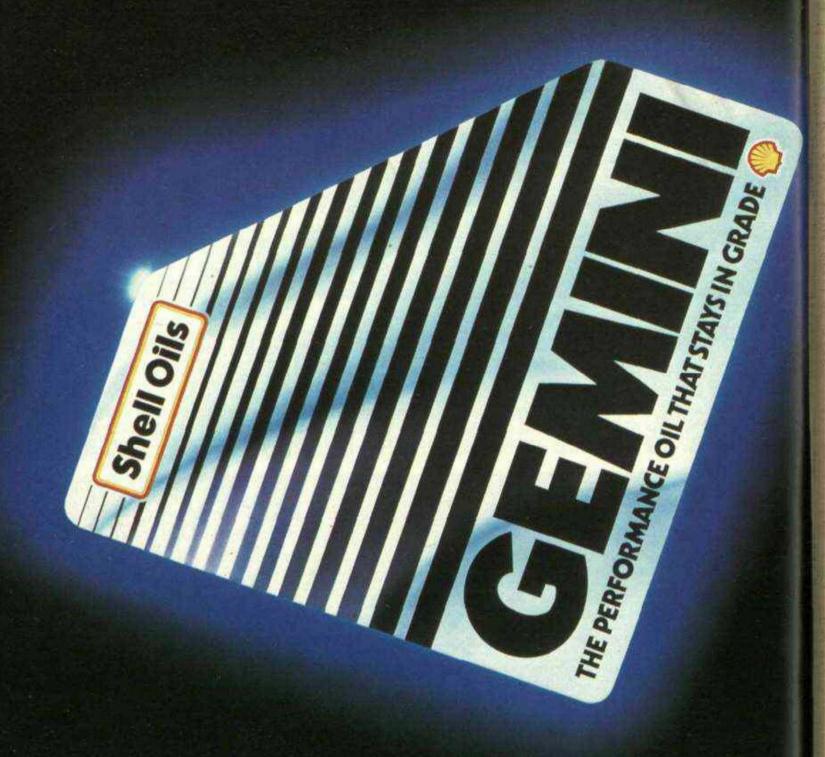
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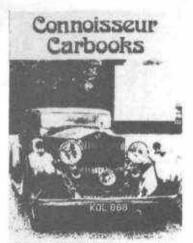
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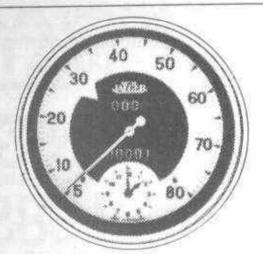


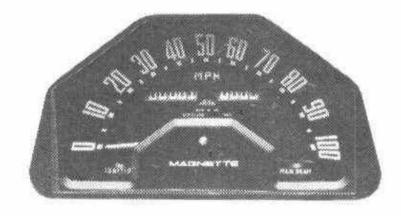
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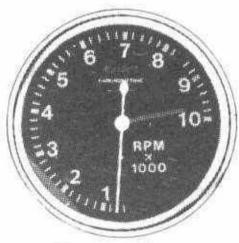
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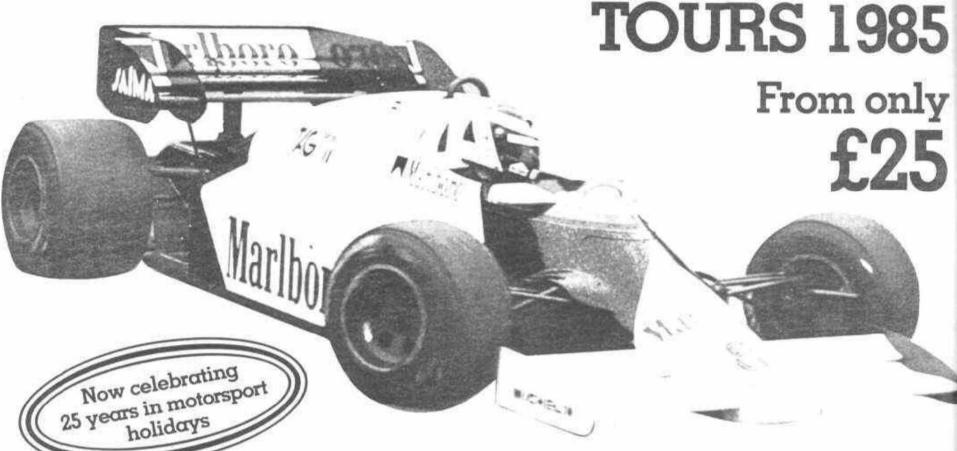
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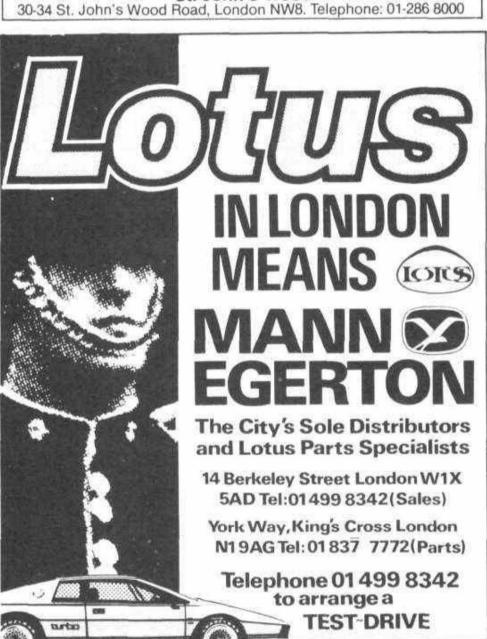


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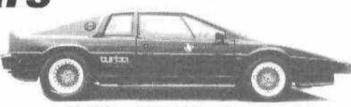
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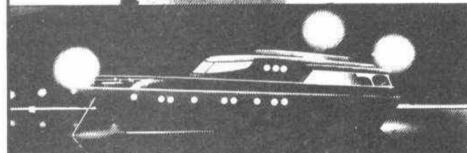
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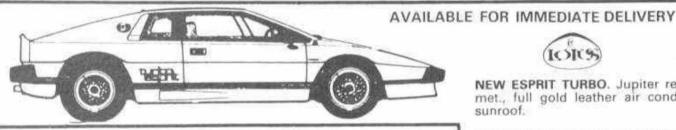
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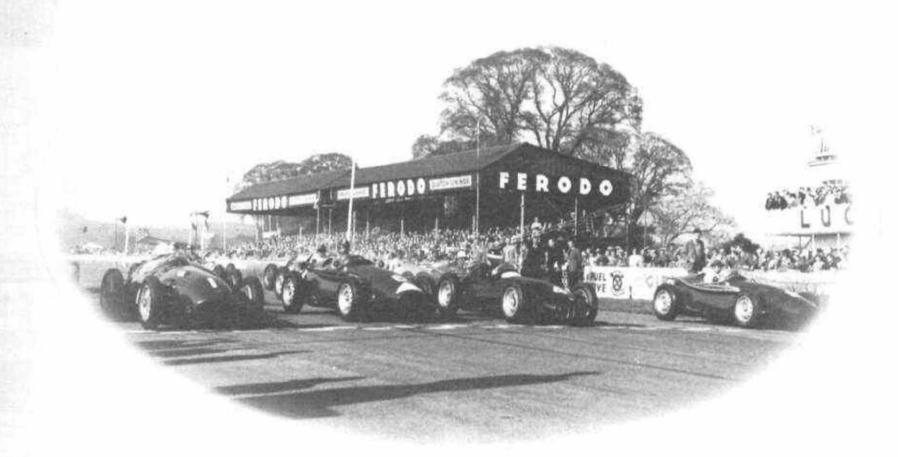
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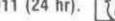


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rather than engine speed. Free wheeling in neutral
didn't seem to help, but gently applying the
handbrake did. This was because he'd been doing
handbrake turns in the Hundred Acre Wood, and
one of the handbrake cables probably through wear,
had come out of its retainer in the trailing arm and
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FRONT COVER PICTURE: TOP BRITISH DRIVER yet again — Russell Brookes tackling the Twiglees stage of the RAC Rally. Brookes and co-driver Mike Broad survived a roll to achieve fifth place with their Opel Manta 400.

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Matters of Moment

Good intentions for 1985

NOW is the time for making New Year Resolutions; we suggest the following resolutions for the following people.

Team Managers, Drivers and Designers To accept that motor racing is a sport and to devote as much effort and attention to the unwritten code of fair competition as many currently do to the imaginative interpretation of the rule book.

FISA To publish the 1986 international calendar well before the end of 1985 — and to stick to it.

RACMSA To tighten control of racing to eliminate cheating and hooligan driving. To ensure that never again do we have the shameful situation of the winner of a major national championship being declared nearly a year after the championship ended.

Writers of Press Releases To learn the meaning of the word "unique" and eschew meaningless phrases like "quite unique" and "very unique". To also learn the difference between "it's" (it is) and "its" (belonging to it) for he who abuses the yeoman apostrophe is a churl.

TV Directors Covering Grands Prix Abroad To employ at least the same level of professional expertise as when directing a glove-puppet show for the under-fives.

The Editor and Staff of MOTOR SPORT resolve to continue to support campaigns for raising speed limits on motorways, thus avoiding the dangerous bunching which the 70 mph restriction encourages. It would surely be a better safety measure than changing the Government's "Don't Drink And Drive" slogan to "Stay Low" which implies that a little drinking before driving is officially sanctioned.

To refuse to take seriously those compulsory Government fuel consumption estimates based on rolling road figures taken at steady speeds which nobody ever drives at. And the unrealistic "Urban Cycle" figures which lead to tantalisingly optimistic advertisement claims.

To try to ignore the continuing squabble over the future of Brooklands while wishing to see the continuation there of motoring activity at least to the level maintained by the Brooklands Society and the motor clubs in recent years.

To continue to express our preference for analogue instruments instead of digital readouts, bar graphs and voice synthesisers.

To try to give our readership the best possible service we can, both within the pages of MOTOR SPORT and in responding to the many letters and telephone calls we receive daily. Unlike some magazines, we positively welcome contact with our readers.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all our Readers

Motor Sport Fixture List for January

★ Only clubs whose secretaries furnished the necessary information prior to the 14th of the preceding month are included in this list ★

	$C = Closed Event, \qquad CI = C$	Closed Invitation Event. $R = Restricted E$	vent. N = National. INT = International.	
DATE	ORGANISER	VENUE	EVENT	TIME
January 1st-6th January 1st-20th January 11th-12th January 18th-20th	Badener Rallye Klub Thierry Sabine Organisation MCC Royaniemen Urheiluautoilijat	Austria Paris Reading, Lewdown and Circnester Finland Daytona International Spreadway, USA	Janner Rally (European Rally Championship round) (INT) Paris-Dakar Rally 57th Exeter Trial (C) Arctic Rally (European Rally Championship round) (INT) Daytona 24 Hours Race (INT)	22.00

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE second year in succession, the Triumph Sports Six Club is operating its very practical "Self Help Scheme". This is in essence a comprehensive list of members who have declared themselves willing to help any other member who breaks down in their area. A small booklet to be kept in the car gives the addresses of several hundred volunteers, together with details equipment and help available. It is a good idea - worthy of attention from other clubs?

With such a lot of discussion going on about "originality", it is interesting to see, in the Bulletin of the Australian Bugatti Register, a plaintive comment from its Editor that he would rather see a restored "Special", no matter how cross-bred, than a mouldering heap in a barn somewhere, and pointing out that there is as much or more interest in seeing a Special restored to its mixed state as to pure factory form.

Back in Britain, the Midland Rolls-Royce Club will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 1985. This Birmingham-based organisation welcomes all Rolls-Royce or Rolls-Royce-built Bentley owners, and the highlight of the anniversary year is to be the Silver Jubilee Dinner Dance on March 29th at Penn's Hall, Sutton Coldfield. Further details from the Hon Secretary, Mrs Carole Knight, 138 Tanworth Lane, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 4DD.

Only recently formed, the Renault Frères organisation appears to be well established. This is the official club for owners of pre-1940 Renaults, and has as its President the Managing Director of Renault UK Ltd, who at the moment is M Guy Bergeaud, a self-declared "fanatic" for older Renaults. It is good to see that at the recent Renault Fun Day at Hagley Hall, the Frères organised and competed in some driving tests - it is surprising how many clubs don't seem to get around to actually driving their cars, even in this mildest form of competition. With some successful events behind them, the Frères are now busy organising their French Rally for May 16th-19th, 1985, and this four-day tour to places of Renault relevance will be followed by a gathering at the Ingliston circuit near Edinburgh to coincide with a round of the "Superfive" series on July 28th. More information is available from Clive Young, Fredley Barn, Mickleham, Surrey.

The London Car Club's Video Archive continues to expand, and now contains 450 tapes of automotive and racing matters ancient and modern. From January of next year, filmshows will be held on the first Thursday of every month at the Packhorse and Talbot, 145 Chiswick High Road, London W4. The Archivist, Paul Meale, will supply details of programmes. His address is 6 Atwood Road, London W6 OHX.

Despite its name, Chester Vintage Vehicle Club is prepared to stretch their membership to owners of pre-1940 vehicles, and amongst a long list of future events which runs right up to September 1985 are a New Year's Day Run and a Lakeland visit. Organised jointly with the Lakeland Historic Car Club, this will include a Transport Rally and a visit to a private motor museum at Coniston, and will take place on the weekend of April 27th-28th. The summer programme also includes a Concours in conjunction with Llangollen Railway Society — that is going to make judging difficult, isn't it? Editor of the monthly Newsletter is Mike Daly, 123 Poulton Royd Drive, Bebington.

The annual Dinner and Dance of the BMW Car Club is to be held on January 19th at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, and tickets are available from Tony Rippon, 7 The Crescent, Pattishall, nr Towcester, Northants.

OBITUARIES

Sidney Greene

IT IS with great sadness that we learn of the death, at the age of 76, of Sidney Greene. As a teenager, Sid lost his left arm in a road accident but that served only to whet his ambitions. For some years he raced cars successfully at club level (always without special modifications) and flew Spitfires during the war, earning the nickname "The Wingless Wonder". Apart from building up his company, Gilby Engineering Ltd, he also invented the optic drink dispenser.

A generous man, he loved to share his enthusiasm for the sport with friends and employees and, after his own retirement from racing, gained fame as an entrant. particularly being associated with Roy

Salvadori. When his son, Keith, became of an age to race, he was entered under the Gilby banner and his successes led to the commissioning of the Gilby sports and F1 machines which were Len Terry's first important designs.

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MOTOR SPORT profiled Sid and his Gilby cars in June 1984 and the time we spent in his company was enormously pleasurable. Sid's fortunes had not been the best in his later years but nobody who met him could doubt that he was a truly remarkable man.

Alan Southon

WE also learn with sorrow of the death, at 75, of Alan Southon who was the first person to import Weber carburettors into the UK back in 1948. Alan continued to sell and service Webers up to his death and will be remembered for his contribution to historic car racing using his wide experience and knowledge of carburation.

NEWS

IT HAD to happen. A major manufacturer has entered legal correspondence with the maker of a fibreglass replica of one of the manufacturer's current models. Many replica makers are technically in breach of copyright of the designs they are producing. A car such as the Naylor TF 1700, an MG TF copy, is produced with the active encouragement of ARG. The makers of Cobra replicas seem to have the tacit support of AC Cars who apparently take the view that imitation is the sincerest form of flatters and, besides, the original Cobra is long out of production.

The point of contention seems to be when replica makers begin producing copies currently produced models from serious manufacturers. We understand that not only are the manufacturers concerned upset by these breaches of copyright (and who can blame them?) but the serious elements among the kit car industry feel that the image of kit cars is being damaged by some replica makers.

Renault has revived its association with one-marque racing and has put together highly professional package worth £100,000 for the Renault 5 Elf Turbo UK Cup. It an 11-round series using the 115 bbs

bocharged Renault 5 GT, examples of sich will be made available to competitors me months in advance of the car's official claunch in the summer. Ten of the ends will support good quality British eetings while the final will be at Vallelunga October. Among inducements offered to evers are a generous discount on the cars, se racing overalls and free transportation Vallelunga. The prize money and bonus nemes are generous and, indeed, it is coretically possible to earn £25,000 from e season.

Technical and tyre support will be ailable at all meetings and, very sensibly, e series will be policed by two RAC rutineers who will receive training in rance.

This year's Grovewood Awards have gone : 1st Mark Blundell an eighteen year old ho, in his first season of racing, recorded pole positions, 21 fastest laps and 25 ins, all in FF1600. 2nd, Andy Wallace, 23, no was a front runner in F2000 last year id who hopes to drive in F3 this year, 3rd, ill Hoy, a former karter who came into car cing in 1982 at the comparatively late age 28 and who has been outstandingly accessful in Clubmans racing. Special mmendations, which do not bar the cipients from full awards in the future, ent to Jonathan Bancroft, 21, who won oth junior FF1600 championships (beating lark Blundell on both occasions) and amon Hill, son of Graham. Bancroft and ill finished fourth and fifth in last year's ormula Ford Festival and were the first vo Britons home.

Audi has now completed its range offering that the models for all configurations. Full etails and driving impressions next month.



THE Renault GT Turbo type C40 505 Cup Version which will form the basis of Britain's first turbo one-marque racing series.

More sanity in FF1600! Minister Racing Engines Ltd, following consultations with the RAC, has taken the responsible step of not offering its recently developed Ignition Management System for racing. This is a move aimed at trying to stem escalating costs in the formula.

Hans Mezger, the engineer behind the Porsche-TAG F1 engine has been internationally recognised for his achievements and has already received awards of merit from Italy, Germany and France.

Another famous name to return to WEC racing this year will be Chevron which has a new car, designed by Paul Fox, under construction at its Winchester headquarters.

Systime, the leading British computer company which sponsored the Tyrrell team last year, has entered its motor racing involvement in a particularly imaginative way. Systime has made it possible for Steve Sydenham to operate the equally imaginative Racing for Britain scheme on a full-time basis.

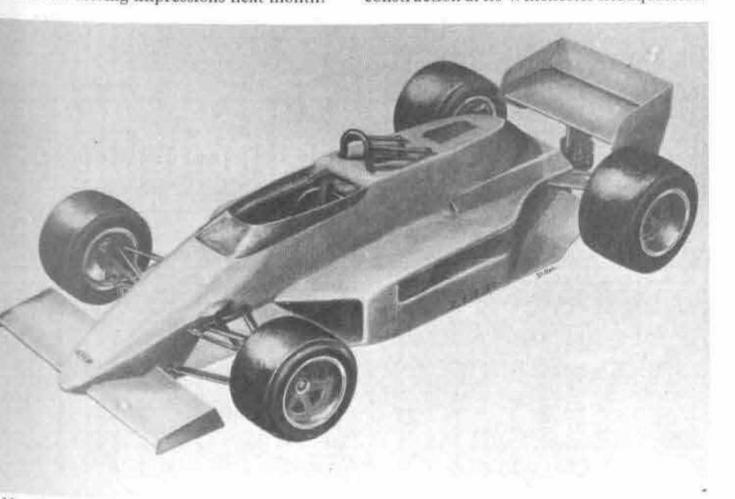
Racing for Britain, which will now be known as Systime Racing for Britain, has been of incalculable value in furthering the careers of some British drivers, notably Jonathan Palmer and Martin Brundle. The greatest compliment one can pay the scheme is that its professionalism has been such that one would never guessed that hitherto it was run on a part-time basis by a small group of dedicated enthusiasts.

Buoyed by its Indycar successes, and the orders which have poured in as a result, Lola Cars Ltd has announced that it will run a two-car works team in F3000. This is an unusual step for the company which, in the past, has preferred to form relationships with outside teams so the cars have been works-assisted rather than works-run. This departure from Lola's established practice is an indication of how seriously production racing car makers are treating F3000.

Another manufacturer to be considering F3000 is Team Spirit which hopes to run a car alongside its F1 entry,

The announcement that Yamaha is to contest the Japanese F2 Championship this year with an all-new V6 engine naturally leads one to speculate that, if all goes well, an F1 engine will eventually follow. Remember how Honda cautiously entered F2 in 1980 with a single Ralt driven by Nigel Mansell for a few races?

It may also mean that the company is considering entering the production car market.



N artist's impression of the Lola T950 F3000 car which should begin testing early this month.

INTERNATIONAL RACE RESULTS OF 1984

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS





Champion Car McLAREN-PORSCHE

Date	Race and Distance	Location	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fitth	Carrier 1	Speed	Fastest Iap	Time Min sec
Mar. 25	Brazilian GP — 306.891 kms	Rio de Janeiro	A. Prost (McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 t/c	K. Rosberg)(Williams FW09-Honda V Uc)	E. de Angelis (Lotus 951-Renault V6 t/c)	E. Cheever (Alfa Romeo 184T-V8 t/c)	M. Brundle (Tyrrell 012-Cos V8)	P. Tembey (Renault RE50-V6 t/c)	Speed Kph 179.511	A. Prost (McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 t/c)	1.36.499
Apr. 7	S. African GP — 307,783 kms	Kalami	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 tro	A. Prost)(McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 t/c)	D. Warwick (Renault RE50-V6 t/c)	R. Patrese (Alfa Romeo 1847-V8 t/c)	A. de Cesaris (Ligiet JS23-Ranault V6 t-c)	A. Senna (Toleman TG184-Hart t-c)	206.587	P. Tembay (Renault RE50-V6 t/c)	1.08.877
Apr. 29	Belgian GP — 298.339 kms	Zolder	M. Alboreto (Ferrari 126C4-V6 Uc)	D. Warwick (Renault RE50-V6 (/c)	R. Arnoux (Ferral 126 C4-V5 tie)	K. Rosberg (Williams FW09-Honda V6 ticl	E. de Angelis (Lotus 951-Renault V6 t.c)	S. Bellof (Tyrrell 012-Cos V8)	185.430	R. Arnoux (Ferrari 126C4-VB t/c)	1.19.294
May 6	San Marino GP — 302.400 kms	Imola	A. Prost (McLaren MP4-2-Porsche V6 tie	R. Arnoux (Ferrari 126C4-V6 t/c)	E. de Angelis (Lotus 957-Renault V6 t/c)	D. Warwick (Renault RES0-V6 t/c)	S. Bellof (Tyrrell 012-Cos V8)	T. Boutsen (Arrows A6-Cos V8)	187.254	N. Piquet (Brabham BTS3-BMW t.c)	1.33.275
May 20	French GP — 307.072 kms	Dijon-Prenois	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4-2-Porsche V6 t/c	P. Tambay (Renault RES0-V6 t.c.)	N. Mansell (Lotus 957-Renault V6 t-c)	R. Arnoux (Ferran 126C4-V6 t/c)	E. de Angelis (Lotus 957-Renault V6 LC)	K. Rosberg (Williams FW09-Honda V6 f.c)	202.023	A. Prost (McLaren MP4 2-Poische V6 1 c)	1.05.257
June 3	Monaco GP — 102.672 kms	Monte Carlo	A. Prost (McLaren MP4-2-Porsche V6 t/c	A. Senna (Toleman TG184-Hart 1-c)	S. Bellof (Tyrrell 012-Cos VII)	R. Arnoux (Ferran 126C4-V6 t.c)	K. Rosberg (Williams FW09-Honda V6 t-c)	E. de Angelis (Lotus 95T-Renault V6 t/c)	100.775	A. Senna (Toleman 1G184-Hart t/c)	1.54.334
June 17	Canadian GP — 308.700 kms	Montreal	N. Piquet (Brabham 8753, BMW t/c)	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6.1.c)	A. Prost (McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 t/c)	E, de Angelis (Lotus 95T-Renault V6 t.c.)	R. Arnoux (Ferrari 126C4-V6 t/c)	N. Mansell (Lotus 957-Renault V6 t.c.)	174.085	N. Piquet (Brabham BT53-BMW t.c.)	1.28.763
June 24	Detroit GP — 253.449 kms	Downtown	N. Piquet (Brabham BTS3-BMW tic)	M. Brundle* (Tyrrell 012-Cos V8)	E. de Angelis (Lotus 95T-Renault V6 t/c)	T. Fabi (Brabham BTS3-BMW t.c)	A. Prost (McLaren MP4 2-Porsche V6 t.c.)	J. Laffite (Williams FW09-Honda V6 1c)	131.449	D. Warwick (Renault RE50-V6 t/c)	1,46,221
July 8	Dallas GP — 261.367 kms	Fair Park	K. Rosberg (Williams FW09-Honda V6 t/c)	R. Arnoux (Ferran 126C4-V6 t/c)	E. de Angelis (Lotus 951-Renault V6 t/c)	J. Laffite (Wilkams FW09-Honda V6 tic):	P. Ghinzani (Osella FA 1F-Alla V8 t/c)	N. Mansell (Lotus 95T-Renault V6 tic)	129.219	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 t/c)	1.45.353
July 22	British GP — 298.626 kms	Brands Hatch	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 Lo	D. Warwick (Renault RESQ-V6 tic)	A. Senna (Toleman TG184-Hart tick	E. de Àngelis (Lotus 951-Renault V6.1/c)	M. Alboreto (Ferran 12604-V6 t/c)	R. Arnoux (Ferrari 128C4-V6 tic)	200.212	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4 2-Porsche V6 1:c)	1.13.181
Aug. 5	German GP — 299.067 kms	Hockenheim	A. Prost (McLaren MP4/2-Poische V6 to	N. Lauda)(McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 t.c)	D. Warwick (Renault RESO-V6.1:c)	N. Mansell (Lotus 957-Remault V6 t/c)	P. Tambay (Renault RE50-V6 t/c)	R. Arnoux (Ferrari 126C4-V6 1 c)	211.803	A. Prost (McLaren MP4 2-Porsche V6 t.c.)	1.53.538
Aug. 19	Austrian GP — 303.042 kms	Österreichring	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 t/c	N. Piquet)(Brabham BT53-BMW Vc)	M. Alboreto (Ferrari 126C4-V6 t/s)	T. Fabi (8rabham 8T53-BMW t/c)	T. Boutsen (Arrows A7-BMW UC)	M. Surer (Arrows A7-BMW t/c)	223.883	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4 2-Porsche V6 t/c)	1.32.882
Aug. 26	Dutch GP — 301.892 kms	Zandvoort	A. Prost (McLaren MP4/2-Parsche V6 t/c	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 t/c)	N. Mansell (Lotus 95T-Renault V6 t/c)	E. de Angelis (Lotus 951-Renault V6 t/c)	T. Fabi (Brabham BT53-BMW t.c)	P. Tambay (Renault RE50-V6 t/c)	186.050	R. Arnoux (Ferrari 126C4-V6 Uc)	1.19.465
Sept. 9	Italian GP — 295.800 kms	Monza	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4-2-Porsche V6 to	M. Alboreto (Ferran 126C4-V6 Uc)	R. Patrese (Alfa Romed 1841-V8 tic)	S. Johansson (Toleman TG184-Hart t.c.)	J. Gartner (Oselia FA 1F-Alta V8)	G. Berger (ATS D7-BMW tc)	220,514	N. Lauda (McLaren MP4 2-Porsche V6 t.c.)	1.31.912
Oct. 7	European GP — 304.314 kms	New Nürburgring	A. Prost (McLaren MPA/2-Porsche V6 t/c	M. Alboreto (Ferran 126C4-V6 t/c)	N. Piquet (Brabham BT53-BMW tic)	N. Lauda (McLaren MP42-Porsche V61)	R. Arnoux c)(Ferrari 12604-V6 t/c)	R. Patrese (Alta Romeo 184T-V8 t/c)	191.751	N. Piquet (8rabham 8153-8MW t/c)	1,23,146
Oct. 21	Portuguese GP — 298.200 kms	Estoril	A. Prost (McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 to	N. Lauda)(McLaren MP4/2-Porsche V6 t/c)	A. Senna (Toleman TG184-Hart tic)	M. Alboreto (Ferrari 126C4-V6 1.c)	E. de Angelis (Lotus 951-Renault V6 t/c)	N. Piquet (Brabham BT53-BMW (c)	180.540	N. Laude (McLaren MP4 2-Porsche V6 1.c)	1.22.996

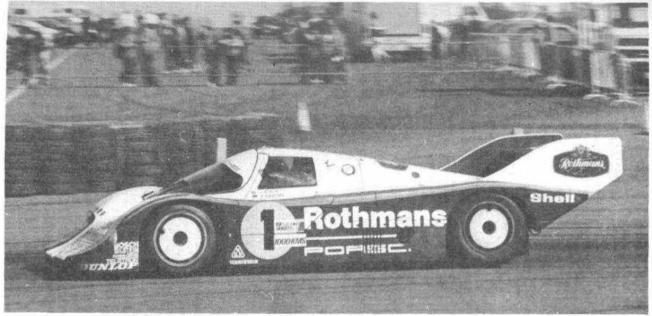
Driver's Championship Placings: 1st: N. Lauda; 2nd: A. Prost; 3rd: E. de Angelis Manufacturer's Championship Placings: 1st: McLaren-Porsche; 2nd: Ferrari; 3rd: Lotus-Renault

WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR MANUFACTURERS AND DRIVERS



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Date	Race and Distance	Location	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Winner's Speed kph
Apr. 23	Monza — 1000 Kms	Italy		J. lckx / J. Mass	H. J. Stuck / H. Grohs / W. Brun	J. Palmer / J. Lammers	D. Schornstein / V. Merl (Porsche Turbo 956)	P. Yver / B. de Dryver (Rondeau-Cosworth V8)	195.900
May 13	Silverstone — 1000 Kms	England	(Porsche Turbo 956) J. Ickx / J. Mass	(Porsche Turbo 956) K. Ludwig / H. Pescarolo	(Porsche Turbo 956) R. Keegan / G. Edwards	(Porsche Turbo 956) P. Barilla / M. Baldi	J. Palmer / J. Lammers	F. Konrad / D. Sutherland	196.550
June 16/17	Le Mans 24 hrs.	France	(Porsche Turbo 956) K. Ludwig / H. Pescarolo	(Porsche Turbo 956) P. Henn / J. Paul Jnr /	(Porsche Turbo 956) D. Hobbs / P. Streiff / S. van	(Lancia Turbo LC2) W. Brun / L. von Bayern /	(Porsche Turbo 956) D. Schornstein / V. Merl /	(Porsche Turbo 956) A. Jones / V. Schuppan /	150.550
fotoge	No. No. 1		(Porsche Turbo 956)	J. Rondeau (Porsche Turbo 956)	der Merwe (Porsche Turbo 956)	R. Akin (Porsche Turbo 956)	J. Winter (Porsche Turbo 956)	J. P. Jarier (Porsche Turbo 956)	204.180
July 15	New Nürburgring — 1000 Kms	Germany	D. Bell / S. Bellof	D. Hobbs / T. Boutsen	P. Barilla / S. Nannini / R. Patrese	J. Palmer / J. Lammers / C. Danner	M. Surer / M. Winkelhock (Porsche Turbo 956)	O. Larrauri / M. Sigala (Porsche Turbo 956)	156.383
July 29	Brands Hatch — 1000 Kms	England	(Porsche Turbo 956) J. Palmer / J. Lammers	(Porsche Turbo 956) J. Mass / H. Pescarolo	(Lancia Turbo LC2) T. Boutsen / R. Keegan /	(Porsche Turbo 956) D. Sutherland / D. Wilson /	S. Bellof / H. Grohs	D. Hobbs / G. Edwards /	
Aug. 5	Mosport Park — 1000 Kms	Canada	(Porsche Turbo 956) J. Ickx / J. Mass	(Porsche Turbo 956) D. Hobbs / R. Keegan /	G. Edwards (Porsche Turbo 962)	G. Fouche (Porsche Turbo 956)	(Porsche Turbo 956)	T. Boutsen (Porsche Turbo 956)	175.740
1000	THE OTHER CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY CAN		(Porsche Turbo 956)	F. Konrad (Porsche Turbo 956)	A. Coppelli / G. Dacco (Alba-Giannini 001)	D. Bell / S. Bellof	P. Barberio / M. Gellini / G. Vettelli	M. Finotto / C. Facetti / A. Sebastiani	166.551
Sept. 2	Spa — 1000 Kms	Belgium	D. Bell / S. Bellof	J. Ickx / J. Mass	H. J. Stuck / H. Grohs / W. Brun	(Porsche Turbo 956) O. Larrauri / M. Sigala	(Alba-Cosworth V8) J. Lassig / H. Regout / P. Martin	(Alba-Giannini AR2) V. Schuppan / J. Watson (Porsche Turbo 956)	169.730
Sept. 30	Fuji — 1000 Kms	Japan	(Porsche Turbo 956) S. Bellof / J. Watson	(Porsche Turbo 956) J. Ickx / J. Mass	(Porsche Turbo 956) H. J. Stuck / V. Schuppan	(Porsche Turbo 956) S. Johansson / H. Pescarolo	(Porsche Turbo 956) M. Winkelhock /	N. Nagasaka / K. Suzuki	181.210
			(Porsche Turbo 956)	(Porsche Turbo 956)	(Porsche Turbo 956)	(Porsche Turbo 956)	M. Thackwell (Porsche Turbo 956)	(Lotec-BMW M1)	101.210
Nov. 3	Kyalami — 1000 Kms	S. Africa	R. Patrese / S. Nannini	R. Wolleck / P. Barilla	G. Santana / H. van der Linde / E. Shearsby	B. Morgenrood / J. Coetzee / W. Hapburn	N. Bianco / A. Chatz (Alfa Romeo GTV6)	P. Moni / M. Formato (Alfa Romeo GTV6)	177.620
Dec. 1	Sandown Park — 1000 Kms	Australia	(Lancia Turbo LC2) D. Bell / S. Bellof (Porsche Turbo 956)	(Lancia Turbo LC2) J. Ickx / J. Mass (Porsche Turbo 956)	(Nissan Skyline) J. Palmer / J. Lammers (Porsche Turbo 956)	(Mazda RX7) S. van der Merwe / G. Fouche (Porsche Turbo 956)	M. Winkelhock / R. French (Porsche Turbo 956)	A. Miedecke / C. Bond (Porsche Turbo 956)	-

FORMULA TWO RACES (For European Championship)

Date	Race & Distance	Location	First	Second	Third	Winner Spee
Apr. 1	BRDC — 221.7kms	Silverstone	M. Thackwell	R. Moreno	M. Ferté	247.4
Apr. 8	Jim Clark Trophy-203.9 kms	Hockenheimring	(Rait-Honda V6) R. Moreno	(Rait-Honda V-6)	(Martini-BMW)	217.80
Apr. 23	DADC 200 F t	Thruxton	(Ralt-Honda V6)	M. Thackwell (Ralt-Honda V6)	M. Fertè (Martini-BMW)	198.21
	THE RESERVE AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O	Thruxton	M, Thakwell (Ralt-Honda V6)	C. Danner	P. Streiff	197.981
May 13	Vallelunga — 208.0 kms	Italy	M. Thackwell	(March-BMW) R. Moreno	(AGS-BMW)	
May 19	Mugello — 220.2 kms	Italy	(Ralt-Honda V6)	(Ralt-Honda V6)	C. Danner (March-BMW)	164.23
100 SS 200 MISS		italy	M. Thackwell (Ralt-Honda V6)	M. Ferte	C. Danner	179.46
June 11	Circuit of Pau - 201.4 kms	France	M. Thackwell	(Martini-BMW) P. Streiff	(March-BMW) R. Moreno	
June 24	Hockenheim — 203.9 kms	Germany	(Ralt-Honda V6)	(AGS-BMW)	(Ralt-Honda V6)	134.83
		Germany	P. Fabre (March-BMW)	T. Tassin	M. Ferte	196.27
July 22	Autodromo Misano — 202.3 kms	Italy	M. Thackwell	(March-BMW) P. Streiff	(Martini-BMW)	
July 27	Enna — 222.7 kms	Ciation	(Rait-Honda V6)	(AGS-BMW)	P. Petit (March-BMW)	177.82
TOTAL BUTTON		Sicily	M. Thackwell	R. Moreno	P. Petit	193,921
Aug 27	Donington Park — 220.5 kms	England	(Rait-Honda V6) R Morego	(Rait-Honda V6)	(March-8MW)	10.00
Cant 22		CAR BACKINGGII	(Ralt-Honda V6)	E. Pirro (March-BMW)	C. Danner	172.84
Sept 23	Brands Hatch — 197.6 kms (Two part race)	England	P. Streiff (AGS-BMW)	M. Ferté (Martini-BMW)	(March-BMW) R. Moreno (Ralt-Honds V6)	4

