the night, across the Scottish border. After tackling the "Rest-and-be-Thankful" Hill, competitors will have a breakfast halt at Inveraray. Then three "special stages" lie athwart the course and Inverness, which will be reached soon after dark that day (14th November). There the cars will be placed in a sealed park whilst the weary crews have a night's sleep after more than 24 hours continuously on the move.

Resuming next morning, Wednesday, 15th November (first car away at 10.00), drivers will be faced with some of the hardest sections of the rally, attempting to keep to time as the course wends its way through the Highlands before turning south again for the Border. Brough (Yorkshire) will be reached in the early hours of Thursday, 16th November, with a breakfast halt at Scarborough.

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That night the crews will face time and navigation trials along the twisting roads in the hills and valleys of Wales before crossing back into England for a brief rest and a hasty breakfast on Friday, 17th November, immediately before they embark on an ascent of Prescott near Cheltenham.

In contrast to much of the rally, the final stages of the route through the southern counties can be undertaken quietly and easily, so that the competing cars will not inconvenience or annoy other road-users on busy highways. The first car in the contingent will check in at "Journey's End", Madeira Drive, on the Brighton sea-front, arriving about 16.00.

That night the cars will be placed in a sealed park at the Ocean Hotel, Saltdean, and the following morning (Saturday, 18th November) they will drive in convoy to Madeira Drive for speed tests along a twisting mile-long course. These events, in classes, will take place between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to decide the final winners of the rally.



PORSCHE: The mount of the current Rally Championship leader, Walter, who will have as his co-driver British expert John Sprinzel.



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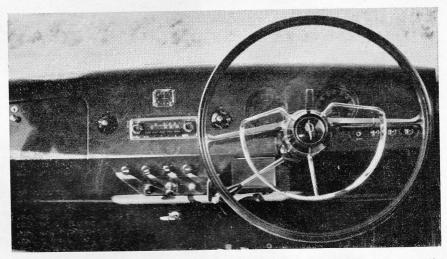
FORD: Anne Hall/Valerie Domleo, winners of the Coupe des Dames last year, are once again paired in an Anglia.

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#### JOHN BOLSTER TESTS THE

# VANDEN PLAS PRINCESS



ALMOST since the automobile began, Britain has had something of a monopoly in the luxury car trade. Other countries have produced big, flashy cars with extremely powerful engines, but they have missed the boat. For sheer sober excellence, the British quality car has an unmatched reputation. Yet, for modern traffic conditions.

quality car has an unmatched reputation. Yet, for modern traffic conditions, some of our prestige vehicles are too big for easy handling and nightmares to park. What is wanted is a scaled-down de luxe model, but with all the walnut and leather of English tradition. Such a car is the Vanden Plas Princess 3-litre and I have just been putting one through its paces.

its paces. The Princess is a combination of bodybuilding craftsmanship with the vast engineering resources of B.M.C. It has all the undecorated sobriety that the carriage trade demands, and the interior is superb, with every useful accessory and, of course, fine leather and polished walnut. This is not a sports car but a genuine 100 m.p.h. is always on tap, thanks to the well-known B.M.C. 3-litre, six-cylinder engine. Yet this lively unit THREE-LITRE

has somehow been muted so that scarcely a whisper is heard by the nobility and gentry in the car. A conventional transmission is standard, but "my" Princess had its gears changed by courtesy of Borg-Warner, a more than worthwhile extra for such a car. The chassis is conventional though

The chassis is conventional, though lever-type dampers are fitted all round instead of the more popular telescopic devices and there are anti-roll torsion bars at both ends. In front, there are wishbones and helical springs with cam gear steering, and at the rear the hypoid axle is on semi-elliptic springs. Disc brakes are fitted in front, with drums behind, and the vacuum servo is equipped with a warning light on the instrument panel which flashes if for any reason there is a lack of depression for its operation; nevertheless, the brakes can even then be used without servo assistance.

Looks are largely a matter of personal preference, but when I took over the black and grey Princess I thought that the appearance gave an air of quality, and that there was rather the understatement demanded by good taste than the slap in the eye of chromium and bright colours. The interior was delicious, with all the wood and leather that one expected. The instrument panel had all the usual dials and those old friends, the ammeter and the oil pressure gauge, were back, I am delighted to say. This is a really roomy car; indeed, it is one of the very few which gives me enough leg room—I did not even have to put the seat adjustment at full stretch. There is also plenty of leg room in the rear compartment. A glass division is available for those peers who have chauffeurs.

Yet, when one takes one's seat, the Princess seems a very small car. For some reason that is difficult to define, one feels immediately in full command of it, and even in narrow country lanes it seems like a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -litre to drive. How all that room is provided in such an easily handled vehicle I would not know, but it is one of the most attractive features of the machine.

The other characteristic which appeals particularly is the smoothness and silence of the car. There are a very few luxury cars which have a silky "softness" about them and, for the first time, B.M.C. have built a car which enters this exclusive domain. When I say that, even including the Princess, there are fewer than half a dozen British cars of this quality, it will be realized that I am paying it a very high compliment. One completes a long journey without fatigue, thanks to the low sound level.

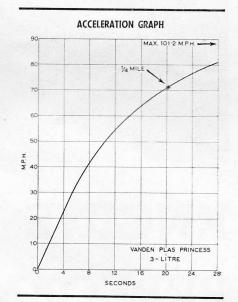
For such a car, automatic transmission is taken as a matter of course nowadays, and I strongly advise this option. It allows 45 m.p.h. to be achieved in the low gear and about 73 m.p.h. in the middle ratio. There is a "Low" position on the quadrant for holding bottom gear under tricky conditions, and an intermediate hold control on the instrument panel. This pull-out handle is progressive in action, and keeps the car in second gear even if the accelerator is eased for a corner. At about 72 m.p.h. top gear goes in, but as soon as the speed drops to 66 m.p.h. second is back in action. Earlier changes occur if the handle is only partly pulled out, and if it is pressed right home, normal fully automatic operation is resumed. My only criticism of this particular installation is that one cannot "kick down" into bottom gear for rousing acceleration at the lower speeds.

Power-assisted steering may be specified, but this was not on the test car and I see no reason for it. A very powerful servo makes the brake pedal light in action—almost disconcertingly so at first. The driving position is first class, and the car may be taken fast through bends without appreciable roll, which allows the passengers to retain their dignity even when the driver is in a hurry.

There is a marked feeling of stability, with no objectionable swaying or pitching. The acceleration is good without being spectacular, the car being fairly heavy in view of the luxurious appointments. Ninety m.p.h. comes up on almost any straight, and may be regarded as a cruising speed. It takes a little longer to reach 100 m.p.h., but this speed may genuinely be exceeded on the level without the help of wind or gradient. Full marks must be awarded for the accuracy of the speedometer, which was absolutely spot-on at 100 m.p.h.—a rare virtue indeed. As is to be expected with a good disc installation, the brakes are fully up to their job and never get hot and bothered. The fuel economy is surprising for so

The fuel economy is surprising for so substantial a carriage, and at least 20 m.p.g. may be relied upon. The unusually large fuel tank holds no less than 16 gallons, and so the touring range is considerable, a very good point. Ample luggage space and an agreeably comfortable ride for all the passengers are other features which render this a particularly suitable vehicle for long-distance travel.

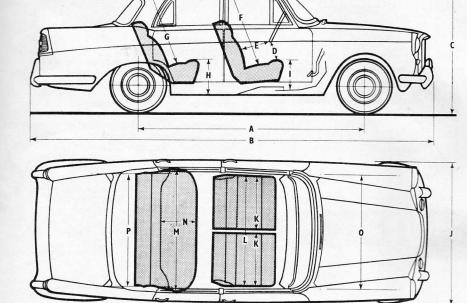
The Vanden Plas Princess is a car upon which a very famous coachbuilding firm has been allowed to lavish all its craftsmanship. Yet, by employing components from the B.M.C. range it has been possible to keep the price far below that of any competitive quality car. If it cost  $\pounds1,000$  more, it would by no means be expensive and it must be regarded as one of the best buys on the market today.



