

WOLVERHAMPTON AND SOUTH
STAFFS CAR CLUB LTD.
ABERYSTWYTH CASTROL "76"
NATIONAL RALLY SATURDAY
OCTOBER 16th 1976.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

FOREWORD.

We are pleased to welcome you to this year's Aberystwyth Castrol Rally. The rally has developed a reputation over the years of being the most demanding one day special stage rally in the country, and has been widely acclaimed by the motoring press. The emphasis of the rally is on unusually long smooth forest stages, necessitating not only a very fast, but also a totally reliable and robust car.

The rally is held under the General Competition Rules of the R.A.C. (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A.) and this year forms a part of both Castrol/Autosport Rally Championship and the Motor R.A.C. Rally Championship. The rally is the penultimate round of both these championships which are very closely contested, and consequently the entry list reads like a "Who's Who" of rallying.

The major sponsor of the rally is Castrol and we should like to take this opportunity of conveying our most sincere thanks to them, without whose support it would be impossible to run the rally.

The rally is again based in the friendly town of Aberystwyth where we are assured of a warm and friendly reception, and we are particularly grateful to Ceredigion & District Council for the usage of their facilities.

Our thanks must also go to the Forestry Commission, and in particular the foresters themselves, who in recent weeks have had to cope with some rather unusual weather conditions. Despite the recent heavy rains, the long period of drought has still left

a substantial fire risk, and as such, there is only one Forestry spectator stage (details of which can be found elsewhere in this programme.) We must emphasise therefore, that spectators will NOT be permitted access to any other forest, and if they attempt to gain such access, the entire rally could be stopped. We trust that spectators will comply with our wishes in order that the enjoyment of the majority will not be spoilt by the selfishness of the few.

Please follow the "Do's and Dont's" which have been formulated for the safety and enjoyment of everyone involved. We trust that you have an enjoyable day, and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Organising Committee.

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| Ray Barlow. | Phillip Lloyd. |
| David Cozens. | Stuart Pocock. |
| Wilf Davies. | Linda Pritchard. |
| Alan Jones. | Christine Smith. |
| Norman Jones. | Jim Mackay. |
| David Stephenson (Clerk of the Course). | |

Stewards.

Appointed by the R.A.C. - C.B.F. Belton Esq.
" " W.S.S.C.C. - Ross Giles.
" " - John Davenport.

Judges of Fact.

K. Ashley.
P. Griffiths.
G. Mohr.
T. Romanis.

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS.

FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER.

18.30 to 22.30 hrs.

Scrutineering and signing-on.
Rally films will be shown and interviews will
take place during scrutineering in the
vicinity of Meirion Motors showroom.

S/TURDAY 16th OCTOBER.

08.00 to 11.00 hrs.

START. Park Avenue, Aberystwyth.

11.00 to 15.01 hrs.

LUNCH HALT. Municipal Car Park, Machynlleth.

12.30 to 15.30 hrs.

First Spectator Stage.

16.00 to 19.00 hrs.

Second Spectator Stage. (used twice).

17.00 to 20.00 hrs.

FINISH. Park Avenue, Aberystwyth.

22.30 hrs (approx).

AWARD PRESENTATION - Kings Hall, Aberystwyth.

DETAILS OF SPECTATOR STAGES.

Forest Stage 1: Approach Aberangell Forest Lodge from the A 470 (T) via.
124/8480952 and 124/846099. Park as directed by Marshalls and
Forestry Commission Personnel. First Car due 12.30 hrs.

Tarmac Stage 2: Approach Nant-y-Moch dam from A 44 (T) Ponterwyd via.
135/7518111. Free spectator parking off moountain road at
135/763864. Entrance to stage at 135/7591863. First car due
at 16.00 hrs. Please be in position to avoid congestion and
delay by 15.30 hrs. DO NOT approach from Talybont under any
circumstances as you will be going against rally
traffic. This stage is being run twice in immediate
succession, so you will have the opportunity of seeing all
the competing cars twice.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

We are grateful to the following without whose assistance and co-operation, the rally
could not possibly take place.

Aberystwyth & District Motor Club.

Department of the Environment.

Aberystwyth & District Tourist Association.

Dyfed Powys Constabulary.

Aberystwyth Town Council.

Forestry Commission.

Alistair Ward(Senfield Property Limited).

Hydrological Institute.

All Competitors.

Ideal Foods Limited, Aberystwyth.

All Householders along the route.

Linda Pritchard.

All Landowners along the route.

Meirion Motors Limited, Aberystwyth.

All Marshalls and Officials.

Mid Wales Tourism Council.

Andrews Heat for Hire.

Montgomery District Council.

Autosport Magazine.

Nigel Pugh-Jones.

Belle Vue Royal Hotel.

R.A.C. Motor Sport Division.