European Champion: Michael Thackwell

FORMULA THREE RACES

(for European Championship)

Date	Race & Distance	Location	First	Second	Third	Winner Spee
Mar. 25	Donington Park — 94.5 kms	England	J. Dumfries	T. Byrne	C. Langes	138.16
Apr. 15	Zolder — 93.7 kms	Belgium	(Ralt-VW) J.Nielsen	(Anson-Alfa Romeo) J. Dumfries	(Rait-Toyota) I. Capelli	
May 1	Magny-Cours — 100.0 kms	France	(Rait-VW)	(Ralt-VW) J. Nielsen	(Martini-Alfa Romeo)	165.59
May 13	La Châtre — 97.6 kms	France	(Martini-Alfa Romeo)	(Ralt-VW)	T. Byrne (Anson-Alfa Romeo)	165.00
Vlay 27	Osterreichring — 94.9 kms	Austria	(Martini-Alfa Romeo)	J. Dumfries (Ralt-VW)	G. Berger (Rait-Aifa Romeo)	130.43
June 10	Silverstone — 94.3 kms		G. Berger (Rait-Alfa Romeo)	C. Langes (Ralt-Toyota)	J. Nielsen (Rait-VW)	194.047
lune 17		England	J. Dumfries (Ralt-VW)	R. Spence (Ralt-VW)	I. Capelli (Martini-Alfa Romeo)	200.234
	New Nürburgring — 90.8 kms	Germany	J. Dumfries (Rait-VW)	1. Capetli	G. Berger	166,90
une 24	Monza — 98.6 kms	Italy	I. Capelli	(Martini-Alfa Romeo) G. Berger	(Ralt-Alfa Romeo) C. Langes	187,163
luly 8	Enna — 99.0 kms	Sicily	(Martini-Alfa Romeo) I. Capelli	(Rait-Alfa Romeo) C. Langes	(Ralt-Toyota)	1000
uly 16	Mugello — 94.4 kms	Italy	(Martini-Alfa Romeo) I. Capelli	(Ralt-Toyota)	G. Berger (Ralt-Alfa Romeo)	181.321
lug. 19	Knutsdorp — 93.5 kms	Sweden	(Martini-Alfa Romeo)	G. Berger (Ralt-Alfa Romeo)	R. Melgrati (Ralt-Alfa Romeo)	168,292
ept 16			C. Langes (Ralt-Toyota)	L. Sala (Rait-Alfa Romeo)	B. Santal (Rait-VW)	128.631
	Nogaro — 93.6 kms	France	J. Nielsen	I. Capelli	G. Berger	151.909
Oct 21	Jarama — 99.3 kms	Spain	(Ralt-VW) J. Dumfries (Ralt-VW)	(Martini-Alfa Romeo) J. Nielsen (Ralt-VW)	(Rait-Alfa Romeo) I. Capelli (Martini-Alfa Romeo)	-

European Champion: Ivan Capelli

INDYCAR RACES (CART/PPG World Series)

Date	Race & Distance	Location	First	Second	Third	Winner's Speed m.p.h.
Apr. 1	Long Beach — 187 mls	California	M. Andretti	G. Brabham	T. Sneva	82.89
Apr. 15	Phoenix — 150 mls	Arizona	(Lola T800-Cos DFX) T. Sneva	(March 84C-Cos DFX) H. Holmes	(March 84C-Cos DFX)	
May 27	Indianapolis - 500 mis	Indiana	(March 84C-Cos DFX) R. Mears	(March 84C-Cos DFX)	M. Andretti Jnr. (March 84C-Cos DFX)	120.55
June 3	Milwaukee — 200 mis	Michigan	(March 84C-Cos DFX) T. Sneva	(March 84C-Cos DFX)	A. Unser Snr. (March 84C-Cos DFX)	163.61
June 17	Portland — 200 m/s	Oregon	(March 84C-Cos DFX)	R. Mears (March 84C-Cos DFX)	A. Unser Jnr. (March 84C-Cos DFX)	118.03
July 1	Meadowlands — 168.2 mls	THE PARTY OF THE P	A. Unser Jnr. (March 84C-Cos DFX)	G. Brabham (March 84C-Cos DFX)	T. Fabi (March 84C-Cos DFX)	105.48
July 8		New Jersey	M. Andretti (Lola T800-Cos DFX)	D. Sulfivan (Lole T800-Cos DFX)	G. Brabham	80.74
anik a	Cleveland — 200 mls	Ohio	D. Sullivan	C. Ganassi	(March 84C-Cos DFX) M. Andretti Jnr.	119.73
July 15	Michigan — 500 mls	Michigan	(Lola T800-Cos DFX) M. Andretti	(March 84C-Cos DFX) T. Sneva	(March 84C-Cos DFX)	- 19.00
Aug. 5	Elkhat Lake — 200 mls	Wisconsin	(Lola T800-Cos DFX) M. Andretti	(March 84C-Cos DFX)	R. Mears (March 84C-Cos DFX)	133.48
Aug. 19	Pocono — 500 mls	Pennsylvania	(Lola T800-Cos DFX)	R. Rahal (March 84C-Cos DFX)	A. Unser Snr. (March 84C-Cos DFX)	116.34
Sept. 2	\$814 Object 200 1	Separate Sep	D. Sullivan (Lola T800-Cos DFX)	R. Mears (March 84C-Cos DFX)	R. Rahal (March 84C-Cos DFX)	137.30
100	Visit and the second se	Ohlo	M. Andretti (Loia T800-Cos DEX)	R. Rahal	D. Sullivan	100.38
Sept. 9	Sanair — 197 mls	Quebec	D. Sullivan	(March 84C-Cos DFX) R. Rahal	(Lola T800-Cos DFX) M. Andretti Jnr.	111.70
Sept 24	Michigan — 200 mls	Michigan	(Loia T800 Cos DFX) M. Andretti	(March 84C-Cos DFX)	(March 84C-Cos DFX)	2017/2018
Oct. 14	Phoenix — 150 mls	Arizona	(Lola T800-Cos DFX) R. Rahai	T. Sneva (March 84C-Cos DFX)	D. Ongais (March 84C-Cos DFX)	168.52
Oct. 21	Laguna Seca — 186.2 mls		(March 84C Cos DFX)	A. Unser Jnr. (March 84C-Cos DFX)	M. Andretti Jnr. (March 84C-Cos DFX)	98.04
		California	R. Rahal (March 84C-Cos DFX)	M. Andretti	M. Andretti Jnr.	116.61
Nov. 11	Las Vegas — 200 mls	Nevada	T. Snevs (March 84C-Cos DFX)	(Lola T800-Cos DFX) M. Andretti (Lola T800-Cos DFX)	(March 84C-Cos DFX) J. Paul Jnr. (March 84C-Cos DFX)	93.70

CART Champion: Mario Andretti

EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

(Group A Saloons)

	Race & Distance	Location	First	Second	Third	Speed kph
Date	Monza — 500 kms	Italy	T. Walkinshaw / H. Heyer	H. Kelleners / G. Brancatelli	M. Sourd / R. Dorchy	147.308
Apr. 1	Monza — 500 Kina		(Jaguar XJ-S)	(BMW 635 CSi)	(BMW 635 CSi) T. Walkinshaw / H. Heyer	122.937
Apr. 8	Vallelunga — 502.4 kms	Italy	A. Čudini / D. Snobeck (BMW 635 CSI)	H. J. Stuck / D. Quester (BMW 635 CSi)	(Jaguar XJ-S)	
Apr. 29	Donington Park — 504 kms	England	W. Percy / C. Nicholson	J. Weaver / V. Woodman (BMW 635 CSi)	H. J. Stuck / D. Quester (BMW 635 CSi)	135.780
	Enna — 500 kms	Sicily	(Jaguar XJ-S) M. Brundle / E. Calderari	T. Walkinshaw / H. Heyer	W. Percy / C. Nicholson	157.460
May 13	Enna — 500 kms	1277110	(Jaguar XJ-S)	(Jaguar XJ-S)	(Jaguar XJ-S) E. Calderari / D. Sears	175.870
June 10	Brno — 500 kms	Czechoslovakia	T. Walkinshaw /H. Heyer (Jaguar XJ-S)	W. Percy / C. Nicholson (Jaguar XJ-S)	(Jaguar XJ-S)	
June 17	Österreichring — 31/2 hrs	Austria	T. Walkinshaw / H. Heyer	W. Percy / C. Nicholson (Jaguar XJ-S)	U. Grano / S. Muller (BMW 635 CSi)	_
	Salzburgring — 597 kms	Austria	(Jaguar XJ-S) W. Percy / C. Nicholson	E. Calderari / D. Sears	H. Kelleners / G. Brancatelli	170,300
July 1	Saizuorgring — 557 kine		(Jaguar XJ-S)	(Jaguar XJ-S)	(BMW 635 CSi) J. Gartner / A. Cudini	141.372
July 8	Nürburgring — 504 kms	Germany	H. Kelleners / G. Brancatelli (BMW 635 CSi)	J. Áliam / M. Duez (Rover Vitesse)	(BMW 635 CSi)	
hily 28/2	9 Spa-Francorchamps — 24 hrs	Belgium	T. Walkinshaw / W. Percy / H. Heyer	A. Cudini / D. Snobeck / T. Tassin	H. J. Stuck/D. Quester/J. Weaver (BMW 635 CSi)	131.091
outl sors		A CONTRACT OF A	(Jaguar XJ-S)	(BMW 635 CSI)	H. J. Stuck / D. Quester	149.621
Sept. 9	Silverstone TT — 504 kms	England	H. Kelleners / G. Brancatelli (BMW 635 CSi)	E. Calderari / D. Sears (Jaguar XJ-S)	(BMW 635 CSi)	
Cane 22	Zolder — 456 kms	Belgium	U. Granberg / R. Kvist	H. J. Stuck / D. Quester	T. Walkinshaw / H. Heyer	129.958
oahr so	Zoluci — 450 kills	D. Grand	(Volvo 240 t/c)	(BMW 635 CSI)	(Jaguar XJ-S)	
Oct. 21	Mugello — 503 kms	Italy	H. J. Stuck / R. Ravaglia (BMW 635 CSi)	U. Granberg / E. Eigh (Volvo 240 t/c)	T. Lindstrom / A. Olofsson (Volvo 240 t/c)	81700
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European Saloon Champion: Tom Walkinshaw



CAN-AM
Canadian-American Challenge

Date	Race & Distance	Location	First	Second	Third	Speed mph
June 10	Mosport Park, Ontario — 147.5 mls	Canada	M. Roe	J. Crawford (March 82C-Chev V8)	C. Monk (Lola T333-Chev V8)	95.740
July 7	Dallas, Texas — 121.2 mls	America	(VDS/002-Chev V8) M. Roe	J. Crawford	J. M. Fangio III	67.982
July 22	Brainerd, Minnesote — 120 mls	America	(VDS/002-Chev V8) M. Roe	(March 847-Chev V8) H. Kroll (Frissbee KR3-Chev V8)	(Rait RT2-Hart 4) K. Campbell (March-822-BMW4)	118.208
Aug 4	Lime Rock, Connecticut — 122.4 mls	America	(VDS/002-Chev V8) M. Roe	J. Crawford	W. Lechner (Williams FW07-Cos V8)	107.790
Aug 19	Road Atlanta, Georgia — 126 mls	America	(VDS/002-Chev V8) J. Crawford	(March 847-Chev V8) H. Kroll	J. Gunn (Phoenix 84-Chev V8)	109.352
Sept 2	Trois-Rivieres, Quebec — 126 mls	Canada	(March 847-Chev V8) J. Crawford	(Frissbee KR3-Chev V8) M. Romano	K. Campbell (March 832-BMW 4)	85.831
Sept 9	Mosport Park, Ontario — 147.5 mls	Canada	(March 847-Chev V8) M. Roe	(Rait RT2-Hart 4) J. Crawford	H. Kroll (Frissbee KR3-Chev V8)	113.750
Sept 30	Sears Point, California — 126 mls	America	(VDS/004-Chev V8) M. Roe	(March 847-Chev V8) J. Crawford	K. Campbell (March 832-BMW4)	99.540
Oct 7	Riverside, California — 127.3 mls	America	(VDS/002-Chev V8) M. Roe	(Marc 847-Chev V8) J. Crawford	H, Kroll (Frissbee KR3-Chev V8)	119.687
Oct 28	Green Valley, Texas — 120 mls	America	(VDS/004-Chev V8) J. Crawford (March 847-Chev V8)	(March 847-Chey V8) C. Monk (Lola T333-Chey V8)	S. Foster (Lola T333-Chev V8)	93.710

Can-Am Champion: Michael Roe

The 1985 International Racing Season

THE calendar listed herewith is the FIA International one for the various World and European Championships. It does not include the multitude of British Championships on our own FIA-approved National Calendar, nor those domestic championships of any other country, such as the United States, France, Germany or Italy

though all their events are listed on the FIA International calendar. This refers to such classic events as the Indianapolis 500 miles race, the prestigious 200 mile race at the Norisring and numerous other events that are able to stand on their own without the support of a championship.

Formula 2 as a European Championship ended in 1984 and has been replaced by Formula 3000, a new Formula for what amounts to obsolete Formula One cars using unsupercharged 3-litre engines with rpm and horsepower restricted. Many people view this new Formula as a clearing-house for Brabham, Williams, Tyrrell and others to dispose of their obsolete Cosworth-powered cars and for Cosworth to continue in production with the DFV. Be that as it may, this new Formula could well provide a tidy stepping stone from the junior Formulae into Formula One, which is something that the old Formula 2 did not do. As Formula 2 has been run recently it was a bit of a dead-end, a little world of its own that was very expensive for what it provided and gave successful drivers few prospects. It was almost a "secret society" as far as the world of Formula One was

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concerned, all the races being cut off from the Formula One scene. The new Formula plans to change all that, with four of the races being held in conjunction with World Championship Formula One races, not at the same time, but on the Saturday afternoon after Formula One practice and qualifying. This means that spectators in Estoril, Spa-Francorchamps, Österreichring and Zandvoort will see, in effect, Formula One cars of today and yesterday, even though concerns like Lola and March are building new cars for F3000.

International Formula 3 as a championship seems to have died quietly, probably because the British F3 championship warranted more attention, and in most cases received it. Being FIA Formula 3 Champion was of little consequence, whereas winning one of the major British Championships, strangely open to almost any driver from Chile to Estonia, has led to Formula One. There are still plenty of International Formula 3 races on the calendar, but they are all standing on their own merit, as the Monaco Formula 3 race used to do.

In the world of Endurance racing the title might well be World Endurance Porsche Championship and even the stipulation of removing the driver's feet from the vulnerable nose box on the Porsche 956 to a position behind the front wheels centre line, as on the Porsche 962 is unlikely to alter the scene very much. For that matter the continued appearance of the Lancia team will probably do little more than keep some Porsche teams on their toes.

The FIA Historic Championship is a riot of bureaucratic fun, with six different classes counting for the championship and five classes counting for the FISA Historic Trophy. With any luck anyone who gets an Historic car to the finish of his race will collect points and almost any old car could win the championship or the trophy. However, one thing is apparently clear and that is that the limit for eligibility is 1965, but even that date is pliable, depending on what sort of historic car you have. For certain nothing built after 1965 is eligible in any category, so if you are making an historical racing car be sure that it looks like a pre-1965 car, unless it is a Sports Prototype or two-seater racing car of over 1,450 cc, when it must be older than 1964. If it is a mid-engined GP-type of car then it must not be later than 1960 if it is over 1,100 cc. . . and some people think saloon car regulations are complicated. Make sure your new historic car looks old. - D.S.I.

Racing and Rhythm



MOTOR racing and all that jazz. Rivers Fletcher has sent us the above photograph with the comment: "You have listed most of the best-known drivers but in the earlier days most of the Bentley Boys' were mad about Ragtime and Woolf Barnato was a fine banjo player. This photograph of Gregor Grant (piano), Colin Chapman (saxophone), Raymond Baxter (drums) and myself (clarinet) shows that the same enthusiasm prevailed 30 years later. As to the music, perhaps the least said the better, but certainly Gregor at the piano was an asset to any party."

GRAND PRIX RACES

(Formula One Drivers' and Manufacturers'
Championship)

Dallas GP	Texas-USA
Brazilian GP	Rio de Janeiro
Portuguese GP	Estoril
San Marino GP	Imola
Belgian GP	Spa-Francorchamp
Canadian GP	Montreal
Detroit GP	Michigan-USA
French GP	Paul Ricard
British GP	Silverstone
German GP	New Nürburgring
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Dutch GP	Zandvoort
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Australian GP	Adelaide
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WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

	(For Manufacturers and	Drivers)
Apr 14	Mugello	Italy
Apr 28	Monza 1000 Kms	Italy
May 12	BRDC Silverstone	England
Ju 15/16	Le Mans 24 Hrs	France
July 14	Hockenheim	Germany
Aug 11	Mosport Park	Canada
Sept 1	Spa-Francorchamps	Belgium
Sept 15	Brands Hatch	England
Oct 6	Fuji 1000 Kms	Japan
Nov 10	Sandown Park	Australia

FORMULA 3000

(3-litre u/sc replacing Formula 2

	European Championship)				
Mar 24	BRDC Silverstone	England			
Apr 8	BARC Thruxton	England			
Apr 21	Estoril	Portugal			
Apr 28	New Nürburgring	Germany			
May 12	Vallelunga	Italy			
May 27	Pau	France			
June 2	Spa-Francorchamps	Belgium			
June 23	Hockenheim	Germany			
June 30	Dijon-Prenois	France			
July 14	Donington Park	England			
July 28	Enna-Pergusa	Sicily			
Aug 18	Osterreichring	Austria			
Aug 25	Zandvoort	Holland			
Sept 15	Mugello	Italy			

EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

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Mar 31	Monza	Italy
Apr 21	Vallelunga	Italy
May 5	Donington Park	England
May 12	Scandinavian Raceway	Sweden
June 9	Brno	Czechoslova
June 16	Österreichring	Austria
June 30	Salzburgring	Austria
July 7	New Nürburgring	Germany
July 28	Spa 24 Hrs	Belgium
Sept 8	RAC Silverstone	England
Sept 15	Nogaro	France
Sept 29	Zolder	Belgium
Oct 13	Estoril	Portugal
Oct 20	Jarama	Spain
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FIA HISTORIC CHAMPIONSHIP

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Paul Ricard	France
Monza	Italy
Brands Hatch	England
Zandvoort	Holland
Brands Hatch	England
Montlhéry	France
Zolder	Belgium
New Nürburgring	Germany
Salzburgring	Austria
Vallelunga	Italy
Croix-en-Ternois	France
	Paul Ricard Monza Brands Hatch Zandvoort Brands Hatch Monthéry Zolder New Nürburgring Salzburgring Vallelunga

EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN HILL-CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

May 12	Falperra	Portugal
May 19	Montseny	Spain
June 9	Rechberg	Austria
June 16	Ecce Homo	Czechoslovak
June 30	Coppa Carotti	Italy
July 21	Ascoli	Italy
Aug 11	Mont Dore	France
Aug 18	St. Ursanne-les-Rangiers	Switzerland
Sept 1	Turkheim Trois-Epis	France
Sept 15	Cefalu	Sicily
Oct 6	Oberioch	Germany

Apr 28 Ampus-Draguignan

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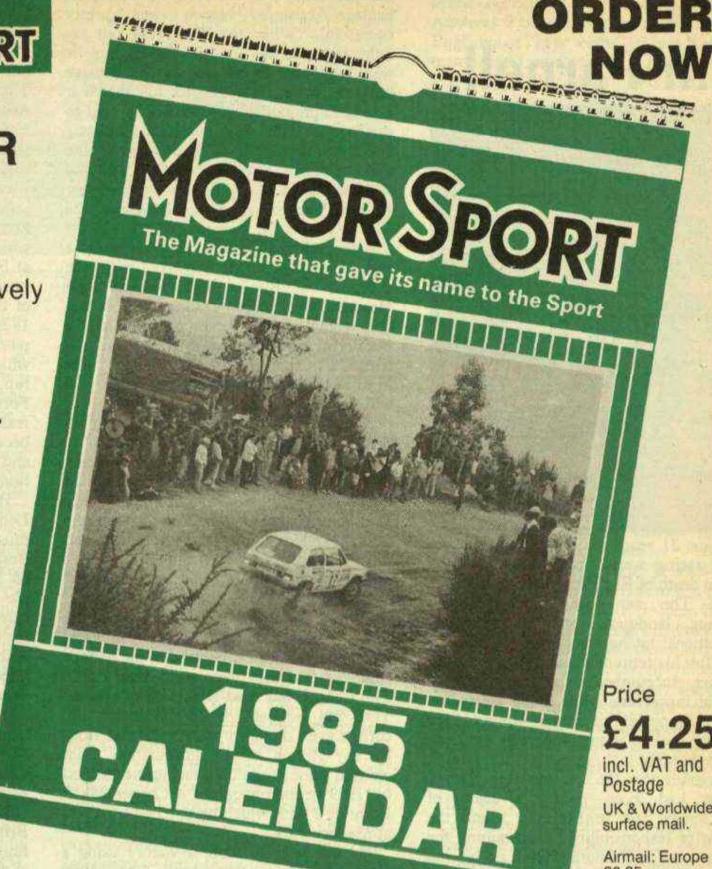
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LOOKING BACK WITH Tim Parnell



IT is just 21 years ago this month that the motor racing world was shocked by the sudden death of Reg Parnell at the early age of 52. The man who had become an enduring landmark on the post-War international racing scene, both as a driver and, after his retirement, in the role of team manager, succumbed to a trivial freak of medical misfortune while being treated in hospital for peritonitis, leaving behind him a stunned motor racing fraternity and an grieving family. understandably Throughout the 1963 season Reg Parnell Racing had been racing a team of Lola-Climax cars in Formula 1 and the burden of responsibility for sustaining the team's name and reputation fell on his son Tim, then 31 years old.

Reflecting on the loss of his father as we chatted at the recent Grovewood Awards reception, Tim explained, "We really didn't think anything was seriously wrong with my father because it was almost a standing joke that he seemed to catch a cold each Christmas. He loved to go out and knock around the farm in the open, driving the bulldozer or tractor, and he would invariably end up with a cold over the holiday. On this occasion it really didn't seem to be getting any better so one of his local doctor friends suggested he went into hospital immediately afterwards because it looked a bit more serious. They diagnosed peritonitis, but they were treating him for it, so we didn't really think any more about it. Then one day they had to put a drip-feed into his leg, an embolism formed in his blood and he passed away quite suddenly. That is all there was to it . . . just one of those unexpected things that can happen."

Tim Parnell grew up in the Derby area

where his father not only farmed but also ran the Standard Transport Company, a haulage business which was pretty successful. "When the War broke out my father wanted to join the RAF, but he wasn't allowed to because of the haulage business which was needed for the War effort," Tim explains, "Our trucks used to cart round shells and munitions, but my father also used them to collect together the most incredible selection of racing cars and stashed them away in a barn on the farm. Nobody wanted racing cars during a war, did they? So he picked them up really cheaply and we had about 35 of them in the end, including all the ERAs, with the exception of Bira's, Hans Ruesch's old Maserati and heaven-knows-what. I was only eight or nine years old and had a wonderful time playing in them with my friends . . . then the Old Man would come in to chase us all away, playing merry hell with us for messing around in them!"

After the War Tim was sent away to boarding school, but it was too much to hope that he wouldn't be interested in racing cars himself, having been raised in such an infectiously enthusiastic environment. "My Dad wanted me to train to look after the farm," explains Tim, "but I was determined to go racing myself, even though he didn't give me much support to start with. I started club racing in 1957 in a Frazer-Nash and then progressed to a bob-tail Cooper sports car . . . both bought on hire purchase, incidentally, after I'd persuaded the finance company that they were really road cars!" The Cooper was road-registered of course, TOF 264, so perhaps he was technically correct even though it wasn't the full story by any stretch of the imagination. Tim enjoyed some minor club racing success and by 1959 he had acquired a Cooper Mk 3 Formula 2 with which he notched up a win at Mallory Park.

He was later to score a victory using a Cooper-Climax at the April 18th, 1960 meeting at the same circuit, beating Stan Hart's Cooper-Climax and Brian Naylor's IBW-Maserati.

The 1960 season saw young Parnell

Junior programme, contesting this fraught, highly competitive category at the wheel of a Lotus 18. "I should have won at Reims, but Mike McKee edged me out on the last lap, but I won at Aintree shortly afterwards". Tim also managed a good third behind Peter Arundell's works Lotus and McKee at Mallory Park on two separate occasions (June 6th and August 31st), using a BMC engine on the first occasion and a Ford-Cosworth unit on the second!

His father may not have been particularly keen, but there was seemingly nothing which was going to stop Tim trying his hand at Formula 1, even though there was little prospect of worthwhile success at the wheel of the four-cylinder Climax-engined Lotus 18 he used in 1961. Still, at least there were plenty of non-Championship events in which a novice could cut his teeth and have fun, a feature sadly lacking from the Formula 1 landscape in the 1980s. Once he realised Tim was being serious, Reg Parnell became very supportive of his son's efforts and it comes over clearly that Tim had a healthy regard and affection for his father.

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He started the '61 season with the Lombank Trophy race at Snetterton, finishing seventh, three laps behind Brabham's victorious Cooper-Climax. Then on April 16th, he managed "what must be the most memorable achievement of my career when I led Stirling Moss for two laps in the Vienna Grand Prix at Aspern." Although he admits that Moss's engine was hopeless and, anyway, the acknowledged "ace of aces" won the race in Rob Walker's Lotus 18. Tim faded to sixth at the finish behind such long-forgotten names as Wolfgang Seidel, Ernesto Prinoth, Bernard Collomb and Menato Boffa. Where are they now?

Later that season he retired from the British Grand Prix with clutch trouble, finished fifth (and last!) in the Kannonloppet at Karlskoga in Sweden, 10th in both the Danish Grand Prix at Roskilde and the Italian Grand Prix at Monza. Arguably his best race at the season was the 30 lap, 79.5 mile Lewis-Evans Trophy at Brands Hatch



FORMER MV Agusta motorcycle racer Gary Hocking in Tim's Lotus 18 | 21 during the 1962 Oulton Path Gold Cup meeting. Reg Parnell was so convinced of the Rhodesian's potential that he persuaded Dennis Druff of BP to organise Hocking a more competitive drive. A few months later, he was killed practising Rob Walker's Lotus 24 for the Natal Grand Prix at Westmead.



TUDY in concentration as Tim Parnell presses on towards sixth place in the non-Championship 1963 Austrian rand Prix at Zeltweg, at the wheel of his Lotus 24-BRM V8.

October 1 where he finished third after arting from the front row of the grid. lowever, this was something of a scond-rate line-up by contemporary ormula 1 standards, victory going to Tony larsh's BRM-Climax from Mike Spence's meryson.

The Lotus 18 was replaced by a later 8/21 for the 1962 season by which time ther Reg was running the Bowmaker Lolas riven by John Surtees and Roy Salvadori. infortunately Tim's season was marred by a nunt during an outing at Brands Hatch where I crashed at Druids and knocked nyself about a bit quite badly. When I was etting over this Gary Hocking came onto ne scene and my father was absolutely onvinced he was a World Champion in the naking. Surtees went potty when it was uggested that he run alongside him in the lowmaker line-up, clearly recognising this notorcycle rival's quality, so he took over ny 18/21 for a few races. But it was obvious he bloke was a star, so my father had a word with Dennis Druitt of BP and suggested he et him lined up in another team where he ould have a properly competitive car." This as duly arranged and he was signed up to rive one of Rob Walker's Lotus 24-BRM 8s in the Natal Grand Prix at Westmead on December 22nd, 1962. Sadly, the talented Rhodesian motorcycle ace crashed fatally in ractice, so his potential on four-wheels was ever realised.

Tim continued with his Lotus 18/21 hroughout 1963, although he did have a andful of outings in a Lotus 24-BRM early n the season although this was later taken over first by John Campbell-Jones and ventually Masten Gregory. Tim retrieved" it in time to race in the Solitude Grand Prix on July 28th, where there were no fewer than five entries from the Parnell amily! Chris Amon and Mike Hailwood were running the 1962 Lolas, which Reg nad taken over when the Samengo-Turner amily withdrew the Bowmaker sponsored eam, under the Reg Parnell Racing banner while Tim fielded his own 24 plus a couple of 18/21s with four-cylinder engines for Ron Carter and Philip Robinson. Hailwood and Robinson were still running at the end, but oo far back to be classified, while Carter, Amon and Tim himself all retired! His friend Andre Pilette also entered his 18/21 under the Derbyshire entrant's banner and Tim finally rounded off his Formula 1 career with another outing in the Lotus 24, finishing sixth in the non-Championship Austrian Grand Prix won by Jack Brabham's Brabham BT3 from Tony Settember's Scirocco-BRM round the punishing, rutted Zeltweg airfield track.

Then came the tragedy of his father's death, so Tim thought it appropriate that he should retire from the cockit and set about making plans to continue running the team that bore Reg's name. Truthfully he admits, "Looking back I was a total greenhorn, I mean, how could I follow an act like my father's? But I thought it was only fair to give it a go and I had plenty of generous support from Dennis Druitt at BP. We decided to use ex-works Lotus 25s with BRM engines because I got the impression that Coventry Climax were just a touch reluctant to continue their level of support without my father in charge. I mean, Wally Hassan and Leonard Lee were always very good to my father - helping him with experimental engines and various other bits and pieces — but I think they were privately glad that I switched to BRMs. Honestly, though, I don't think Hassan and Lee have ever got due credit for the contribution they made to British motor racing."

Chris Amon, who had originally been recruited by Reg the previous year after Parnell Senior spotted his talent during the Tasman Series, stayed with the team and was joined by Mike Hailwood while Peter Revson came along to handle Tim's own Lotus 24 from the previous season. It was a frustrating year because the BRM V8s never performed well in the Lotus chassis "but there was no question about Amon's talent", in Tim's view. As far as Mike the Bike was concerned, Tim admits that "I used to have a few rows with him about trying to run on two wheels and four during the same season. I don't care who you are, you can't jump about from bikes to cars and back again and make a success of it."

The high spot of that year was Amon's fifth place in the Dutch Grand Prix "but he was beating Bandini's Ferrari at Watkins Glen before he retired". For 1965 BRM asked Parnell if he would run Richard because they wanted Attwood Englishman "kept warm" in case the works team should need to call on his services, so that meant that Amon was out of the equation. Mike Hailwood stayed on for a few races before he decided that he was wasting his time and when Attwood crashed quite badly in the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa, the ebullient Innes Ireland was hired to replace him. Amon rejoined on Hailwood's departure, but for a few races it was Attwood and Ireland until Tim fired "bloody Innes because he was late turning up for practice in Mexico . . . couldn't find the circuit or something!" and Bob Bondurant took over for that last race of the 1½-litre Formula 1.

By the end of 1965 Tony Rudd was busy at BRM developing his elaborate H-16 engine for the forthcoming 3-litre Formula 1 which was due to start the following year. In consequence he had no time to go out and run the 2-litre BRM P261s in the Tasman series, so he asked Tim Parnell if he could manage it for him. Although this meant three months away in one stint, Tim was happy to accept and remembers the trip with some obvious affection.

"The trouble was that after Jackie Stewart had outfumbled Graham Hill to win the '65 Italian Grand Prix relations between the two men were a bit sensitive and I had to preside over this tension. They were both very particular about spares, taking the attitude 'that's my gearbox, my engine, my chassis . . .' but we took every race with the exception of Warwick Farm where Jim Clark's Lotus was the winner." Stewart won four of the races, Hill two and Richard Attwood one.

In 1966 Parnell Racing ran Mike Spence in a 2-litre Lotus-BRM for much of the season, the car being painted in a succession of different colours to accommodate the whims of John Frankenheimer who was producing the film Grand Prix throughout the year. Tim's wife Ginny recalls "the car was sprayed so many times that when they finally wanted it repainted white at Monza there was so much red paint already on it that it turned out pink!"

Now closely involved with BRM, Tim collaborated with the factory in a programme which was designed to advance the careers of some young British drivers, the idea being to bring them forward to the level where they could take over in the front-line works team if need be. Piers Courage and Chris Irwin were the two most likely lads and they shared the second P261 during the 1966 / '67 Tasman series where Jackie Stewart was in the lead car. Courage's spectacular antics, including spinning in the middle of the field on the opening lap of his first race in a BRM, resulted in several accidents and it looked as though Irwin might be the better long-term bet. It was originally planned that the Parnell team would have an H-16 mid-way through the '67 season, but continued problems with this complex engine's development meant that Tim had to stick with a 2-litre P261 and that similar capacity Lotus-BRM for much of the year.

However, with the advent of the more reliable V12, Parnell Racing got a BRM P128 for the 1968 season and Piers Courage restored his accident-damaged reputation at the wheel of this car (as recounted in some detail in the October, 1984, issue of MOTOR SPORT). Sadly Chris Irwin's racing career came to an end when he crashed badly at Nürburgring at the wheel of a Ford F3L prototype and sustained very serious head injuries.

Towards the end of 1969 Tim Parnell was invited to take up the post of full-time team manager at BRM, Tony Rudd moving on to join Lotus after a frustrating time trying to develop a second-generation version of the H-16. When Tim arrived on the scene the somewhat prickly John Surtees was close to the end of his season with the team "and when we went down to Monza for pre-Grand Prix testing we were putting engines in and out of the chassis so many times that the mechanics didn't know where they were. I mean, I think we we had seven engine changes before practice even started." Surtees was a difficult man to satisfy.

Sadly, Sir Alfred Owen, the instigator and driving force behind not only BRM but the Owen Organisation as a whole, suffered a stroke soon after and was thereafter unable to take any active part in the team's administration. This task now fell to Sir Alfred's sister, Jean Stanley, and her husband Louis, an imposing man of stately bearing who contrived to stamp his own idiosyncratic personality on the team over the few years BRM had left as a vaguely credible Formula 1 force.

Tim guffaws loudly at mention of the Stanleys, recalling his time working for them with a mixture of amusement and pleasure. "Big Lou", in his view, was a real character and, in some ways, much maligned by his critics. Tim feels that he was tremendously capable when it came to getting sponsorship - "we tend to forget that he was the one who brought in both Yardley and Marlboro for the first time!" but that he was perhaps less effective in keeping those sponsors once he had attracted them. Behind the scenes he was a generous man, and Jean Stanley is remembered with some affection by all those who worked with BRM.

On the racing front, the 1970 season saw BRM field a highly competitive line-up with Pedro Rodriguez and Jack Oliver in the sleek Tony Southgate-designed, Yardley-sponsored P153s. "Oliver was quick, but my goodness, did he have a fiery temper . . . and he was so hard on the cars. Pedro was tremendous, of course, one of the best . . . do you know, he was the only



"THE only driver I ever met who was convinced he would win every race he competed in." Tim Parnell, BRM's team manager, listens as a helmeted Pedro Rodriguez makes a point during the 1970 season.

driver I ever met who honestly thought he was going to win every race in which he entered. He loved the wet too. When it rained he would just giggle with glee. He didn't mix with other drivers much because he told me he didn't want others to know what he was thinking. What's more, we had more fan mail for Pedro at Bourne than any other BRM driver ever . . . that includes Hill, Stewart and all the others!"

Of Pedro's death, a week before the 1971 British Grand Prix, when he crashed a privately owned Ferrari 512 in a minor sports car race at Norisring, Tim Parnell shakes his head with obvious regret. "We did everything to persuade those people that Pedro didn't want to come and drive for them that weekend. We told them that he'd got the British Grand Prix coming up the following weekend, but they kept on offering him enormous sums of money and he eventually went. I was worried, I must admit, but it was typical of Pedro that he should be going flat-out, running in the lead, when he had his shunt. Then later that year we lost Jo Siffert, another great driver, in the Brands Hatch accident, and I don't think BRM ever recovered from those two blows so close together."

However, before BRM's inevitable downward slide into sad oblivion, there were a few more highlights to enjoy, notably the splendid Monaco victory scored by Jean-Pierre Beltoise in the pouring rain in 1972, "He was a good driver and the thing you've got to remember is that, effectively, he only had one good arm," remembers Tim, referring to the limited movement the gallant little French driver had in one elbow, the legacy of an accident much earlier in his career. Apart from a lucky win in the John Player Victory Race at Brands Hatch late in 1972, that Monaco success was the last victory BRM would score.