#### SPECIFICATION AND PERFORMANCE DATA

- Car Tested: Vanden Plas Princess 3-litre, price, with automatic transmission, £1,699 (including P.T.).
- Engine: Six-cylinders, 83.34 mm. x 89 mm. (2,912 c.c.). Pushrod-operated overhead valves. Compression ratio 8.3 to 1. 108 b.h.p. at 4,750 r.p.m. Twin SU carburetters. Lucas coil and distributor.
- Transmission: Borg-Warner automatic transmission with torque converter and three-speed epicyclic gearbox. Open propeller shaft. Hypoid rear axle, ratio 3.55 to 1.
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  Chassis: Box section chassis frame reinforced by all-steel body. Independent front suspension by wishbones and helical springs with cam gear steering. Anti-roll torsion bars front and rear and lever-type dampers all round. Rear axle on semi-elliptic springs. Hydraulic brakes with vacuum servo, discs in front and drums behind. Pressed-steel disc wheels fitted 7.00-14 ins. tyres.
- Equipment: Twelve-volt lighting and starting. Speedometer with trip. Oil pressure, fuel and water temperature gauges. Annmeter, Clock, Fresh air ventilation, heating and demisting system, Windscreen wipers and washers. Flashing direction indicators, Twin fog lamps, Map reading lamp. Reversing light, Extra on test car: radio.
- Performance: Maximum speed, 101.2 m.p.h. Standing quarter-mile, 20.2 sees. Acceleration: 0-30 m.p.h., 5.4 secs.; 0-50 m.p.h., 10.4 secs.; 0-60 m.p.h., 14.2 secs.; 0-80 m.p.h., 27 sees.

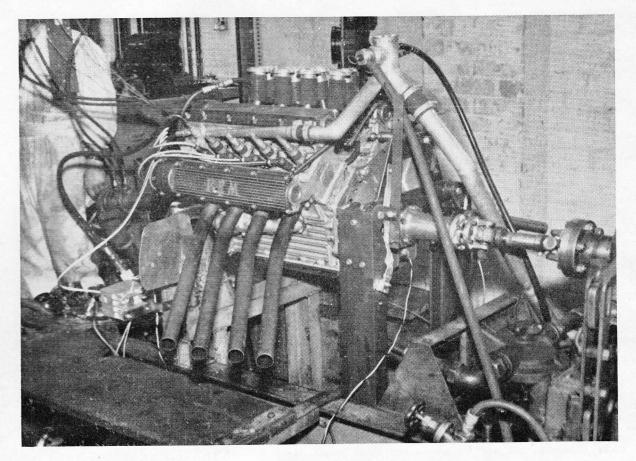
Fuel Consumption: 20-22 m.p.g.



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- B Overall length, 15 ft. 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ins.
- C Overall height, 4 ft. 11 ins.
- **D** Seat to steering wheel, 5 ins.
- E Seat back to steering wheel (max.), 1 ft. 4 ins.; (min.), 11 ins.
- **F** Seat to roof, 3 ft.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ins.
- G Seat to roof, 3 ft.
- H Seat to floor, 1 ft. 4 ins.

- I Seat to floor, 1 ft. 3 ins.
- **J** Overall width, 5 ft.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ins.
- K Front seat widths, 2 ft. 2 ins.
- L Overall front seats, 4 ft. 6 ins.
- M Overall rear seat, 4 ft. 7 ins.
- N Seat depth, 1 ft. 7 ins.
- O Front track, 4 ft. 6 ins.
  - **P** Rear track, 4 ft.  $5\frac{3}{4}$  ins.

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# ENGINE PERFORMANCE AND ITS MEASUREMENT

BY TOM PRITCHARD

THE generally high standard of chassis performance in racing and sportsracing cars today places emphasis on the last few per cent. of engine power. Engines tend to be smaller than hitherto, and anything short of the full potential power is immediately reflected in car performance. Inevitably, all concerned, which includes keen followers of motor racing, are becoming increasingly "brakehorsepower conscious". Interest is added by the fact that several engineers, throughout the country, engage themselves full time on the development of production engines for racing. Exaggeration is not unknown, and from time to time one hears, generally second or third hand, of course, of engine performance varying from the unlikely to the virtually impossible.

The full significance of power output figures is not appreciated by all who refer to them, and it should be realized that any exaggeration of engineering fact in this respect, merely produces false and meaningless values. Much of the interest and attraction in motor racing is of a technical nature, and the writer believes that on the soundness of knowledge here, depends the return for one's interest. Fisherman-type stories are *out*, as are exaggerated claims in advertising, uprating kits, conversions, and accessories.

A power curve such as the one illustrated is the product of a full throttle test wherein the engine is run through its speed range in small increments. The speed is adjusted by varying the braking

effect of the dynamometer, and is maintained until engine temperatures have stabilized and the load—or "lift"—and fuel consumption readings have been taken. As observed, the data at each speed is entered on a log sheet, Fig. 2, the figures in italics being calculated after the test.

It will be seen that there is no direct measurement of B.H.P.—a dynamometer measures *torque*—and that the final cal-culation gives *corrected* B.H.P. and B.M.E.P. These latter values are the ones usually quoted and used in the compilation of power curves, etc., and although written as plain "B.H.P." and "B.M.E.P.", the word "corrected" is implied. Furthermore, whether figures are quoted as "gross" or "nett" makes no difference whatever to the necessity for corrected values.

Well, this is fine, chaps, the machine doesn't measure horsepower-you have to calculate that, and then you never refer to the answer because it has to be corrected first! Fortunately though, the explanations are quite simple. The dia-gram, Fig. 3, shows in principle the dynamometer and its load measuring gear. The rotor coupled to the engine under test is braked down to the required speed and then the value of the weight "W" is adjusted until the load arm is maintained in the horizontal posi-

tion. It will then be appreciated that, if the required balancing weight is  $W_1$  lbs. and its horizontal distance from the shaft centreline is 1 ft., the torque which the engine is producing is  $W_1 \times 1$  lbs. ft. If we now call the engine speed "N" If we now call the engine speed R.P.M., the B.H.P. =  $N \times W_1 \times 1 \times 2\pi/33,000$ . In actual practice the constant,

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-known as the "brake constant"-is made into a convenient fraction by adjusting the length "l". For instance, if we make l=1.312 ft., then

$$2\pi l = 1$$

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and B.H.P. = 
$$\mathbf{W} \times \mathbf{N}$$

$$\left(\frac{\text{dynamometer load} \times \text{R.P.M.}}{4000}\right)$$

There is nothing difficult in calculating B.H.P. this way, and it is readily apparent that, having fixed "l" at 1.312 ft., Torque= $1.312 \times W$  lbs. ft.

The Brake Mean Effective Pressure (B.M.E.P.) of an engine is usually employed as a development yardstick in preference to its torque, as the former value represents volumetric and combus-

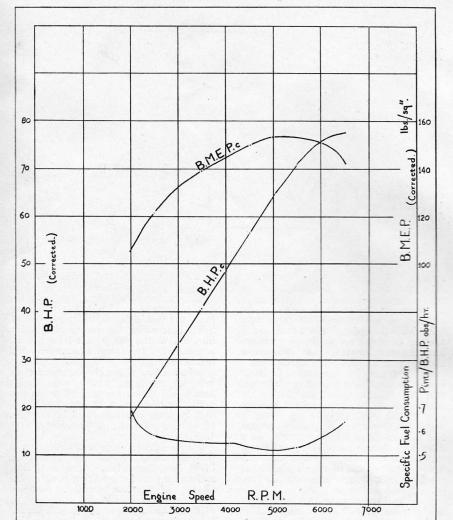


FIG. 1: Mark II 1,087 c.c. engine, typical performance. Standard ignition advance and carburetter settings are used, with pump "super plus" fuel and car exhaust system.

tion efficiency irrespective of engine size. tion efficiency irrespective of engine size. Of course, when referring to a given engine, torque and B.M.E.P. are directly proportional, and in fact torque is pro-portional to B.M.E.P.  $\times$  Cubic Capacity. As for B.H.P., a simple formula is used to derive B.M.E.P. from the brake load "W" but as the dynamometer given use "W", but as the dynamometer gives us a value representing torque-and doesn't "know" the size of the engine producing that torque-our formula must take into account the engine's swept volume.

The general expression is :-

B.M.E.P. = 
$$\frac{12,978,000}{-----} \times \frac{W}{----}$$
 where,

V K K=The aforementioned "Brake Constant"

V=Engine swept volume

W=Dynamometer load

This expression looks rather awkward, but using a given engine and dyna-mometer, B.M.E.P. becomes  $W \times Con$ stant. For instance if the brake constant 1

is, as before,  $\frac{1}{4000}$  and the engine capa-

city is 1,087 c.c., B.M.E.P. = 12,978,000 - 2.98 × W

$$= 2.98 \times 1087 \times 4000$$

For the benefit of those who like to know "how" or "why", the B.M.E.P. expression is derived as follows :---

From B.H.P. = 
$$\frac{P L A n}{33,000}$$
,  

$$P = \frac{33,000 B.H.P.}{L A n}$$
embering that on a 4-stroke engine  

$$n = \frac{R.P.M.}{2}$$

$$P (= B M E P in lbs / sq. in) =$$

$$P (= B.M.E.P. in lbs./sq. in) = \frac{33,000 \times 24 \times 2.54^{3} \text{ W}}{V} \times \frac{12,978,000}{V} \times \frac{W}{K}$$

Where:

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L=Stroke in feet A=Piston area in square inches n=Number of firing strokes per minute There should now be little difficulty in understanding how be fittle difficulty in understanding how B.H.P., B.M.E.P., and where required, torque values, are obtained from the brake load readings by simple calculation. The performance figures produced are called "observed", or alternatively, "uncorrected" B.H.P., B.M.E.P. and torque and, as will be realized later, must always be qualified as such.