Caprice Restaurant, Aberystwyth.

Townspeople & Residents of Aberystwyth.

Castrol Competitions Department.

Tynemouth & DMC Computer Results Service.

Central Electricity Generating Board.

Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Machynlleth.

Ceredigion District Council.

To anyone we have forgotten - sorry

DO'S and DON'TS.

Many of you will be familiar with rally spectating and all that it entails. But even so **we** especially ask you to observe a number of considerations whilst out on the event. This is not only for your own benefit, but also for the benefit of the competitors themselves.

DO obey instructions from Marshalls - theirs is a thankless task, and they have been instructed to stop stages in the event of misbehaviour or a lack of co-operation from over-enthusiastic spectators.

DO remember that Rally Cars can and do travel VERY FAST.

DO use spectator car parks and park sensibly.

DO enjoy an excellent days viewing - the entry guarantees some very competitive motoring.

DON'T try and visit any non-spectator stages. There will be no parking facilities and you will not be allowed onto the stage. The two stages available for spectators offer good vantage points and we have been specifically requested by the authorities to prevent spectating on alternative stages.

DON'T smoke on stages - even with the recent wet weather we have had, there is still a high fire risk.

DON'T drive as *if* you are on a stage - consider the local inhabitants and behave accordingly. DON'T damage property - and

DON'T leave litter.

DON'T stand on the outside of corners.

DON'T stand in the vicinity of start or finish areas of stages.

DON'T obscure any arrows or signs from drivers vision.

DON'T park on verges - the police will be booking offenders for obstruction.

DON'T take pets onto special stages, and ensure that children are kept under control and in a safe place.

NOTICE.
WARNING TO THE PUBLIC
MOTOR SPORT IS
DANGEROUS

"It is a condition of admission that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/ or organisation and/or conduct of the meeting, including the owners of the land and the drivers and owners of the vehicles and passengers in the vehicles, are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents causing damage or personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise) however caused to spectators or ticket holders."

RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

This year's Aberystwyth Castrol "76" National Rally is the penultimate round of both the Castrol/Autosport Rally Championship and the Motor R.A.0 Rally Championship. These two championships are the two most closeley contested in the country, and indeed the Motor R.A.0 Championship has become one of the toughest National Rally Championships in the world. This situation has been partly brought about by the appearance of a number of Scandinavian drivers this year, and although Ari Vatanen has now managed to pull clear of his rivals at the top, the battle for overall honours is still very much on. The situation in the Castrol/Autosport Championship is even more intense with both David Stokes and Tony Drummond neck and neck for the lead. Virtually all the leading contenders for both Championships are entered in the Aberystwyth Castrol "76", and all will be striving to gain as many points as possible. A fierce day's competition is therefore assured. Leading positions in the championships prior to the Aberystwyth Castrol "76" are as follows:-

Motor R.A.C. Rally Championship.

| <u>Overall.</u> | | <u>Group One.</u> | |
|------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Ari Vatanen. | 83 points. | 1. Jimmy McRae. | 74 points |
| Russell Brookes. | 63 " | 2. Robin Eyre-Maunsell. | 70 " |
| Roger Clark. | 62 " | 3. Pat Ryan. | 44 " |
| Pentti Arikkala. | 39 " | 4. Henry Inurrieta. | 42 " |
| Tony Drummond. | 34 " | 5. Gavin Waugh. | 38 " |

Castrol/Autosport Rally Championship.

| <u>Overall.</u> | | <u>Group One.</u> | |
|-----------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| David Stokes. | 92 points. | 1. Chris Lord. | 73 points. |
| Tony Drummond. | 85 " | 2. Henry Inurrieta. | 66 " |
| George Hill. | 64 " | 3. Chris Field. | 64 " |
| Paul Faulkner. | 53 " | 4. David Hardcastle. | 63 " |
| Richard Iliffe. | 49 " | 5. Bernard Banning. | 48 " |

AWARDS.

This year we have introduced a flat rate award system in order that more people have an opportunity of recouping their entry fee. Awards will be presented as follows:-

To the first 15 in overall classification. - £45. each.

To the first in each class. - £45. "

To the second in each class. - £20. "

To the best performance by a Lady driver. - £25. "

To the best performance by a Driver who is a member of Aberystwyth & D.M.C. - £45.

To the best performance by an all Wolverhampton & S.S.C.C. crew. - £45.

To the best performance by a Driver competing in his first National Rally - A framed colour photograph (value £55) presented by Messrs: Foster and Skeffington Limited.

To the best performance by a Driver who in the opinion of the Organisers, sets the most meritorious performance during the Rally - The Caprice Plaque plus £45 presented by Mr. Alan Evans of The Caprice Restaurant. irrespective of finishing position.

To the best performance by a team of 3 cars- £30.