Marlboro kept sponsoring the team into 1973, giving Tim Parnell the opportunity of studying a great new talent at close quarters. A buck-toothed Austrian kid talked his way into the team with only limited sponsorship to back up his ambition. This was Niki Lauda, of course, and from the start Parnell realised that he was suffused with an unusual degree of

commitment and determination.

"He was unbelievable when it came to testing," Tim smiles, "He would arrive at a Silverstone test before us, do 200 laps and then just stop for a toasted paté sandwich at lunchtime and do another 200 laps in the afternoon. Most drivers like to get out of the cockpit between stints, perhaps to stretch their legs, but not Lauda. He stayed strapped in the cockpit as often as not. I've never seen such a commitment. He was absolutely desperate to make it and it came as no surprise to me at all when he did. When he left us he went off to Ferrari where he could test at Fiorano all day and all night if he wanted to. If ever there was an example of the old adage 'practice makes perfect', then it was Niki Lauda."

Clay Regazzoni, Helmut Marko and Peter Gethin are also recalled with pleasure by Tim Parnell, but by the end of 1974 the hand-to-mouth manner in which the BRM team was operated no longer held any attraction for the bluff, burly Derby dweller. Tim well recalls just how well Chris Amon performed at Watkins Glen, at his very last race as BRM team manager, but by then there was no future for either of them with the Bourne organisation. He returned to his dairy farm and his garage business which have occupied much of his attention ever since, although he briefly had a stint looking after Mallory and Oulton Park for MCD in the mid 1970s. In the last few weeks he has taken up the post of General Manager at Donington Park, so his links with the sport seem set to continue...

Tim Parnell may never have scaled the competitive racing heights achieved by his illustrious father, but his down-to-earth enthusiasm for motor racing enabled him to make a worthwhile contribution to BRM fortunes on the management side, an historically appropriate distinction bearing in mind Reg Parnell's early efforts for BRM in the 1950s. This large, pleasant and good-humoured man carries his years extremely well and seems to have aged very little in the last ten years. He has a refreshing sense of humour and looks back on his Formula 1 career, both in and out of cockpit', with an engaging lightheartedness. — A.H.

Bellof takes the WEC title

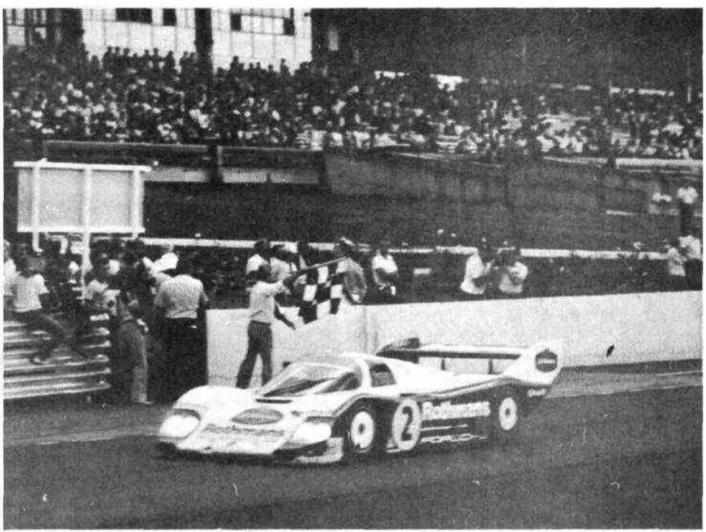
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THE World Endurance Championship title is, inevitably, a poor relation of the top prize in the world of Formula 1 but it is hotly pursued by the leading drivers, especially those in the works Rothmans-Porsche team within whose grasp the title is. Stefan Bellof deposed Jacky Ickx as champion at Sandown Park, Australia, early in December by winning the six-hour event with Derek Bell, leaving his nearest rival Jochen Mass trailing in second place.

The series remains an oddity in having eight rounds for the Manufacturers' title (secured by Porsche almost without challenge at the Nürburgring in July) and three more for the Drivers' Championship at Brands Hatch, Imola and Sandown Park. The factory team did not enter any cars at Brands Hatch, where Mass and Bellof earned some extra points in private teams, and at Imola the Stuttgart company again ran a car with the electronically controlled twin-clutch transmission with ignominious result.

Australia's first-ever World Championship race was another matter, though, and Rothmans-Porsche entered no fewer than four cars. Two, as usual, were for Bell / Bellof and Mass / Ickx, the third was for Australians Alan Jones and Vern Schuppan, and the fourth carried a camera for live TV coverage and was driven by Johnny Dumfries and Sir Jack Brabham, who won the first of his three Formula 1 titles when the Scot was still in nappies. Now 58 and a successful businessman, Sir Jack has raced saloons on a handful of occasions since his retirement in 1970 and clearly needed some time to get his competitiveness back.

The lure for the Porsche company and most of its leading customers was the enthusiasm of the Light Car Club of Australia to organise the first world title event. The federal government and the Victorian State government put up the four million Australian dollars (£2.8 million) needed to turn the old quadrangle track into a fully-fledged 3.89 kilometre circuit that met the requirements for a title race, though with the constraints of public roads around the perimeter and a beautiful horse-racing track on the infield, complete with a lake, the additional roadway was necessarily highly artificial and tortuous. All the work has been carried out since June, when FISA finally confirmed that the event could go ahead, and workmen were still beavering away until nightfall before the race putting



BELLOF takes the flag and the Championship.

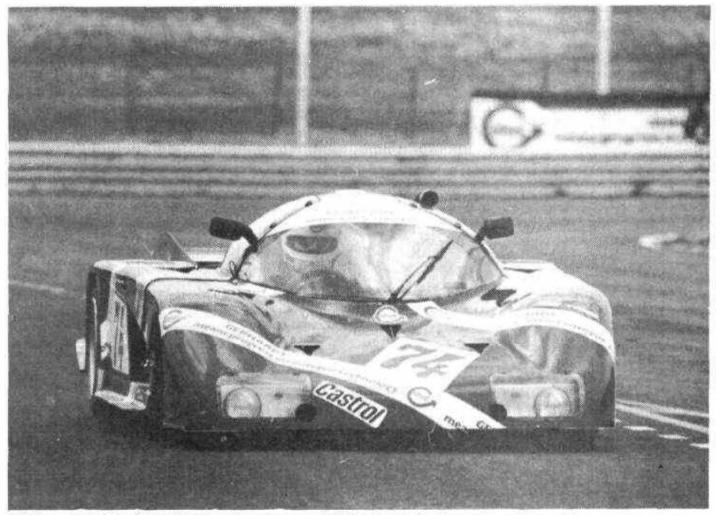
the finishing touches to the place.

In particular, Sandown Park boasts an enormous covered grandstand with excellent amenities, and all those involved could fairly claim "we wuz robbed" at the news that the Formula 1 World Championship race will be held in Adelaide, on a street circuit, next October.

Certain factors within FISA and FOCA seem to prefer street circuits (other than Monaco!) for reasons best known to themselves, and the South Australian government and the Adelaiders have the resources to cater for these expensive tastes.

Those who have seen the proposed Adelaide track, though, Niki Lauda and Keke Rosberg in paticular, approve the layout and expect to see a 100 mph average to be achieved.

The Sandown Park 1,000 Kilometre race looks set to become an established event on the calendar, upgraded in 1985 to Manufacturers' Championship status. In fact 1,000 kilometres is a misnomer because even the winning car was unable to average more than 133.5 kph (82.95 mph) and there was never any possibility of the full distance being covered. When the chequered flag was



THE new Gebhardt-Ford 843, driven by Frank Jelinski led Group C2 until slowed by gearbox problems. Victory in the class went once again to the Tiga-Ford GC84 driven by Gordon Spice and Neil Crang.

hung out after six hours, as the fall-back regulation requires, only 206 of the scheduled 259 laps had been covered. Unfortunately the regulations do not allow 6-hour races as such, since the unhappy Silverstone event of 1982 when the Porsche 956 almost ran out of fuel on its début outing, so the Australians are stuck with a title that doesn't fit.

The entry for the C1 class was exclusively Porsche with eleven 956s, a 962 and a Kremer CK5, so there was never any doubt about the outcome, just which team would be successful. Lancia have had a fitful year, proving to be just as quick as the Porsches at Monza and Silverstone, surprisingly competitive at Le Mans where the works Porsches were notable by their absence, and going downhill rapidly ever since. Lancia missed out on Mosport, on Spa to prepare for Imola, and after a complete fiasco on home soil ventured out only once again at Kyalami to record a hollow, worthless victory against local saloon cars, mainly, since the organisers had not been able to offer the private teams a sensible "deal" that would enable them to make the journey. With luck Lancia might try to get their act together a little better for 1985!

John Fitzpatrick had three cars in the Sandown Park entry, a pair of 956s in Skoal colours for David Hobbs / Thierry Boutsen and Rupert Keegan / Franz Konrad and his 962 (with a 956 engine, just as the works team will run in 1985) for Australian drivers Colin Bond and Andrew Miedecke. Also from Silverstone, Richard Lloyd's GTi Engineering / Canon Porsche 956B was in Australia for Dr Jonathan Palmer and Jan Lammers.

The Kremer brothers ran a pair of Porsche 956s for Manfred Winkelhock / Rusty French and the South Africans Sarel van der Merwe / George Fouche, plus Kees Kroesemeijer's CK5 which the Dutchman shared with Peter Janson and Jesus Pareja. Le Mans winner Henri Pescarolo had a particular interest in finishing well since he was narrowly leading the well-endowed Porsche Cup for privately entered drivers, and he was sharing Reinhold Joest's New Man sponsored 956 with Klaus Ludwig; Dieter Schornstein shared his 956, with the same sponsorship, with John Winter and Paul Belmondo.

The C2 class had a lot more variety. Gordon Spice went to Australia with his much modified Tiga-DFL (3.3-litre) which he plans to reproduce in some quantity before the 1985 season gets under way, with Neil Crang co-driving. Martino Finotto had two of his rapid 1.8-litre turbo Albas there, sharing one with Carlo Facetti as usual and having Guidi Dacco in the other with local driver Lucio Cesario. Brothers Fritz and Gunther Gebhardt had three cars bearing their name: Gunther shared a new DFV powered car with Frank Jelinski and the exceedingly rapid German girl, Beate Nodes, and Ian Harrower, who has now



LOCALLY built cars which did not strictly meet the regulations were allowed to run as "Australian Cars". The fastest in practice was the Romano-DFL driven by Bap Romano and Alfredo Constanzo which completed 106 laps but, with multiple problems, was unclassified.

bought the older DFV powered example, shared it with New Zealander Neville Crichton. The third Gebhardt, with two litres of BMW power, was for the lady team of Cathy Muller, Sue Ransom and Margie Smith-Haas.

Jens Winther, a longtime BMW M1 exponent with Castrol sponsorship, has now transferred his affection to a German URD chassis, still with the 3.5-litre M1 engine in the back, and shared his new steed with Lars Viggo Jensen. From England went Roy Baker's Tiga-Ford BDT for the owner with Jeremy Rossiter and F3 driver Gary Evans, and John Bartlett with his Lola-DFL T610 shared with Richard Jones and David Burroughs.

Local entries, few but interesting, included Bap Romano's 3.9-litre DFL powered car, appropriately named Romano and co-driven by Alfredo Costanzo, a Mazda rotary powered JWS built for the C2 class (but not yet homologated), a black and gold JPS sponsored BMW 320 run by Frank Gardner, lugubrious as ever, and a couple of absolutely fearsome Australian "super saloon" creations. A twin turbo, Chevrolet V8 powered "Mercedes" producing 850 bhp is one of Sandown Park's attractions, though unhappily it overheated so much during practice that it was withdrawn. More evident throughout the race was a "Chevrolet Monza" with normally aspirated Chevrolet V8 power, around 650 bhp worth, for Allan Grice / Dick Johnson / Ron Harrop.

Nick Faure took his newly acquired Porsche 911 Turbo all the way to Australia with an unfortunate outcome, and American Chuck Kendall with Jim Cook completed his world tour with his Lola-Chevrolet T600, only to have a driveshaft break midway through the race.

Bellof would not have remained a favourite with the bookies ten minutes into the untimed practice session on Friday after hitting a kerb at the third turn and launching his 956 backwards into the barrier, doing enough damage to keep the

mechanics busy until next morning. Winkelhock was unofficially quickest on Friday followed by Jones, Boutsen and Mass, all closely grouped in the 1 min 33 sec bracket, the Canon Porsche being next quickest though hampered by a misfiring engine which never ran clearly all weekend.

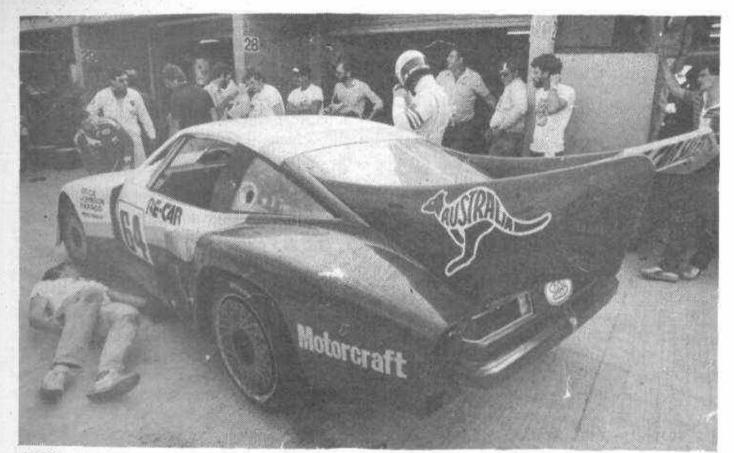
The German championship leader made up for his mistake when timed practice opened on Saturday morning, quickly settling down to a pole position time of 1 min 31.6 sec. After the second session there were six cars in the 1 min 32 sec bracket, driven by Mass, Jones, Boutsen, Winkelhock and Palmer. Gordon Spice handsomely led the C2 class grid with an impressive time of 1 min 38.0 sec, the 11th fastest time overall.

Bad start by Mass

More familiar names to Europeans controlled the race, Pierre Aumonier from Silverstone acting as Clerk of the Course and Tim Schenken, representing the Confederation of Australian Motor Sports (CAMS) driving the course car which led the field round on the pace lap. Within sight of the startline Nick Faure's Porsche Turbo blew a piston and laid a huge pall of smoke—and a slick of oil—around the latter part of the lap.

Off, then, went Bellof into his accustomed lead but, unusually, he was outbraked into the first turn by Alan Jones and into the second turn by Jochen Mass. Accelerating to 180 mph along the back straight Bellof was cleary third, but things changed rather dramatically when the leaders reached the evidence of Faure's blow-up. Mass felt the tail of his 956 slide out, didn't quite catch it and spun helplessly onto the infield, luckily coming to no harm and restarting in 15th place. Bellof then returned the compliment to Jones, taking him under braking at the first left-hander, and started to ease away in his usual fashion.

Ten laps into the race Bellof was leading by eight seconds, his nearest challenger now



ANOTHER "Australian Car" was this Chevrolt Monza driven by Allan Grice, Dick Johnson and Ron Harrop. It qualified 18th but suffered a long catalogue of problems and was unclassified.

Boutsen ahead of Jones and Palmer, with Mass catching up well in fifth place, Ludwig sixth, van der Merwe seventh, Keegan eighth and Winkelhock ninth. Even at this early stage Palmer was having to cope with a misfiring engine; the mechanics felt sure they'd found the cause when they discoverd a cracked inlet plenum chamber, but that wasn't it, and Palmer could only make matters better by turning down the boost, thus extending his lap times by about three seconds.

Mass finally moved up into third place after 31 laps but was now 35 sec adrift of the leader, and it was going to be no easy job passing Boutsen, either. The Belgian was feeling confident and going well, though the first pit stop was a bit messy and the advantage was lost. Alan Jones dropped a clanger by stopping in Boutsen's pit, two places short of his own, and the Skoal car arrived while the third Rothmans entry was being pushed away. It only cost a couple of seconds but the mechanics were unsettled. Mass, too, lost a few seconds when he was badly carved up in the pits lane by Rusty French and left black lines on the roadway as he braked to swing in behind the Kremer Porsche. The pits didn't look a very healthy place to be for a while!

Ninety minutes into the race Lammers and Pescarolo dashed into the pits to have wheels changed, due to punctures of course, and reported that the recently laid sections of the track were breaking up. A few minutes later the Swedish entered URD-BMW came out of the final turn in a helpless spin as the bottom link on the right rear suspension had sheared, allowing the wheel to swivel, and the car came to rest against the barrier in front of the pits. It was quite a while before Aumonier and Schenken agreed that the pace car should go out - as long as it took the Swedes to get a trolley jack ready - and soon Bell's 35 second lead evaporated in Schenken's wake.

We had the unusual sight of seeing Mrs. Smith-Haas spin her brakeless Gebhardt while following the pace car in a slow turn, and she was later to demolish the front end. The Albas, too, were having problems with their rear brakes, and Finotto's car was further delayed by a loose rear wheel, cured only by fitting a new hub. So Spice and Crang, running at a predetermined speed, moved comfortably into the class lead they were to maintain all the way to the end.

While the yellow flags were out there were some minor infringements that can so easily occur when only one part of the track is affected. Aumonier delivered a stiff warning to Porsche's Peter Falk about the conduct of Bell and Ickx, but decided that Pescarolo had done something naughtier and had him black-flagged, so, the courteous Frenchman was effectively docked two minutes.

Soon after the race resumed at full speed, with Bell, Boutsen and Ickx now bunched up, Dumfries in the Rothmans camera car was smitten heavily in the rear by the Romano and drove, ever so gently, to the pits with a back wheel askew. He was caught by Bell in a particularly slippery corner and in a flash Hobbs was through into the lead, bringing the race to life again.

Now the surface on the new section of track broke up completely and there was an element of farce as the cars queued up in the pits to have wheels changed. Dunlop, supplying the major part of the 29-car field, replaced no fewer than 20 covers in one hour and feared for a while that they might not be

able to cope with the demand (they were also fitting for Yokohama and Goodyear). In fact in the latter half of the race Dunlop replaced 40 of their own tyres, 11 of Goodyear's and eight of Yokohama's.

The Canon team claimed the record with 12 punctures, Mass and Ickx suffered six, as did Pescarolo / Ludwig, while Bell and Bellof cruised along with just one each. It seemed to be a lottery, for the leaders were going as fast as they could and using all of the road, but there were so many cars spinning on the gravelly track that the roadway was constantly being sprinkled with stones from the trackside. A flying stone also fractured a brake pipe on Pescarolo's car, so it wasn't really his day at all. The Romano later turned across Palmer and smashed the front wing on his car, and finally met its Waterloo when it was hit in the back and sustained a broken gearbox!

Boutsen and Hobbs were keeping a lot of pressure until an hour from the end, the Skoal car suddenly expired out on the circuit with a burned-out coil. There was nothing Hobbs could do but trudge back to the pits, leaving Bell and Bellof with a more relaxed run to the flag. They had looked like winners all the way and probably had enough in hand to have dealt with the Skoal car if the need had arisen, and Bellof is certainly a worthy champion. His record in the ten Championship rounds he has contested this year is six outright wins, five pole positions and four fastest laps (at least, since the quickest lap has not been published on two occasions).

It's a credit to the Canon team that their 956 finished only four laps down after its problems, 13 unscheduled stops not being a sure recipe for success! Jones and Schuppan eventually finished well down the order after having a turbocharger problem rectified, but Spice and Crang had no problems other than a spin on their way to tenth place and a convincing class victory, their fifth this year; both the Albas retired, Finotto's with an engine failure and Dacco's with an electrical breakdown.

From the organisers' point of view it was a disappointment that only 13,800 spectators paid to go through the gate, far short of the anticipated 40,000, though a clashing West Indies cricket match in Melbourne might have kept the uncommitted away from Sandown Park. It seems, though, that the only form of racing that really pulls big crowds is saloons and the big names like Alan Moffatt, Peter Brock, Allan Grice and Dick Thompson. Maybe there's a moral in that. — M.L.C.

RESULTS
Sandown Park 1,000 Kilometres, 11th round, World Endurance Championship for Drivers, Actual distance: 801 kms.
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1st : S. Bellof D. Bell	(2.6 t/c Rothmans-Porsche 965)	206 laps - 6 hr 01 min 30.3 sec (133.35 kph)
2nd : J. Mass / J. lckx	(2.6 t/c Rothmans-Porsche 956)	203 laps
3rd : J. Palmer / J. Lammers	(2.6 t/c Canon-Porsche 956)	202 laps
	(2.6 t/c Kremer Parache 956)	
	(2.6 t/c Kremer Porsche 956)	
	(2.6 t/c Fitzpatrick Porsche 962)	
	(2.6 t/c New Man Porsche 956)	
	(2.6 t/c Rothmans-Porsche 956)	
	2.6 t/c Skoal Porsche 956)	
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Championship points: Bellof 138; Mass 127; lokx 104; Pescarolo and Bell, 91; Lammers and Palmer 75; Hobbs and Stuck 54.

BOOK REVIEWS

Books For The New Year

"Those Magnificent Flying Machines — A Pilot's Autobiography" by Don Robinson. 160 pp, 11 in x 8½ in. (Blandford Press, Link House, West Sussex, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1LL. £9.95).

Books spanning the between-wars period of flying, by pilots describing their life with aeroplanes during this fascinating and formative period of aviation, are naturally now very rare. So it is a real delight to be able to read Don Robinson's autobiography, from the time when he made his first solo flight at Brooklands in the summer of 1928 in a Renault-V8-engined Avro 504 to his test-flying of the Supermarine Sea Otter in 1942, and his other varied Naval test flying during the war, with much work on Spitfires and Seafires under the great Jeffery Quill, and between those times much flying in Canada and here in sports events with a Salmson-powered Klemm, Tipsy, etc. This is heady stuff, rendered all the more attractive because the publishers, Blandford Press, have used very big pictures to illustrate Robinson's story - I particularly like the one of the staff of the legendary Henderson Flying School at Brooklands with one of their Avros, G-EBSC, at Brooklands in 1928, with the Byfleet banking in the background. But there are many more of that kind, and the dust jacket has coloured pictures of the Shuttleworth Trust's Spitfire Mk VC and Avro 504K in flight. Strongly recommended. — W.B.

"DH 88 — The Story Of The De Havilland Racing Comets" by David Ogilvy. 174 pp, 9½ in × 7 in (Airlife Publishing Ltd., 7, St John's Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 17E. £11.95).

The racing DH Comet monoplanes, of which three competed in the memorable London-Australia MacRobertson Race, that flown by Scott and Black winning the speed section at 158.9 mph (a great British victory, as aeroplane and engines were made here, although French propellers were used) are in the news since the courageous project by the Shuttleworth Trust to restore the winning machine to flying order. So a book about how these Comets fared in this now-historic race, and about that race in general, is appropriate, and who better to write it than David Ogilvy, who instituted and pioneered the Comet restoration project while he was General Manager at Old Warden. Olgivy is an experienced pilot of the older aeroplanes and knows about flying organisation, which must have helped him to look dispassionately at this 1934 race half across the World — incidentally, he used to write flying reports on light aeroplanes for MOTOR SPORT, before I was told that aviation has no place in this journal.

His story of the important, but largely, forgotten race comes over very well, written simply but sympathetically, with the Comets and other DH machines in the forefront, with all that befell them. Certainly the Comet victory was a significant one, although one is slightly disturbed by the troubles that beset the Gipsy Six engines, and has to remember the splendid performance of the KLM Douglas DC2 air-liner that finished second, flown by uniformed Parmentier and Moll, as a Company exercise. Also, that of the DH Dragon that finished fifth, and the DH Puss Moth that was third on handicap, and what befell the Comets of the Mollisons and Waller / Cathcart-Jones (the latter owned by racing-driver and "Bentley-boy" Bernard Rubin. All this is extremely well told in this well-illustrated book. The photographs are augmented by tables and interesting reproductions of items from that important race of 50 years ago. It is amusing that the author goes out of his way to say that these Comets should not be called racing aeroplanes, whereas the book's sub-title refers to them as just that. - W.B.

"Stories of Round Timber Haulage" by Maurice H. Saunders. 118 pp, 93/4 in × 71/2 in (Cortney Publications, 95-115 Windmill Road, Luton, Beds, £8.95).

This book, about the hauling of trees, in effect, may seem a very odd one to get a review in MOTOR SPORT, but I found it absolutely fascinating, as I think will anyone who likes the transport scene as a whole, and certainly all commercial vehicle enthusiasts. The stories collected by the author are pleasing in themselves and they are illustrated by masses of photographs that are really the core of this unusual book.

The explanation about these photographs explains the spirit in which the book was compiled: "Most of them have never been published, and most of them have been taken by amateur photographers, many of whom were in the 'eighty hour a week brigade', and had no time to worry about posing refinements. Many come from pre-war Kodak Brownie days, delightful snapshots in themselves which when enlarged magnify the defects, leading to many darkroom nightmares! Three lots were stuck into family albums . . . One collection had been kept in the cab, and stunk to high heaven of diesel, and had to be

cleaned up. Some were rescued from dusty attics where they had been for 40 years or more, several were literally folded in drivers' wallets, and naturaly the fold marks are reproduced. Where reproduction is poor, it is because this may be the *only* copy of any one vehicle. This is not meant to be a book of super photographs but rather of illustrations intended to give a better insight into the work and dedication of those wonderful men and women [engaged in timber haulage] . . . People ranging from ten years to 96 have contributed these pictures, hence the great variation."

There are 196 of these pictures in the book, out of almost 400 timber-haulage scenes available, and I am sure they will fascinate you, depicting as they do such haulage from horse-drawn drays and the steam-wagons to modern transport. Latils, Unipowers, Leylands, Fodens both steam and ic-powered, AECs, Dennises, ERFs, Scania, Taskers tractor, GMC, Mack, Austin, Reo, Scammell, etc are seen at work (even a few mishaps included), their stories told in 39 chapters about their operators. The hauliers are seen at work in such motoring-associated places at Silverstone in 1982 and Beaulieu and there is a picture of a WWI Pagefield lorry, by permission of the Forestry Commission archives. You even get two nostalgic poems about the fallen oak and the timber fellers and hauliers and a picture of a 1940 Unipower still at work in 1982. The Latil service engineer used a white Marmon straight-eight car, this being misquoted as a Marmod. This book would make a splendid present to those interested in such vehicles as I have listed. It can be obtained from bookshops or the Blandford Press. — W.B.

Some time ago we reviewed Part 1 of "An Aeronautical History of the Cumbria, Dumfries and Galloway Region", by Peter Connon, and now Part 2 is ready, covering the period 1915 to 1930. It is very comprehensive coverage, of the greatest appeal to aviation historians, and 18 copiously illustrated in its 182 large, magazine-size pages. Every kind of aeroplane, airship and water-craft that flew in the area defined seems to get its place in this book and personnel get their share of the photographs, some on their motorcycles and J. A. Coats with his 40/50 hp Rolls-Royce. There are hours of enjoyment for aeroplane followers in this book, and chance to give a present with a regional flavour . . . The publishers are St Patrick's Press, 52 King Street, Penrith, Cumbria and the price is £11.95. — W.B.

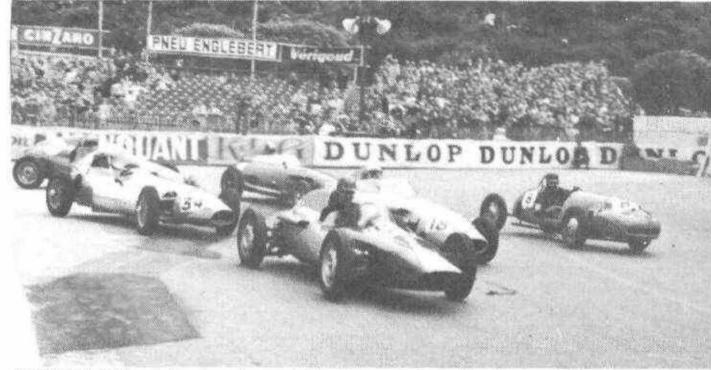
That unrivalled book "More Wheelspin", about mud-trials by the late C. A. N. May, an avid competitor and well-known historian, has been reprinted in soft-cover form by Greenwell Publishing, Broom House, Ashcombe, Dawlish, Devon, priced at £6.50, postage 50p extra. — W.B.

Formula Junior

- 25 years on

THE first properly supported Formula Junior race in Britain took place at Brands Hatch 25 years ago on Boxing Day, 1959, and 1985 marks the 25th anniversary of the first truly international season of the category. If anyone's natural response to those facts is "So what?" the answer is simple. The 1960 Formula Junior season saw the greatest flowering of driver talent of any formula at any time. Sixteen of the particpants went on to become Grand Prix drivers, seven won Grands Prix and three became World Champion. Even the list of those who did not make Formula One is impressive since it includes Walt Hangsen, Rauno Aaltonen, Rob Slotemaker, Brian Hart, Erik Carlsson, Tim Parnell, Geoff Duke, John Whitmore, Arthur Mallock, Mike Costin, Alan Rees, Ken Miles, Michael May and Peter Warr.

Further, no formula has ever created so much excitement among car builders. By the end of 1960 over one hundred different types of car had been constructed for FJ. Some, like the Lotus 18 and the Cooper were simplified F1 cars. Some were specials such as Geoff Gartside's Garford, a Ford-powered adaptation of a 500 cc Cooper. Some drivers found that an existing car happened to comply with the regulations, like Horace Richards who raced his elderly HAR-Riley. Others were able to adapt sports car designs, the Yimkin which performed creditably in club events was an adaptation of the firm's 1172 cc formula car



MONACO 1959 and this shot of some of the also-rans indicates the diversity of the formula in its first international year. The car in front we believe is a Renault special, on the far right is a converted DB "Monopole". Car 18 and the one behind are both Stanguellinis while car 34 is the first British-built FJ car, the Halson-BMC. The race was won by Michael May's Stanguellini.

while Arthur Mallock built two U2s for FJ, at a total cost of less than £1,000 and one scored a memorable win in an international race at the Nurburgring. The French adapted their DB "Monopoles", built for a one-make national 750 cc formula, and raced them.

The majority, however. were purpose-built for the formula and were offered for sale. The putative customer could choose from around 70 different marques in 1960. Sixteen different makes of engine were offered and as for the configuration of the cars, the rule was if you could think of a way of locating an engine in relation to the driver and the gearbox, then someone had done it. Cars were built rear-engined, with the engine in front of the front axle line, with front engine and rear drive and, even; with the engine mounted alongside the driver. Twelve distinct lay-outs were offered for sale.

Every one of those cars represented the

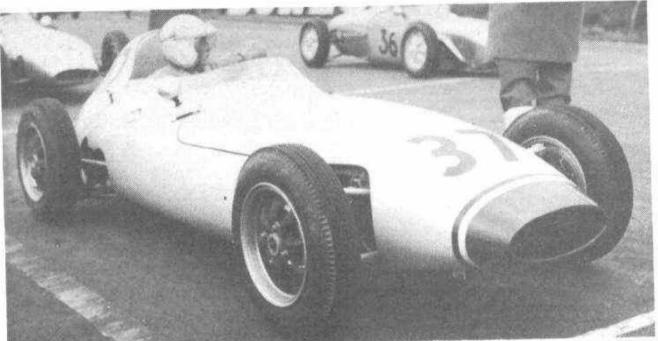
dream of some designer or engineer. An entirely new formula represented a clean sheet of paper whereon all theories could be tested. By the end of 1960, most dreams were in tatters and the survivors had realised that the only way to go was the English way, pioneered by John Cooper and brought to fruition by Colin Chapman. The formula represented a new phase in the development of the British racing car industry but it also virtually killed the specialist Italian manufacturer and dealt a severe body-blow to the fledgling industries in France, Germany, Sweden and elsewhere. Formula Junior radically changed the underlying balance of power in motor racing though that change was not caused by the formula itself but rather by the way it was intrepreted. The British constructors, late in the field, got it right or at least had the sense to respond quickly to rapidly changing circumstances while the Continental makers got it wrong and did not adapt with either sufficient speed or expertise. Everyone, after all, was competing to the same set of rules.

Formula Junior was conceived by Count Giovanni "Johnny" Lurani in 1957 as a relatively inexpensive single-seater formula which would nurture a new generation of Italian drivers to replace the likes of Farina, Ascari, Villoresi, Taruffi, Castelotti and Musso, who had either died or retired. It was a national Italian formula in 1958 and, the following year, had spread to many countries in Europe when an International calendar was drawn up. The British and Americans held back at first but both countries entered fully in 1960.

Like most brilliant ideas, Lurani's was a simple one. It basically called for single-seater racing cars built with production components. Engines were to have no overhead camshafts and capacity could be changed only by altering the bore. The number of crankshaft bearings had to be the same as on the original engine. To encourage as wide a range of engines as possible, there was a capacity / weight



JUAN MANUAL Fangio came out of recent retirement at Monaco in 1959 to give a few demonstration laps in bodywork beneath the height of the wheels, whereas the Lotus of 1961 had the entire bodywork beneath the height of the wheels.



THE LOLA MK2, seen here at the 1959 Boxing Day Brands Hatch meeting with works driver Peter Ashdown at the wheel, was possibly the best front engined F car built, but though 29 were made it scored only one important victory — at the Nürburgring.

formula. 1,100 cc engines had to be fitted to cars with a minimum weight of 882 lbs, while 1,000cc cars had a minimum weight of 794 lbs. In America, there were initially two further classes, one of 1,300 cc (1,040 lbs) and one of 750cc (704 lbs) and the ohc Crosley engine was permitted. Limited-slip differentials were banned, so was changing the location of the camshafts.

Like engines, gearboxes had to come from an FIA-recognised Touring car but could be of different origin. The braking and carburation system had to be of the same principle as on the road car from which the engine was taken, which effectively meant drum brakes and carburettors, though alloy drums and twin-choke Webers were usually fitted. Aerodynamic aids and trick tyres were unknown and did not figure in the regulations.

Apart from specifying a minimum wheelbase (78¾ in), a minimum track (43 in), a minimum width (37½ in) and insisting that the cars ran on commercial fuel, those were almost the entire regulations. For the first time, however, there was a rule which insisted on a roll bar to protect the driver, though only the Americans carried this to a logical conclusion by insisting also on seat belts. The other rule, peculiar to America, was that "all cars must present a neat appearance". That's something which need not be said now but, at the time, the Americans were streets ahead of Europe in professional presentation of the sport.

To put these rules into context, we must remember that F1 was still for 2.5-litre cars (750 cc supercharged), F2, which had recently been introduced, was for 1.5-litre cars while F3 was for 500 cc cars which, at the time, virtually translated into the words "Cooper-Norton". The "sameness" of F3 was causing its rapid demise and it was being overtaken by 1,100 cc sports car racing. Although not touted as a replacement for F3, Formula Junior slotted neatly between it and F2. Most people were tired of F3 by that time, anyway, and most countries in Europe were hungry for an

international lower formula which would reflect each nation's approach to car building and yet would allow all to compete equally.

It is small wonder, then, that Formula Junior took off very quickly and soon replaced F3. In 1961, when F1 was limited to cars with engines of 1.5-litres, and F2 disappeared because of the change in regulations and F3 disappeared through lack of interest, Formula Junior fulfilled the functions of both F2 and F3. Eventually, however, it became clear that it needed to be checked and so in 1964 was replaced by a new F3, with tighter rules, which still retained the essential spirit of FJ.

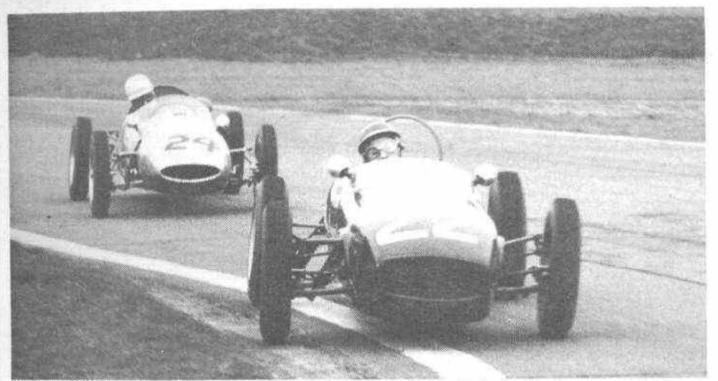
At the time of FJ's announcement, Italy had a thriving industry producing Fiatbased sports cars so there was no shortage of expertise when it came to tuning and construction. Perhaps significantly, though, the best known of these companies, Abarth, did not build cars for FJ - and survived to tell the tale. At the time, too, all purpose-built F1 cars were front-engined so it was really not surprising that most of the initial designs were front-engined too, With hindsight, it's easy to point out that a rear-engined design was far and away the best for a small racing car of limited power for it would present a smaller frontal area and there would be less power loss through the drive train. In fact, the newlyintroduced F2 demonstrated this, as Coopers won almost everything in sight, soon to be challenged by Porsche, while the front-engined Lotus cars proved disappointing.