Now for the all important corrected performance values. The power output of an engine varies with the density of of an engine varies with the density of the ingoing air, and thus on the atmos-pheric pressure, temperature and humi-dity. We are inclined to forget this basic physical fact because, if the barometer is very low we are all "down for power" together, and secondly, vehicle performance per se is not significantly affected by the sort of power drops usual in adverse atmospheric conditions in Europe. Take your car several thousand feet above sea level, however, where atmospheric pressure will be markedly lower and it will feel most shurch to lower, and it will feel most sluggish. In bench test work repeatability of results within less than 2 per cent. is the aim, and thus to permit true comparison of engines, irrespective of ambient atmos-pheric conditions, the "observed" performance is corrected to that which would

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be realized under "standard" conditions. Data for the correction factors comprise the essential log of atmospheric conditions, and in particular air intake temperatures, recorded during all test runs. The S.A.E. standard for brakehorsepower correction is probably the most widely used in this country and America, and, in employing it, the B.H.P. which would be produced under conditions of 15 degrees Centigrade air temperature, 29.92 inches of mercury, barometric pressure, and zero humidity, is derived. The factor by which "observed" performance values are multiplied for correction to S.A.E. standard conditions is determined as follows:—

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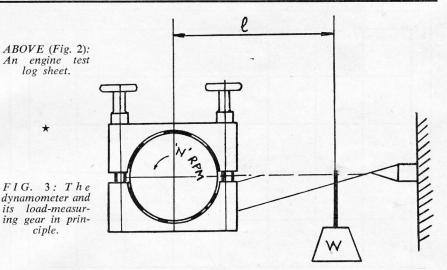
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It is quite usual to encounter conditions giving correction factors from 1.02 to 1.07, and, of course, if the factor works out at unity, the "observed" B.H.P., B.M.E.P. and torque become the corrected values as well. The vapour pressure, used to determine the dry air pressure prevailing, is read off a nomograph, using the "wet and dry" thermometer readings taken during the test.

So much then for the engine's performance, but this is dependent upon its fuel consumption and thus the latter aspect must also be studied. It is necessary to ensure that during a power curve, the engine is getting, at each speed, the quantity of fuel which it requires in order to produce maximum power. An excess of fuel, just as a deficiency, results in power loss. The fuel consumption at a given speed divided by the actual B.H.P. is known as the "Brake Specific Fuel Consumption", this being expressed in pints per B.H.P. per hour. If a consumption of, say, 53.5 pints per hour is recorded at 5,000 R.P.M., and the corresponding observed B.H.P. is 100, the



specific fuel consumption is 53.5/100 = .535 pints per B.H.P. per hour.

The specific fuel consumption curve, as shown on the graph, is useful to the engineer as an indication of carburetter behaviour throughout the speed range, and in development work on carburetters, induction systems and combustion chambers, is of particular significance.

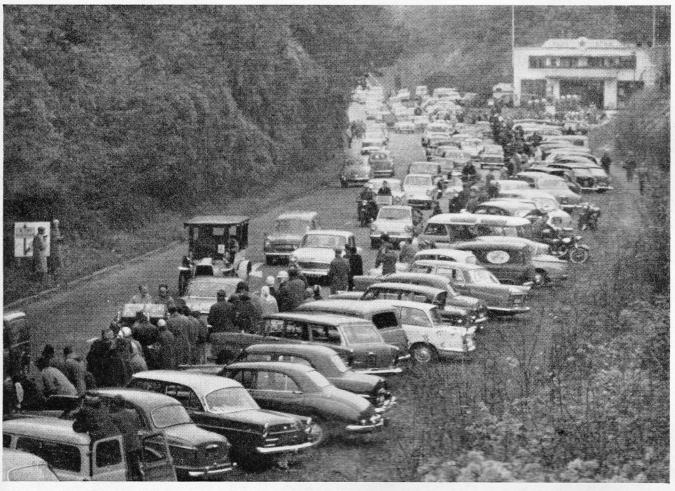
So much then for the several facets of engine performance and their examination by dynamometer test work: the writer has deliberately omitted description of the various types of dynamometer in current use, as these machines, and the associated instrumentation, are a subject in themselves. The principle of torque measurement, however, does not differ, whether the dynamometer is of the hydraulic, electric generator, or electric eddy-current type.

Finally, there remains the clarification of the terms, "Nett" and "Gross" B.H.P. —always corrected remember. If we take a G.T. engine and test it on the "brake" without its air cleaners, silencers, generator, fan or water pump, we shall determine its gross B.H.P. and B.M.E.P. etc. Most manufacturers quote these values, either solely or along with the nett performance. The *nett* power controls the vehicle's showing, of course, being that which the engine gives when installed in the car with all its normal accessories. It is quite common, and highly desirable, to brake test engines in installed trim, although the results do not look nearly so impressive in a sales brochure! Even on a G.T. car, nett performance may be 10 per cent. below that in gross condition, and in the case of touring cars the differential can be 15 per cent. or more.

In the initial development stages it is generally more convenient to test engines in at least partially stripped condition, and so long as the condition remains unaltered, all test results will be comparable. Eventually, it is necessary to evaluate the complete power unit assembly on the test bench.

bly on the test bench. It would be quite untrue to say that "Gross" B.H.P. figures are of little value, (Continued on page 668)





THERE'S nothing quite like the "Brighton Run". Grand Prix racing is very fine and Le Mans has its glam-our, but, to the real devotee, the R.A.C.'s THERE'S November classic has it every time. Those of us who risk pneumonia to compete in it every year are only matched in enthusiasm by the spectators who line the route quite irrespective of the weather-and their number runs well into six figures.

Having competed in every Brighton Run since 1934, I can, perhaps, speak with some authority, and I say that the 1961 edition was one of the best. To collect 250 cars in Hyde Park, extricate them from a crowd of Cup Final proportions, send them down miles of spectator-lined roads already full of modern traffic, and finally bring them to rest without disaster in the Madeira Drivethat is a feat demanding real organiza-tion. That the thing runs like clock-work is a tribute to the R.A.C. and,

HUGE CROWDS assembled to watch the Run. Here, on Pycombe Hill, the 1903 Darracq of Thorp and Wilson-Gunn puffs up before an enormous "gallery".

above all, to the police, who perform miracles in filtering the veterans out of traffic jam after traffic jam and passing them painlessly on their way. The morning of 5th November dawned very cold but providentially dry. Wet is the enemy of veteran cars, and the dry conditions considerably eased their task. So as the sun began to rise L drove once So, as the sun began to rise, I drove once more into Hyde Park in the 1903 Panhard, full of pleasant anticipation. At first, one could greet the drivers and examine their cars as they arrived, but soon an immense and enthusiastic crowd rendered such pleasant diversions almost impossible.

The oldest cars were despatched first, led by the 1896 Arnold which took part

in the original Emancipation run that we were commemorating. Soon all the early primitives were away-the beltearly primitives were away—the belt-driven Benz, the Leon Bollée three-wheelers, and the tube-ignition Daimlers. Among these was Jack Frost with his 1899 Haynes-Apperson, all the way from U.S.A. This huge car has a flat-twin engine of great size, driving the rear wheels through open spur gears. An unsprung tubular sub-frame is attached to the front and back axles, upon which the unfortunate engine and transmission ride. The body is sprung upon this assembly and the steering arrangements seem both crude and fragile. Harrison's Phébus Aster is a smaller car with an unsprung engine at the rear,

car with an unsprung engine at the rear, though the radiator is secured to its little nose. Another engine that suffers the bumps is in C. F. South's Victoria Combination, which has front-wheel drive and no front springs. All these mechanical curiosities departed, along with an aston-



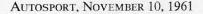
BELGIAN ENTRY: All the way across the Channel came the 1900 Georges Richard single-cylinder two-seater of A. Pottier.

ishing tricar with two separate engines. It was soon the Panhard's turn to take the road and I joined the cavalcade, with Raymond Baxter beside me in the cold and Tony Needell in the rather more protected stern sheets. A pleasant little "dice" with the Oldsmobile of Vernon Balls was soon abandoned when we realized that we might get ahead of the permitted schedule.