The best-known early Italian FJ car was the Stanguellini, a high but attractive little device which resembled an F1 car. Beneath the aluminium body shell, however, it was a crude design by then contemporary standards. It had a simple ladder chassis frame in which the Fiat engine was set at an angle on the right while the driver say off-set to the left. The prop shaft drove to a live rear axle. At 79 in, the wheelbase was short, only the later French Dalbot had a shorter one, and then only by ½ in. Significantly, when it appeared, the Lotus 18 had a long, 90 in, wheelbase and that set a later trend.

Still, in 1959, Stanguellini cars, expecially the one driven by Michael May, were easily the most successful in the formula. Michael May, of course, is the Swiss engineer who pioneered aerofoils in 1956 and who recently engineered the HE cylinder head for Jaguar. The main opposition to Stanguellini came from the Taraschi cars driven by Bernardo Taraschi and English



FOLLOWING early successes, the Elva-DKW was considered by many to be the way to go FJ racing in 1960. The firm took orders for over 50 cars but, by mid-season, both the chassis and the engine were effectively obsolute at international level.



GOODWOOD, March 1960 and two promising youngsters dispute the lead of the first race of the first full British FJ season. Jim Clark, seen here in his first single-seater race for Lotus, leads the Ken Tyrrell-entered Cooper-BMC of John Surtees who was making his debut on four wheels. The two future World Champions finished first and second, with Clark taking the flag.

expatriate Colin Davis. It closely resembled the Stanguellini except that the engine ran parallel to the driver and the propeller shaft was sharply angled. Taraschi cars won five international races in 1959 to the nine victories of Stanguellini. The only rear-engined cars to offer a challenge were the Italian Wainer and De Sanctis, each winning a single race. It's odd, but while spaceframe chassis were a feature of the majority of Italian designs, the successful cars all had simple ladder frames.

Back in Britain, the growing success of the formula had been duly noted, a calendar was drawn up for 1960 and designs prepared. Since the USA was also to take the formula, the potential export market was an additional impetus. The first commercial design to be completed was the Elva which used principally the highly developed three cylinder two-stroke DKW engine. Whilst not the height of sophistication when compared with designs which were to follow just months later, it was far in

advance of its Continental rivals with a light, stiff spaceframe, long wheel base and narrow glassfibre body, the slimness of the car being achieved by positioning the engine on the same plane as the driver with the prop shaft passing between his legs.

Bill Selincourt took one to France in the late summer and won the Circuit of Cadours from May's Stanguellini. The message could not have been more plain for Selincourt was not the driver that May was, but the European designers chose to ignore the superiority of a stiff chassis and low frontal area. Indeed the majority of designers had chosen to ignore every advance in racing design made over the previous decade.

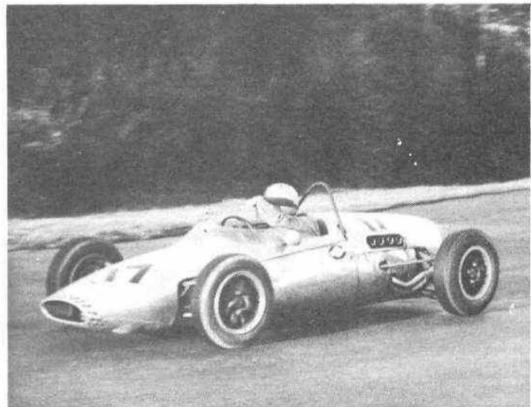
A first FJ race at Brands Hatch in August may be discounted because of its tiny entry so the true introduction of the formula to Britain came at Brands Hatch during the Boxing Day meeting. Most of the entries were front-engined and, indeed, frontengined designs overall outnumbered rear-

engined cars by a ratio of about 7:5 until the end of 1960. Six Elvas were led by Peter Arundell's works car, the few months' lead the company had giving it a distinct Four of Cooper's advantage. BMC-powered car, a scaled-down version of the company's F1 design, made their débuts, one in the hands of Mike McKee, a driver of great talent who retired early from the sport for business reasons. Peter Ashdown, another very talented driver brought the prototype Lola Mk 2 to the line, Eric Broadley's first single seater. Low, compact, and pretty it was probably the best front-engined FJ car made but was effectively obsolete within the next few races. Jim Clark had his first single-seater race in one of three front-engined Geminis, built by Graham Warner's Chequered Flag Garage, but was plagued by problems. Down the grid sat Alan Stacey, who drove for the Lotus F1 team, in the single new Lotus 18, Chapman's first rear-engined design. The promised Cosworth-tuned Ford 105E engine had encountered problems so Stacey ran with a standard motor fitted with twin carbs and a racing exhaust. The car was a handful in the wet with the wrong springs fitted, Stacey spinning more than once, and so the car's potential was hidden for some time.

The race was an exciting one with Arundell winning by 0.4 sec from Ashdown with Chris Threlfall's Elva-DKW a close third having set fastest lap. The formula promised well and was taken up enthusiastically.

There is an adage in motor racing which says that the most important race to win in a season is the last one. Both Elva and Lola took substantial orders, most of Elva's fifty cars going to the States while Lola built 29 Mk 2s. Not surprisingly, after the prototype's dismal showing, the Lotus 18 was not seriously considered — until Innes Ireland led the Argentine GP in one in February 1960.





WITHIN the space of one year, Gemini FJ thinking had progressed from the car on the left to the car on the right.



MIKE SPENCE came to the public's notice, and gave Emeryson its only major FJ win, when he took victory in the Commander Yorke 100 mile race at Silverstone. The performance won him an Emeryson F1 drive.

After Boxing Day, the DKW engine became a favourite. There was some muttering that it could be tuned to a far higher degree than the push-rod units and this gave it an unfair advantage. At least one person called for it to be banned. Certainly some tuning firms claimed substantially higher figures for the DKW than any rival engines but it proved eventually to be temperamental and unreliable and, anyway, was soon overtaken in terms of power by both the BMC series "A" engine and the Ford 105E.

There was no shortage of tuners for the BMC engine, firms such as Speedwell having considerable experience of the unit. The 105E, however, was new on the market, having been announced only in October 1959. Colin Chapman had quickly spotted the engine's potential and had soon arranged with Keith Duckworth's infant Cosworth company to supply his works cars. The Cosworth-Ford engines gave 72 bhp at the beginning of 1960 and 88 bhp by the end, in one litre form. By contrast, the 1100cc Fiat engine had virtually reached the end of its development, though some tuners claimed 80 bhp for it. Still, Intermeccanica claimed 94 bhp for its 1100cc Peugeot engine and Mitter claimed 93 bhp for its 1100cc DKW, but neither claim stood up on the race track. The Peugeot unit disappeared very quickly and the DKW did not figure after 1960.

The pattern for the season was set at Goodwood in March when Jim Clarke's Lotus 18 beat the Ken Tyrrell-run Cooper-BMC of John Surtees who was having his first car race. At the beginning of the season, it had been agreed by organising clubs to drop a rule barring drivers on the International list, though Graded drivers were excluded. Clark and Surtees raced in FJ, F2 and F1 that year but neither could be accused of "pot hunting". It was, after all, only Clark's third full season of motor racing and his first in single-seaters, and Surtees was a novice in cars.

There was still a state of flux in the opening races, though the works Lotus cars were clearly superior. Elva continued to pick up the odd win at home and

abroad. Many of the first races in Britain had small fields, though large entries, for constructors were battling to fulfil orders. Not many races had been run before it was apparent that no design from the Continent could match the best British cars.

At Monaco on May 28th, British cars dominated the grid filling the first eight places with Colin Davis' Osca-Fiat ninth. Even more significantly, Jim Clark's time for pole was nearly ten seconds better than Michael May's lap records. Clark led until near the end when ignition problems delayed him and the race was won by Henry Taylor (Cooper), from Peter Ashdown (Lola) and the Lotus-Fords of Trevor Taylor and Peter Arundell. The best non-British car to finish was Michael May's Stanguellini in tenth.

The French responded by dividing races into two classes, for French cars and "foreign" cars. No French FJ car was ever successful. At the Monza Lottery Grand Prix, the Lotus of Chris Andrews was excluded for "dangerously low suspension", the Fitzwilliam Lolas were excluded for carrying "dangerous" ballast and Trevor Taylor's Lotus was not invited to take part

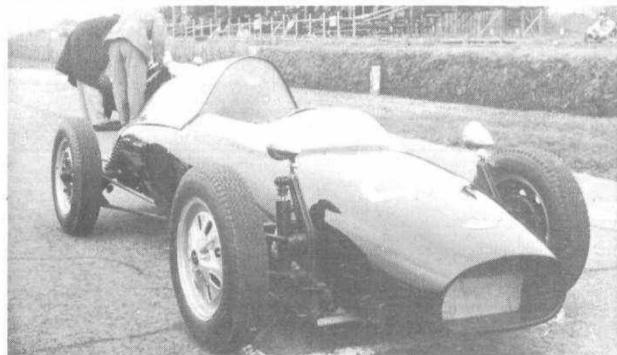
in the final. Taylor had finished 16th his heat with ignition problems, the top going into the final. Some runners of dropped out, however, and according the rules, Taylor should have made grid, but didn't. The race was eventual won by an Osca — driven by Colin Day

By mid-season, whenever a competer driven Cooper or Lotus appeared, it likely to win. Traschi, Stanguellini Osca cars continued to be successful Italy by sheer weight of numbers and I of foreign opposition and Colin Deemerged national champion. When works Lotus team of Clark, Trevor Tayand Peter Arundell appeared they invaria won. Lola had a good win at Nürburgring in October, Dick Priprivate car beating Ashdown's wor assisted Fitzwilliam car. Elva faded quic in Europe but Charlie-Kolb's Elva-Au was highly successful in the States.

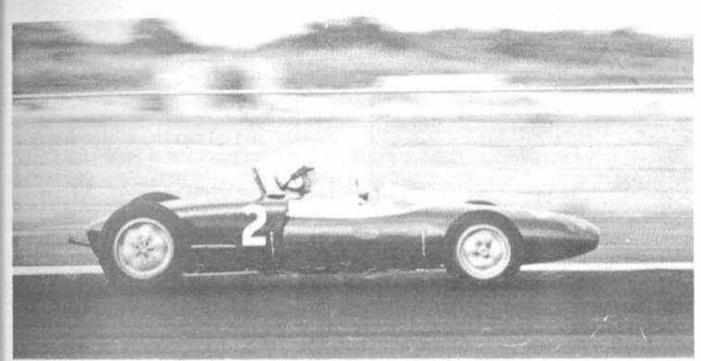
Most constructors folded through lack success, though others such as Britan (designed by John Tojeiro), Merlyn a DRW emerged in their place. The sea was not yet over before Elva, Gemini a Lola had announced rear-engined of while Cooper produced a smaller version its 1960 World Championship winn F1 car. They were all upstaged, however by the introduction of the almost impossible sleek and low Lotus 20 which was continue where the 18 left off.

Lurani's scheme to encourage Ital driver talent was partially successful, an international level, however, it immensely successful. Among driv taking part in FJ in 1960 were: Cla Trevor Taylor, Henry Taylor, Pedro Ricardo Rodriguez, Hulme, Siff Bandini, Scarfiotti, Baghetti, Sper Surtees, Jim Hall, Love, Maggs and Ra

Of the dozen different lay-outs whe firms offered in 1960, only the adopted by Cooper and Lotus survisuccessfully and within a very short time serious competitor was effectively fa



1960 saw a great diversity of solutions to the problem posed by the FJ regulations. This is Chris Lawrence VW-based Deep Sanderson. The car was a flop and Mr Lawrence was soon back at the drawing board.



THE LOTUS 20 of 1961 was the pick of the crop and in the hands of works drivers, Trevor Taylor and Peter Arundel, dominated the formula.

with a choice from a handful of British cars built to the same principles. Most engines which were touted at the beginning of 1960 disappeared, Fiat, DKW, linereddown MG TC, Goliath, Hansa, Wartburg, Triumph Herald, Hillman, Crosley, Lancia V4, Peugeot, Simca, Renault and Panhard, leaving the BMC series "A" or, more usually, the Ford 105E.

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Costs rose as well. An Elva could be bought for £840 at the beginning of 1960, a Lola for £1,000, a Cooper for £1,185 and a Lotus for £1,250. By the end of the

year, you would not get much change out of £1,500 for any car capable of a regular top six finish. Some teams were also changing crankshafts after every race.

Of all the manufacturers taking part in 1960, only Lotus and Lola are still in racing and of all the hopeful new designs, only Merlyn went on to build cars in any number for any significant length of time. The others soon faded, many not seeing out the year, firms like Condor, Halson, Caravelle, Saxon, Civet, Venom, Gas Barracuda, Jocko Special, Rispal, Ferry,

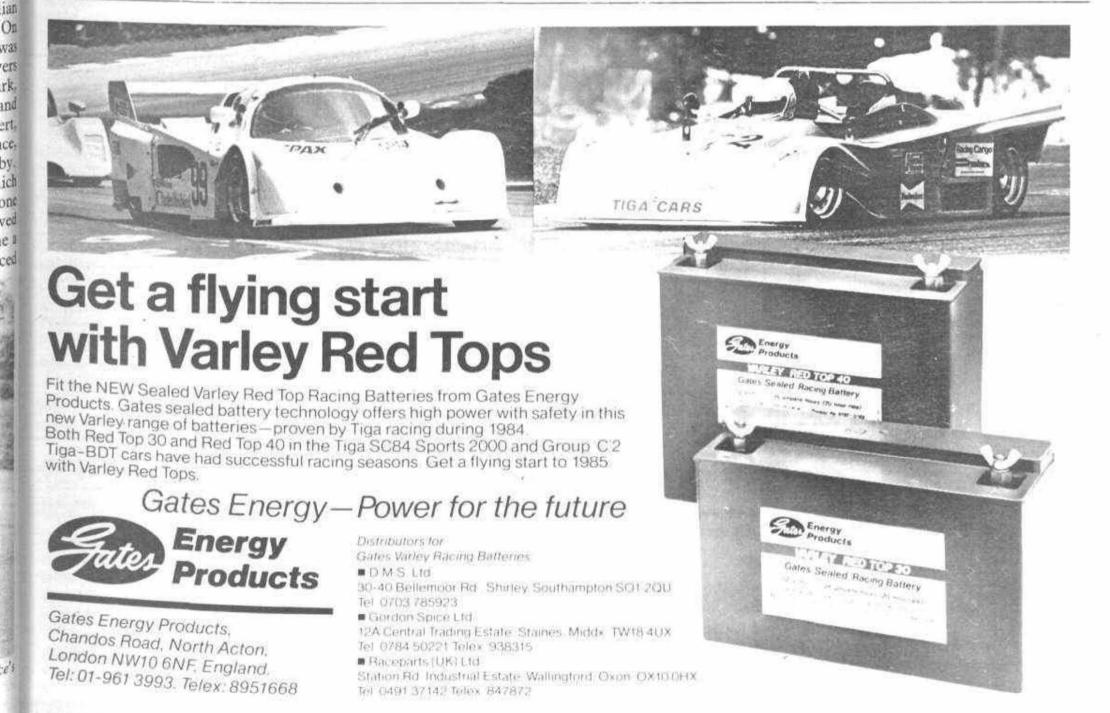
Julien, Dalhot, Lippi, Dagarda, Poggi, Faccioli, Ram, Isis, Bode, Melkus, Liebl, Meub and Sauter.

The Italians tried the rear-engined route and de Tomaso, for example, produced a Cooper-copy, but none of the cars were successful at an international level. From being a formula offering an almost bewildering diversity of thought, FJ quickly established a standard pattern. Since we are talking about motor racing, and since Cooper and Lotus were doing most of the winning, the standard pattern was clearly the correct one — if the designer tackled the problem properly. Few did.

It is a characteristic of motor racing that the more questions a formula poses, the more interesting the formula is, regardless of the quality of the racing itself. That is part of the continuing appeal of F1. Because there are so many variables, so many parts of the equation, there are so many questions to be asked.

In its early days, Formula Junior asked more questions than most formulae. There were many, many answers, but only one correct one. Once that had been established (that the leader of the Lotus team would win most races) much of its fascination waned. For a short, heady, period though, Formula Junior was one of the most fascinating categories ever conceived.

M.L.





Renault 25 V6 Injection

THE sales-sector for upper-bracket executive class cars is widening and Renault have entered this field convincingly with the new low-drag fuel injection 25 V6. It is very completely equipped, with interesting control and switch-gear layouts, gaining character therefrom. For example, standard equipment embraces an adjustable steering column, alloy wheels, central door-locking (with a difference!), electrical window-lifts, a laminated windscreen, power-steering, rear seat-belts against the time when these may become compulsory, tow hooks, the front one protruding from the spoiler, an electric sunroof, tinted glass, high-grade radio / stereo sets, etc.

At first all this looks complicated, and the Renault 25's fascia has been likened to a recording studio's mixing desk. The subdued illumination of the many controls might well make the older enthusiast scoff that this car is a travelling pin-table . . . But it looks as if we shall have to get used to computerised panels and futuristic control layouts, and the big Renault is fortunately not over-endowed with them, the aim being to give essential controls, even for the radio, fingertip operation, which cannot be a bad thing. Looking at this in detail, the driver finds the instruments on a single clearly-read panel, the large Jaeger speedometer and tachometer reading respectively 140 mph and 7,000 rpm, the latter straked from 5,500 rpm, red-lined from 6,000 rpm, with economy-zone from 1,200 to 3,000 rpm for those who trouble about such things. Outboard of these main dials are the smaller oil-pressure and water-temperature gauges, the former going against its stop, as on a Mercedes-Benz, above engine-idle when all is well. These instruments have clever non-dazzle-lit red needles for night use, with rheostat control of illumination, but this does not work for the computer panel and clock with the lamps off.

Between the dials is the LCD fuel readout trip-computer. (On the run from Wales to the MOTOR SPORT offices in London it read 186.7 miles at 46.5 mph (two stops) and 32.0 mpg.) Below it are the 13 warning lights, including "Stop-at-Once" and "Service Required" commands. There is also a male voice synthesiser that persuades rather than demands, and the messages from which can be repeated or killed; it could be fixed, however, saying the handbrake was on when it wasn't but the car was coasting in neutral. The voice warns of a low fuel level, after the visual reading has cancelled out with less than two gallons remaining, but I would have preferred the computer to read to zero.

To the left of the instrument-panel a module indicates time and outside air temperature in deg. F, with the re-set and radio switches below. The switches for hazard-warning, rear fog-lamp, and hatch-back panel de-misting are to the right, and lower down there is the lamp-beams height adjuster knob. The heater uses three inset knurled knobs, including that for the 4-speed fan. There is quick de-misting and plenty of heat but enough cool facial air with the fan on. (Air conditioning costs an extra £770). There is a long strip-vent above the driver's binnacle, others at the fascia extremities, all adjustable.

The steering-wheel spoke has neat buttons for the Cruise control, with fascia warning light, and on the central console is another cut-out button for it, together with door-lock switch, rear-wipe switch (no wash), an open coins tray, lidded ashtray and lighter, and the stubby, leathergaitered, spring-centred gear-lever, behind which is the hand-brake and a small stowage area. There is a large lockable cubby (thief-proof key as for the hatchback panel), and concealed bins under the front-seat outer armrests. All three passenger doors have ash-trays, the rear ones stowage-bins, with map pockets on the backs of the front-seat squabs. Before the gear-lever is set the impressive sixspeaker hi-fi on the Renault-Philips Dolly System and to the left of the fascia the MCC micro-computer radio panel. Two small, taut stalk-controls look after lamps, horn and turn-indicators on the left, wipers and washer on the right, with the two radio-selectors above the latter.

The driver's door arm rest extension contains the window switches, with a seperate one for this window, and the joystick for adjusting the external mirrors. There is a swivelling roof map-lamp, the anti-dazzle vizors have intermediate setting but tended to come adrift at one end, and the fascia has a lh shelf, sensibly lipped unlike that on an Alfa 6. The tiny switches on the edges of the console, for adjusting seat and squab angle, worked well and are an excellent feature of this luxury Renault 25, as is the infra-red ignition-key that opens or locks the doors without touching them. Rear compartment occupants have their own smoking companions and heater control, a servo assists when closing the hatchback panel, and there is an electrically locked fuel-filler flap, on some cars. This flap is on the driver's side of the car.

It will be appreciated that with this latest 25 V6 the Regie Nationale des Usines Renault has made a convincing attempt 10 compete in the executive market with cars like the Audi, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Opel, Rover, Volvo, etc. in this class, and with the Rover it has the advantage of five-door hatchback body with folding rear-seat back, giving a luggage space of 43.7 cu ft. The Bosch JK-Jetronic fuel injected 88×73 mm (2,664 cc) V6 all-alloy engine develops 142 (DIN) bhp 8 5,500 rpm and 162 lb ft torque 3,000 rpm, and with the low drag of 7.33 CdA, gives excellent performance, from this 251/2 cwt kerb-weight, 8 ft 11.2 in wheelbase car. The engine has a camshall above each cylinder-bank and a cr of 9.4 to 1.

On the Road

This Renault 25 V6 is certainly a most significant advance on the old Renault 30, the former top-model from Billancourt. With a top speed of over 125 mph and acceleration that takes this big hatchback from 0 to 60 mph in nine seconds, enables it to cover a ss 1/4-mile in 161/2 sec, and go from 50 to 70 mph in 5.4 sec, there is

ample performance. Gearing is on the high side, so that 82 mph in 3rd gear, and 112 mph in 4th gear are possible and the engine likes to be kept at least above 2,000 rpm, requiring these gears to be used frequently around town. But once in 5th gear a modest 3,000 rpm suffices for just over 70 mph.

Handling and gear-change are not perhaps quite so crisp as on a BMW, control is more complex than on a Rover 3500, but this Renault is a comfortable car for long, fast journeys, and if gear-lever movements are long, both laterally and fore and aft, this is not the disadvantage it is on the Alfa Romeo GTV6, for example, and the Renault's clutch action is normal and, with a modicum of care, smooth. There is all-round independent suspension with quite big wheel travels, but excessive roll is not apparent to the occupants under fast cornering, front-drive (from a fore-andaft-mounted engine) promotes scarcely any real understeer, and all-round disc braking is notably effective (unlike the hand-brake), although there is no servo "fail-safe". The steering is geared just under three turns, lock-to-lock, which feels a trifle low-geared from the leather-bound 14"-dia steeringwheel, but a useful 351/2 ft turning circle must be conceded, and there is gentle selfcentring. The gear-change functions smoothly and quickly, reverse and fifth out on the gate's dog-legs, the former protected by a lift-ring. The feel to the power steering is good, certainly not overlight.

The test-car was a handsome shade of blue and had fairly comfortable seats with black leather upholstery, which costs £925 extra. It contributes the luxury of hide to the car's many other executive aspects. The door trim is in two shades of cloth. The ride is comfortable, better at high speeds than low, but there is some bump-thump and the 195/60R-15 Pirelli P6 tyres (not the expected Michelins - may be there is a flicker of the EEC here?) - added to road noise, while there was some wind noise, but the Renault is acceptably quiet at fast cruising speeds, quiet enough, in fact, for a few mild rattles to be heard from the plastics of the cockpit. The wiper blades tended to graunch.

Although the Renault 25's metier is comfort and convenience, and it at first seemed soggy, I found I could throw it around quite effectively, and I liked the unflamboyant, typically Renault, styling. The seat-belts were wide, with normal releases, unlike those on the Renault 11 TXE Electronic (see this page), and the doors have effective "keeps" in spite of their weight. Cold-starting was instantaneous. The Cibié lamps gave splendid illumination, if not, I thought, being quite so bright as those on the Renault 11 TXE.

Under the rear-hinged, easily-opened, self-propping bonnet all is accessible. I did my own full-to-full fuel check, ignoring the



HANDSOME is as handsome does . . . the practicality of the Renault 25 is demonstrated in this photograph of its maximum load carrying capacity.

optimistic computer, and somewhat favoured by slow driving in fog for some of the mileage, obtained 28 mpg of four-star, with an overall of 25.2 mpg. That would give a very useful total range of 366 miles. Overall, then, this is an impressive and likeable car for those who, or whose company, can afford a price of £13,440, which the leather seats and sun-roof of the test-car increased to £15,037. It is interesting that automatic-transmission does not raise the price.

If a Rover 3500 represents the thrifty executive's Silver Spirit, this new Renault 25 V6 perhaps, with added refinement, might indicate what a future smaller Rolls-Royce could be like, were it to happen — W.B.

ROAD IMPRESSIONS

The Renault Eleven TXE Electronic

LIKE Ford in Europe, with its effective implications of serving those who want to purchase "transport" or "Sport", the Regie Renault in France cannot be overlooked, as I was reminded when I tried one of her latest products, the Renault 11 TXE Electronic.

I borrowed the Electronic as my back-up car during the Veteran Car Run weekend and it proved not only a highly convenient, capacious, comfortable and economical car for such a purpose, but interesting in a number of ways — a car of character, you

might say. Using the Type F2N four-cylinder overhead camshaft 1,721 cc 82 (DIN) bhp transverse engine driving the front wheels (of course!), there is plenty of performance for ordinary use from this very well appointed, nicely finished and notably accommodating five-door Hatchback. The Hatchback panel opens easily to disclose a large carpeted luggage space which the folding of the back seats increases. The car is of crisp shape, non-flamboyant, symbol of a good serviceable Renault.



KIEFT

AT the 1954 Motor Show was a stand on which was displayed two fibreglass-bodied Kieft Climax 1100 cc sports cars, one in racing trim, one in road trim, and an ambitious flat-four air-cooled engine. The history of the engine was covered in November's issue of MOTOR SPORT, for it was the Kieft-modified AJB with Norton cylinder heads. The reason why the cars were at the Motor Show was because the SMM&T had offered the little company a free stand for, in an otherwise dismal year for British motorsport, Kieft cars had twice won their class in International races — a small beacon in the gloom.

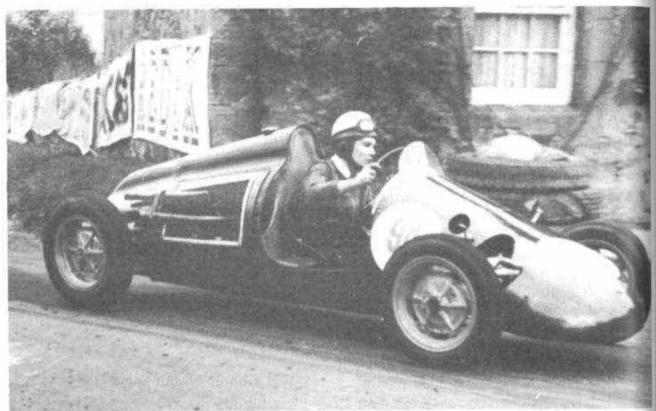
The cars on display were interesting for two reasons, one was that their fibreglass bodies were perhaps the first ever produced from a single mould as a complete unit, and the other was because they were the first cars to score an international win using a Coventry Climax engine. The car in road trim was touted as a possible production sports car and attracted some favourable attention and enquiries including one from

Shortly afterwards, though, Kieft faded. The company was sold by its founder, Cyril Kieft, to Berwyn Baxter who assembled one, or possibly two, cars from existing components, giving them aluminium bodies. Later the name was sold to another company who manufactured a few Formula Junior cars in 1961 but achieved little with them though at least one is currently in use.

From that moment of glory in 1954 to sudden oblivion. Why? To trace the story we recently went to see Cyril Kieft in Wolverhampton and soon discovered that the story of the man was essential to an understanding of the story of the cars.

Cyril was born in 1911, in Swansea, and educated at Wellington where he proved a good, but not outstanding, sportsman and a mediocre pupil. His heart was set on entry to Sandhurst and the Indian Army but his school reports suggested that he would fail the entrance exams since Maths was his only talent. Kieft Snr offered him a choice, accountancy or an apprenticeship in the steelworks of which he happened to be managing director. Cyril chose the latter and found himself in his element.

When the boss' son receives management training just as a recession is about to start, it can cause comment but Cyril tried twice as hard, studying at nights and taking his training, which included six months at the coal face, very seriously. By the time he was twenty-two, and not officially out of his apprenticeship, he had been appointed assistant plant manager at the newly re-opened Redbourne steelworks at Scunthorpe. He rose rapidly to senior management level and was soon managing director of a group of companies. In the meantime his interest in motor racing had



THE VERY first Kieft F3 car was too heavy to achieve much success against the more nimble Coopers but, fitted with a 1,100 cc JAP engine was fairly competitive in hill climbs. Here Miss Olga Kevelos ascends Bo'ness in 1951.

been whetted by visits to Donington Park in his Rover sports car.

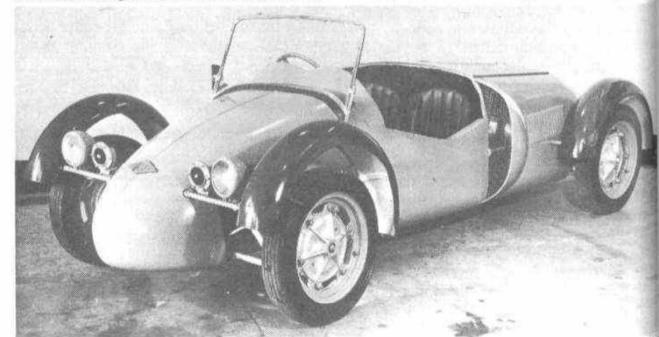
With impending nationalisation of the steel industry after the war, and not being impressed by the salaries on offer for directors, he diversified into other businesses, a forging company and a firm, employing four hundred people, making electric kettles and other electrical and aluminium products. At heart, though, he remained a steel man.

In 1949 he bought a Marwyn-JAP 500 cc F3 car and entered it in a hillclimb at Lydstep in Wales. While waiting his turn, his young daughter arrived and said, "Mummy says, 'be careful'." He recalls, "That did it, I realised that with family responsibilities, I had no business risking my neck and so did my climb and retired as a racing driver. From then on, I never employed any driver who had children.

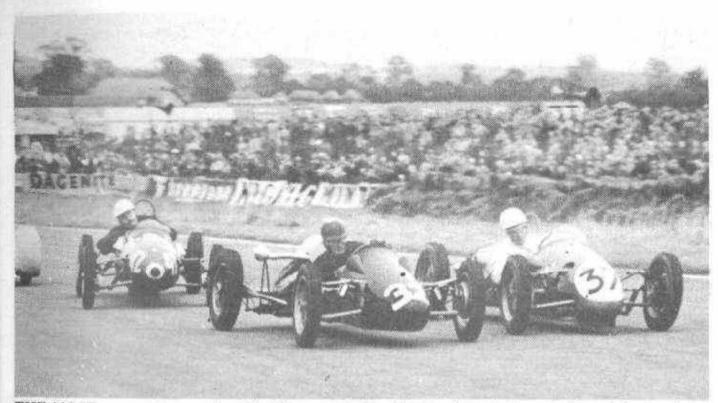
"The Marwyn was anyway very unreliable. I felt sure I could design and build something better. About this time, the government found it could not generate enough electricity to satisfy growing demand and so slapped a swingeing purchase tax on the sort of products we were making. The bottom fell out of the business and I had to close down, though we did not end up in debt to anyone the forging business remained healthy, though. In order to keep some craftsmen I didn't want to lose, we set up a small workshop building racing cars."

The first Kieft F3 car was designed around a ladder frame made of two channel sections with, fore and aft, lubular semi-circles (looking like cucumber frames) which held the torsion bar suspension in metalastic bushes. At first sight, the wheels appeared to be from Cooper but these were of Kieft design and casting. Ken Gregory débuted the car, with a JAP engine, at Brands Hatch in 1950 and other drivers that year included Les Leston and George Wicken.

The car was too heavy to be competitive



THIS BSA-powered 650 cc sports car was a modified version of the original F3 Kieft. Although Cyril Kie expressed a willingness to produce further examples, only one was built, to the order of a German customer. I prompts two thoughts: does this car still exist? And what price a road-going Ralt RT3?



THE MOST successful car produced by Kieft was the Ray Martin | John A. Cooper | Dean Delamont design which the company took over. Although Stirling Moss gave the car its initial success, the most successful exponent of the marque was Don Parker. Here Parker successfully dices with Moss (Cooper) on his way to a narrow win at Brands Hatch in 1953.

with the Coopers, however, and no success came until it was fitted with an 1,100 cc JAP engine, whereupon Michael Christie set fifth ftd at Prescott. Christie later finished third in class at Shelsley Walsh and Mrs Joy Cooke took the ladies' record with it.

With a Norton engine, Olga Kevalos came second in a Ladies Championship at Brands Hatch. The car enjoyed several outings over successive years and, at one time, was fitted with the AJB/Kieft/Norton engine. Three replicas were sold to customers (Kieft cannot remember who) and these differed from the prototype by having a bulbous nose which became something of a Kieft trademark.

Although none of these first cars exactly set the tracks alight, Cyril was determined to be as successful in racing as he had been in business (he happily admits to being extremely ambitious), and two others were built up for a record breaking attempt at Montlhéry. There Stirling Moss and Ken Gregory, assisted by John Neill, set thirteen records (six for 350 cc machines and seven for 500 cc machines) ranging from 50 kms to 200 miles.

"We used to go to this restaurant in Paris run by a former racing mechanic and were mystified to discover, after we'd broken the records, why everyone cooled towards us. We soon discovered the reason. For a record to be ratified, it had to stand for 28 days; 26 days before we arrived the French DB concern had set the records we broke. In a showroom on the Champs Elysées was their car with a board proudly displaying their achievements which we had wiped out before they became official. We were not the most popular people in Paris."

Two other cars were built to that basic design, one went to A. W. Powell-Richards but there were plans to move from Bridgend to Wolverhampton and the fabricator who usually made the bodies had left. The Powell-Richards car therefore had a rudimentary boxy body which was given the unfortunate nickname "The Coffin". The

other was a little road-going two-seater, based on the "bullnose" car which was fitted with headlights, cycle mudguards and a 650 cc BSA engine (with kickstart) which produced 40 bhp. 75 mph and 40 mpg were this car, claimed for which commissioned by a German customer, and Kieft said he was open to further orders. None came and the road-going F3 car remained a one-off.

The two-seater is interesting for two reasons: it was the first of three Kieft sports cars which were based around a single-seater chassis, and it was the first of three occasions when Cyril Kieft considered a road car based on a racing design.

The workshop moved to Wolverhampton at the end of 1950. At about the same time, Ray Martin, Dean Delamont and John A. Cooper (who worked for Autocar) were designing a new F3 car for Stirling Moss. "Ken Gregory, who was Stirling's manager, came to me and said they had this design but had run out of funds. Stirling had invested £180 into it and Ken a further £20. After some persuasion, I paid off the bank and took over the design." This was an extremely light little machine with a space frame, rubber springing, swing axles at the rear and wishbones at the front. It had the same bulbous nose as five of the seven Kieft F3 cars already built but used wire instead of alloy wheels. The engine was a Steve Lancefield-tuned Norton, Kieft having excellent contacts with Norton since he habitually sponsored two works assisted riders.

Moss won first time out with the car at Goodwood in April 1951, repeated the success at the International Trophy Meeting and dominated the formula when he appeared that year. Among other things, he became the first F3 driver to lap Silverstone (at the Grand Prix meeting) in under two minutes. Ken Wharton and Don Parker also had successful outings with the car.

Ten cars were built in 1952 and were sold to Charles Headland (who won the Irish Championship and several races in England), André Loens (who won the Droginigan International), Dick Irish (who had a lot of success in the USA), Bill Webb, Jack Wescott, Derek Annable, David Boshier-Jones, David Shale and W. Paulson. Stirling Moss drove a car on several occasions but later switched to a Cooper while Don Parker won two national championships in the works car.

Don Parker, one of the leading F3 drivers of the Fifties, but a man who never quite got the breaks to prove himself in the higher formulae, drove for Kieft until the end of 1954, winning championships every year. Don says, "It was a good car, but not very well made. The first time I drove one was in Luxembourg and I was leading the race with Moss behind me when the damn thing fell to pieces.

"After that, I used to get the parts from Kieft and build and modify the cars myself.



HORACE GOULD drove this Bristol-engined central seater Kieft sports car on several occasions in 1953. Nine of these care and the second occasions in 1953. of these cars were built but were too heavy to gain success in sprint events. They did, however, perform quite creditably in long distance events.

I changed the frame, the rubber blocks in the suspension, loads of little things, and I

also made some parts for Cyril."

When we think of F3 in the '50s, the tendency is to regard it as dominated completely by Coopers, and in terms of race wins, it was. Individual drivers such as Moss, Parker and Headland, however, gave Kieft many wins though most Kieft cars did not figure in the results.

Some have suggested that the original design was spoiled in the production of the customer cars. Cyril himself says that the cars were so light and finely balanced that banging wheels with another competitor could put the suspension out and most drivers did not have the expertise to tune the chassis properly, so the successful ones were those properly maintained (ie, by the works). Don Parker seems to suggest that the design stagnated and that his success was due to his own development of it. Another reason is possibly that most of the buyers would not have won races no matter what car they'd bought.

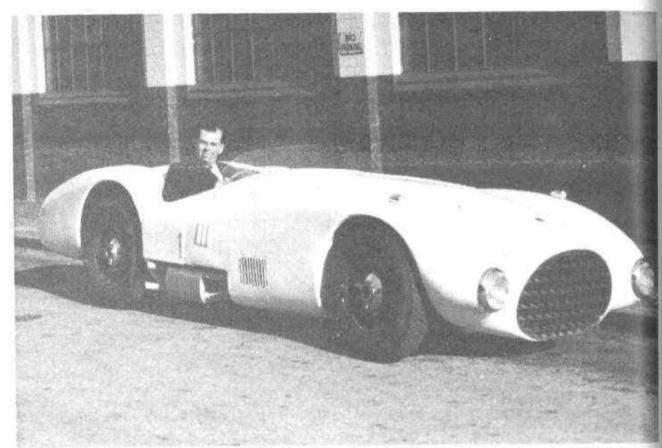
Cyril is not certain exactly how many of these cars were built, 14 or 16 seems to have been the total. Certainly one was racing in South Africa in 1953 in the hands of Orlando Fregona, but whether this was bought new or secondhand is not currently

known.

One little story of the time is worth repeating. Kieft used an oil called Vigzol and the firm was also involved as a member of the BRM Trust. In anticipation of BRM successes, Vigzol bought whole page advertising space in many magazines. With the BRM failing and the Kieft succeeding, these advertisements had little option but to trumpet the merits of Vigzol through Moss/Kieft wins giving the little company a great deal of unexpected, but far from unwelcome, publicity.

Towards the end if 1951 the talents of designer George Bedson were added to the staff. Bedson had been with Vickers at Brooklands and then been involved with the Mackson F3 car. Later he was to design the Frisky mini-car and the Turner-engined Phoenix sports-racer. Ever ambitious, Kieft announced plans for an F2 Bristol-powered car which Bedson designed. This never came to fruition but the same chassis was used as the basis of the 1953 Kieft sports car, a sports car having more commercial potential. Horace Gould did race a Bristol-engined car in F2, however, but it had the sports body.

While spectating at the Nürburgring, Kieft had noticed that the centre-seater Veritas sports car was quicker on left-handed bends than some rhd cars and quicker on right-handers than many lhd cars. So, the 1953 sports Kieft had a simple space frame chassis with the driver in the middle and passenger seats on either side. This caused something of a fuss, for some felt it was going against the spirit of the regulations, but the regs did not say a car



CYRIL KIEFT seated at the wheel of the one-off De Soto-engined sports car built for Erwin Goldschmidt's 1954. The chassis was similar to that of the still-born F1 project and the styling bears an uncanny resemblance we contemporary Cunningham cars.

could not have three seats. For racing purposes, the offside passenger compartment was covered with an aluminium sheet. Kieft seriously considered offering this as a road car but nothing came of the idea.

The bodies were of aluminium and independent all round suspension was used, coil spring and wishbones at the front and transverse leaf spring with lower wishbones at the rear. They featured Morris Minor rack and pinion steering, Lockheed drum brakes and Kieft-cast Elektron wheels.

Eight 1953 cars were built with the registration numbers running in sequence from LDA 1 to LDA 8. LDA 1, 2 and 3 started off with 1½-litre MG engines and were leased to the Monkey Stable (Mike Keen, Jim Mayers, Pat Griffiths and Trevor Lines). Later Bristol engines were fitted sometimes. Horace Gould used these cars in turn with a Bristol engine when he would substitute his trade plate OAC 2. The others, with either MG or Bristol engines went to Jim Burns, David Slade, Pat Hazlehurst, Peter Thompson and Paul Ceresole in the States.

That same year, the F3 car was still advertised, this time as a kit which could be yours for £445, less engine and gearbox. There were no takers. However another of the pre-Martin Kieft single-seaters was built at this time to act as a test-bed for a recently-acquired AJB engine with Steyr heads. This motor being later converted into the AJB / Kieft / Norton engine.

Most of the sports cars had at least one engine change during its career, LDA 1 even spending some time with the AJB / Kieft / Norton engine fitted. They were rugged, but too heavy to be successful in British sprint racing events. Significantly the two highlights of the car's career came in long races, the Monkey Stable finishing 1-2

in a sports car race in Lisbon in 1954 and Carpenter / Van Driel winning the 2-litte class, finishing fifth overall, in Ceresole's Bristol-engined car at Sebring, also in 1954.

The relative lack of success of these can did not dampen Kieft's plans, however. He was actively interested in John Turners four-cylinder 500 cc engine and one was fitted to an F3 car (which was sold to E. W. Ford who raced it without success). At one time a batch of 25 lightweight sports can was planned with the Turner engine, a run of 25 qualifying as a production car at the time, but it proved lacking both in power (35 bhp) and reliability. By March, 1954 these plans had been modified and three can were to be built. One was to have a 500 a air-cooled flat-four Wooler motorcycle engine and was to be entered for Le Mans V be driven by Alan Rippon. Another was 10 have a Shorrocks-supercharged 500 @ Wooler engine, putting it into the 750 @ class. A Coventry Climax FWA engine was earmarked for the third car.

Production of the central-seater was to be continued, though only one further car was built, sold to a man named Jones. Ron Meas was hard at work on the AJB-based engine and MOTOR SPORT reported: "Kieft own pet project is a 1½-litre air-cooled flat-four sports car using his centre-seat chassis and a Wilson preselector gearbox. He may build a team of these cars to challenge Porsche opposition." Brave ides but, in fact, the team could never keep the engine cool for more than a run of about 4 miles.

Alan Brown was to have a Kieft Fl car independently sprung, with Dunlop disbrakes all round, using the Coventry Clims FPE "Godiva" engine. The chassis was built and a "Godiva" loaned to the works for fitting purposes. As it is generally known



DON PARKER at the wheel of one of the 1,100 cc Kieft sports cars at the Grand Prix Meeting, Silverstone in 1954. This car was the first to use the Coventry Climax FWA engine in competition and perhaps the first car to have a fibreglass body made from a single mould. It was, however, poorly finished and no more than six were

the "Godiva" engine could well have been successful but Coventry Climax naïvely believed the power claims made by other F1 manufacturers and abandoned the project. They discovered later that they had been equalling the very best of the opposition's power. Climax's decision not to proceed killed not only the Kieft F1 car but projects by HWM, Connaught (who stayed with Alta engines), and Cooper (whose F1 début was postponed for three years).

Based on the F1 chassis design was another sports car, built to the order of an American, Erwin Goldschmidt, and fitted with a V8 de Soto "Firedome" 51/2-litre

engine and Jaguar gearbox.

As though all these projects were not enough, soon afterwards Kieft employed Bill Thomas who was to develop a dohc version of the Ford Consul engine and a lightweight gearbox. These projects were never completed.

In the meantime Cyril himself had designed and built a speedway bike, a Kieft moped with a Sachs 50 cc engine, which went into production, and a Villierspowered scooter which sold 1,000 examples under the names of "Kieft" and "D.K.R."

(Day-Kieft-Robinson).

Much of the money was coming out of Kieft's own pocket, via businesses in Wales, and early in the season he suffered two blows. On returning from Lisbon, where the Monkey Stable took their 1-2, the pantechnicon carrying the cars went over the side of a mountain and transporter and cars were written off. They were not insured. There was a commitment to keep at the Nürburgring and so the new centre-seater, intended for a Mr Jones was, with his permission, sent there. It was being driven to the circuit when it was damaged in an accident. Racing was expensive. The Jones car was rebuilt and becoming delivered and apparently was used solely as a

The little sports car which was first to have had a Turner engine, then a Wooler, was finalised with the Coventry Climax 1,098 cc FWA four-cylinder engine. Cyril recalls that his works carried out some of the modifications to the unit, replacing the original cast iron crank with a steel one and forging new, lighter, con rods. Wally Hasson's book "Climax In Coventry" makes no mention of this work being undertaken outside the Climax works. Certainly Kieft had both the facilities and expertise available to undertake such modifications.

The little car had a ladder chassis of 31/4 in tubing, independent all round suspension (wishbones and coil springs at the front and transverse leaf with lower wishbones at the rear), 11 in drum brakes all round, "Kieft" alloy wheels, a Moss gearbox and ENV differential. The brochure claimed a top speed of 110+ mph and (at 50 mph) 40 mpg. The bodyshell was of fibreglass, moulded in one piece. It cost £1,569 9s 2d, inclusive of all taxes.

The car duly appeared at Le Mans where it was driven by Alan Rippon and Bill Black but hadn't actually turned a wheel before it arrived at the circuit. In practice the engine suffered from oil loss (this was the FWA's very first competition appearance) but Harry Mundy cured that by modifying the sump baffles. It showed well in the race, and led its class, but retired after 10 hours with a broken rear axle.

Don Parker drove it a few times, winning "Welsh Championship" Fairwood and recalls it as quite a good little car. He was leading the 1,100 cc class in the Tourist Trophy at Dundrod when the front suspension broke and came up through the bodywork. The car was a write-off. The other car entered, that of Rippon and Ferguson, came home victorious in the class.

Which brings us back to where we started . . . that stand at the Motor Show donated to the company in recognition of the two class wins m World Sportscar Championship races and, shortly afterwards, nothing.

Cyril admits to being a complete perfectionist and it is doubtful whether the performance of his cars matched his own ambitions for them. The number and diversity of projects undertaken in 1954 illustrate the man's restlessness and drive motor racing was an outlet for them but he knew that his heart, and his real talent, lay in the steel industry. In 1954 the Conservative government was preparing to de-nationalise the steel industry and Kieft knew he had to be part of that.

In 1955 Kieft came to an arrangement with Berwyn Baxter to lend his name to Baxter's racing efforts with the Kieft-Climax cars, thus assuring Baxter of an entry at Le Mans and other important races. In MOTOR SPORT, October 1981, Merrick Taylor, Baxter's works manager gave details of Kieft from 1955 onwards but Cyril himself played no active part in those activities which included a car fitted with a 1½-litre Turner engine.

The assets and name of his car company were officially sold to Berwyn Baxter at the end of 1955. Cyril thinks that one or two cars were assembled from parts already made, bringing the total to five. Nick Georgano's "The Complete Encyclopaedia of Motor Cars" puts the total at six and that is a generally accepted figure. Perhaps two exist today. One is owned by Cyril Kieft. It was bought secondhand and rebuilt as a 21st birthday present for one of his daughters. She made little use of it and Cyril recently bought it back and intends to present it to the Bridgnorth Motor Museum.

We think three of the other sports cars, two centre-seaters and the de Soto-engined car, still exist, together with a couple of the F3 cars. The F1 chassis is also still in existence. We wonder if any readers can help flesh out the history with personal reminiscences or information.

Baxter eventually sold the assets to a Birmingham company called Burmans and a few Formula Junior cars were made in 1961. They were called "Kiefts" but by that time Cyril was happily making steel in Wales and had lost touch with motor racing. The FI cars do not really form part of the Kieft story.

The win at Lisbon, the class wins at Sebring and Dundrod and Parker's continuing success in F3 were not exactly the apex of motor racing but there was sufficient success for Cyril to be able to turn his back on motor racing knowing that even if he'd not succeeded in everything he set out to do, he could hardly be called a failure either. It's interesting to speculate, though, what would have happened had the Godiva engine not been abandoned. Perhaps running a Formula One car would have given Cyril Kieft the sort of big challenge he's clearly always looked for. - M.L.

VETERAN EDWARDIAN VINTAGE

A SECTION DEVOTED TO OLD CAR MATTERS



The Motor Mountaineer

SOME people think sheer motoring bliss is extending a good car on a long ruler-straight road or German autobahn, or taking it as quickly as skill will allow round a race-circuit. Others may prefer to test their driving prowess and the abilities of a car by taking it into the hills and mountains. A motorist of the latter class was the late Mr George D. Abraham. Living in the Lake District of England, he commenced motoring at the turn of the century, and enjoyed driving over the Passes that abounded near to his home, or joining friends on trips in the mountains of Europe. He was a close friend of the enthusiastic Summers family, and used to go in their cars on some of these journeys. He owned interesting cars of his own, and became well-known not only for making the first climbs by car of some of the more notorious Lakeland gradients but for his photography of the district.

Mr Abraham's first car was a Sunbeam Mabberly, and others he owned included a 10 hp Humber, an Alldays & Onions, Albert, HE, etc, also a small Daimler in

ONE OF George Abraham's later pictures, of a 25 hp Sunbeam making the descent from Honister Pass in the Lake District down the 1-in-3 Hill Stap leading to Buttermere.

the early 1920s.

Mr Abraham's photographs were made into picture postcards, he contributed many articles to the motor journals about his favourite pastime, and he was the author of books about it, such as "Motor Ways in Lakeland", "Mountain Adventures at Home and Abroad", "The Complete Mountaineer", "On Alpine Heights and British Crags", etc. I thought I had read most motoring books but have not seen any of these titles, which must surely now be valuable collectors' items?

Space precludes a full account of all the motor mountaineering enjoyed by Mr Abraham but confining ourselves to the between-wars, or "vintage", years, we find him in 1919 going on a tour of his well-loved Lakeland. The car used was a Light-30 Daimler with an open touring body, a new model for 1920. While Daimlers were hardly sports cars, this one can be regarded as the most sporting of the then-current range, with its 4.9-litre Knight double-sleevevalve engine in the shortest of the available

chassis, having a wheelbase of 10 ft 81/4 in comparison with the 12 ft 2 in of the big 7.4-litre Daimler motor carriage. Moreover, this Light Thirty was supplied as a chassis only, so that some well-established coachbuilder would have made the touring body for the car (Reg No DU 9475) in which the expedition was made. Whose car it was is not known, but the driver was an RAF officer and George Abraham was obviously impressed with the latest model from the famous Coventry manufacturer, describing it as an altogether delightful car. "At great speed on wide highways, at mule pace on the narrowest of rocky mountain tracks, or or crumbling stony gradients verging on 1 in 3, the joy of movement was altogether delightful and so silent that frequently the presence of the engine was entirely forgotten."

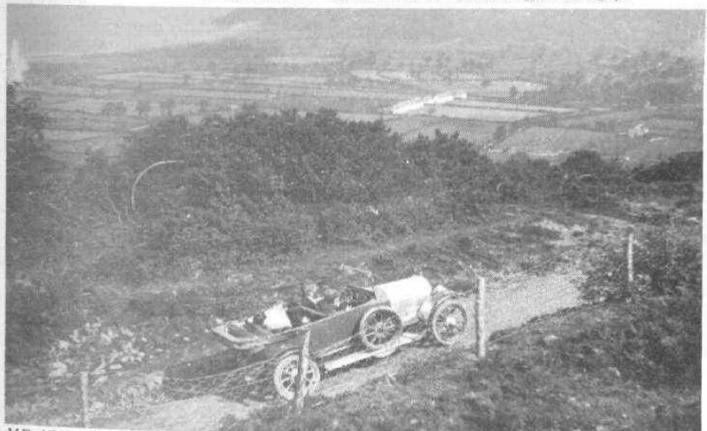
The party started the two-day tour on a cloudless September day, although the Daimler, with standard gear ratios and the Lanchester worm-drive back axle, had encountered rain and storm as it ran out from the Midlands. The test started from Dunmail Rise, hampered somewhat by the last of the season's motor coaches, but taken on top speed, to Ambleside. Kirkstone Pas was then tackled, calling for second gean but a restart on the loose 1 in 4 section was smoothly accomplished after a pause to take photographs, although the Daimler had cone clutch. They then sped down to the valley, to Troutbeck.

From the shoreline of Windermen Abraham sprung a surprise on the rest of the crew by taking them up the "curliest and hilliest of roads", Foolstep. Easy to start with, the driver uttered a gasp as the well-hidden 1 in 3 hairpin was encountered But bottom gear was deftly engaged and the hazard was soon a thing of the past. . . The it was over a little-known Tilberthwait mountain road, gained by taking a awkward corner on the southern side d Yewdale, before reaching Coniston Water Through groves of huge and ancient tree the travellers came at last to the farmhouse under the crags at the head of the valley, where the inhabitants were distinctly dubious when told that the Daimler was to tackle the old mountain road to Fell Foot Little Langdale. Other cars had failed, the were told, which only made it more imperative to head the Light-30 through the gateway and up the grassy track through

birch-hung avenues. If there had been exciting moments goin up, it was the descent which proved the test. After tobogganing down the slipper grass track and through a tiny gateway, car became jammed at a bend between two stone walls. Front and back mudguard were touching but by skilful reversing the got clear. Then the now-rocky road twiste round a derelict farmhouse which it seeme for a moment might have to be dismantle to gain passage. Past that, and with the ma road in sight, the Daimler became jamme



A GEORGE ABRAHAM photograph of a lady driver ascending Kirkstone Pass from Ambleside. This was probably the Humber that in 1913 was the first car to climb and cross Hardknott from Eskdale — three members of the family were in the car and had to put their rugs under the back wheels to afford more grip.



MR ABRAHAM'S HE on Porlock Hill in Somerset in 1923.

between the walls of a very narrow stone bridge. Much time was lost and the sun was sinking beyond the rugged black crags of Pike o' Blisco, while the hub caps were removed and a gate behind the car dismantled, in order to gain the road. After which it was back to Dunmail Rise, taking that Pass at speed in third gear.

An early start on the second day of the tour was delayed at Borrowdale to take on some mountaineering friends, so the Daimler took eight heavy men over Honister Hause, which it did as wonderfully as anything Mr Abraham had seen in motor mountaineering, so quietly that the soft song of wayside streams could be heard, the engine also remaining surprisingly cool. (No wonder Daimlers were so popular in this first full post-Armistice year — HM The King had just used a 57 hp Daimler landaulette for his two-day dash from Balmoral to London, at the time of the national coal-strike. . .). The descent of

stones and rocks of Hill Step caused no anxiety, even when a photographic halt was made on the I in 31/4 grade, the foot brake, now working on the back wheels, seeming a fine arrangement, with the hand-applied transmission brake as a reserve.

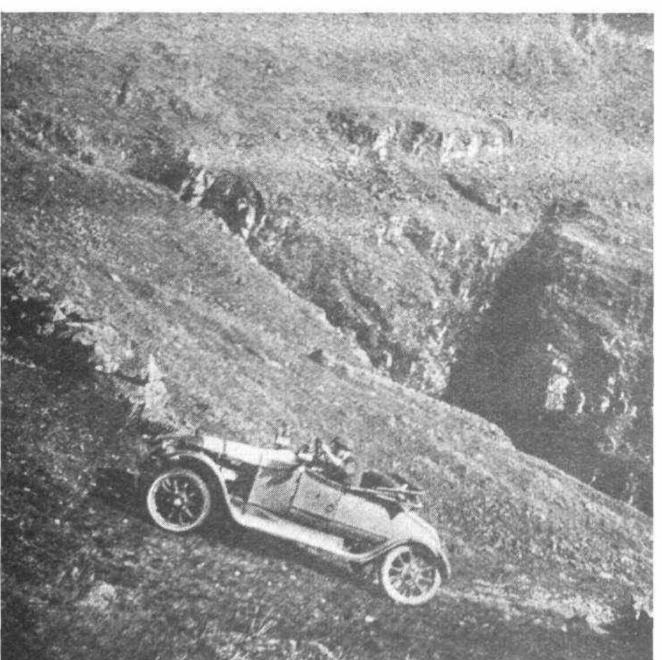
The plot had been to cover an entire circuit of Lakeland in the day, mainly by mountain roads, and this the Daimler did, climbing quickly over Cold Fell to avoid the detour of the coast road, lunch being taken at the remote Wool Pack Inn at Eskdale. It had been amusing to find the well-known King of Prussia Inn renamed the King George Inn, although the now inappropriate name was still on the rear wall. . . The big tourer coped ably with Duddondale, Kiln Bank Hill and High Cross, and came home triumphantly in the gathering gloom. Even its doors had opened and shut perfectly on the rough going it had traversed, a tribute to the method of carrying the body on an insulated

sub-frame.

The following year George Abraham turned his attention to the Western Highlands of Scotland, driving there past Gretna and Lockerbie and up the windy heights of Beattock, in a disc-wheeled Sunbeam two-seater that was probably a replica Coupe de L'Auto model, Reg No RX 6182. It thought nothing of the long haul up "Rest and Be Thankful Hill", signposted as climbing 461 feet in 2,161 vards, at Ben Ime beyond Glencoe. It was as nothing to the Cumbrian gradients, Abraham thought. The Sunbeam was photographed on the Ballachulish Ferry, at that time and for some years hence little more than a rowing boat, and used the new road beside the railway on the bridge at Connel Ferry (fee 10/-=50p). A wild storm chased the car over the moors to Loch Laggan but the short cut to Dalwhinnie proved easy, after which the Great North Road was regained.

By way of a change, late in 1920 Abraham went into the hills of South Durham and North Yorkshire with E. H. Lees, who raced an Essex at Brooklands, in that driver's Hudson Super-Six tourer. Again choosing a glorious autumn day, for which our motor mountaineer seems to have had a happy knack, they left Penrith behind and the winding climb up Hartside was conquered, the gradient of this and other acclivities being carefully measured, which appears to have been part of the object of the outing - perhaps Abraham had been asked to contribute to The Autocar's list of steep gradients in the British Isles? Coming down to Alston it was noticed that one of the three highest inhabited houses in England had gone, burnt down a few years earlier, but the paved main street of Alston was given as 921 ft above sea-level.

The "sturdy construction and splendid springing" of the Hudson was demonstrated on the 1-in-4 climb to over 2,000 ft over Teesdale, ending on the open moor above St Joseph's chapel. Back on the level the Hudson ran its 60 mph as easily as it climbed the hills, its engine nicely balanced, Abraham thought waxing technical, because it had the crankshaft balance weights specially placed, instead of dead opposite the crank pins. Be that as it may, more hill-storming showed up the quietness of the lower gears before the real test came, namely, an assault on Summer Lodge Hill out of Askrigg, said to be the very worst hill in Britain. First they inspected what lay ahead on foot, then fitted the Parsons-shod spare wheels, on the back-axle. In spite of the 1-in-31/2 first corner and the 1-in-31/4 second corner, the Hudson skidded and bounced to the summit. After a comfortable night at the "Red Lion" at Leyburn, the Hudson was set to tackle Park Rash, which no car was supposed to have beaten. A mile of grassy track above Kettlewell and it was touch-and-go in the wet conditions, with the car flung in the air by numerous culverts, its



RACING-DRIVER Kaye Don testing Avon tyres with an early AC light-car, up a formidable gradient.

wheels spinning wildly. But it recovered and made the top, aided by the chains. The descent was adventurous, but bottom gear and sound brakes diminished serious "tobogganing" and soon they were entering Wensleydale, "the perfectly-standard 1920 Hudson none the worse."

It was the autumn of 1920 also before Mr Abraham was able to undertake mountaineering expeditions in his own car, although it had been ordered twelve months before, a penalty presumably of the foundry and coal strikes and the fact that it was from a small-output maker. It was a 14 hp 2.1-litre HE with a Morgan Zephyr tourer body of aluminium and steel with an unpainted bonnet (no wood) weighing only 22 cwt with full tank. The man who delivered it had seen 58 mph on the speedometer. In this new possession a full complement of occupants immediately to explore the Scottish Lowlands, deeming the state of the roads unsuitable for anything further north. The Cheviots were crossed at a time of record floods, the ascent from Eweswater being made in a downpour, the deep potholes turning the roads into a continual water splash. The remote Moss Paul Inn was passed in a crash of thunder . . .

The new HE reached Edinburgh in sunshine, having been washed at the roadside when a tap was spotted by a

cottage, a kindly dame providing a bucket. mild mountaineering Only encompassed on this journey of 550 miles, during which the HE gave better than 26 mpg. By the summer of 1921, however, it was "now perfectly at home on the biggest of hills", and was used for a visit to Haweswater, in Lakeland, before that beautiful lake was made into a reservoir to supply water to Manchester. Was the old Dun Bull Hotel replaced, I wonder, by a new one after the reservoir had been constructed? Prior to that the HE had been used to explore John Peel country in the Lakes.

Mountaineering in earnest began later in 1921, when Mr Abraham joined a party on a trip to the Dolomites, in Geoffrey Summers' post-war 40/50 hp Rolls-Royce tourer (Reg No CA 460) which he called "the dream of years". After a rough crossing, they disembarked at Calais and set off along Route Nationale No 1, the surface of which was poor until Abbeville was passed. This was offset by the red blaze of poppies and crimson carpets of clover alongside the road. As the road surface improved the Rolls several times put its speedometer needle verging on the 70 mph mark. There was difficulty in avoiding Paris but in time the travellers were enjoying a delightful run through the forest of St Cloud, the car so quiet, it was said, that the song of the

nightingale echoed in the sombre woodland aisles. Yet it had the Alpine Eagle engine.

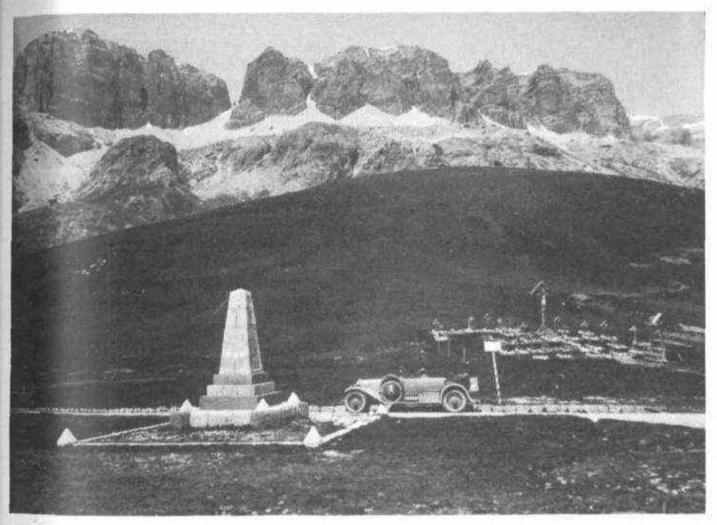
Arriving at Fontainebleau, where the town was en fête in honour of the centenary of Napoleon the First, a cold lunch cost £1.00, for what in England would have been charged at not more than 5/- (25p). Being English, and in a Rolls-Royce, perhaps hadn't helped! The first afternoon of the tour was notable for a violent thunderstorn as the Royce ran down route No 5 bound for Auxerre. It was not to be, for overheating caused a series of tyre failures and three new covers and tubes had to be purchased before the trouble was traced to the disc on the wire wheels and after removing the outer discs the bursts did not occur again. More thunderstorms heralded the approach to Amberieu, but by running the car into the shelter of the ancient Hotel Lion d'Or, a drenching was avoided while an excellent dinner was enjoyed. The mountains were now approaching, but four level-crossings normally shut on a Sunday, had to be opened by persuasion, before Aix-les-Bains was reached at nearly midnight. They used the Hotel Splendide Royale, ducal in style and the size of the bill. . .

Next day the 117 miles of the Col du Lauteret were climbed, diverting to Bourg d'Oisans, a refill of poor petrol costing the equivalent of 5/4d a gallon. They made it to the Grand Hotel at Briançon, after crossing the 6,808 ft Pass. A lead seal was attached by string to a front dumbiron and the Rolls was free to enter Italy. Bad roads and rain gaves poor first impression of Italy, and Turin was a place of strikes and disaffection. But petrol, sold by weight, was of better quality at the equivalent of about 4/- (20p) a gallon Past relics of the recent war the Rolls-Royce sped, to Bolzano and the true gateway to the Dolomites, the night spent at the Hotel Bristol. The RAC told the party they were the first motorists to tour these mountain since the war. . . .

The expedition nearly came to an abrupt end below the Karer See. A stop was made for photographs but in moving the Rolls for a better viewpoint a passenger let off the handbrake while standing in the road and the car was just saved from plunging backwards to destruction by a great leap to on the owner's part! Thereafter the 40/5 made light of the famous Passes, although care was often necessary and the long wheelbase a disadvantage on the hairpins, of which 96 were counted on the Pordoijoch from Arabba on the run home.

At the summit the radiator of the Rolliwas boiling, at 77 deg C, after the continuous last eight miles of 1 in 8. What place for a speed hill-climb, observed M Abraham. After which the Falzarego (6,94 ft) was ascended, over slanting timber piles into the tunnel at the top.

The homeward journey embraced the Pordoi and Rolle (6,507 ft) Passes, with adventures, overtaking dust-raising timber waggons and live shells stacked by the



THE Summers' Polls-Royce on the top of Pordoijoch in 1921.

roadsides. So to Verona and over the Little St Bernard into France. The six-day tour finished an hour ahead of schedule, the total mileage nearly 3,000 and the Rolls-Royce performing unfalteringly. It weighed 381/4 cwt unladen yet gave just over 16 mpg

and about 1,500 mpg of oil.

Late in 1921 Abraham was out again in Lakeland, trying the latest 11.9 hp Albert tourer, which although loaded to a weight of 18 cwt, ran smoothly from four to 40 mph in top gear (it had standard gear-ratios, bottom being 18 to 1, top 4.5 to 1) and proved the worth of its central, gate-change four-speed gearbox in a trip "over the roof of Lakeland". At the time the hills of Scotland, Devon and North Wales had been in the news as a result of their inclusion in some tough trials but Abraham remarked that no club had yet had the temerity to include Hard Knott and Wrynose in a day's trial. Taken from west to east, starting from Eskdale and finishing at Little Langdale, they were formidable and only a few years earlier the rock-strewn western slopes of Wrynose Pass proved almost impossible, even for a Rolls-Royce. Yet the 1922-model Albert performed splendidly, its engine remaining cool in spite of having no fan and the metal-to-Ferodo plate clutch proving excellent. Incidentally, the rear brakes were operated through steel-rope (as on Amilcars) instead of rods, to obviate rattle.

Upwards over the stern heights of Cold Fell went the Albert, and after a visit to the Eskdale narrow-gauge railway, the locomotive "Colossus" seeming about half the size of the car, and lunch at the Woolpack Inn, Parsons chains were fitted to the back wheels and the little car ascended steadily, stopping for photography, after which it easily negotiated the ten greasy hairpins.

The radiator needed no water and when it was discovered that a camera lens had been left at the Inn, the car slithered down again and then made a non-stop wild second ascent to the summit of Hard Knott, the gate having been left open, the final 1 in 3 section being climbed slowly and the 1,290 ft Pass beaten, which the experienced Mr Abraham had never heard of before. The stony Wrynose (1,270 ft) was equally defeated and in the last rays of the setting autumnal sun the Dunlop-shod Albert passed the Three Shire Stone, where Cumberland, Lancashire and Westmorland join. . . .

Then, as if to give Scotland its turn, Mr Abraham took another 1922 car, a new HE, over some remote roads there. Presumably, as the owner of one of the first HEs of this kind, he had access to this latest model, which performed troublefree. Its many warmly-praised good qualities were proclaimed to be "striking evidence that its Brooklands successes and performances have resulted in added perfection" — even if its best top speed was probably not much

more than 50 mph.

In the summer of 1923 Abraham was out in the more remote and beautiful areas of his native Lakeland in his own 14/20 hp HE but it was a hill-storming run there the following year in R. T. Summers' OE 30/98 Vauxhall (Reg No ER 807, the car now in the possession of W. A. Liddell) that was more exciting. This 30/98 had been raced by Summers at Boulogne the year before, attaining a speed of 102 mph, and on a russet and gold autumn day after a continuous downpour lasting for more than 24 hours the Vauxhall was driven along the sunny vale of Thirlmere, the magnificent highway devoured "at a speed not far less

than the Boulogne average", for the motor coaches had departed, leaving only the pot-holes they had caused. Yet through Grasmere the 30/98 was docile and smooth-running down to five mph without coming off top gear.

At the foot of Red Bank "second gear slipped home, the lively car leapt to life and the sudden acceleration seemed to make the seats catch us in the small of the back". The gradient was 1 in 4 but the Vauxhall took it "like an aeroplane getting off the ground". After which a right turn was taken and the lofty road by High Close followed, to the Langdale Valley. The sport now commenced. Parsons chains were put on and Blea Tarn Pass was ascended rapidly, the 30/98 skidding round the hairpins.

The brakes proved reassuring coming down into Little Langdale, and then a successful bottom-gear climb, steadily, at less than 20 mph, was accomplished up past Fell Foot Farm, notwithstanding that there were five occupants and their luggage in the car. At the top the radiator was boiling, no fan being in use, so the fibre blanking plate behind it was removed while things cooled. Subsequently, the temperature never rose higher than to its working figure of 80 deg C.

Hard Knott Pass had been conquered with but one reverse at the more severe of the slimy corners and the Vauxhall then accomplished the same feat up Wrynose, again with a reverse at the upper "hairpin". To round off the day Kirkstone Pass was tackled after passing in the gathering evening shadows through Etterwater, the 30/98 taking the steepest final stretch at

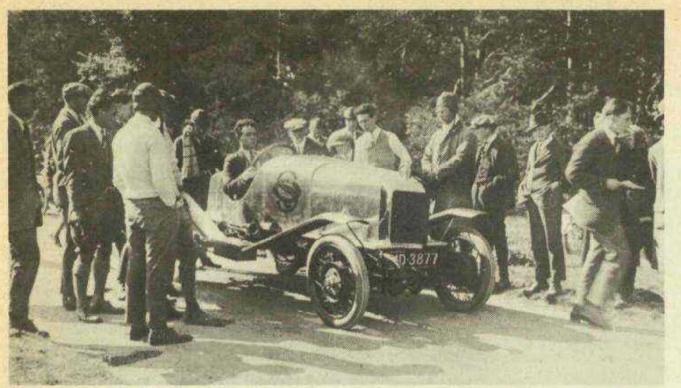
verging on 50 mph. Enough has been said, I think, to show that Mr Abraham enjoyed mountaineering in all manner of cars, over a long period. Even today there is still a modicum of adventure about taking cars into hills and mountains. In 1956 I remember, as a photograph emphasises, having fun in Lakeland at the wheel of a Bristol 405, for example. But the motor-mountaineer a few of whose expeditions we have been following, began when it was far more difficult to get a car "up and over", making it possible to set some highly satisfactory personal records, in difficult terrain, for which he deserves to be remembered.

W.B.

The Daimler's 1919 Route

^{1.} West side of Thirlmere, up Dunmail Rise, past Grasmere, by Rydal, to Ambleside. Up steepest side of Kirkstone Pass. Down to Troutbeck, to Low Wood to shore line of Windermere. Skelwith Bridge, rh turn and up Foolstep. Through Elterwater, past Colwith Hill, and over Oxenfell, Yewdale, to enter Tiberthwaite by an awkward corner on southerly side, before Coniston Water. Up mountain road to Fell Foot, rejoining main road at Little Langdale. Blea Tarn Pass, into Great Langdale, by Red Bank to Dunmail Rise.

^{2.} Over Honister Hause and down to head of Buttermere Valley, to Gatesgarth. Along shores of Buttermere and Crummock to Scale Hill and by Loweswater to Ennerdale Bridge. From lake up Cold Fell, and down to woods of Calder and over hills of Gosforth and Eakdale. From village of Boot over mountan road to Dalegarth and Birker Moss. Over moors to Duddondale, past Scafell, up hill at Traveller's Rest above Ulpha, and up out of Duddondale by Kiln Bank Hill. Join main Broughton-Coniston main road at Hawthwaith to head of Coniston Water, and Tarn Hows, and diverge at High Cross up long climb to resume northern route.