It was splendid to find that none of the usual early breakdowns had occurred. Nobody was in trouble on Westminster Bridge, and it was not until Waterloo that we saw J. S. Corry attacking his 1902 Benz with a pair of pliers. Littler's 1901 Renault was also stationary in this area, though he later arrived safely at Brighton. In the Brixton Road, Hill's Napier was stationary in an ominous pool of water. J. G. Lumsden was having an animated discussion with his passenger over their Humber Olympia Tandem, and Peter Hampton had to work on the fuel feed of his magnificent 60 h.p. Mercedes. We were still going well, and so was a cheerful athlete on a penny-farthing bicycle.

Painter's 1902 Clement seemed to be in need of mechanical attention and at Streatham High Street we found several cars in trouble. Douglas FitzPatrick was winding the handle of the Achilles and the James and Browne of the City and Guilds College was surrounded by a sympathetic crowd. Hereabouts, the Panhard began to overtake some of the very early cars. E. S. Berry's 1896 Lutzmann, a big gangling car with an ultralow-speed engine, was running very steadily, but had been outpaced by Philip Fotheringham-Parker's similar machine, with Graham Hill as passenger. Most of the Benz were steaming merrily but were travelling well on their solid tyres, and S. F. Cantor's rather similar Star was also proceeding in a cloud of steam. Legon's Clement, from Belgium, was either being refuelled or lubricated as the Panhard chuffed by.

Major Fairhurst had contrived to crawl underneath his little Decauville and Steadman's International Benz was stationary, as was G. W. Goodall's Royal Enfield Quad. B. M. Goodman was attending to his Benz at a garage, but on Purley Way the Benz of N. V. Reeves was travelling astonishingly fast, though steaming, of course. Also going beautifully, as usual, was Capt. Colver's Arnold. R. S. Miles was working on his Benz—probably a routine oiling stop and I greased the water pump of the Panhard, which was leaking. After this, I drove in close company with S. J. Mitchell's Phoenix Trimo, a lively tricycle with a basket forecar.



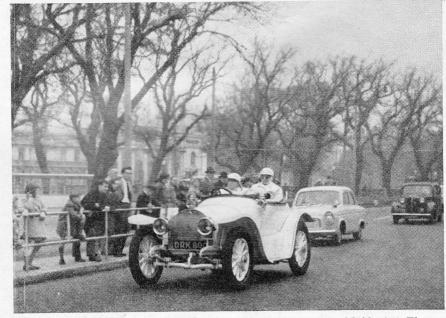


PAST THE PALACE and up The Mall go Fairhurst's 1898 Decauville voiturette (centre



GOGGLES ON against the cold wind as the 1903 single-cylinder Napoleon twoseater of Sir Alec Coryton enters Brighton.

Without doubt, the crowds along the roadside were greater than ever before. How many millions watched the run it would be difficult to calculate, but fewer people followed the "old 'uns" in modern cars, I am glad to say, and those who



MAGNIFICENT MERCEDES: The 1902 sports two-seater 25/28 of T. W. Lightfoot and O. Hersbosch passes Brighton Pavilion. The car was travelling at around 45 m.p.h. on the Crawley by-pass!



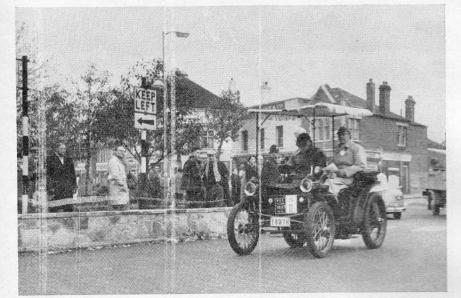
Baker's 1899 Benz dogcart (left), Major H. Berry's 1896 Lutzmann victoria.



RACING TWO-SEATER—1903 model! Entering Madeira Drive is the 24 h.p. de Dietrich of the Shuttleworth Trust.

pletely safe in the traffic of today, but it is very unkind to baulk them on a hill.

J. F. W. Howes actually had a hood and screen on his Wolseley, and it took me all my time to pass him on the hill out of Coulsdon. Approaching Redhill, we caught the Haynes-Apperson, which was storming along at 15 to 20 m.p.h. with its big engine running at perhaps 500 r.p.m. The side water tank was steaming well. At Redhill, I stopped to fill the oil tanks and grease the water pump, where my son, who had escaped from school, joined the party. Climbing



THORNTON HEATH POND: Round the island swings the 1897 twincylinder, 4 h.p. Vallee "vis-à-vis" of R. Schimp, a Belgian entry. Here, too, a large crowd gathered.

did drove with greater decorum than usual. Nobody carved me up, cut in, or caused me to brake violently—an alltime record for the run. The Riley tricar of Inchley and Williamson was less lucky, overturning after a brush with a modern car that cut in, and Capt. Benbrough buckled a front wheel of his Leon Bollée, though the circumstances were not revealed. The brakes of the veterans are adequate for their moderate speed and most of them have quicker response to the steering than the best moderns. They are, therefore, comout of Redhill, bottom gear was employed for the first time, and Tony passed round the cherry brandy, to ward off the cold.

To some extent, the road has been spoilt by modern "improvements", for the Panhard used to need bottom gear a score of times on the run, and now there are only about two hills which stretch her to the limit. The weather became colder and colder as the coast was approached, but the rain still kept away. While we froze, the Panhard overheated, and water had to be added on occasion. It would seem that the wrong grade of water pump grease had been used, and as this component is driven by friction off the flywheel, it was tending to slip, leak, and generally misbehave. However, these occasional stops enabled us to watch different sections of the cavalcade, and we were present when the Americans had a very technical pit stop.

had a very technical pit stop. Fast cars, such as the Mercedes of Sears and Hampton, often stopped to avoid making too good an average. The early primitives with open crankshafts paused to grease their big ends, and Dennis Flather had a short maintenance session with the solid-tyred Daimler. Hayward's 1899 Star visited a garage, while Sloan's Benz and Legon's Clement needed attention in the bitter cold of the wide open spaces at Gatwick. K. H. Baker's Benz, which has completed more "Brighton's" than almost any car, was going magnificently on the Crawley Bypass, and Lightfoot's 1902 sports Mercedes left me standing—he must have been doing 45 m.p.h.

At Bolney, Forster's De Dion was receiving mechanical attention as was Clarke's similar car, but most of the breakdowns were trivial and stops were generally for routine oiling. Far ahead of its competitors, the 1897 Benz of Sir Hugh Dawson was approaching Brighton at a rousing clip. Many motoring celebrities were at the wheel, notably Jack

UP BRIXTON HILL: The passengers in this 1900 Benz 10 h.p. dogcart walk up behind as the veteran takes the gradient.





Brabham, Jack Kemsley, Murray Austin, Sir Clive Edwards, Lord Strathcarron, and television man Peter Dimmock. All before lighting up time. Even on this journey, the enthusiasm of the public was tremendous, and I travelled to the

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perturbed during one of his pit stops. Trouble can strike a veteran at any moment, and the Panhard stopped at the very edge of Brighton with overheating and kindred maladies. My crew worked with a will, and soon we were on the road again, arriving at the Madeira Drive with Arthur Prince, in an identical car, who drove his first "Brighton" in 1934, like me. Quite the smartest passenger at the finish was in S. J. Srovhall's Humberette, for he had a hard dry in a deerstalker beside from inclusion of my dog easy deerstalkers—art expensive diet.

So, the cars the control to the final eneck and a recent percentage arrived in good order before to an clock, only 13 falling by the wayshed. Notertheless, there were 22 non-starters, and some system should be evolved to replace these which reserves. A few would-be comment its were evoluded because the limit its 25 and they could, in fact, easily have replaced to mstarters on the run. What about it, R.A.C.? Some of these non-starters must have known well before the run that they were unlikely to be ready, but one who did not was Abe Hodsdon, who before lighting up time. Even on this journey, the enthusiasm of the public was tremendous, and I travelled to the cheers of motorists, pedestrians, and even people in houses who flung open their windows to cheer. How British people love veteran cars, and what a privilege it is to drive one to Brighton in November every year.