RAYMOND MAYS in his Hillman "Quick Silver" with which he won two classes at the 1921 Inter Varsity speed-trials at Harling Common.

The Speed-Model Hillman

THE period immediately following the end of the First World War was remarkable for the number of cars, especially small cars, which appeared on the market endowed with sporting bodywork, whereas before the war there were comparatively few such offerings available to ordinary customers. In the first half of the 1920s there was a flood of them and W.O. Bentley was working on his 3-litre Bentley, planned during the period of hostilities, although whether he intended it to be quite the sports car it

became is open to doubt. . . .

The fact is that at this period of motoring history nearly every manufacturer thought it desirable to have a fast-looking model in the catalogue, if less often on the road. Not all these were genuine sports cars, as I tried to show some time ago in the article "Bogus Sports Cars". The same sentiments were expressed in 1921 by another writer, who said: "The light car with a sporting type body never fails to create interest . . . There is something fascinating about the easy lines, the shapely tail, the aeroplane windscreens, the aluminium finish. If the exhaust pipe is exposed the machine must be speedy, or such is the impression, but whether the engine is tuned to the last notch or whether it is "woolly", so long as one has bucket seats and a large steering wheel, what matters?" Sarcasm was the theme, because the writer went on to point to 60 mph socalled sports cars with inadequate brakes, strength and springing for such speed. Yet all manner of little cars appeared in those early to mid-1920s with such bodywork, as I showed in the aforesaid article; if you want further examples, what of the 10/20 hp Hands and the Marseel, both of which took on the appearance of being sports cars.

These were the years of promise for the

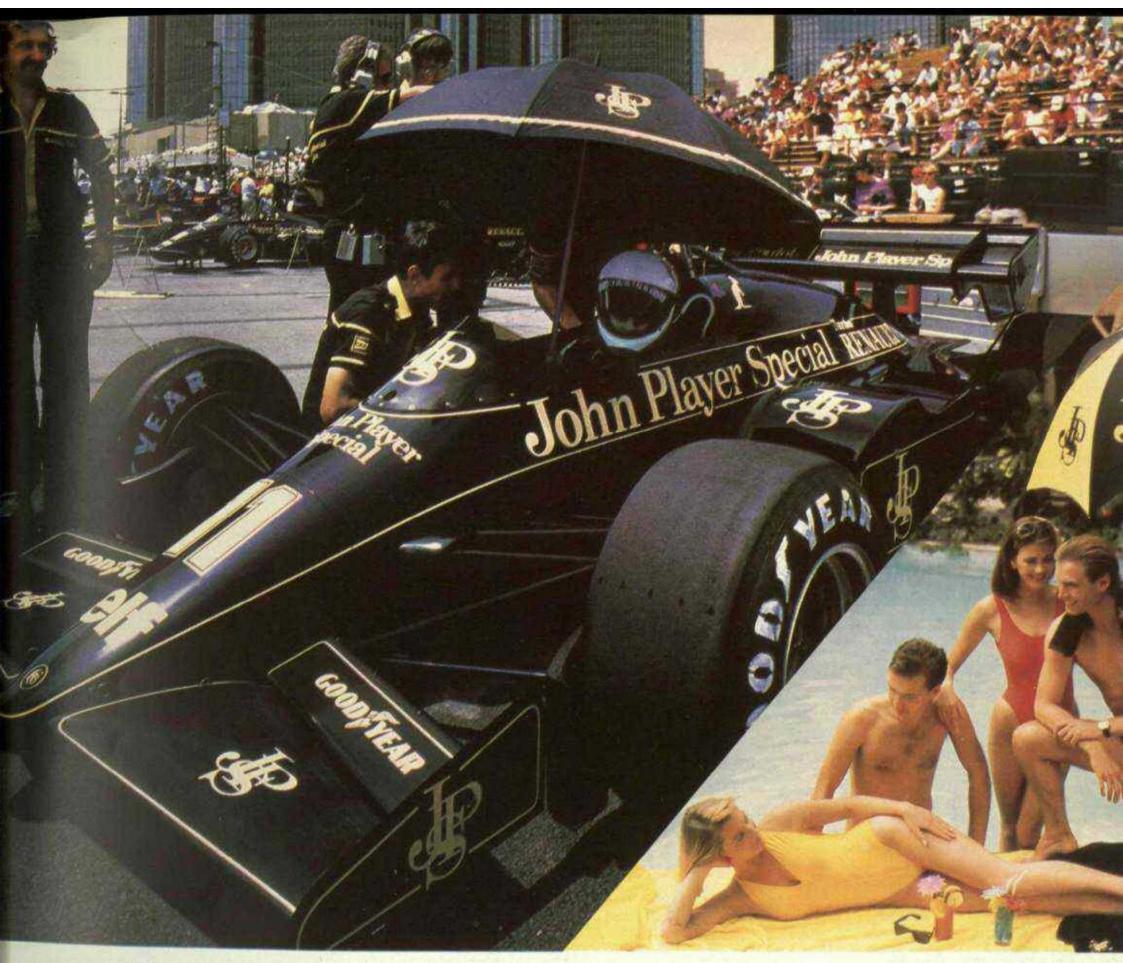
car in the hands of ordinary middle-class people (of whom George Orwell said they had nothing to lose but their aitches) and makers avid for sales built special racing versions of their standard products in the hope of attracting favourable attention at the Brooklands races and public-road speed events which took place every summer weekend, although not all of them enjoyed the successes achieved by AC, the Talbot-Darracgs of the STD combine, and Lionel Martin's Aston-Martins. The Hillman Motor Car Co of Coventry was a staunch advocate of publicity and development through racing and by 1920 George Bedford, their works driver and development engineer, was doing extremely well at Brooklands and elsewhere in the 11/2-litre class with the single-seater Hillman racer "Mercury" and it was brightly polished up and displayed on Stand 65 at the Olympia Motor Show that year. It was then that the Speed Model Hillman sports car made its established appearance, having been first shown at the 1919 Show, on Stand 55, based

on the standard model, a car rated at 11 hp but having an engine capacity of nearly 1.6 litres. The Speed Model used this same long-stroke side-valve four-cylinder engine. but with the bore reduced from 65 mm to 63 mm, to bring it within the 11/2-litre class. the stroke of 120 mm giving a swept volume of 1,496 cc, the same dimensions a Bedford's highly-developed but plainbearing racing engine, said to develop 3 bhp at 2,800 rpm.

The Speed Model Hillman was a impressive-looking light-car. It has a verradiator of copper, an aluminium body with a rather unprepossessing rounded tail instead of the pointed tail of many sports models, but which allowed the spare whee to be mounted upright behind it, long mudguards joined by a short running board with a locker beneath it, and four exhaust-pipes emerging from the near-side of the bonnet, with a polished copper exhaust-pipe running to the tail, but passing below the passenger's door. Then was a single-pane windscreen and a simple hood. Disc wheels were used, shod with 700×85 tyres. Brake and gear levers were centrally placed. The 9.8 hp engine was straight-forward side-valve unit but it has die-cast aluminium pistons, a lightened crankshaft and flywheel, and developed 2 bhp at 2,500 rpm. The carburetter was Claudel-Hobson, ignition was by an Mu magneto, tiny levers on the steering column controlling throttle-setting and advance-and-retard. A leather-lined conclutch took the drive to a three-speed and reverse gearbox with forward ratios 10.2, 5.93 and 3.5 to 1, top therefor being notably high for a light-car. The back-axle was of bevel type, the bigge Hillmans having worm-drive, and differential was suitably sturdy. Steering was by worm-and-sector, with choice of 17 in or 18 in diameter steering wheel. dummy hub-cover inscribed with three-spires of Coventry was fitted to the Continued on page b



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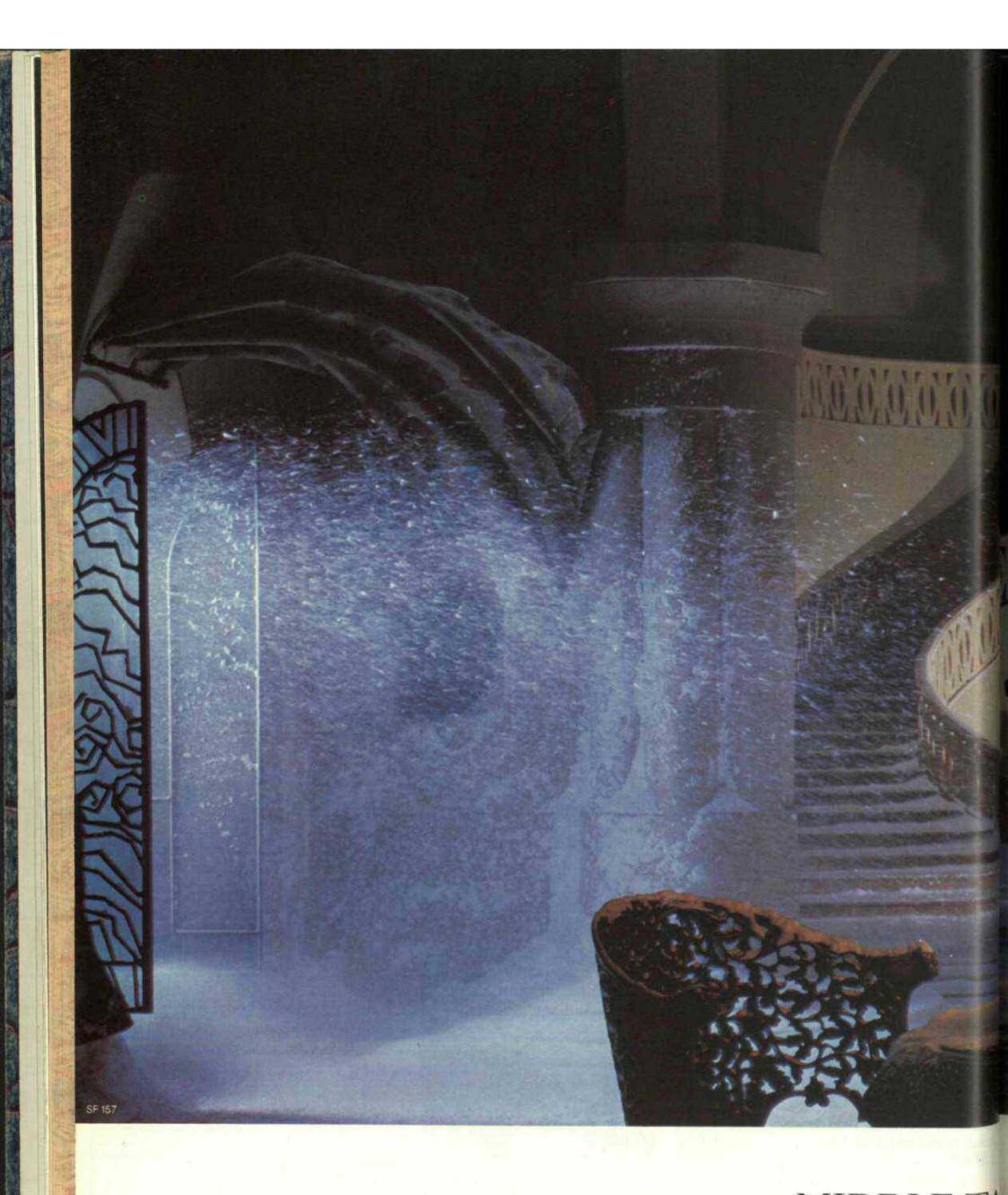
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THE past few years have been marked by energetic and increasingly successful efforts by Audi to muscle in on the highly competitive and demanding luxury saloon market sector jealously guarded by Mercedes Benz, Jaguar and BMW. Expanding the excellence of its acclaimed four-wheel-drive system to a wide cross-section of its range has been one major Audi achievement, and, indeed, within months a 4WD Quattro version of the subject of this month's test should be available on the British market. However, the FWD Audi 200T is an outstanding example of Audi's assault on the luxury car market, an area where muted high-speed performance and capacious luxury are every bit as important as the all-round sporting excellence of something like the Audi Quattro coupé.

Taking on its rivals, with their big six, eight and 12-cylinder engines, Audi is at present bound to rely on its well-known five-cylinder unit, the inclined, fore-andaft mounted 2.1-litre engine fitted with a KKK turbocharger along with an air-to-air intercooler mounted behind the radiator. This endows the big four-door saloon with 182 bhp (DIN) as compared with the 136 bhp available from the standard Audi 100 with which it shares the distinctive, aerodynamically outstanding body shell. This represents a 12 bhp increment over the old square-cut Audi 200 5T which this model supersedes, but such an enormous amount of development work has been carried out on the latest engine that Audi claims it to be "virtually a new power unit".

The new specification includes an 8.8:1 compression ratio, Bosch K-Jetronic fuel injection with air-jacketed injectors, electronic ignition with anti-knock control, overrun cut-off, reduced idling speed and idle volume control. A new exhaust manifold and turbocharger unit helps boost pressure build up more quickly, improving low-speed response and punch throughout the entire rev range.

A five-speed manual gearbox is provided as standard equipment, although an automatic transmission is available as an optional extra, while chassis and suspension settings are completely revised to cater for 15 in diameter alloy wheels (shod with 205/60VR-15 radials on the six-inch rims), with slightly increased spring and shock absorber rates, and an anti-roll bar working in conjunction with torsion beam dead rear axle, trailing arms and Panhard rod rear suspension. Front suspension follows Audi's

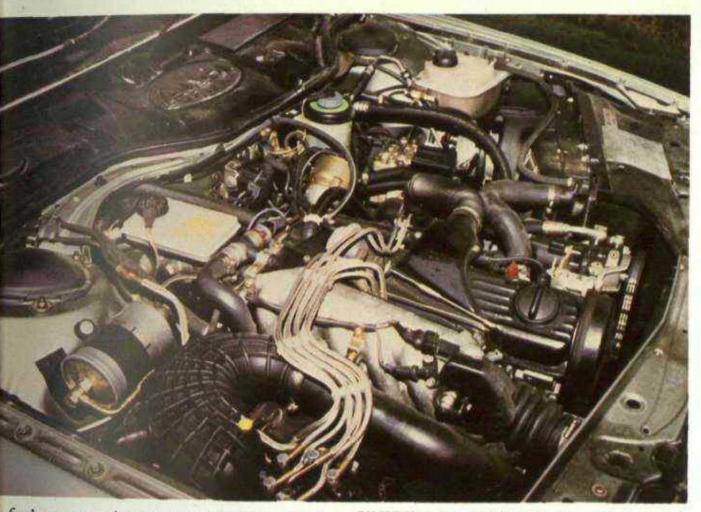
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long tradition, being a MacPherson strut arrangement with self stabilising steering geometry.

The latest ABS anti-lock braking system is standard on the Audi 200T, offering even more sensitivity than before and the facility to be cancelled under adverse conditions (such as snow, ice and loose gravel, where it might actually have a negative effect) by means of a fascia switch. This latest ABS development features three anti-lock sensors rather than the two which had been used previously.

Up to now, most Audi models have been characterised by rather stark, sparingly equipped interiors: nicely finished,

admittedly, but hardly lavish by standards. Once you slip in behind on wheel of the Audi 200T it doesn't take ne than a few seconds to see that this is a criticism one is unable to level at d top-of-the-range saloon. Immediately about of the driver is a neatly legible speedomeco and rev counter, flanked to one side by af fuel contents gauge and the other by m water temperature gauge. In the span between the two main circular instrumcal is a panel containing displays for the the computer, multi-function digital read and warning lights. There is a digital coul on the centre console, but the digo read-out immediately in front of the drive



UNIQUE five cylinder 2.1-litre engine competes with much bigger rivals, but complex turbo and electronic systems put it on equal footing.

fuel consumption meter which is worked y means of signals from the fuel injection ystem and the final drive. When the engine ticking over at rest the conumption is displayed in terms of allons-per-hour, while once the car is on he move the reading switches to allons-per-hundred miles. Deluding ourselves with amusing 105 mpg readings whilst edging along in fifth gear, or breaking he bank at around 5 mpg as you cane the 00T through the gears is an amusing iversion, but as I've said before (and will oubtless say again), I'm at a loss to nderstand the point of it all. . . .

The heating and ventilation system is well erved by large through-flow vents at either stremity, and in the centre of the ascia, there is a first-rate stereo radio system with earphones provided for the rear-seat assengers) and head rests all round to help esset the occupants. The driving position is section, with a splendid range of djustment to accommodate drivers of idely varying sizes, and the five-speed earbox is smoothly precise.

The engine bursts into life with the ficient promptness afforded by the Bosch sel injection, quickly warming up to orking temperature without any hesitation "lumpiness". I feel the five cylinder agine is amazingly smooth and refined, though many of my colleagues of not altogether share this view. I suppose, the case of the 200T, inevitable imparison with its rival products from the orementioned trio of luxury saloon anufacturers puts it into a comparatively infavourable light, but in general terms I ways find myself slightly surprised over st what a smooth-running unit it is.

In traffic, progress tends to be a little on the jerky side, possibly because of the per-run injection cut-out chiming into the constraints of

the commuter crawl, this 200T is a quite remarkable, very high speed performer. From just over 2,000 rpm the engine pulls strongly, but from 3,500 rpm its progress becomes quite dramatic. First gear is good for 32 mph, using a 6,500 rpm maximum, while 60 mph comes up in just 8.5 sec from rest, just after changing into third gear at 58 mph. Third gear is truly exhilerating, the 200T sprinting up to just short of 90 mph, and it reaches 100 mph in just over 22 sec. It will pull over 120 mph in fourth with no problem at

BODYSHELL of the 200 is shared with the 100, but revised head- and tail-lights offer clues to identity.

all, steadily building up in fifth to a claimed 142 mph, an assertion which seems quite reasonable in the light of our experience in the car.

Mid-range response and punch in fourth gear is equally impressive, enabling instant overtaking manoeuvres to be completed without any drama at all in the 60 to 90 mph range without any time-wasting changing down. From 60 to 80 mph in fourth is bridged in a mere 8.4 sec with 90 to 110 mph carried out in 10.3 sec. Only in wet or frosty conditions does the FWD configuration make itself felt with quite severe snatch when one drops the clutch in anger, but once on the move, the 200T is rock steady and secure. You have to corner with almost imprudent haste to be aware of anything more than a vague heaviness in the steering on tight turns, indicating that this Audi is FWD as usual. To talk of understeer in the accepted sense is wholly to exaggerate the sensation.

Road noise is another matter and is perhaps the one outstanding area where the big Audi fails to shape up to its more exalted rivals. Over anything less than a top-notch road surface, the general thumpbumping from minor undulations can become irritating, perhaps aggravated by the lack of mechanical and wind noise. However, high-speed stability is faultless, thanks largely to the suspension geometry and the 64% weight bias over the front wheels. Braking is similarly reassuring, with ventilated discs all round (11 in front, 9.6 in rear) performing with consistent predictability throughout the car's spell in our hands.

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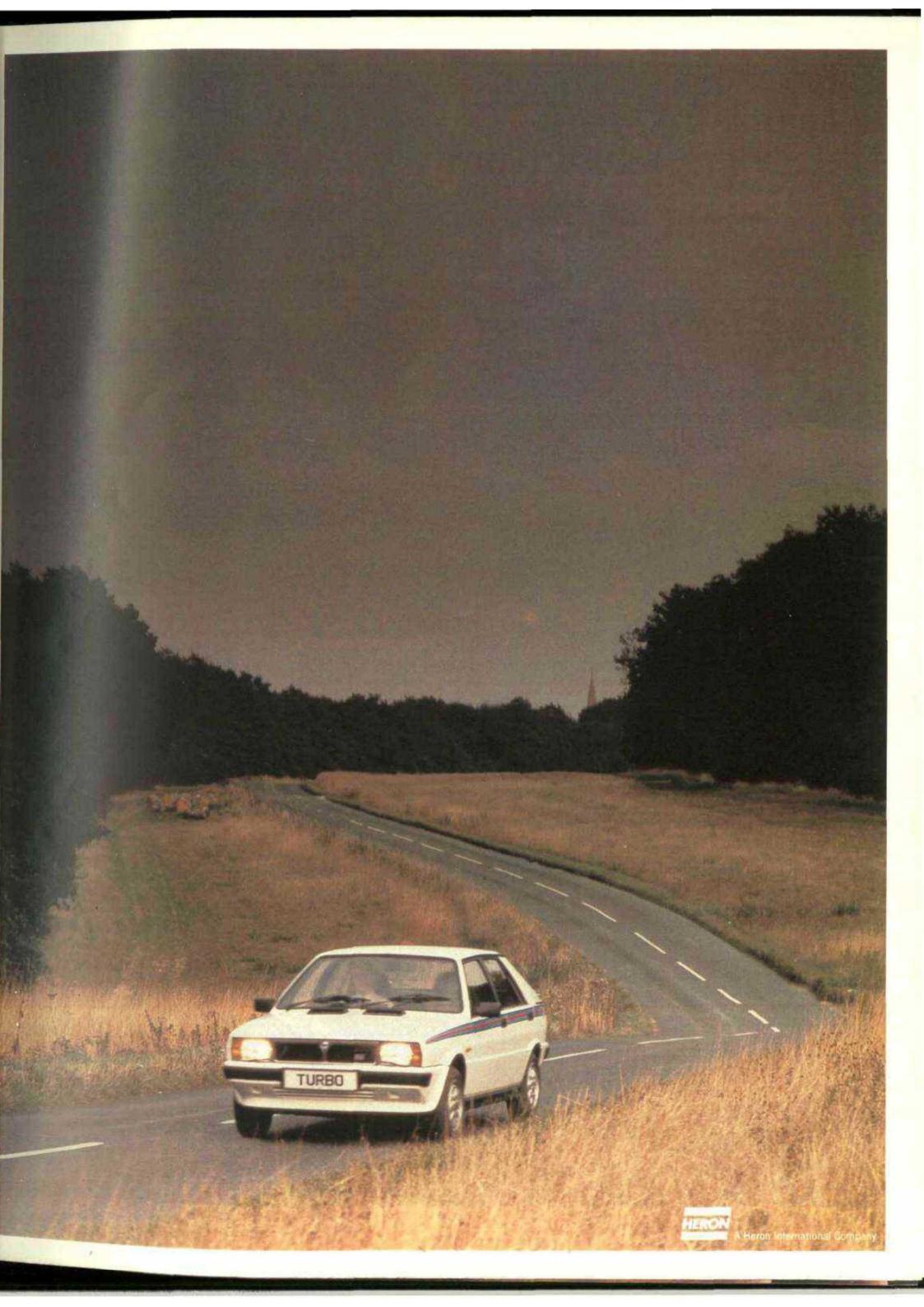
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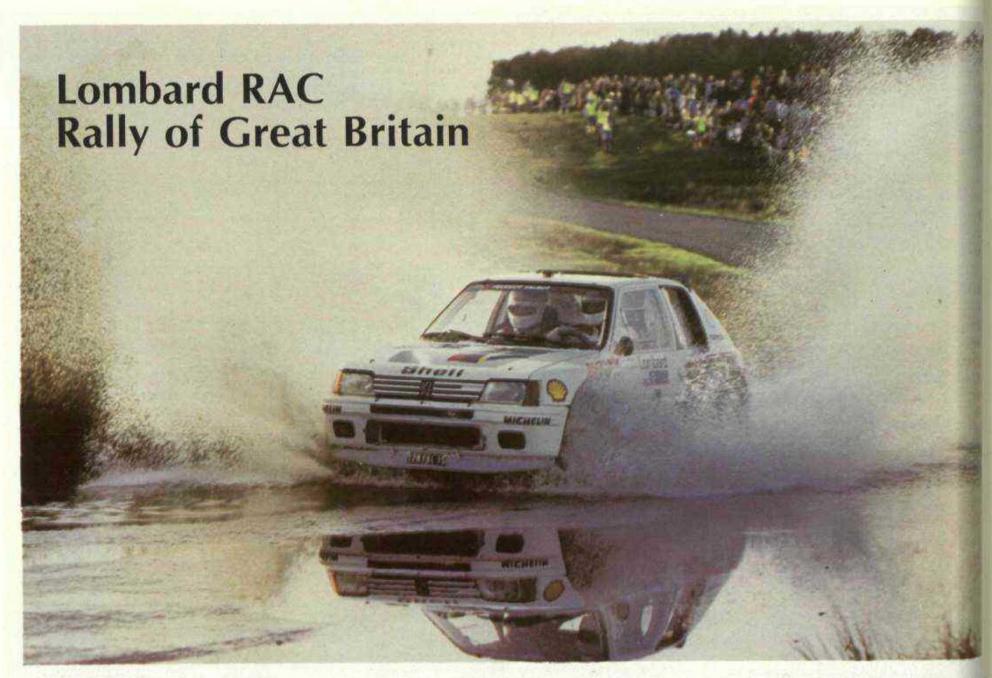
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IMAGINE a Wembley cup final taking place after the champions had clinched their position in a semi-final. Such a match, merely to determine runners-up, would be low in spectacle, devoid of significance, and by no means an attractive, sparkling package capable of generating excitement on the customary Wembley scale.

Fortunately, the same criteria do not apply to rallying, and even though the World Rally Champion may have laid full claim to his laurels long before the twelve-event series has ended, the final rounds can be just as exhilarating as those early in the year.

The Lombard RAC Rally stands as ample proof of this. In its position as final round of the year it frequently has to accept that its outcome will have no bearing on an already settled championship. Nevertheless, it invariably attracts a field of competitors which is the envy of the other rounds, every entrant well aware that winning the RAC Rally will bring its own rather special kudos, championship or no championship.

Spectators, too, seem to have little concern for the World Championship, for they know that the contest for victory will be no less fierce just because no points are at stake. Furthermore, they are among the hardiest enthusiasts in the world. Not for them tropical beaches, fashionable rivieras or the crisp, clean snow of an Arctic Winter, but cold, bleak hillsides and dank, muddy

forests. Wet and often foggy, the RAC has the least attractive conditions of all the World Championship qualifiers, yet year after year it attracts millions of watchers, night and day.

The upsurge of public interest in the RAC Rally started more than two decades ago when, at the instigation of Jack Kemsley, it began to use forest roads as special stages. But so many would go out to watch, and travel from forest to forest, that disruption

was caused by traffic jams and the rally win danger of strangulation by its or popularity. Then came a move to use partly to entice spectators away from the strangulation of the

MIKKOLA'S fine second place looked briefly becoming a win when Vatanen rolled, but the Audi could not hold the agile French machine.

forests and partly to lessen the hell



financial burden caused by the Forestry Commission's levy for the use of their roads.

This is the style of the rally today; parks and estates as much as possible, especially at the weekend, and forests when spectator attendance is not likely to be at its peak. Many of the forest stages are not publicised at all, particularly in Wales, in an effort to keep spectators away from areas likely to become congested, but real enthusiasts will always locate the action and there are invariably groups of spectators even in unpublicised stages.

The new World Rally Champion, Stig Blomqvist, did not drive in the 1984 RAC Rally. He had been entered by Audi, his team, but that was merely a precaution against his not clinching the title on the previous round in the Ivory Coast. When his title did become certain, Audi decided not to take up the entry and Blomqvist was left without a car, for both the cars entered by Audi UK had already been earmarked for Hannu Mikkola and Michèle Mouton.

However; both Blomqvist and his co-driver, Bjorn Cederberg, came along for the start and went out to see some of the early stages. Indeed spectators who were at Trentham Gardens on the Sunday may be interested to learn that the V8 Land Rover which made a run through the stage before competitors arrived was, in fact, driven by the World Champion, and with considerable aplomb at that!

Among the professional entries, the one which caused greatest interest was that of a solitary Peugeot 205 Turbo 16 for Ari Vatanen and Terry Harryman. Very rarely indeed do new cars achieve success until they have been competing for months, sometimes years, but this one has been an exception to the rule. On its first championship outing, in Corsica last May, Vatanen took it into a substantial lead before crashing, indicative of its potential on tarmac roads. Then he won convincingly in Greece and at Sanremo and has now capped a truly outstanding year for Peugeot by winning the Lombard RAC Rally against very stiff opposition indeed.

The "small" rally car came into its own when BMC launched its Mini, and for some years it enjoyed eminent and enviable success. But brute power eventually outclassed the Abingdon car, and we were back to more generous dimensions, later to joined by turbochargers, complex electronics and four-wheel-drive, altogether an intricate package which appears to contradict the old adage that simplicity is best for reliability. Renault made an attempt to turn back the clock with its rear-engined RS Turbo but with only scant success. This time, Peugeot has made the move, packing all the punch and traction of bigger cars into a small, light body. Other factories are pursuing similar goals, but whether they will achieve such sensational results so quickly remains to be seen.

Arrayed against the Peugeot at Chester,

where the RAC Rally began on Sunday, November 25, were the two Audis of Mikkola and Mouton, a normal, "long" version for the Finn and the shorter but far less popular Sport for the French girl. Another long Quattro was driven by American John Buffum, winner of the Cyprus Rally in September, backed again by BF Goodrich. Toyota had three Celicas for Waldegård, Eklund and Kankkunen, whilst Nissan had two official 240 RSs for Salonen and Mehta, plus a similar car driven by Terry Kaby. Salonen was back in harness after recovering from slipped disc surgery, whilst Mehta was once again accompanied by his wife Yvonne.

Entered by Unipart, Austin Rover brought a Rover Vitesse to be driven by Tony Pond, but the project ended in humiliation on the very first stage when the car slid off and demolished a front corner on a tree stump.

McRae, Brookes and Fisher each drove an Opel Manta 400 backed by GM Dealersport and their own sponsors, whilst the Belgium based Mazda team had an RX7 apiece for Therier and Carlsson. Alas, the four-wheel-drive Mazda used by Rod Millen in the USA did not appear to take up its entry in the half-rally (third leg only) which was open to prototypes. Perhaps someone felt that it might outstrip its homologated cousins!

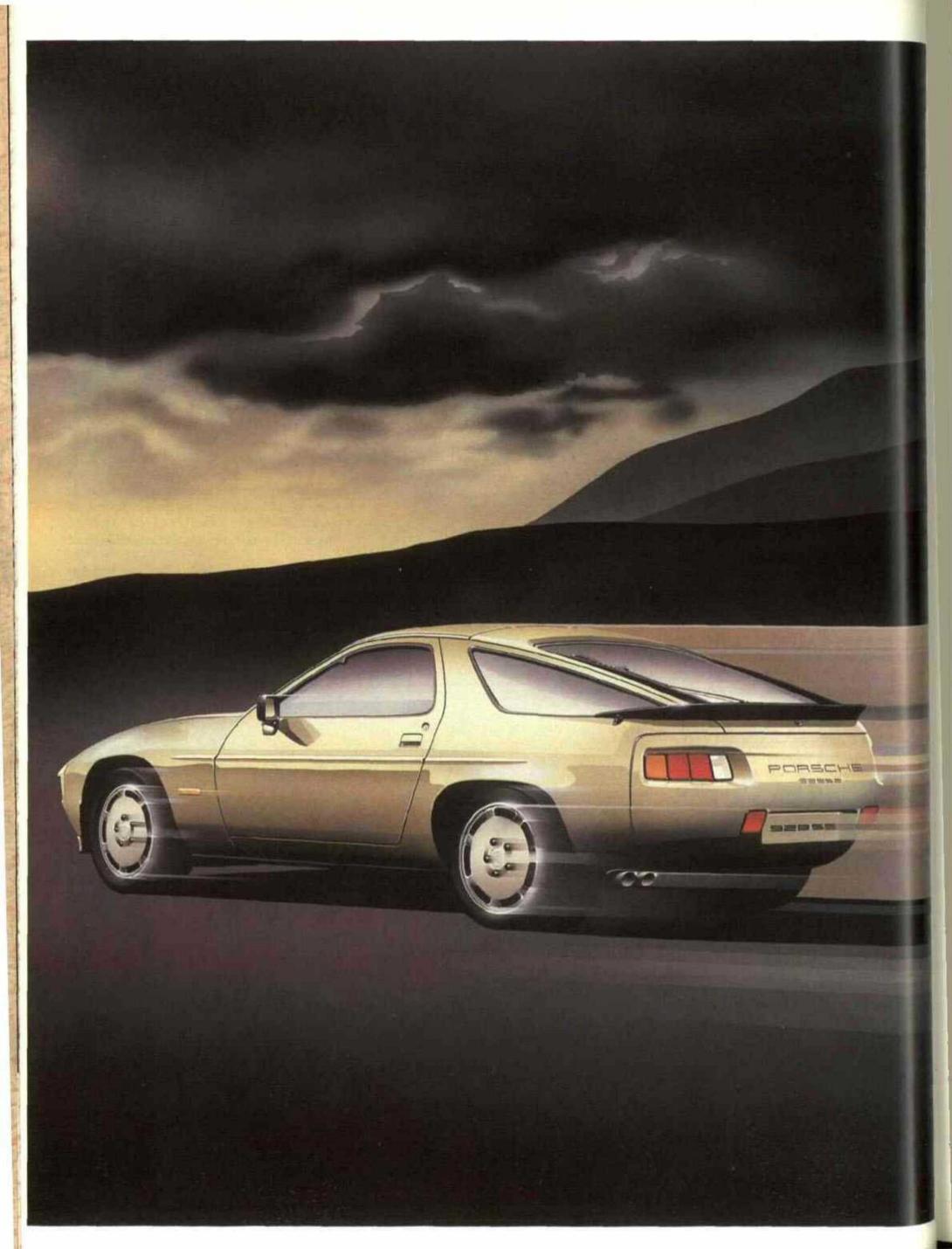
The UK-based Rothmans Porsche team, using 911 SCRSs whilst the factory is developing its 4-w-d car with progressive differentials, had two cars for Saeed al Hajri from Qatar and British veteran Roger Clark, whilst Grundel had his usual Golf GTI from the VW factory.

In the main rally there were 120 starters, most with attendant service cars, spares trucks, motorhomes for food and sleep and, for the more affluent at least, managerial cars, chase cars, publicists and information gatherers. These, along with pressmen, film makers, officials and spectators, produced a sizeable convoy moving on the Sunday through the Midlands, on the Monday and Tuesday in a loop through the Lake Southern District, Scotland north-eastern England, and on the Wednesday and Thursday in a clockwise loop taking in the Forest of Dean and Wales. All three legs started and finished at Chester.

Gales and storms ripped across Britain in the few days before the rally and there were fears that some stages might be blocked by fallen trees. There were blockages in some places, but the branches and other debris were quickly cleared away by volunteer working parties of officials anxious to ensure that nothing would cause the cancellation of

TOYOTA split the four-wheel drive cars with Per Eklund's Celica Turbo taking third.





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"their" stage. The wind had diminished in force by the Sunday, but the effects of the heavy rain were saturated forests, dirt roads made soft and very slippery, and tarmac roads mady slimy and covered by treacherous wet leaves.

The first day was a tour around seven stages, but since together they added up to less than half an hour, there was little point in attempting to break records. Indeed, there was every reason to do otherwise, for margins would be relatively small and the risks on such artificial stages, often studded with obstacles such as tree stumps, gateposts and hefty fences, were high. Furthermore, there was no start order advantage to be gained for the second leg, which was to start in numerical order, not that of classification.

Slides, spins and minor collisions were common throughout that first day, though few of them as serious as the brush which stopped Pond's Rover before it could really show its paces. Watersplashes caused interiors to mist up and some engines to misfire, whilst Mikkola was somewhat surprised when his horn started sounding on its own and refused to be switched off! Mehta spun off and clouted a log - in Knowsley Safari Park at that!

Geitel's Nissan gave all the signs of cylinder head gasket failure, whilst throughout the field were reports of tripmeters not working, lights smashed against trees, fuses blown, screen wipers not

working, siezed starter motors, cracked manifolds, broken exhaust pipes, bent suspensions, misfiring, broken handbrake cables, missing gears, petrol leaks, slipping clutches and a host of other things. Steam clouds were so dense after watersplashes that one report claimed that McRae's radiator had burst, an easy enough mistake under the circumstances.

The shrubbery at Sutton Park reduced the view ahead so much that many missed signs and junctions, among them several of the leading professionals who had to reverse after overshooting one hairpin in particular.