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By MICHAEL DURNIN

OOKING deep into the crystal ball it can be seen that the R.M.C.S.M.C. will run their Rallye Militaire on 17th-18th February. This event has, in will run their Kanye Miniate on 17th 18th February. This event has, in previous years, been run for experts only. For 1962 it will be run under a restricted permit and will have the same high standard which has estab-lished a fine reputation, but without any of the rough roads (if you stay on route) of the rough roads (if you stay on route) which have caused criticism in the past. Regs. will be issued in due course. Another change—this year the Anglia and Prefect O.C.'s 3 N's Rally will be a closed event, on 18th-19th November. Details from G. R. Lucas, "Cranmore", Ouseley Road, Wraysbury, Staines, Middlesex. . . On 25th November

B.A.R.C. (N.W.), Chester M.C. and R.A.F.A.M.C. will co-promote an autocross meeting at Aintree. Secretary of the meeting is G. D. Hill, 29 Beryl Road, Noctorum, Birkenhead. Dinner-dance of the B.A.R.C. (S.E.) will take place on 1st December in the Cavendish Hotel, Eastbourne. Details from R. C. Matthews, Messrs. Caffyns, Ltd., Meads Road, Eastbourne. . . tails of the B.A.R.C. (Surrey) Phototails of the **B.A.R.C.** (Surrey) Photo-graphic Rally and of the centre's dinner-dance (rally, 26th November) are avail-able from K. C. W. Rainsbury, "Whitegates", Leatherhead Road, Ox-shott, Surrey. . . The third Tempest Rally of the Sutton and Cheam M.C. will be run on 27th-28th January from starts at Leatherhead and Reading over starts at Leatherhead and Reading over 250 miles of metalled roads in Berks, Bucks and Wilts. Regs. will shortly be available. . . East Surrey M.C.'s Wood-cote Rally is scheduled for 25th-26th November, starting from Biggin Hill and finishing at Gatwick. Clubs invited to this 150-miler are Austin-Healey Club, Blackfriars M.C., B.R.S.C.C., C.S.M.A.,

#### Forces M.C., London M.C., Sevenoaks and D.M.C., Sutton and Cheam M.C., V.W.O.C., and championship contenders of the Central Southern Association. Secretary is Mrs. L. McCoy, 57 Dukes Avenue, New Malden, Surrey. . . . The dinner-dance of the East Anglian M.C. will be held on 24th November in the Royal Hotel, Clacton. Details from K. C. Truscott, Barton Olivers, West Bergholt, Colchester. . . . The West Bergholt, Colchester, . . . The West Middlesex M.C. have formed a section "devoted to the worship of the pre-war Austin 7" (what about the 750 M.C.?); secretary is Mrs. E. Pocklington, 17 Tudor Avenue, Hampton-on-Thames. . . . The John Bull Trial of the Leicestershire C.C. takes place near Uppingham on 19th November. The event is open to B.T.R.D.A., Hagley and D.L.C.C., Lancs and Ches C.C., London M.C., North Midland M.C., Sheffield and Hallamshire M.C., Shenstone and Allamsnire M.C., Snenstone and D.C.C. and Peterborough M.C. Regs. from P. B. Butt, c/o A. B. Butt, Ltd., Queen Street, Leicester, who should have all entries by 15th November.

#### THE "REGENT TROPHY" RALLY **Excitement All the Way!**

ON three consecutive week-ends the "rally boys—and girls" have been out in force: to Wales for the "Mini Miglia"; Yorkshire for the "Dusk 'til Dawn" and last week-end to Derbyshire for the Stockport M.C.'s "Regent Trophy".

The event enjoyed the same high standard of organization and followed a similar pattern. Navigators were given 65 references as well as "out of bounds" and "noise" areas to plot  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours be-fore the start at Wilmslow R.A.F. Camp.

The full entry of 120 competitors contained 46 experts, 23 semi-experts, 27 novices and 24 Army boys entered with Champs or Land-Rovers. It was a disappointment, however, that Pte. Bootsie and R.S.M. Snudge, listed as competitors, were non-starters!

Most of the route lay on Map 111; the first section contained 40 controls to be visited in four hours, and three-quarters of the time allowances were seven minutes. To put competitors into the mood the first five controls all had to be visited within 15 minutes!

The now familiar idea of placing "No" signs on roads which are not pass-able and "Yes" signs on the correct route was extended by the use of "Rough" notices. Competitors always had the choice of taking these roads, which although rugged were not of a which, although rugged, were not of a damaging nature to machinery if sensibly driven, or using a longer metalled route. Control 31 (MR 319736 leave to west)

dashed the hopes of several of the leaders at that stage, with four minutes to reach it from Control 30 at MR 320751. The correct route lay along the white road through 327738, but the most "No" sign. Many competitors thought the entrance to the track at 326744 seemed too muddy for it to be a "goer", but if only they had looked five yards round the corner they would have seen a welcoming "Yes" notice. Don Grimshaw and Brian Melia lost eight minutes on this section when the back wheels of Don's ex-works Healey 3000 subsided into a ditch as he was turning round, having investigated a "wrong 'un".

At the petrol stop near Ambergate the eventual winners were already in the lead. In their very non-standard Herald B. Hadfield and G. Haggie had put up a fantastic performance of both driving and navigation to lose only two minutes. Phil Simister/G. Robson (5 marks down) were followed by J. Hanson/N. Donovan, seven minutes adrift. No one else's penalties remained in single figures.

Hanson's Mini evidently succumbed to mechanical trouble later for he was seen parked by the roadside-very hard luck after such a fine run.

Seven tightly timed controls in the Grindon area culminating in a two-minute section, including the famous Grindon hairpins, ensured that there were no clean sheets on the second half of the route. A snap check on competitors' sealed watches checked that no watches had mysteriously run very slow!

Only six controls from the finish Phil Simister/Graham Robson (Anglia) were unfortunate in having a puncture and the tyre went flat while they were crossing a ford. The ensuing difficulty in removing the Ford from the ford cost them a disastrous eight minutes and they had

to be content with third place. Results for the first half were already on display as a cavalcade of tired competitors arrived back at Wilmslow. As the last competitor was due in, results were provisionally announced and half an hour later Messrs. Hadfield and Haggie were the happy possessors of a case of champagne which they were not slow to sample.

A particularly fine performance was that of the winning semi-expert crew F. E. Grange/Miss Yvonne Hilton in an Anglia, who lost only 33 marks to beat many of the more experienced crews. More than one discerning competitor was heard to remark that attractive Miss Hilton would be a welcome addition to any rally crew—and she can navigate! VALERIE DOMLEO.

VALERIE DOMLEO. Results 1, J. Hadfield/G. Haggie (Herald), 5 penalties; 2, D. Grimshaw/B. Melia (Austin-Healey 3000), 14; 3, P. Simister/G. Robson (Anglia), 16; 4, B. Harper/A. Crellin (Sebring), 16; 5, R. Sutcliffe/ R. Dixon (VW), 19; 6, P. Astbury/Valerie Domleo (Morgan), 20.

#### THE N.L.E.C.C. RADCAP RALLY

STARTING from Hatfield at 8.31 p.m., competitors, who had been grouped into two classes, Experts and Novices, were faced with a first part which em-braced two sections of references, spot heights and Tulip Cards, to the midway halt and focal point of the event, a lay-by in the vicinity of Courteenhall, near Northampton. From this point, two loops led north and west, and the two classes took them in opposite order, so as to lessen the continuous passage of cars past any one place. There was a bonus section in the western loop for experts who were not more than 30 minutes late at the end of the previous section. The rally was based on straightforward navigation, and embraced most of the methods of map reading, with, here and there, a subtle variation, so that, with no "run-in" and plenty of change from section to section, there was no lack of interest. The event counted towards the B.T. & R.D.A.'s Silver Star Championship, the awards for which went to the Steiner/Actman A40 combination in a decisive manner.

10th	Coming Attractions -18th November. Scottish Motor
11th	Show, Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. -12th November. Canary Islands
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	from Burgh Heath, Surrey, 10
	<i>p.m.</i>
12th	November. Yorkshire S.C.C.
	Pennine Trophy Trial. Starts from
	Pack Horse Hotel, Southowram,
	near Halifax, 10.30 a.m.
13th	-18th November. R.A.C. Inter-
1041	national Rally of Great Britain.
1910	-19th November. Birmingham
	Y.C.M.C. Midland Rally. Starts
	from Birmingham Civic Centre, 8 p.m.
M	argate and D.C.C. Ramsgate
	Rally.
19th	November. Leicestershire C.C.
	Trial. Starts from Fox and
	Hounds, Skeffington, near Up-
	pingham, 11 a.m.
C	o-promoted Production Car Trial.
	Starts from Little Mill Inn, Rowarth (MR 111/011890), 10.30

a.m.

UNUSUAL trials mount but undoubtedly a most enviable car is C. Ellison's Frazer-Nash.

The night of fireworks and bonfires once more saw the competitors in the Falcon Motor Club's long-distance trial converging on the Cotswolds to pit their skill against the hazards of that glorious countryside. The beauty of the scenery was there as always but, unfortunately for the organizers, the hazards were curiously lacking. The fact that this year's entry list embraced some 80 vehicles shows that the event is tremendously popular, and this welldeserved popularity is due in no small measure to the ingenious system of handicapping which allows almost any type of vehicle to compete with an equal chance of capturing a major award provided that its driver is adept at coaxing it up a gradient; timed climbs, or "sprints", are included purely as tiedeciders and time controls on the road section are put in merely to conform to the G.C.R.s and to assist in marshalling the field in a given place at a given time, not as irksome mathematical exer-



#### THE GUY FAWKES 200 Falcon M.C.'s Long-distance Trial

cises. This formula for finding the winners on the hills does depend for its success on the hills themselves presenting certain difficulties. One would have thought that enough rain had fallen recently to ensure this, but any water which has descended on the Cotswolds seems to have vanished on contact with the ground and the famous trials hills can surely never have been in more gentle mood. The results of the event are not known at the time of writing, but there is every indication that there will be a large number of clean sheets and that timing will, therefore, assume more than its fair share of importance. This is very bad luck on the organizers but, nevertheless, the competitors appear to have enjoyed the event as much as ever.

If this year's trial did not produce

many failures through inability to climb, it will still be an object lesson to many drivers to prepare themselves more carefully for an event of this kind. As always on several of the hills, there were simple tests of the stop-and-go variety, details of which were known many days in advance, yet a surprising number of competitors were coming to the line with little or no idea of what was expected of them. Even some of those who obviously knew what to do in broad outline ruined their own chances by failure to use "the loaf". When a chap is told to stop astride a line and he knows that he will then be timed from the restart signal to the moment when his rear wheels clear that line, there is no one to blame but himself if he leaves the whole of his car hanging downhill from it and then either runs back over it or, at best,



takes 10 secs. instead of 1 sec. to clear it. Some of those whose resounding failures in such tests were accompanied by much sound and fury should have watched David Hale's A.B.C. or M. Croome's Trojan establishing, with a single "chuff", times which would have done credit to a trials special.

The specials were probably harder hit this year than any other cars. Their re-start on the first step of the Ladder and their tight turn at the foot of Fort I caused several failures on hills which the saloons, particularly those with i.r.s., were treating with the utmost contempt. The only special driver we met who seemed to think he stood a chance was Falcon secretary Ron Warren. Michael Lawrence, who has done great things in this event with his special, deserted it this year in favour of a Land-Rover with which he provided some stern opposition to the Army drivers, who were sampling the trial for the second year. The Tucker-Peake family was represented this time by the rising generation only, the Clerk of the Course's well-known Tucker-M.G. being crewed by daughters Maralyn and Susan, average age 17; from what we saw of their performance, it looks as though they will keep the family name in the news from some time to come. We somehow missed seeing most of the sports cars in action, but we heard that W. B. Caldwell's TR3 was climbing well. Among the saloons, Les Needham (VW) and Alan Blick (Renault Gordini) were showing great skill and determination, and Donald Cannon seemed to be doing well with a perfectly standard A35 although handicapped to a certain extent by the solid rear end.

If the weary organizers cannot get out the results in time for this issue, which is asking a very great deal, they will be published separately when available. We hope, for the club's sake, that more rain will fall next year *before*, but not during, the event which they work so hard to put on.

#### DAVID PRITCHARD.

TAKEN BY STORM! The fantastic little Messerschmitt of T. L. Wood takes Stairway in the dark.

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#### **Clubman's Silverstone**

As your correspondent K. Randall has singled out by name only  $\Lambda$  two drivers he criticizes for participating in this meeting, and as they were both entered by the Chequered Flag, I feel it incumbent upon me to reply.

We certainly did not go to "steal the prize money from the clubmen". There was no prize money (or starting money, or bonus moneys from fuel or tyre companies) and the expense of and club meetings, usually with little or, as in this case, no chance

and club meetings, usually with little or, as in this case, no chance of financial return. Not only did the organizers accept our entries but they thanked us afterwards for supporting their meeting and making it more interesting for the spectators. No other driver appears to resent our presence; indeed, with such well-known names as Frank Gardner, Peter Protter, Gordon Lee, John Rhodes, David Hobbs, Peter Sargeant, Dick Protheroe, John Bekaert, etc., it is hard to see why Mr. Randall should have aimed his remarks at Bill Moss and myself. Definition of the "bigger hoys" that your correspondent refers

Definition of the "bigger boys" that your correspondent refers to as "pestering the enthusiasts" is difficult, for *all* the drivers there were enthusiasts.

were enthusiasts. That we entered because we enjoy motor-racing and not with thought of gain other than the doubtful value of publicity is shown by the fact that both cars were entered for races that they had little chance of winning as well as for their "proper" races. The Elite was entered for the sports-racing car race and the Gemini in the *Formule Libre* race. A correspondent in a contemporary writes that the happy memory of motor sport he will carry with him over the winter is that of Bill Moss in the little Gemini overtaking a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-litre F1 Lotus around the outside of Woodcote—if that is "pestering" I am sure the spectators enjoyed it as much as the drivers certainly did. I entered because there is normally only one chance a vear to

drivers certainly did. I entered because there is normally only one chance a year to drive on the "full" Silverstone circuit and I wanted to keep my hand in. Bill entered because I asked him to! We entered the Gemini in the hope of continuing the recent run of Gemini suc-cesses which may help us to sell Geminis next season; we ran a privately owned car to demonstrate that the cars we sell are as fast as our own "works" cars. The Geminis have on more than one occasion taken the first two places in fields that included the full might of Team Lotus, the Tyrell Coopers, the Lola Team, etc. etc., as well as winning other major F.J. races, so it seems unreasonable to accuse us of "pot hunting" at only the smaller meeting. GRAHAM A. WARNER.

GRAHAM A. WARNER. CHISWICK, W.4.

#### "In Memoriam 'Autosport' Championship"

 $\mathbf{A}$ s the "sole" driver to have competed in all Three-Hour Finals of the AUTOSPORT Championship since its inception, I read that the championship for 1962 is to be run for sports-racing cars. I hope that the organizing panel will reconsider their decisions in the light of the following:—

- (a) Sports-racing cars are admitted freely into *Formule Libre* races. Try to enter a G.T. car.
- What chance do "marque" G.T. cars have in International/ National races—let alone get an entry in the over 2,000 c.c. class? (b)
- Keep the AUTOSPORT Championship for the "true amateur" driver of G.T. cars. (c)

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

DAVID G. DIXON.

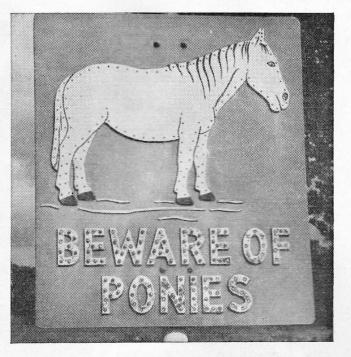
#### The TR4

AFTER making the annual pilgrimage to the Earls Court Motor A FTER making the annual pilgrimage to the Earls Court Motor Show I would like to endorse your comments and say what a really good show it was this year. Many interesting new models were shown, each one drawing fair criticism and commendations. The car that really hit the mark in my opinion is the new TR4: it has that real beefy look about it and is a worthy successor to the TR3. However, I am sure that Standard-Triumph will bear with me when criticizing the car for its rather shoddy interior finish. The items I refer to are the control switches mounted below the facia—tumbler switches work so much better—the passenger grab handle which was almost falling off by the fourth day of the show and the poor-fitting glove box. Whilst I realize that the basic price of the car is not expensive, surely a little more spent where the driver spends all his time would be worth while. The above comments are not solely my own but of many friends I have spoken to about the TR4, and I am surely unbiased, having owned no fewer than three TRs during the past four years. E. A. FISHER.

SURBITON, SURREY.

E. A. FISHER.

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



# But for the sign of good petrol THERE'S NOTHING LIKE SUPER NATIONAL



A distinctly horsey hazard. The New Forest, Hants. is the place, of course (N.B. Map Ref: I/P.30). Wherever you drive, fill up with your favourite National petrol at a friendly National station.

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**BRIAN FOLEY'S** 

# **Report from Eire**

abolished this system. Instead of a large number of Hewison Trials held throughout the season in the Dublin area and in the country, we shall now have a series of qualifying events. Drivers may qualify

#### Sexton Trophy Results

THE Eire trials season is now in full THE Eire trials season is now in full swing and the racing machinery lies under the dust covers of the annual winter hibernation. The year 1961 was a great one for record-breakers and records toppled at every Irish event, with the exception of the Corkscrew hill-climb in Co. Clare where rain spoiled the pro-ceedings. Record crowds turned out to all the many events, entries were higher than ever before, and an even larger than ever before, and an even larger contingent of English drivers supported the only two genuine road racing events left in the British Isles-Phoenix Park and Dunboyne. Despite the prediction of Lotus Seven driver Jon Derisley, in a recent letter in AUTOSPORT, we hope to have an even bigger invasion of English racers for these two events next summer!