After the day's round of Knowsley, Chatsworth, Donington, Sutton, Weston, Trentham and Oulton, 116 crews arrived at Chester for a night's sleep before the 5 am restart. The pace and traction of Vatanen's Peugeot was the talk of the day, and seasoned campaigners were astounded at the ease with which it took corners at seemingly impossible speed, and made positive, firm getaways from standing starts on slippery roads. Vatanen had taken the lead, 39 seconds ahead of Mouton, but up there among the 4-w-d cars were the Celicas and the Mantas making up the first ten places, followed by a brace of Nissans and Grundel's Golf. The day would probably have no bearing on the final result, but all had been able to sort out various problems in readiness for the forests to come.

Having made best time on six of the seven

SPECTATORS risk a soaking as Timo Sala hugs the bank in his Nissan 240 RS.

stages so far, Vatanen began doing the thing in the Lake District, although it somewhat perturbing when a extinguisher went off in the car Grizedale. Punctures became common, Ericsson and Billstam had to use a log lever after their Audi's jack broke. piles, a British rallying hazard since the use of forests, also claimed victims crowbars, hammers and adhesive tape w much in use to repair damage.

After the two stages in Grizedale, trou with her front differential caused Mouton have her gearbox / diff unit changed Ambleside, whilst Malcolm Wilson's A was given the same replacement. By time the Audis had moved up to a 50 bunch behind the Peugeot, in the or Mikkola, Mouton, Wilson and Buffu Behind came Waldegard, ahead of Brookes and McRae Opels.

Tyres were wearing rapidly, despite wet surfaces, and were we to list all the who suffered punctures and shredded tre we would need a complete page for alone.

Northwards, the route went via western part of the Kielder comp before crossing the border for three stages the South-West of Hawick. Before Waldegård's fine run had come to an with engine trouble, this time jamm

linkages. Geitel, too, was in similar trouble and he eventually had to pull out rather than enter a long stage with his selectors jammed in fifth.

Kielder produced its usual crop of troubles and stoppages, and many cars were left in the forests to be recovered by their

service crews at first light.

Wilson's Audi stopped when it ran short of both oil and water probably due to a blown gasket, whilst Brookes lost several minutes when his Manta went too much sideways on a bend and the outside wheels dug in, causing the car to roll. The roof caved in, and Brookes and Broad were only able to get out with the help of spectators, via the side windows. But the car suffered little more than body damage, and after it was righted by the spectators, it was able to continue.

Kaby kept losing his rear brakes, whilst Carlsson put his Mazda off the road when attempting to overtake a slower car. He managed to get it back and continue. Buffum had a new gearbox fitted, whilst Ericsson's Audi 80 became a front-wheel-drive car for a while after both its rear half shafts broke.

After a short stop at Middlesbrough, there was a pre-dawn visit to the Yorkshire Dales to the West of Scarborough, where three stages were visited twice each (Langdale, Wykeham and Dalby) and two others once each (Pickering and Cropton). As usual there were separate forest entrances to enable spectators to see the action without hindering competitors, but the double loops in the area did cause some confusion, paticularly near the service areas, of which there were three covering the whole forest area.

DISASTER for Tony Pond, here being passed by Terry Kaby's Nissan. Pond's Rover Vitesse hit a tree on the first stage and struggled to the finish board, but had to retire.



Buffum was having trouble selecting gears, whilst Kaby had the immense satisfaction of overtaking Clark on Dalby, a feat which he would have found impossible in the days of Escorts. Carlsson finished that same stage with just one rear wheel, having lost one some two miles short of the finish.

Throughout all this there was no catching Vatanen, who was steadily moving ahead of the trio of Audis behind him, Mikkola, Mouton and Buffum. After the Yorkshire stages he was nearly four minutes ahead of Mikkola who, in turn, was over seven and a half minutes ahead of Mouton.

From Yorkshire, the route went via Harewood right across to Lancashire, where the two remaining stages of that leg were at Haigh Hall in Wigan, and Aintree Circuit. Haigh Hall was very slippery indeed, and not at all popular with competitors who considered it a game of chance rather than skill. However, it made no significant

PORSCHE made a late entry for Roger Clark, whose last RAC was in 1981. The 2-w-d 911RS was noisy but reliable, finishing eleventh.

difference to the leader board. Behind the four four-wheel-drive cars came Eklund, just seven seconds ahead of McRae, whilst Kankkunen was another 80 seconds behind. Salonen came next, a minute ahead of his team-mate but keen rival Kaby. Brookes was 14 seconds behind Kaby, but much of his deficit was due to his earlier roll. Stromberg was 11th in his Saab 99, and Mehta, driving as reliably as ever, 12th.

Back at Chester on the Tuesday afternoon all was bustle at the zoo car park as service crews got to work fettling the cars, works teams replacing everything they had time to replace and amateurs only changing items of which they had spares. Tyre trucks were replenishing vans, and the whole area was thronged with spectators, although nothing like as solidly packed as we have seen at





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BRITAIN'S Junior Rally Team beat their Swedish rivals, greatly helped by a splendid twelfth place for Mark Lovell | Peter Davis in their Citroën Visa.

Dolgellau, Machynlleth or Brecon.

That evening most people had an early night, but some mechanics preferred to move southwards immediately so that they could sleep nearer their positions and not get up as early in the morning. There was certainly a fair amount of rally traffic heading down the M6 that evening.

After morning stages at Loton Park and Burwarton, the first forest visit was to a cluster of three in the Forest of Dean, served by service areas at Cinderford and Chepstow Racecourse. Spectators here were nothing like as numerous as we have seen in the past; perhaps the majority had opted instead for the five stages in Coed Morgannwg, or the control and major service area at Aberafan.

Brechfa and Llanafan were forests visited on the way North, then clusters in Dyfi, Coed y Brenin and Clocaenog before the finish at Chester on the Thursday afternoon.

It all looked plain sailing for Vatanen who continued to set a scorching pace without overstepping the mark. But then it happened! One small mishap and off went the car and over on to its roof. Was the whole tremendous performance going to end in just stories on lips without a concrete result to show for it?

Fortunately, the car was righted without too much trouble and they were able to get away again without too much loss of time. Alas, the loss was enough to let Mikkola through to the lead, and the Audi driver was amazed at the fortune which seemed to be about to give him yet another RAC Rally win.

Vatanen, however, wasn't giving up that easily, and he pulled out all his stops in an effort to get back in front. He was aided in his efforts when Mikkola, too, had trouble, being slowed by turbocharger malfunction and transmission which threatened to pack up. Mechanics from both Germany and France fettled the two cars with loving care as they neared Chester, but it was the amazing performance of the Peugeot which won in the end, Vatanen beating Mikkola by just 41 seconds, the narrowest winning margin on the RAC Rally for a decade.

Eklund stayed ahead of Mouton to take third place, whilst Buffum had the misfortune to go out during the night. Kaby, too, retired whilst doing really well. In South Wales he had gearbox trouble and was struggling to get to his service crew with his box jammed in fourth. His mechanics had taken space in a garage, so the crew ignored a small roadbook diversion to a service area, believing that it was not mandatory. Alas, there was a passage control at that service area, and the Nissan found itself with a missing control stamp which put them out of the rally.

Brookes was the highest placed British driver, ahead of Salonen and McRae, the Mehta family was eighth, which must have



pleased them no end, whilst Clark was very happy to finish eleventh in a car which was somewhat outclassed by more purpose-built machinery.

It was certainly a fine climax to the year, even if the World Champion himself was not taking part. The coming year promises more stirring competition between Audi and Peugeot, for the French team has been making great strides with development and planning for 1985, when one of the most interesting events will undoubtedly be the Safari at Eastertime.

On the statistical side, we have added a table of the leading points scoring drivers in the World Championship, and a complete list of the Makes which have scored points.

Although we have little time for statistics which can be manipulated to "prove" almost anything, we feel that one significant feature of 1984 results is the manner in which Finnish and Swedish drivers have again showed their superiority over all the others. Indeed, between them they have scored more points than drivers from the rest of the world put together!

We have compiled a table of such some and, to make it more realistic, we have at included points scored by drivers in ever outside their own countries. Vatanen's point for winning the Thousand Lakes Rally in not been included, for example, Blomqvist's for winning in Sweden. If figures in brackets can be taken as indication of the utilised talent of excountry. Unemployed talent cannot measured, of course. — G.P.

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	RAC Rally Results	
	1st : A. Vatanen/T. Harryman (Peugeot 205 T16 GpB)	9 hr 19 min #
	2nd: H. Mikkola/A, Hertz (Audi Quattro GpB)	9 hr 20 min 29
	3rd : P. Eklund/D. Whittock (Toyota Celica T GpB)	9 hr 37 min 07
	4th : M. Mouton/F. Pons (Audi Sport Quattro GpB)	9 hr 37 min 2
	th : R. Brookes/M. Broad (Opel Manta 400 GpB)	9 hr 48 min 0
	6th: T. Salonen/S. Harjanne (Nissan 240 RS GpB)	9 hr 49 min 3
	7th : J. McRae/M. Nicholson (Opel Manta 400 GpB)	10 hr 04 min 2
	8th : S. Mehta/Y. Mehta (Nissan 240 RS GpB)	10 hr 07 min 0
	9th : B. Fisher/A. Frazer (Opel Manta 400 GpB)	10 hr 14 min 1
1	10th : M. Ericsson/C. Billstam (Audi 80 Quattro GpA)	10 hr 15 min 0
	120 starters, 52 finish	ers

WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 1984

WORLD	INSPET OF DAY		
DRIVERS		MAKES	4
Stig Blomqvist (S)	125 pts	Audi	
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Hannu Mikkola (SF)			
Markku Alén (SF)	90 pts	Peugeot	110
Ari Vatanen (SF)	60 pts	Toyota	
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Björn Waldegård (S)	44.10	Subaru	
Shekhar Mehta (EAK)	27 pts	Suparu	120
Timo Salonen (SF)	27 pts	Alfa Romeo	
Walter Röhrl (D)		Fiat	2.52
Michèle Mouton (F)		Ford	33.5
	44.40	Citroën	4.47
Jean Ragnotti (F)	The state of the s	Vauxhall	
Jean-Pierre Nicolas (F)		Mazda	. 33
Rauno Aaltonen (SF)	15 pts		
Kalle Grundel (S)	12 pts	Mitsubishi	C-24
Jorge Recalde (RA)	12 pts		
Henri Toivonen (SF)			
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AUDI 200 TURBO — Continued from page 53

We have accused some Audi models of being a trifle bland in the past, but the 200T radiates a strong character of its own, its timeless styling and superb aura of Germanic efficiency supplemented by a truly exciting level of performance which is more than adequate to hold the attention of the most discerning, sporting driver. There is a great deal of marque loyalty in this expensive section of the market so BMW, Jaguar and Mercedes afficionados may treat these assurances with some scepticism, pointing out that a relatively small capacity forced induction engine can never offer the refinement of a large, relatively lazy, normally aspirated unit.

That may well be a valid point of view, but those doubters who may be searching for a car in this price bracket would do well to examine the Audi 200T in some detail before writing out any cheques. The marque name may well lack the upper-crust cachet of its rivals, although the Quattro coupé has established its sporting pedigree beyond reproach, but Audi's efforts to make this 2-litre turbocharged engine as unobtrusively effective as possible must be given considerable credence. If one accepts the 142 mph top speed as genuine, then the 200T is faster than the classic Mercedes 500SE and is only topped in this area by the Jaguar XJ12 H.E. which uses 5.3-litres of V12 energy to top the Audi by 8 mph.

Leaving aside the question of the turbocharged engine, in all other respects there



AUDI'S PHILOSOPHY of minimum distracting instrumentation has been undergoing a revision of late and the 200T is equipped with the obligatory trip computer, as well as a lavish amount of electric comforts.

is precious little to choose between the 200T and its aforementioned highly individualistic rivals. At the end of the day, the real stunner may well turn out to be the price. The Audi 200T is priced in England at £17,013.10p inclusive of car tax and VAT and incorporates such refinements as central locking, air conditioning (an excellent arrangement whereby one pre-sets the temperature required on the fascia digital read-out, after which the system looks after itself, sustaining the temperature

automatically), electrically operated windows and passenger door mirror and cruise control in addition to such Audi virtues as total underbody PVC undersealing, 35% of the body panels zinc-coated for added protection and a six-year corrosion protection warranty. Relating performance to fuel consumption, which averaged out at 24.1 mpg during its time in our custody, I trust we will be forgiven for saying that the Audi 200T seems a bit of a bargain at the price. — A.H

RENAULT 11 — Continued from page 39

I assume the "Electronic" label stems from the ability of the ignition-key to lock or unlock, from within or without the car, the centrally locking doors by infra-red ray instead of the key - if a gimmick, a very acceptable one - and the use of a, to me, unwanted (male) voice synthesiser for emergency and other warnings, a test-panel and a multi-coloured computerised LCD fascia on which data normally conveyed by dial-and-needle are shown in electronic style, moving symbols, with the speed in large changing digits, without which I could also have done. Mercifully there is a knurled knob close to the right hand for toning this down or extinguishing it, but curiously this facility cannot be used with the lamps off . . . Trip and total mileages are normally recorded on the right of the

Leaving aside such modernities, the Renault 11 TXE is sensibly equipped. You get the aforesaid central-locking, electric front windows with the switches conveniently placed on the door sills, electrically adjustable exterior mirrors, mapreading light, a wind-open sunroof, sensible two-lever controls for the efficient heater (with three-speed fan) on the fascia itself, lots of different-sized stowages and a non-

lockable cubby, full-width visors, and headlamps variation for load carried. A digital clock was blanked for me by the steering-wheel rim and not too easy to read anyway. Another shortcoming was that the release for the safety-belts was beneath the inner layer of the belt, confusing to find in a hurry, which cannot be right . . . But apart from this, the Renault 11 is a convenient and willing car. It has a good five-speed gearbox (fifth and reverse on the gate dog-legs), bottom apt to be baulky, disc / drum braking, and the expected comfortable seats and ride. The front seats, with side flares, support one closely and have tilting as well as back-rest and fore-and-aft adjustments. The ride is not so supple as to cause undue roll when cornering fast and the springing is surprisingly harsh over truly rough surfaces, while understeer is countered by a modicum of roll oversteer. The steering is very light and has reasonable castor-return.

The controls are nicely arranged, with a short lh stalk for lamps, indicators, and horn, a tiny rh stalk, easily operated by the forefinger, for wipers, with close to it knurled controls for radio selection and volume. Switches, with a nice action, for the various services, are grouped neatly above the test-panel on the right of the fascia, with those for hazard warning, door

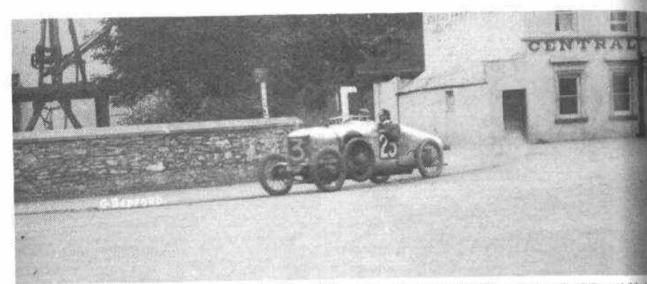
locking, and a spare switch down on the centre console. If a bit "plasticky" it is well done. After abysmal illumination on my Alfa Romeo I was delighted to find the Renault's Cibié dual headlamps very good indeed on dip and full beams, and there are foglamps as well. There is some wind noise at speed and the engine isn't of the quietest, yet the Renault 11 is certainly not a noisy car. It is shod with Michelin 175/70 MXL tyres on alloy wheels and has a 10.34 gallon fuel tank with lockable, flapped filler cap. When full the electronics told me I had petrol for 282 miles, equal to 27.27 mpg (but how did it know how I would be driving?); making a conventional check, average fuel thirst was 31.8 mpg and the low-level light flashed after 283 miles. A manual choke is used for starting from cold, and even so, there was slight reluctance. Under the bonnet, front-hinged and easy to open, all fillers are accessible and the no maintenance battery incorporates Renault's useful master-switch. There is cloth upholstery and the test-car had an MCC Micro-Computer radio with roof aerial and on the console a very impressive-looking Philips Dolby System stereo with six speakers. Other extras are power steering and airconditioning. You can have this logical electronic Renault 11 for £7,300. — W.B.

SPEED MODEL HILLMAN continued from page 48

spare wheel and this Speed Model was equipped with a flush-fitting Cooper-Stewart speedometer, an eight-day clock, an Apollo electric horn, CAV (later Lucas) electric lighting, and came with a tool-kit and Triplex safety glass in the windscreen. Nevertheless, it was a costly offering, at £620, when the overhead-camshaft sixteenvalve Bugatti which was probably ten mph faster could be had for £650, the sporting Singer Ten for £500, the faster of the ABCs for only £388 10s, a GN Legére for £275 12s 6d, and the sports Bleriot-Whippet for £250. On the other hand, the sv 10/30 Alvis, which was probably as quick as the Hillman, was priced at £620 in 1920. In fact, the Speed Model Hillman, which had a wheelbase of 8 ft 6 in, a track of 4 ft 0 in, weighed 13 cwt and relied on thermo-syphoned cooling, sold very well.

This can probably be attributed to the competition successes gained by the Hillman Company. Not only had Bedford's single-seater appeared at almost every Brooklands Meeting of 1920 and in speed trials and hill-climbs all over the country, culminating in its appearance at the Show, but this was continued for the 1921 season, when the fastest lap at a BARC race meeting was 89.09 mph, only 0.81 mph slower than the best lap speed of Harry Hawker's extensively streamlined overhead-camshaft AC and a remarkable performance from a side-valve 11/2-litre car 53 years ago. Bedford had a Speed Model Hillman as back-up car to the single-seater for competition events and which he used as his road-car and the Hillman Company prepared a special racing car for the 1921 Coupé Internationale des Voiturettes race at Le Mans. It was based on the Speed Model but lightened wherever possible and the engine sat further back in the chassis, which was lowered at the rear. Pump and trough lubrication was retained, as was the vee-radiator, which was protected by a stoneguard. No differential was used, Dunlop wire wheels were fitted, and a steamlined body with pointed tail and a full-length undershield. Bedford did very well to finish 4th behind the three "Invincible" Talbot-Darracqs in this gruelling 279-mile race, although taking 35 min 59 sec longer than René Thomas in the winning car, and 33 min 24.5 sec longer than Segrave, who finished 3rd behind his team-mate K. Lee-Guinness. The Hillman was 7th in the 1921 JCC 200 mile Race. Bedford averaging 80.47 mph, and ran successfully in short Brooklands races and in sprints. He entered the car for the 1922 IoM TT but crashed when mud obscured his goggles, the off-road excursion dragging the sump off the car.

All this must have kept the name of Hillman to the forefront and in addition Raymond Mays decided that a Speed-Model should be his first competition car (Reg.

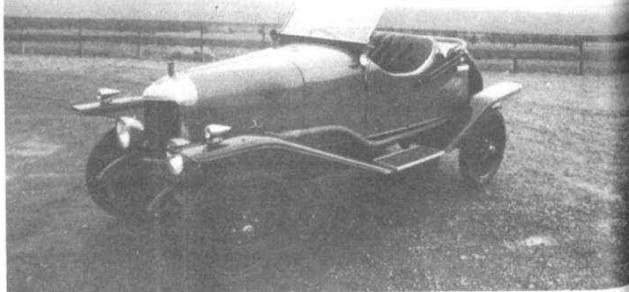


GEORGE BEDFORD drove the special racing Hillman two-seater, derived from the standard Speed Mode in the 1921 Le Mans light-car race, in which he finished fourth behind the victorious team of the Talbot-Darracqs of Rene Thomas, Guinness and Segrave. Here he is competing in the 1922 I.o.M. TT

No. MD 3877). It was ordered from Herbert Robinson of Cambridge, a Hillman agent and, being the entrepreneur he was, Mays obtained a price-reduction against publicising the car in racing. (A friend of my family's, who had come out of the Army in 1918 and, finding jobs nonexistent, had set up a motor business, was a Major Robinson and as a small boy I hoped it was he who had supplied Mays with his car - but no such luck!). Mays called his car "Quick Silver" to line up with Bedford's "Mercury" the latter name objected to, incidentally, by the makers of the Mercury light-car. After making ftd in the Inter-Varsity Speed Trials at Harling Common (not long before the open-space beside the road had been an RFC nightflying ground), Mays decided to modify his car, with light bucket seats and a more pointed tail, the body made by Bransby's of Peterborough, after which it gained an impressive number of successes in similar events. He had found that whereas it was good for 60 mph in middle-gear, its speed in the high top-gear was only 56 mph. It was necessary to improve on this and the Claudel-Hobson carburetter was replaced by a Zenith and other mods introduced by Amherst Villiers, including Palmer-shod Dunlop wire wheels, Houdaille shock absorbers, a straight-through exhaust and no differential. The Hillman was winning at Brooklands after Mays had begged to works for parts from a racing engin formerly used by George Bedford, "Qui Silver" eventually exceeding 80 mph. have increased speed by over 24 mph w no mean achievement, although it must remembered that by this time Bedford single-seater must have been good for w

nearly 100 mph.

All this must have helped Hillman sal and four Speed-Models were shipped out the Maharajah of Patiala. It was probab the demonstrated achievements of the Speed-Model that decided Temple Pro Ltd to obtain one as a staff-car (Reg. N HP 1606) for W. M. W. Thomas - lat Sir Miles Thomas, head of BOAC, etc., when he was working for their Light @ & Cyclecar weekly and Iliffe & Sons Ltd. do likewise for B. H. Davies, "Runabol of The Autocar. Reporting on his car a 7,000 miles, the latter said his was rob and reliable and would still do 60 mph demand. The steering joints were a we point, becoming loose and noisy all 5,000 miles but otherwise no servicing b been needed, apart from once adjusting tappets and plug points in 6,000 miles the brakes remained efficient. Fuel of sumption was between 30 and 35 mg and the engine used no oil, but the sur had been drained and refilled after la and 2,000 miles. The tyres lasted upwar



THOUGHT to be the only surviving Speed Model Hillman, this fully restored example can be seen if Myreton Motor Museum in East Lothian.

of 6,000 miles and although about a gallon of water was needed after queueing to get into Brooklands for the 1921 Easter Meeting, in the following 2,000 miles none was required. The springs (1/2-elliptic all round) lost some of their original quality. As for performance, 40 mph could be maintained up average slopes in 2nd gear and only twice was the Speed-Model Hillman outclassed, once by a 30/98 Vauxhall, once by a 3-litre Sunbeam (this was in 1921, so this Sunbeam would have been an sv or push-rod model), on the level, after the Hillman had held its own uphill . . . The steering was criticised as heavy but far worse was the need to remove five nuts, five spring washers, five grubscrews, a securing plate and the wheel-disc before a tyre could be inflated, because the discs, on ordinary artillery wheels, had no sliding shutters for the tyre valves. A starter was not supplied, and the CAV electrics lacked a cut-out, and twice allowed the battery to go "flat". At 18 mph the steering suffered from "the staggers" (shimmy?) and the belt-driven speedometer was virtually useless. Otherwise, the Speed-Model Hillman was warmly praised. It would average 40 mph if pushed a bit.

This was the same car (Reg No DU 220) which the The Autocar had tested in 1920, taking it over the Yorkshire hills, covering for The Motor Cycle the ACU Six-Days Trial, and then to Brooklands, where it lapped at 55 mph, doing a few more mph flat-out. As tested it weighed 151/2 cwt and it gave 30 mpg, with a fuel range of 270 miles. The only severe criticism was that shock-absorbers should have been fitted, as over bad main road bumps the back-axle hit the chassis. In spite of the high 10.2 bottom gear, single-figure gradients were no obstacle, with one exception, most of the difficult hills, including Buttertubs Pass and the grass track to the top of the Stake from Bainbridge, being climbed with "the exhaust bellowing like that of a Brooklands racer". The straight-bevel back-axle was quiet and the engine was so easy to start that

it was scarcely necessary to remove the starting-handle from its leather holster, while Hillman's Sales Manager showed that it could be done from the "4 o'clock" position, just giving one kick down with the foot — all of which fixes the period when the Speed Model Hillman was regarded as a very fine car!

Hillman's do not appear to have done much development work on the Speed Model. A plate soon replaced the clips that were intended to hold the spring leaves in place but allowed them to move and when the 1921 Motor Show came round, those who went to Stand No 227 at Olympia found that a locker had been incorporated before the passenger on the dashboard, a better grade of upholstery was used, and the rear of the body had been lowered a few inches, while the price had come down to £590, which was high for this size of car in the face of the gathering numbers of new sporting light-cars. Tyre size had been increased to 710×90 .

However, the Hillman continued to be popular in speed events in the hands of many drivers, such as A. L. Dawson, S. B. Wilkes, C. C. Ash, R. M. V. Sutton, whose car had no screen wiper and quickly wore out its clutch thrust block, A. K. Dawson, etc. After 1921 the Hillman Company concentrated on the larger utility models, so the Speed Model was in production for less than three years. I believe the only survivor is that in the Myreton Motor Museum, which had one owner until 1970 and has been extensively restored. But that is no reason why this interesting car should be forgotten.

W.B. (N.B. Of the photographs accompanying this article, those of Raymond Mays' Hillman come from a set of photographs of cars raced by him, sold on behalf of theRaymond Mays' Trust, while that of the surviving Speed Model comes from the new catalogue of the Myreton Motor Museum, available for £1.50 post-free in the UK, from the Museum, at Aberlady, East Lothian, Scotland.)

run was held last year between Pretoria and Johannesburg to commemorate the first 3,500 km Nairobi-Johannesburg rally, which was won by F. Engelbrecht driving a 1936 Hudson Terraplane. Now aged 78, he drove a Terraplane van on the commemorative run and recalled that after his 1936 success Terraplanes were sold out in Johannesburg and Witwatersrand. A reader in Arizona is anxious to find out what happened to a 1937 Corsica-bodied Squire he once owned, and last licensed in 1957. Registration number BGB 34, chassis number SC 1063, engine number 1096, this Squire was last seen in Ravenscourt Park, London and any information as to its subsequent movements would be appreciated. Help is sought by a South African reader of over 20 years standing about the identity of a Type 55 Bugatti he purchased recently from Mr Comey in America, who in turn bought it in Paris in 1953. From Hugh Conway's records it has been established that this is the car delivered to King Leopold of Belgium in June 1932. Nothing is known about this Bugatti prior to 1953, but as it has fixed cycle-type mudguards and very substantial side steps or running-boards; the present owner, Chris Woolley, wonders if it could be the car that Jean Bugatti entered for the 1932 Mille Miglia for Varzi to drive.

V-E-V Miscellany.— A commemoration

It is interesting that in last November's Veteran Car Run to Brighton there were a few entries appearing in this event for the first time. Among them was a 1904 Autocar from California, a 1902 41/2 hp Clement, a 1904 Humber, Kenneth Stein's 12 hp Napier from the USA, and three Panhard-Levassors, so those who regularly turn out to spectate still have "new" veterans to study. The VCC itself entered a 1904 40 hp Berliet. People change their cars for various reasons. Hugh Keller recalls that he was able to purchase his 10/23 Talbot saloon in 1926 because the previous owner disliked catching his overcoat in the window-winding handles and exchanged it for a 12/40 Darracq. Keller improved the Talbot in various ways, fitting Marchal headlamps, an additional spare wheel, a divided windscreen, PB radiator shutters and thermometer, polished mahogany firewall, and a Freshlock steering-damper to cure wheel wobble. The mudguards were reshaped and the front seat recovered in Connolly blue leather, the body being recovered in Mulliner's special fabric, the colour scheme of light and darker grey matching that of Phil Paddon's Rolls-Royce, by whom Keller was employed. When bought this Talbot had only done a small mileage but when Keller gave it to his sister as an additional wedding present in 1936 it had covered some 100,000 miles. (She exchanged it just prior to WW2 for an Austin Ten and was allowed £15 for it, still in very fine condition.) Keller re-



members driving it to Cannes in 1932, where his sister had won the Cannes Gold Medal for golf in 1914 but they found the fortnight's subscription astronomical, so they turned round and played tennis at Juan les Pins instead . . . Later Keller had a 12/40 Darracq Weymann saloon of his own, preceded by a 15/40 Darracq. His well-known Rolls-Royce has been sold and the new owner is having it refurbished by Ristes of Nottingham, although knowing the car, not much need be done I think.

We hear that the dh coupé body from the well-known 4½-litre Invicta used after the war in competition events by Sir David Gamble and then owned for 30 years by John Buckley is likely to be fitted to a Model-A 4½-litre Invicta, to replace its present saloon body. The coupé body on the ex-Gamble Invicta has been replaced with a standard Carbodies touring body. At that Midlands' auction of Meadowsengined cars, a long-chassis 4½-litre Invicta with Lancefield saloon body was purchased by Jeremy Wood, who owns a 1½-lire Invicta. This car was owned for four years by its original owner before being purchased by the collector, Harry Ellard, whose cars were the subject of the auction-sale, and had been in storage from 1938 until this year. The engine started first time after being idle for 45 years. R. H. S. Castle, Financial Director of the Country Gentleman's Association, has been recalling the cars owned by his great-grandfather Robert Castle, in the Association's magazine Country. According to his article in the November 1984 issue, that gentleman bought a Benz Velo in 1896, when he was over 60. He did not drive himself, leaving that to his son, on drives in the then-country around Kilburn, and later employed a chauffeur named Phillips. Cars that followed the Benz Velo were a Benz Parsifal, circa 1903, and an early Wolseley with the beehive radiator. The family remained faithful to the Wolseley make, one model or another being owned, including Mr Castle's father's Wolseley 25 and a Wolseley Eighteen carefully preserved during WW2 and on joining the CGA Mr Castle's company-car was a Wolseley. In 1911 the father had bought an AC Sociable threewheeler, followed by one of the first AC light-cars that took the family for frequent outings into Hertfordshire.

A newspaper piece reminds us that Baron Philippe de Rothschild, driving as Philippe, in a Bugatti, finished second to Chiron in the 1929 German GP. He had an early Unic tourer at one time, with gas headlamps, changed for an Hispano Suiza in which he claimed to have done Paris-Nice in 12 hours on the roads as they were in the 1920s. He won the GP de Bourgogne in the Bugatti and was second in a Spanish GP after delays fixing the steering. He also claims to have invented the suction and later the electric windscreen wiper, so that he could motor his girl-friend in a closed car. . . . — W.B.

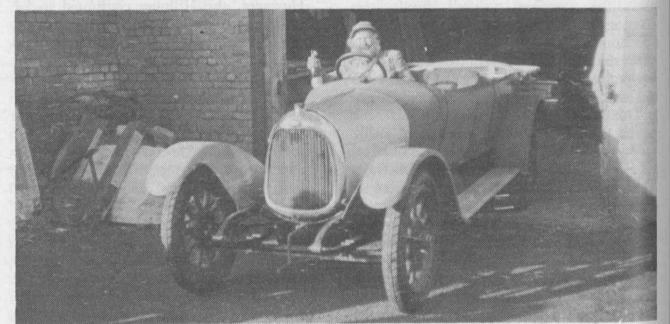
A First Firing-Up

LAST MONTH Michael Worthington-Williams threw a party at Newcastle Emlyn to celebrate the return to mechanical continence of at least one Angus-Sanderson, his 1921 tourer, which has actually been built up from the parts of more than one car, the radiator, he reminded me, being found through MOTOR SPORT. Sharp at noon he started up the engine for the benefit of his guests, some 250 of them, including many locals, some of them Welsh-speaking. The Angus-Sanderson, minus number plates, windscreen, fabric on its hood-frame, paint on body and mudguards, and with the upholstery supported by sticky-tape, was then ceremoniously driven in and out of its shed. Clearly there is more work to do, but at least one of these now very rare cars some 3,000 were made in all — is a runner again.

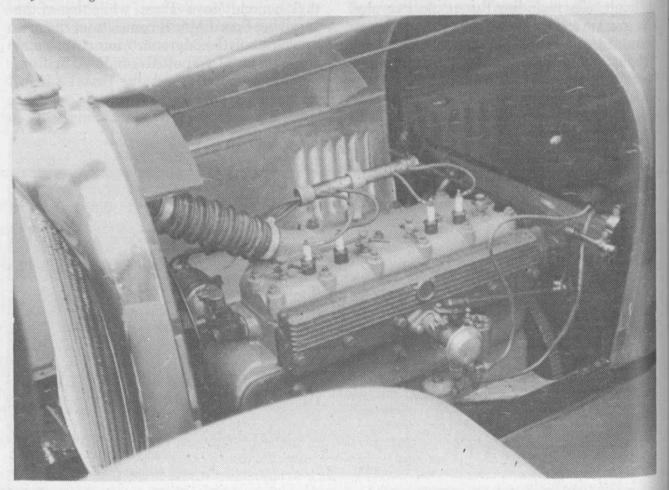
The champagne and an excellent variety

of food was consumed, a Ford mini-bus shuttling the visitors to and from the village to the farmhouse, down a muddy lane. Supporting arrivals included an immaculate vintage Star two-seater all the way from Manchester, Johnnie Thomas's 1904 Darracq, a smart vintage Morris taxi, an Austin 20 and a 1920s vee-twin BSA motorcycle, etc. I spoke to a lady whose father had had an Angus-Sanderson new, when they were living in Sussex (it being delivered, would you believe, from Merthyr Tydfil), parts of which are now incorporated in the W-W rebuild. An enjoyable day, especially as the fast run home in the Alfa-6 was over a virtually deserted A40 - no wonder more and more motoring enthusiasts seem to be coming to live in Wales! — W.B.

(The Angus-Sanderson formed the subject of a "Fragments on Forgotten Makes" article in MOTOR SPORT for January 1961, photocopies of which are available. — Ed.)



MIKE WORTHINGTON-WILLIAMS christening his revived Angus-Sanderson Tourer. Below, the 4-cylinder engine.



Enstone Ends VSCC Golden Jubilee Season

WITH the December driving-tests at Enstone near Oxford on December 1st, the. Vintage SCC brought to an end its successful Golden Jubilee season, the entry numbering 61 cars, some shared by more than one driver, for the ten tests. The weather was kind, although the aerodrome was ringed by heavy rain-storms. Don't ask me to explain the names given to the tests, such as "Te Kanawa's Canter" and "Ricciarelli's Race". . . . Suffice it to say there were even a few "new" vintage cars among the regulars, such as Stanton's recently-imported Rochet-Schneider saloon, a choice example of well-seasoned French car with an external searchlight, bulb horn, and window tassels, that rolled round in spirited style and looked exactly as if it might once have been a new exhibit at the Paris Salon, say around 1919.

Vauxhall 30/98s were driven Peppercorn, C. Marsh, who kept his hood up, and Franklin and Scott who were sharing the latter's ex-John Bolster car until the sump-plug pulled out. There was an early duck's-back 12/50 Alvis with a special windscreen that looked rather as if it might have been on road-test for MOTOR SPORT in Richard Twelvetrees' hands nearly 60 years ago, Grant-Peterkin was exercising his 3/4½-litre Bentley, both Type 13 Bugattis of Moffatt and March were going well, and whereas Nice's Ulster A7 was on original-size tyres, as was Bullett's, Allison Moores was making good use of some very oversize rear tyres on her Ulster A7. The NA MG Magnette of M. F. L. Allison had a supercharger to aid its performance. A7s predomiated, nine being entered, and the Edwardian class was neatly composed of Collings' veteran Mercedes, his daughter's veteran Humber and Hicklings' mud-spattered 1917 Dodge Four. Variety is the spice of these VSCC events and I enjoyed seeing the Raahauge Trojan and Dearden-Briggs' 1923 Amilcar among the competing cars. You are also likely to see other interesting things at such gatherings and this time it was a rather sad Flying Flea with a two-stroke flat-four air-cooled engine. More important are the results, appended. W.B.

RESULTS

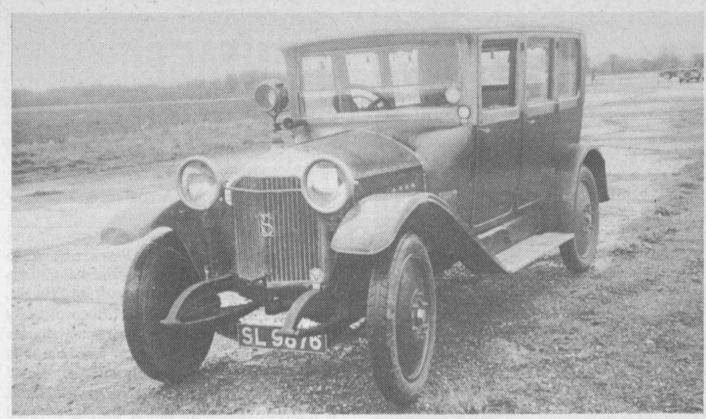
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Saloon Award: B. M. Clarke (Austin 7 1929).
Light Car Award: Deardon Briggs (Amilcar 1923).
Class 2. 1st Class Awards: P. W. Still (Frazer Nash 1937); F. G. Giles (Frazer Nash 1931).
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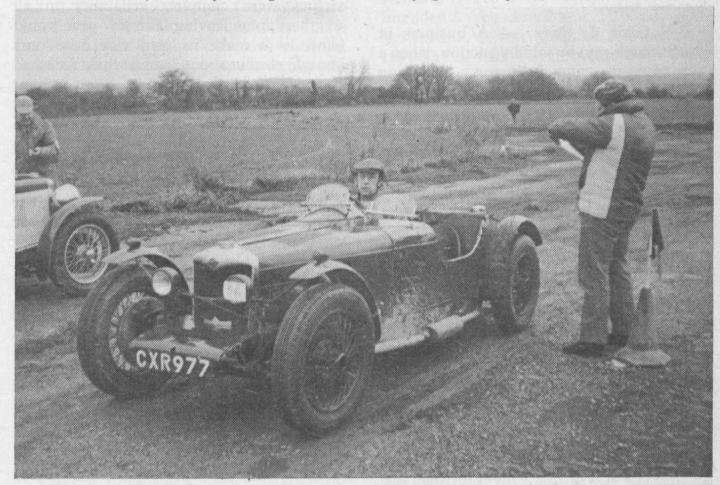
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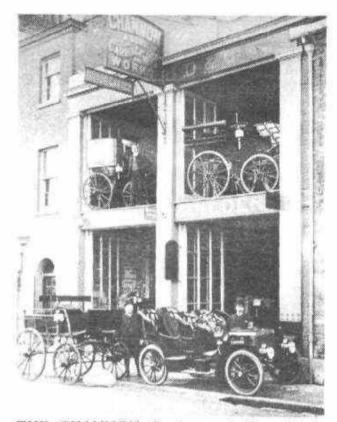
3rd Class Awards: M. B. Bullet (Austin Ulster 1930/1); G. C. Moore (Riley 1936).



NEWCOMER to the VSCC scene — Stanton's Rochet-Schneider saloon complete with external searchlight and window tassels (above). Below, P. M. Baker's Riley was one of several examples of the marque. A three-wheeled visitor, but with four wings as well, was this Flying Flea aeroplane, bottom.







THE CHANNON Carriage and Motor Works mentioned below.

V-E-V Odds & Ends. - A business in Scarborough is to be sold by auction, when a collection of vintage spares, including gasket sets, pistons, instruments, magnetos, beaded-edge tyres, etc will be disposed of, and also a dismantled 1922 Calthorpe tourer. Chris Draper tells us that he has managed to trace 20 out of the 40 twin-plug racing San Sebastian Salmsons built and this has encouraged him to produce new cylinder heads for these cars, should anyone outside the Salmson Register require one. He would also like to know if the eight-push-rod Salmson, Reg No UO 7361, that he owned for a time in the mid-1960s, has survived, and its present whereabouts if it has. The 750MC points out that its first Secretary was Phil Hunter not Bill Butler, as we said recently. It was Esso Ethyl petrol I used in the HRG we road-tested before the war, not "Ethy" as was wrongly published last month, and in my article on the VSCC Pomeroy Trophy contest it should have been stated that between 1952 and 1984 this interesting contest was cancelled twice, not three times, due to snow over Silverstone in 1952 and because of petrol rationing in 1957, but not for this cause in 1973, otherwise Michael Bowler could not have won the Trophy that year with his Frazer Nash, as he most definitely did. A reader has sent us a copy of an advertisement which appeared in the Dorset County Chronicle in July 1905, for the "entirely British-made Channon car, designed and built by E. Channon and Sons, of 6 High East-Street, Dorchester, with works and garage in Crescent Street, Weymouth. Although we know of this make, it is interesting that it is advertised as having a 10 hp balanced two-cylinder engine, three-speed, direct-top gearbox, 32 in Michelin tyres, side-entrance body and "two searchlights of great power", the price of this used model being 260 gns. while two steam-cars were offered respectively at £35 and £50. - W.B.

VINTAGE POSTBAG

An Armstrong Siddeley

Sir,

Your article "Out of the Past", page 1345 November issue, concerning the 1924 30 hp Armstrong Siddeley owned by Lady Ewart, has awakened my memories. According by my records this was almost certainly the car I purchased in 1945 from a car hire company in London for the princely sum of £26. I used it for delivering newspapers until 1947, it had absolutely no power having covered something over 200,000 miles with the very minimal of mechanical expenditure. Its virtues were complete reliability in all weathers, plus leaving it in low gear would allow it to make its own way down any straight road at about 3 mph whilst I dashed in and out of houses.

Having no further use for this huge box on wheels I swapped it for a 2-seater Austin 7 convertible — the new owners were a group of soldiers stationed appropriately at a local Army petrol depot in Hertfordshire. I saw it regularly up to 1950, when I moved from the area. Thank you for reminding me of happier days of Armstrong Siddeley ownership.

Best wishes for an excellent magazine.
Poole J. D. HUBBUCK
(Ex-member Armstrong-Siddeley
Motors Design Team)

Pontiac Details

Sir,

Reader Kraayeveld's letter in September regarding Pontiac can be quickly answered. The 1927 Pontiacs did indeed have two wheel brakes. Other specifications include a Carter Carburetter, Delco Remy Ignition, a 110 in wheelbase, a 4.18 gear ratio and 3½ in x 3¾ in bore and stroke. The Oaklands were quite different. The wheelbase in 1923 was 115 in and the dropped to 113 from 1924 through 1927 at then jumped to 117. Pontiac stayed with It in through 1930. A simple measurement the wheelbase on Kraayeveld's car can dethings up.

The Oakland six cylinder engine through 1928 was a long stroke unit of 43/4 in and do not resemble the more modern Pontablock. The Oakland unit was always ubstantially larger than the Pontiac.

The Pontac was introduced in Januar 1926, not 1927. Approximately 41,715 we built in the initial 1926 version.

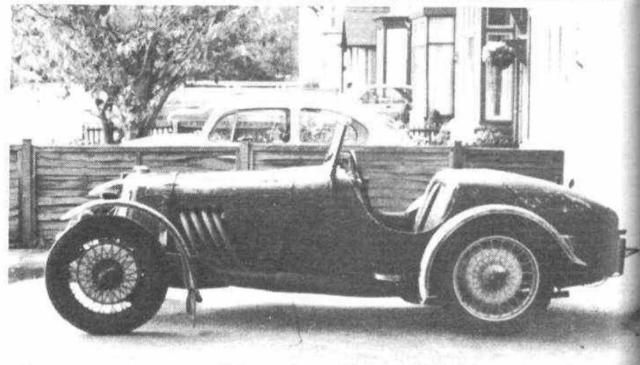
A final check would be serial number. The Pontac primary code is 6-27 pli number. The Oakland code is either 6-44 6-54 plus number for the period of a mid-twenties.

Pebble Beach, PAUL WOUDENBER
California

A TT Rik

Sir,

I attach a photograph of the Riley Uls Imp, AVR 718 which ran in the Ards TT 1934 entered by A. Freeman and driven by Dr. H. B. Prestwich. I have recent purchased this car, and am trying to gatte information about it. Nothing is know about the car after it left the track on lap 61 Quarry Corner in that event, and eventual ownership by a Manchester gare in 1945. While now red, the car w originally works dark blue, then red, the black. I intend to restore it in the original blue. The car is sound, and general original. It led a quiet life after the war, 4 bears signs of some competition mod cations, with further chassis lightening, painting(!), most of which must be prew Are any of your readers able to help especially those with long memories in North West? I shall be grateful for any help Redditch JOHN R. GATHERCON



JOHN GATHERCOLE'S Riley Ulster Imp - see "A TT Riley".

LETTERS

Opinions expressed are those of our correspondents, and are not necessarily those of MOTOR SPORT.

Stuart Lewis-Evans

I would like to thank you for publishing such a splendid article on my son, Stuart Lewis-Evans, in December's MOTOR SPORT, it is faultless.

I can, of course, add a little although you

have covered so much.

I wonder if you know that in the 1957 Le Mans, Stuart drove the Ferrari for 16 of the 24 hours. How about that for stamina?

There is also a connection between the 1958 Portuguese GP and Stuart's accident at Casablanca. Stirling Moss was leading in Portugal by nearly a lap from Mike Hawthorn, whose brakes were fading, and Stuart whose engine was fading. Stirling lapped Stuart almost on the finishing line which meant Stuart's race was over. On his last lap, Mike spun and finished backwards on the pavement (it was a road circuit) and on his run-in lap, Stirling found Mike trying to beat off spectators who wanted to help him restart. Mike got the car going and finished second and Stirling later helped him to avoid disqualification.

Had Stirling not lapped Stuart, Stuart would have finished second with Mike third and Stirling would have gone to Casablanca needing only to win and set fastest lap to become World Champion, regardless of where Mike Hawthorn finished. Stuart would then not have had to have been kept in the race while he was signalling that his oil was practically at boiling point. David would never have gone in of his own accord. As we know, Stuart's engine seized, his car

I was at the Casablanca GP and the day after the accident, Tony Vandervell and I stood outside the hospital gates at about 6 am waiting to be let in. The French surgeons reckoned they knew all about burns and they took it as an affront that Tony wanted Stuart looked after in England. It was not until I said that I wanted him treated by the McIndoe burns unit at East Grinstead that they agreed to our flying him home. Miraculously, he recovered from the shock but the following Saturday died of blood poisoning for he had inhaled the flames.

Stuart left two children. His son, Stephen is now thirty and a sergeant in the RAF like me he joined when he was 17, I was a pilot in the RFC in 1917. Stuart's daughter, Helen, is two years younger, married and living in Gwent. His widow, Margaret, re-married and she and her husband keep the Railway Inn at Great Whyte, near Huntingdon. I need hardly add that it was a shattering blow to my wife, three sons and daughter and myself when we lost Stuart. Your article describes him exactly.

Enclosed is an amusing picture of Tony Vandervell with Stuart. I'm not sure where it was taken, but I think it shows Tony's

left the track and caught fire. There were more Arabs with guns around the circuit than fire extinguishers.

regard for him. Yorke should have ordered Stuart in, he Herne Bay, Kent LEWIS LEWIS-EVANS

STEWART LEWIS-EVANS, centre left, with Tony Vandervell.

Sir,

Critisism of the British Motor Car Industry is a popular activity, particularly its after sales service. Recently however my impression that the industry in other countries might be no better, and possibly worse, was confirmed.

I have given my son our aged Renault 4 on the basis that he rebuilds it and I pay. Now I have no complaints about the Renault as a car - we have had it for seven years and it has withstood a great deal of mistreatment very well. It does however have its idiosyncrasies and, whilst to some extent these contribute to its charm, two are particularly annoying, the need for special drifts to remove the drive shafts and for a special socket to remove the cylinder head. The first of these has now been remedied but why on earth was the detail designer allowed to get away with the second? The Renault is not a sophisticated motor car intended to be distributor serviced, quite the reverse. It was designed as a peasant's car and still sells well throughout the world on this basis. The instruction book tells me that a special socket is available at low price from my dealers. Not so. In fact they tell me that their fitters do not buy them but grind down standard sockets for their own use. I find this quite easy to do with a suitable grinder but what do you do when the head gasket goes in the middle of the bush armed only with your standard socket set? The drive shaft punches are not available either and must also be made up.

My main reason for writing however is not because of design failings but because of the difficulty in obtaining even mundane parts. When we asked for valve springs we were regrded with some amazement by the distributors as "these never wear out, we just put the old ones back". Crankshaft bearing shells were available off the shelf but they were different from the ones in the car and there was no information about whether or not there had been a design change. It took several telephone calls to sort this one out. Crankshaft thrust bearings were not available and after some days we are now told that these have to be specially ordered from France.

In the past I have been highly critical of the British industry's after-sales service but I shall be less so in the future. I run a 1973 P5 Rover Coupé as an every day car together with an MGB Roadster of the same year. Both these are out of production but so far I have had no difficulty in obtaining the normal replacement parts for either.

I cannot help but feel that as a nation we tend to be far too critical of our own products and too forgiving of the failings in others. Perhaps this is the reason why the proportion of imported cars on our roads is greater than for any other car producing country in Europe, if not in the world.

Betley, Cheshire

P. A. VINCENT

Moonraker

Sir,

Your article on Archie Butterworth was fascinating and if I cast my mind back to the mid sixties, I may be able to cast some light on either the whereabouts of the AJB / Kieft / Norton or an answer to the Australian theory.

I have not seen or heard from Ian Richardson since those days when he ran my local garage in Lapworth, Warwickshire, now named Willpower Garage, from the engines that Will Sparrow used to build there. Ian was a real character and when we first met he was cutting a Berkeley B95 in half to widen it by six inches which should allow the insertion of a full Blydenstein VX/4/90 engine. He was literally cutting it with a hacksaw and when finished the vehicle was quick even if the roadholding and handling left something to be desired on the way to the Cock Horse Inn. It was probably the first of the point and squirt vehicles built in this country, unfortunately once squirted you couldn't point it! I'd love to know if it still exists.

Whilst Ian was definitely the design genius behind "Moonraker" - I say that as it was the fastest bike at Santa Pod establishing records if my memory serves correct — and all credit is due to him; many of us were involved in bolting bits and pieces to it on his instructions. Pete Allan, a local publican's son, rode the beast - the fact that he lived in a pub may have helped — as well as Ian and eventually bought it off him. It was certainly engineless at this stage as we promptly set about installing two Triumph 650 twins running as a four and supercharged through an old Shorrock for good measure! Renamed the Lapworth Flyer, it did, and Pete certainly established national and international records with it. I can't remember what we ran it on, alcohol I think but not from the pub, but I can remember Bill Martin-Hurst's anger when we first started it on the car park of the Boot at Lapworth at around midnight. It must have woken the whole village, he was the only one who complained. As an employee of the Levland Motor Corporation Public Relations Department at the time, I was worried as we had just taken Rover over and I thought he might tell my boss!

Pete emigrated to Australia and took the bike with him in the form described above, which may give rise to the Australian rumour. I say this as at the time it was the "Maclaren" of sprint bikes and consequently attracted a lot of attention and publicity. We even got Pat Mennem on it once!

To my knowledge "Moonraker / Lapworth Flyer" is still with Pete in Australia. By the way we always referred to the engine as the Butterworth Norton, Keift never came into it.

Super magazine. More features on the old personalities and what they did. How about one on Rupert Instone and the "DJIN" saga? So named because they drank so much whilst building it but felt that the correct spelling would give people the wrong impression!

Evenjobb, Presteigne ROBIN PENRICE

Static

Sir,

Your magazine of course reaches us here without fail. Recent letters about static electricity generated in cars reminded me of experiences when I was an apprentice with the Daimler Company in Coventry in the mid-Fifties.

When wearing the standard "Gear" for young fellows — corduroy and crepe soled shoes — I found that a large spark could be generated at will if one slid out of the wide Daimler seat, while holding only an insulated part of the car, such as the steering wheel. When one then turned to close the door, a spark would always precede actual contact providing the weather was warm and dry. I found that the cure in this case was quite simple. All that was necessary was to hold a conducting portion of the car while actually getting out.

On the same subject, we had a customer of the service department who showed dogs. This lady had an earth strap fitted to her Daimler Consort. She assured me that this entirely prevented her dogs being sick. I was told that on an occasion when the strap became detached the dogs became sick again quite quickly. Replacement cured the problem. This would seem to deal with the frequently stated conviction that the earthing strap is of purely psychological value.

Finally, should this be published, I would be interested to know if anybody has knowledge of the Challenor Special. I sold this to a gentleman from North Wales or Holyhead in 1952. It contained parts from Lancia, Ford, Armstrong, and Sunbeam vehicles, and was powered by a huge straight eight 4.4, yes, four point four litre engine of Alvis manufacture, fed by four large SU carburetters. The story I recall was that the engine was made for the designer of the 4.3 and that about six were built. It was certainly of Alvis design, since I was able to get parts from the factory that fitted! I would love to know the true story behind the power unit.

Kindest regards to all your staff, who one feels, are old friends after years of reading the best magazine.

Papua, VINCENT FREEDMAN New Guinea

Swallow Doretti

Sir,

I have read your October article on the Swallow Doretti with great interest. At the time that I raced the Doretti for the works I had a TR2 and there is no doubt that the Doretti was a much superior car in suspension and usable performance.

The article was slightly incorrect in that I had two races at Silverstone, both 100 milers, and my only brief was to beat the

Austin Healeys which, much to the delight of the Doretti M.D., I did. Unfortunately, after these two races the works decided to give up official racing — which was a great pity.

The "Light-hearted" race that you mention at Silverstone, in which Bill Bodds and I beat the opposition, was not quite a light-hearted; I can remember well John Bolster alongside me at both Copse and Becketts at ninety degrees to the track of both occasions.

The article brought back many memoris

of a very good motor car. Walsall

DON TRUMAN Top Gear V12

Sir,

Browsing through the February 198 issue, on page 148 signed W.B., I see comment that the 1927 Double Six Daimle climbed Fish Hill in top gear. The question is raised, would the modern 12 cylinds Jaguar do the same?

It's a long time since I climbed Fish Hill on a Scott and I don't remember much of a

However, a friend of mine a year or twago had an E-Type V12 Jaguar Coupé and have ridden with him a few times over the Cairn o' Mount road from Fettercairn is Kincardinshire north to Banchory and Deeside.

On two occasions the Jaguar had a clearun and made no fuss at all, in top all the way. The two hairpins mean that you must have pulling power and how much the Jaguar had left I don't know. We came owe the top past the cairn in the high '70s lifting off so as not to go charging down the fastide. We started, by the way, over the Clatterin' Brig at the bottom at 30 mph just to see how she would pull away up the first steep part. In the event we had power is hand.

Fish Hill forsooth! Small beer. My of friend Arthur Nicoll, once mechanic and Parkside Garage in Coventry didn't thin much of the Daimler Double Six which are drove from time to time. Said it wouldn't pull pussy from the hearth rug!

Angus

D. W. BERRI

D. W. BERRI Congratulation

Sir

Sir, I would like to inform all of your reader that they are indeed fortunate to receiving so much motorsport news for sur a relatively small amount of money. I am American "Motor Sportsman", to quo D.S.J., who has been reading magazine for 35 years for both racing and vintage news. I have marvelled at the quality and effort expended for such a realist price. I now am forced to pay £3.30 per issue here in Saudi Arabia but still never regu the expenditure. A wish for full health and long life to all the "initials" following articles so that we can all continue to enjo your reporting.

Saudi Arabia HERB JONE

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Mr Jones! — G.C.]



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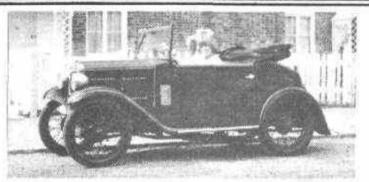
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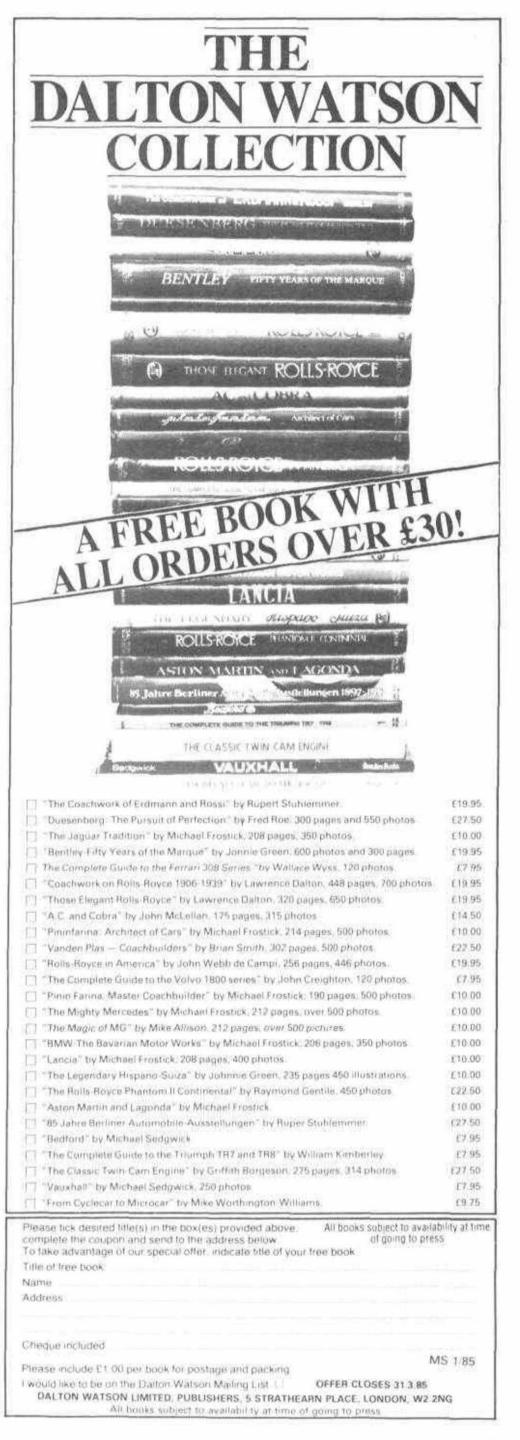
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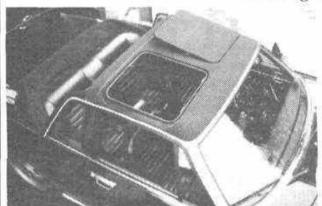
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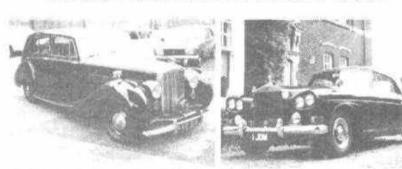
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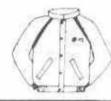
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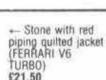


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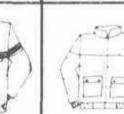




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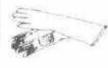
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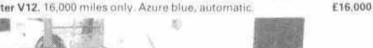
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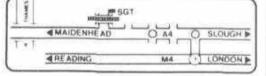
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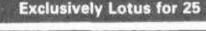
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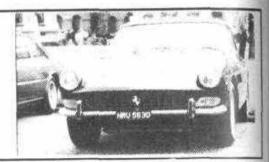
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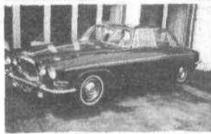
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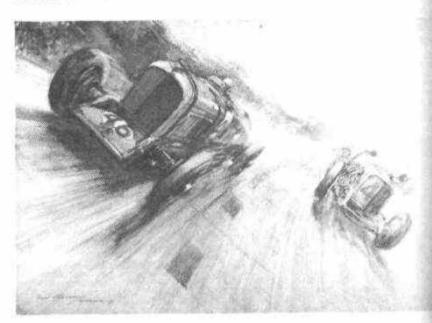
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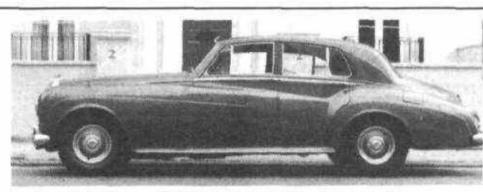
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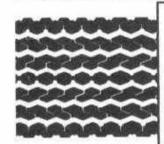
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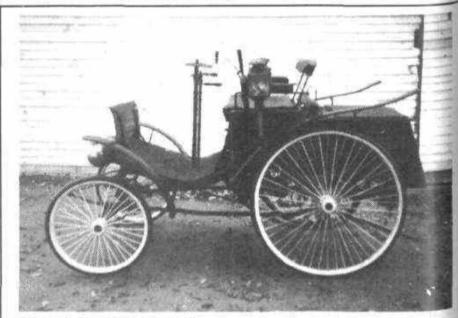
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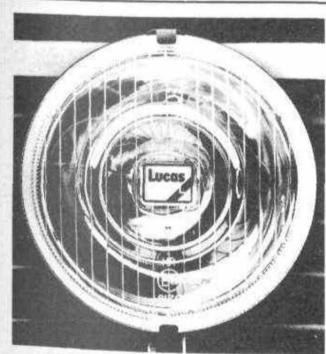
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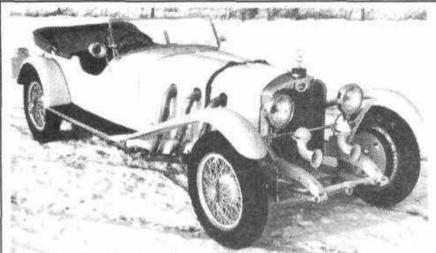
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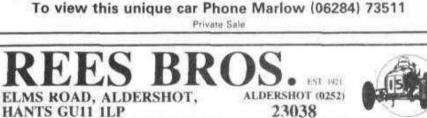
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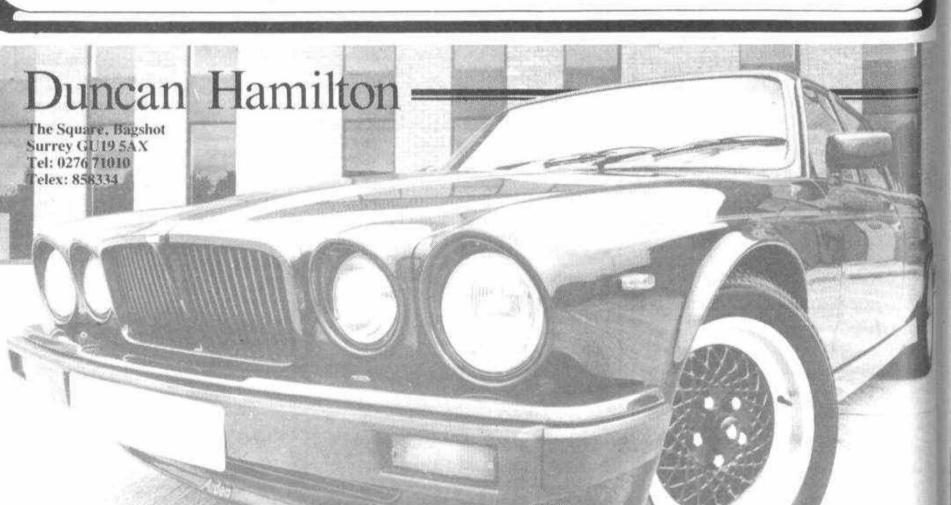
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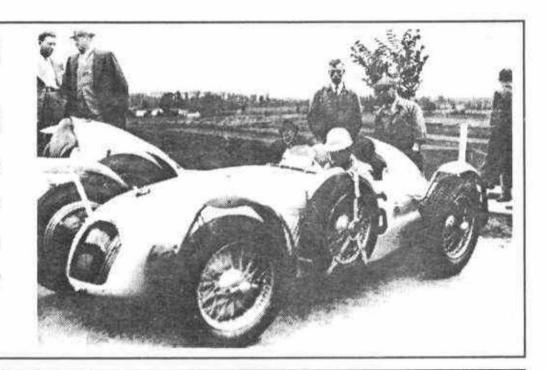
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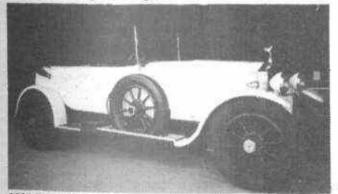
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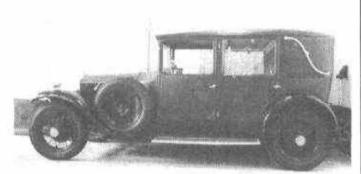
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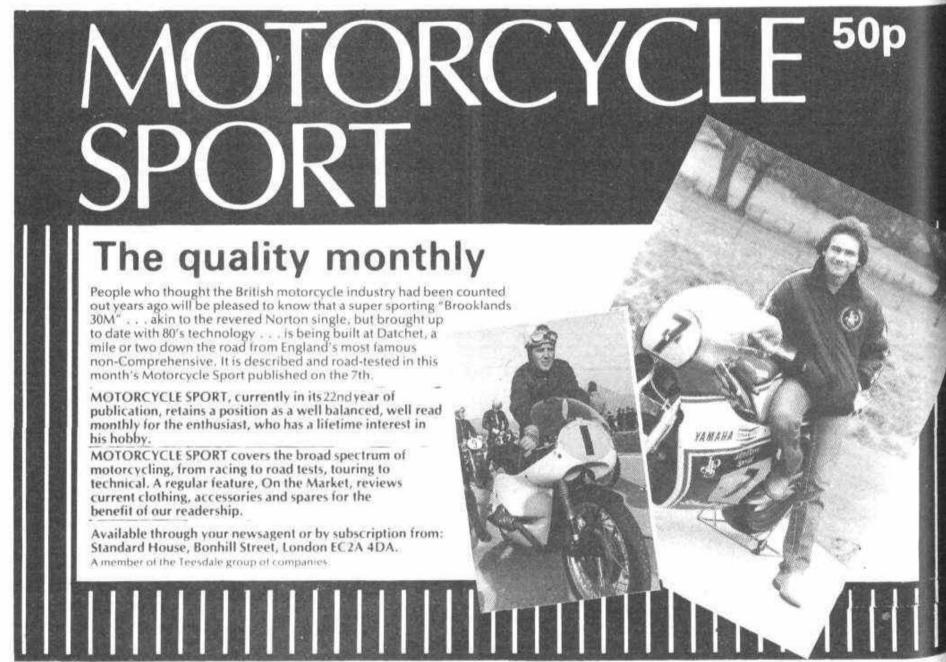
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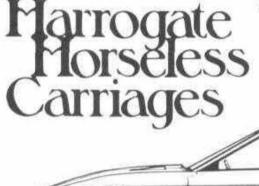
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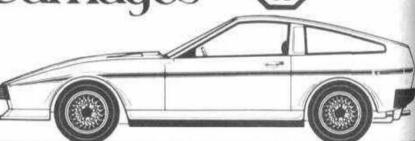
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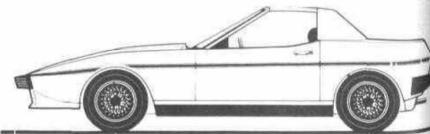
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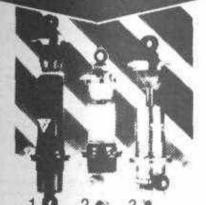
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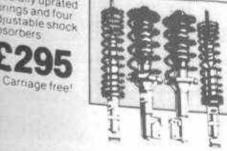
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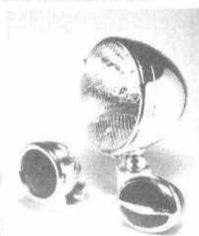
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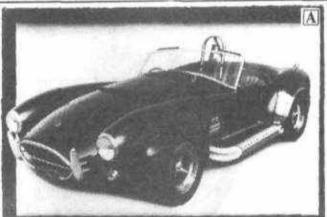
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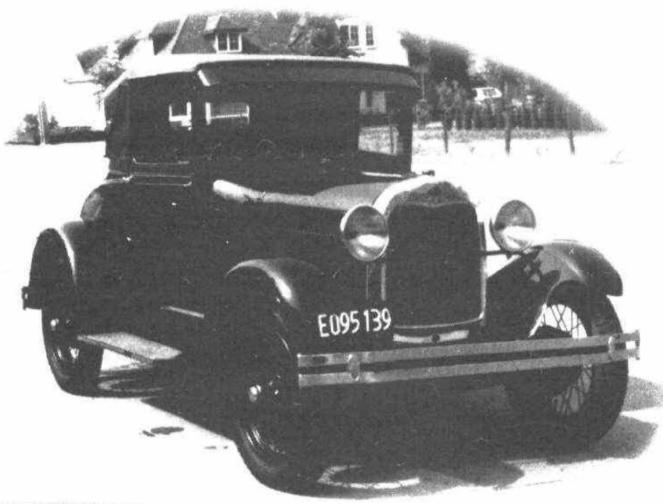
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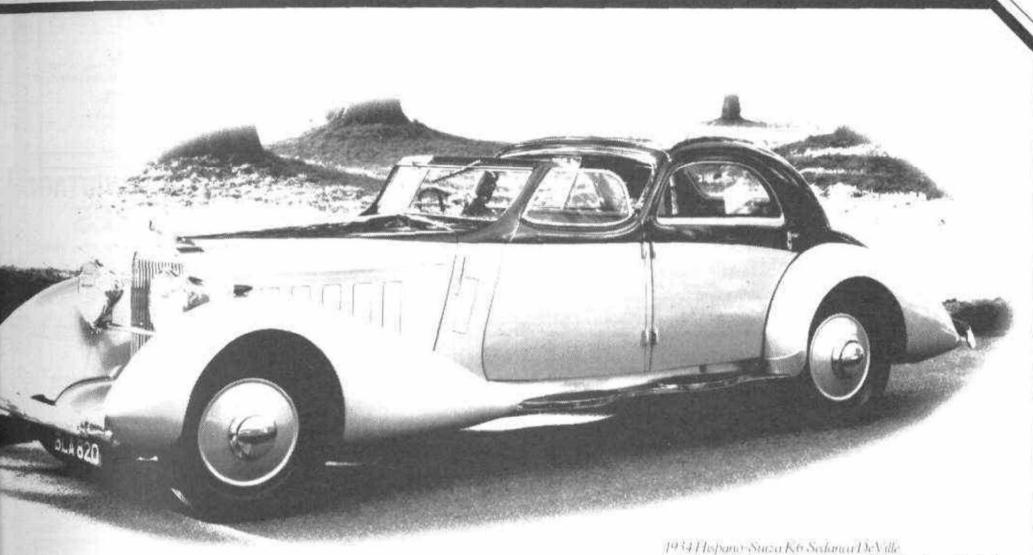
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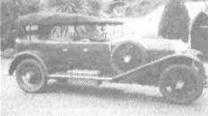
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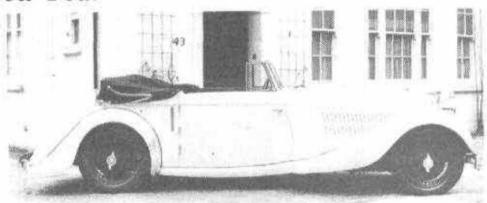
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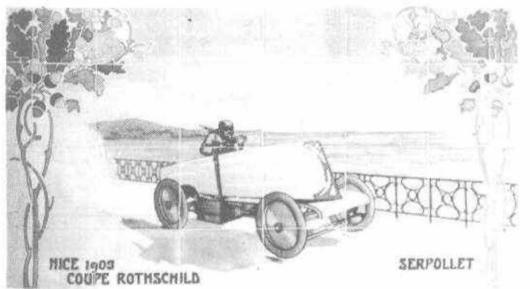
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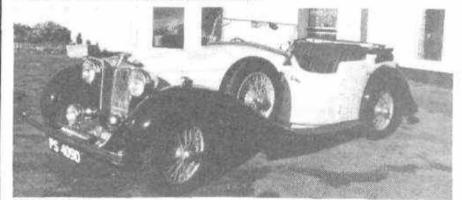
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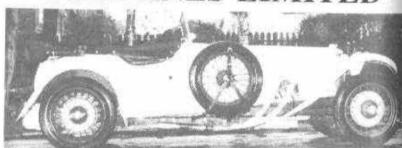
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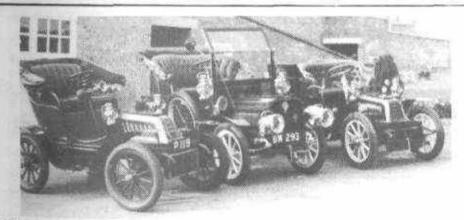
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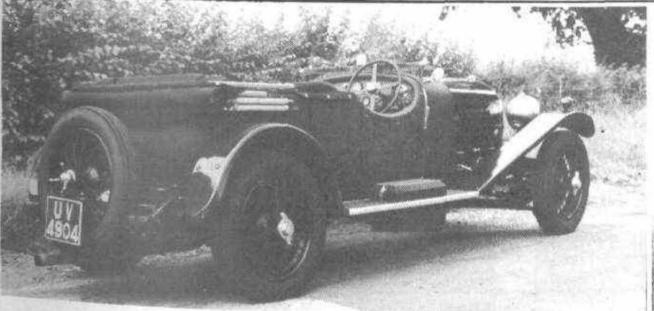


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