Hill-climber of the year was un-doubtedly John Pringle of Bangor. With his extremely potent 2.5-litre Cooper-Climax, John established new records for no fewer than eight Irish hills—Cairn-castle, Enniskerry, Spelga, Mount Venus, castle, Enniskerry, Spelga, Mount Venus, Calary, Craigantlet, Altidore and Knockagh. In fact he was only once beaten and that was by the Acheson brothers, Maurice in a Lotus 20 and Doug in a Lotus 15, who tied for joint B.T.D. at Syonfin. Brian Bleakley and his 1,000 c.c. Kieft-J.A.P. set up new records for Rathmoylan and Tralee hills, Paddy Honkirk (E L Elva) set up the Paddy Hopkirk (F.J. Elva) set up the record for the new hill at Farnanes in Co. Cork, and Reg Armstrong (Lotus 18) set up the record for the new hill in King William's Glen in Co. Louth. Dan McAlister celebrated his first full season with his 1.5-litre Cooper-Climax by win-ning the Sexton Trophy for the Eire speed championship.

Although Dan was still learning to handle the Cooper, he broke the record at Dungarvan and Ballylaneen, and also set up B.T.D. at Corkscrew, as well as taking several class awards. His best performance was at Phoenix Park in taking several class awards. In socal performance was at Phoenix Park in July when he finished second behind Gerry Ashmore's F1 Lotus-Climax in the 100 miles Irish Shell-B.P. Trophy race for 1,500 c.c. monopostos. With a total of 207.5 points, McAlister was literally miles ahead of everyone else in the final Sexton placings. The results are as follows: 1, Dan McAlister, 207.5 points; 2, Peter Kramm (3.8 Jaguar and Lotus 18), 148.5; 3, Kevin Diffley (M.G. and Sprite), 147.5; 4, Edmund Gill (Lotus 18), 145.5; 5, John Burke (Gordini), 138.75; 6, Johnny duMoulin (Ford Anglia and Austin-Healey 100), 133.75; 7, Don Hunter (Lotus 18 and Sprite), 122.75; 8, Des Cullen (NSU Prinz and Sprite), 118.25; 9, Malcolm MacNaughton (Lotus 20, Sprite and Austin Seven), 116.5; and 20, Sprite and Austin Seven), 116.5; and 10, Reg Armstrong (Lotus 18 and 20), 96.5.

The results of the saloon car Sexton The results of the saloon car Sexton are as follows: 1, Peter Kramm, 102.5 points; 2, Johnny duMoulin, 89.25; 3, Des Cullen, 60.75; 4, Reggie Redmond (Auto Union 1000), 52.5; 5, Dr. Gar O'Brien (NSU Sport Prinz), 52.25; and 6, Mrs. Delphine Bigger (Austin Seven), 49.

For the record the past winners of the Sexton Trophy are as follows: the late Dudley Colley (1948), Joe Kelly (1949)

PADDY HOPKIRK drove his Sunbeam Alpine in the Rhodes Cup Trial on the 14th October, and in spite of having a racing camshaft and this brief visit to the country, he won the over 1,000 c.c. sports car class: he was the only entrant in the class!

and 1954), Pearse Cahill (1950), Irwin Catherwood (1951), Joe Flynn (1952, 1957 and 1960), Dickie Odlum (1953), Mike Heather (1955) and Bill Bradshaw (1956, 1958 and 1959). The Sexton Trophy is dedicated to the memory of the late Walter Sexton, the man behind the pre-war Phoenix Park races.

#### **Rhodes Cup Trial**

MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB hold two of the best driving-test events of the year, their Tostal and Rhodes Cup trials. Neither of these trials counts for the Hewison Trophy and/or any other particular championship. Is there a moral in this somewhere? The Rhodes Cup trial was held on a beautiful Saturday, 14th October, in the Dublin-Wicklow mountains. The premier went to Seamus Griffin by 5.6 marks from Cecil Vard.

#### Results

Results Rhodes Cup: S. Griffin (Griffin-Ford), 350.9 marks, 1,000 c.c. Saloons: 1, C. Vard (Austin Seven), 355.3; 2, L. Vard (Austin Seven), 360.1; 3, J. Moore (Austin Seven), 385.0, 1,000 to 1,300 c.c. Saloons: 1, L. Mooney (Volkswagen), 378.7; 2, P. O'Callaghan (Volkswagen), 347.0, Over 1,300 c.c. Saloons: 1, C. Gunn (Hillman Minx), 456.7; 2, D. Cullen (Hillman Minx), 476.0; 3, 1, Conney (Simca Aronde), 502. Specials: 1, R. Redmond (M.M.3), 385.9, 1,000 c.c. Sports Cars: 1, J. Fildes (M.G. Midged), 389.0, Over 1,000 c.c. Sports Cars: 1, P. Hopkirk (Sunbeam Alpine), 445.0, Novice Class: 1, N. Smith (NSU Prinz), 490.2; J. Vard (NSU Prinz), 402.3; 3, D. Brind-ley (NSU Prinz), 428.0, Visitor's Award: 1, P. O'Callaghan (Volkswagen).

#### **Tyresoles Cup Trial**

FOR the past two seasons the Hewison Trophy was awarded to the driver gaining the greatest number of points in a certain number of specified events. For the 1961-62 season, the R.I.A.C. have

by finishing in the first 10 places in a number of these events, and those that qualify will then do battle for the Hewison in one single driving tests trial which will be known as "The Hewison Trophy Championship Trial". It is expected that this trial will be an all-day effort and it will probably be held on next St. Pat-rick's Day, 17th March. It remains to be seen if this idea will prove successful or not, but, come what may, next Lá Fheile Padraig will be a great day for the beide the Irish

A very serious objection to the majo-rity of all the driving tests trials held in Ireland in the past two years, has been the inclusion of some extremely tight tests which literally put paid to the chances of drivers of anything other than a B.M.C. "Minnie", a Prinz, or a Special, of winning the Premier. This writer has mentioned this utterly ridiculous state of affairs in several past issues of AUTOSPORT, and now, at long last, we have had a trial which was absolutely fair game for everyone.

fair game for everyone. The Waterford Motor Club's Tyre-soles Cup Trial on Sunday, 15th Octo-ber, was a Hewison qualifying event. All eight tests were well thought out and it is a great tribute to the Waterford men that five different makes and types of car figured in the first five places. This trial was about the most closely contested event ever held in Ireland. Five men had the Premier Award within their grasp just before the final test. Seamus Griffin, the Hewison holder, lost the draw employed throughout the day to determine the order in which drivers were to come to the line. Shay was first man off and he finished the test with a total of 290.1 marks



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#### CAMBRIDGE C.C. AUTOCROSS

CAMBRIDGE C.C., the "home" club of many leading exponents of the sport of autocross, held a highly successful end-of-season meeting at Meldreth, Cambs, recently.

The event was heavily over-subscribed, and those lucky enough to be accepted for a final fling before winter set in made their way to club member Peter Marr's farm, where a 1,000-yard course had been laid out on Peter's best and most level meadow-which was very nice of him!

Competitors got in a spot of unofficial practice en route to the meadow, which was via a slightly wet farmyard, and mud tracks designed for diesel tractors rather than Lotuses, Porsches and other nonagricultural vehicles.

This, however, was a useful foretaste of things to come. Although the sun tried hard, most of the fast and slow bends on the kidney-shaped course remained extremely dicey from an adhesion point of view, one in particular almost qualifying for an autocross-on-ice label.

In these conditions highly interesting competition developed between types, rather than capacity classes. The front-wheel drive school, ably led by Ken Piper's B.R.M.-sounding DKW-Auto Union and E. von Hartmann's Yimkin Mini-Minor, dealt with the aforesaid bends in a more rapid and zestful manner than their rivals, the rearengined brigade.

The latter lot (in more senses than one!), headed by Paul Kerridge's familiar autocrossing Porsche, and Laurie Manifold's Fish-carburretted VW, showed an unwilling tendency to drive straight ahead on the more slippery curves although their traction, especially at the although their traction, especially at the start line, seemed superior. It was not enough, however, and in the first of the two-lap timed runs, Mr. Piper's "tweaked Deek" (equipped with Auto Union 1000s engine and twin-choke Solex carb.) streaked round in 1 min. 13.2 secs., lowared to a formidable 1 min. 12 1 secs lowered to a formidable 1 min. 12.1 secs. on a second run. The best the rear-drive gents could manage in reply to this was Manifold's 1 min. 14.8 secs. Heads were then put together in the rear camp, and the "knobbly" tyres on the rear of the Kerridge Porsche were swapped with the normal treads on the front, in an attempt to give steering grip.

The plan misfired when the Porsche front end stayed put perfectly, but the plain-shod rear spun in those everdecreasing circles one sometimes hears

about! Finally, the errant Porsche was fitted with knobblies all round, and on a third run (which was not part of the main contest) Kerridge cheered his side with a stable—and fast—time of 1 min. 14 secs. dead. But Mr. Piper was left calling the tune. .

Other excellent saloon times were pro-(taking time off from Goodwood) with 1 min. 18.7 secs., P. Meldrum's Alex-andered Herald (1 min. 14.6 secs.), and von Hartmann with 1 min. 14 secs. dead. Battles among the big stuff (specials

or non-production sports) saw a return match between Frank Pryor, the reigning B.T.R.D.A. autocross champion, in his Iris II TR-engine/VW-drive special, and Lotus-borne John Sheldrick. Sheldrick had just managed to pip his friend Pryor at the Peterborough M.C. Autocross a fortnight before, but this time Mr. Pryor meant to be prior. And he was-with a time, amazing in the conditions, of 1 min. 7.7 secs. This was literally mud in the eye for John, who managed a fast 1 min. 10.7 secs.-but then, there is always the next time. Arnold Butcher carved his way round the circuit in his Lotus with an even better 1 min. 9.9 secs.

Bearded Bert Westwood, that popular veteran of motor racing, showed that the hands which drove for works teams in the inter-war years had lost none of their cunning. He whipped Iris I rapidly round in 1 min. 9.8 secs., to take the class (Frank Pryor having qualified for B.T.D.).

In the organizing dept., secretary Roger Bowyer and his officials could not be faulted. In the hard luck dept., sympathy went to Peter Marr-who lay flu-stricken in his farmhouse within earshot of the sounds of motor sport on his own land, but unable even to manage a lap round the landing in his pyjamas. P.F.

#### **Provisional Results**

Provisional Kesuits B.T.D.: Frank Pryor (Iris II), 1 m. 7.7 s. Saloons up to 1,000 c.c.: K. Piper (DKW-Auto Union), 1 m. 12.1 s. Saloons over 1,000 c.c.: L. Manifold (VW-Fish), 1 m. 14.8 s. Sports: K. Piper (Messerschmitt), 1 m. 9 s. Non-Pro-duction Sports and Specials: B. Westwood (Iris I), 1 m. 9.8 s. Handicap Award: M. Bentley (Hill-man Miny) 1 m. 9.8 s. man Minx).

#### "NOVEMBER RALLY"

OINTLY promoted by Southport M.C., J Waterloo M.C. and Wirral Eagle M.C., this event on 5th November started at Mere Brow Garage, Nr. Southport, at 9.30 a.m.

The organizers wisely sent off the fast machinery first and the route proceeded southwards and eastwards, near Rufford Mawdsley, Grimsargh and Inglewaite to T.C. 1 at Claughton. This was a long section and enabled navigators to plot ahead.

Thereafter things tightened up as com-petitors proceeded via Sowland Forest and over the Old Hornby Poney Track, through T.C. 2 near Slaidburn, thence up the Lune Valley.

Having passed further controls the halfway halt was reached at Casterton, where 25 per cent. of the entry were late and Dr. and Mrs. Stok retired with carburetter trouble. At this stage the leaders were R. Watkinson/M. Stuttard, K. Mayberry/I. Scott-Craig and F. Murgatroyd/R. Stuttard, all with clean sheets.

The early part of the second half was very tight and proved to be the "meat" of the event. The route went westwards of the event. The folde went westwards before turning southwards over Hutton Roof and many muddy white roads were encountered. Thereafter the timing eased off a bit as the cars went near Cator, Quernmore, Barnacre Woods and Catterall to a tricky slot near Garstang Catterall to a tricky slot near Garstang. The tough stuff was now over and there were two comparatively easy sections in a large loop in the Fylde area.

Competitors proceeded from the final Control on an untimed route back to Mere Brow Garage, where the usual inquest took place. After a half hour protest period the following final results were announced :-

#### Results

1, F. Murgatroyd/R. Stuttard 20 penaltics; 2, R. Rosenbloom/D. Fann, 30; 3, K. Mayberry/ I. Scott-Craig, 50, **Team Award:** F. Murga-troyd/R. Watkinson, Southport M.C. Novice Award: F. Clarke/D. Woods, Wirral Eagle I.C. 300 penaltic troyd/R. Wa Award: F. C 300 penalties.

#### **B.A.R.C. PRODUCTION CAR TRIAL**

IN the midst of a thick fog which lifted for a few brief moments at mid-day to give false hopes for a sunny afternoon, 14 competitors, a hardy band of organizers and marshals and an even hardier collection of spectators gathered at Draper's Farm, Prestbury, near Chelten-ham, for the West Midlands Group B.A.R.C. production car trials.

In spite of foul weather the event was very successful, some interesting tests and good driving helping one to forget the vagaries of the English climate. In an afternoon of close competition on a surface made tricky by the damp atmosphere eventual class winners were :-

R. Hancock (Anglia), 79 points lost; D. Ruskell (Jaguar XK 120), 64; N. Kell (Skoda), 58.

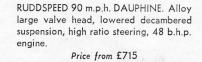
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#### THE MOORFOOT RALLY

"Not too difficult" was the order of the day for the Moorfoot Rally, which was organized by the Scottish Centre of the M.G. Car Club and took place on 22nd October.

The entry list was very mixed and ranged from the M.G. TA of A. Dickson and the T.R.G. of J. Henry to the Cooper-Minis of Boyd Tunnock and Donald McGlynn and T. Buchanan's M.G. Midget. Out practising for the R.A.C. Rally was Maggie Mackenzie in a Mini. The only competitor challenging first place in the championship was Logan Morrison, but a twice-punctured Mini put him out of the running and the championship went to his brother, who was so far ahead in points that he did not need to take part in the Moorfoot.

The start was made at 10.30 a.m. from Kirkhill Hotel on the outskirts of Eskbank and the first route sheet let the navigators know that they were in for a rather easy time of it. Only one map rather easy time of it. Only one map reference was given and the rest of the instructions consisted of place names which had to be passed and route directions which had to be followed. Despite this, some competitors did go wrong and Ian Macdonald in his Sunbeam Alpine was very late checking into the first control.

The first driving test was held at the end of the first section and was situated on a hill with a rather deep ford at the bottom. The drivers had to start at the top of the hill, drive through the ford to stop astride a hill, then reverse back through the ford to the top of the hill and finally through the ford again to stop astride the finishing line. Boyd

Tunnock was the first competitor to do the test and also the second. On his first attempt he tore off his sump guard in the ford, only to find on finishing that the marshal's watch had stopped working and he had to do the test again.

The route sheets did not turn up for the next section and after a 40-minute delay it was decided to miss it out. The competitors were given the map reference of the second control and sent on their way. The second test had also to be abandoned after all the competitors had tried to do it unsuccessfully. The test took the form of a bonus hill but the wet weather made it impossible, even for the Cooper-Minis, which went farthest up.

The third section took the competitors over white roads, without map references or codewords, to the third test, which was held on a muddy track. This test consisted of driving forward to stop astride a line, reversing back on to the grass verge and then forward to finish astride the starting line. The fastest time was put up by Jim McInnes in his M.G.A.

The fourth route card had reversed instructions and a lot of the competitors had to open their envelopes to find the fifth control, from where a 17.5-mile "ball-and-arrow" section took them to the halfway stage at Charterhall racing circuit where the fourth test was held. This comprised a zig-zag round three pylons and caused some bother to John McLay (M.G.A) whose handbrake had packed in before the start. Fastest time was put up by Duncan Paterson (M.G.A).

The sixth section took the competitors, without map references, over some very muddy terrain and through 12 gates. The average speed was 18 m.p.h., which gives

some idea of the route, and the seventh section was similar with an average speed of 21 m.p.h. The fifth test was held here with a dammed ford in the middle of it. The eighth section was all map references and took the competitors to the last test which was a bonus hill. All the entrants managed up the hill eventu-ally but most of them needed the help of a tractor which had been thoughtfully provided.

The last 16.5-mile "ball-and-arrow" section took the rally to the Dalrymple Hotel, North Berwick, where a welcome meal was served. The provisional results were .-

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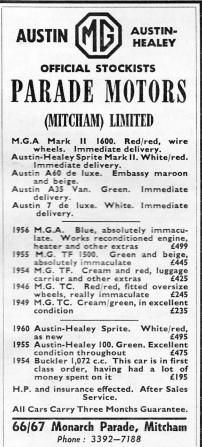
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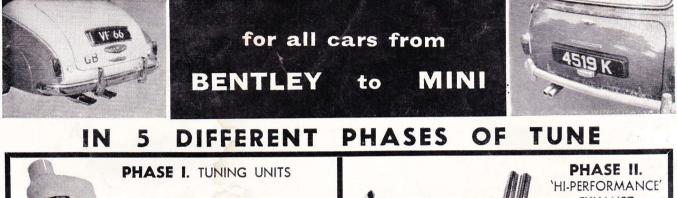
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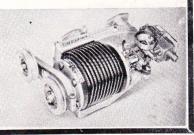
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