

FOREWORD

The latest press comment that we read described last year's 'Aberystwyth Castrol' rally as "legendary". This year we see no reason to change the format and the rally will once again start and finish in the town of Aberystwyth, where we are assured of a warm and friendly reception. The 200 mile route contains about 10 special stages, giving a total stage mileage of almost 100 miles. The emphasis will therefore once again, be on long smooth forest stages with servicing very strictly controlled so that it will be necessary to enter a car which is capable of completing at least 36 miles of stages without major attention.

Every year we apologise for the increase in the entry fee; this year is no exception and is due to the unprecedented increase in forestry charges. With the clubman very much in mind we have attempted to keep the increase to a minimum and to spread the cash awards as far as possible down the field. Indeed at least 22 entrants will recover their full entry fee. We have introduced a flat rate cash award which enables us to reduce the entry fee by almost £5.00, and we believe that this economy will be appreciated by the majority of entrants upon whom we, the organisers, rely if the rally is to be a success.

This year we are very happy to welcome the RAC Rally Championship contenders to the 'Aberystwyth Castrol'. We trust that you will enjoy the rally and perhaps be disappointed to have missed the previous year's events.

In conclusion the thanks of the organising team go out to all our friends in Wales and England without whose support and assistance we certainly would not be able to put the event on. In particular to Castrol Competitions Dept and the Foresters we are doubly indebted.

Special thanks must also go to everyone in Aberystwyth, particularly the members of Aberystwyth & D.M.C.

We look forward to meeting you all in Aberystwyth in October, and trust that you will enjoy The Aberystwyth Castrol '76' National Rally.

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Wolverhampton and South Staffs Car Club Ltd.
ABERYSTWYTH CASTROL '76' NATIONAL RALLY
Additional Supplementary Regulations

1. STATUS

The Wolverhampton and South Staffs Car Club Ltd., will promote a National Rally on Saturday 16th October 1976. The rally is sponsored by Castrol Ltd., and is a qualifying round of the Motor RAC Rally Championship, the Castrol-Autosport Rally Championship and the Chequered Flag Welsh Stages Championship.

2. JURISDICTION

The event will be governed by the General Competition Rules of the RAC (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these ASR's and any written instructions the promoting club may issue for the event.

3. PERMIT/AUTHORISATION

RAC Permit No: RAL 1610/3
DOE Authorisation No: T.B.A.

4. ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to all competitors holding an RAC licence valid for the event. Intending competitors are reminded that when an entry is made in the name of a commercial firm or sponsor, that firm or sponsor must hold an RAC Entrants Licence and that this licence must be produced when other licences are examined. Drivers are not required to drive more than 200 miles continuously on this event and therefore co-drivers who hold either a Navigator/Passenger Licence or a Restricted Grade Drivers Licence are eligible. However co-drivers are reminded that unless they hold either a National or International Drivers Licence, they are not eligible to drive the competing car during the event.

5. START AND FINISH

The event will start and finish in Aberystwyth. Rally Headquarters will be at the Belle Vue Royal Hotel, Marine Terrace, Aberystwyth. The total mileage will be approximately 200 miles on public and private roads. The event will contain special stages on private property with a mileage of approximately 100 miles. These stages will be timed to an accuracy of less than one minute by timekeepers holding a grade of RAC Timekeeping Appointment appropriate to the type of timing equipment being used. There will be a Rest Halt after approximately 80 miles. Cars will start at one minute intervals; the first car will start at 08.00 hours and finish at approximately 17.30 hours.

6. ROUTE

The route will be defined by six figure map references and by a 'Tulip' Road Book. Map nos. 124, 135 and 136, 1:50,000 Series will be required.

7. CLASSES The event will consist of five classes as follows:-

- Class 1.....Group 1 upto and including 1600 cc.
Class 2..... Group 1 over 1600 cc.
Class 3..... All other cars upto and including 1300 cc.
Class 4..... All other cars over 1300 cc. upto and including 1600 cc.
Class 5..... All other cars over 1600 cc.

The minimum number of cars in each class will be 10 and if this number is not reached the organisers reserve the right to merge classes as they deem fit.

8. AWARDS

- a) General Classification 1st Driver, £45 and the James L. Martin Challenge Trophy.

1st Co-driver, the E.L. Bouts Challenge Trophy

2nd	Driver,	£45
3rd	Driver,	£45
4th	Driver,	£45
5th	Driver,	£45
6th	Driver,	£45
7th	Driver,	£45
8th	Driver,	£45
9th	Driver,	£45
10th	Driver,	£45
11th	Driver,	£45
12th	Driver,	£45
13th	Driver,	£45
14th	Driver,	£45
15th	Driver,	£45

- b) Class Awards

1st in each Class, £45

2nd in each Class, £20

Winners of General Classification Awards will not be eligible for Class Awards.

- c) Other Awards

To the Driver and navigator of the highest placed Group 1 car in General Classification, the Tony Lloyd-Davies Challenge Trophy and the G.J.B. Thorne Trophy respectively.

To the best performance by an all W. & S.S.C.C. Crew, £45 and the S.W. Fletcher Trophy for the driver and the Ron Moore Trophy for the co-driver. To the best performance by a first named driver who is a member of Aberystwyth & D.M.C, £45.

To be eligible for the above two awards, competitors must be paid up members of the respective clubs at the time of the rally and to have been club members continuously since 1st June 1976. Club membership cards will be examined at signing on.

To the best performance by a lady driver (subject to a minimum of three starters) £25 and the Express & Star Ladies Rose Bowl.

Co-driver to above — an award.

To the best performance by a 1st named driver competing in his first National Rally, £25. Winners of General Classification Awards will not be eligible for this award.

d) To the team of 3 cars with the lowest aggregate of penalty marks, £30. Team entries at £1 per car (£3 per team) will be accepted at signing on.

e) Kleber Awards

To the three highest placed drivers in General Classification, using Kleber tyres £25, £20, £15 respectively. Competitors must sign at the Kleber Service Van before the Start of the Rally in order to be eligible for these awards.

Note: All trophies remain the property of the club and must be returned when requested.

9. ENTRIES

The maximum number of entries for the event is 180. The organisers reserve the right to cancel the event if less than 100 entries are received. The entry list will open with the publication of these ASR's and will close at the standard entry fee on Monday 20th September. Late entries, subject to an additional fee will be accepted up to Monday 4th October. Written acceptance of the first 150 entries received will be sent, but all other entries will be acknowledged but not accepted until after the final closing date for entries. Should the total number of entries exceed 180, the organisers reserve the right to select at their discretion 180 starters plus 30 reserves taking into account the 150 entries which will have already been accepted. Details of competitors starting numbers, together with final instructions, will be sent out during the week prior to the event.

All entries must be made on the official entry form, accompanied by the entry fee and should be sent to the Secretary of the meeting at the address given below:

D. L. Cozens

Flat 11, West Lodge,
76, Tettenhall Road,
28367 Wolverhampton.

Telephone No:

Home — Wolverhampton 20716
Business Wolverhampton

Entry fees are as follows:—

Up to and including Monday 20th September, £45
Between 21st September and Monday 4th October,£55
Team Entries (these will be accepted upto 08.00 hrs. 16th October), £1 per car.

Entrants in the Castrol-Autosport Rally Championship and in the Chequered Flag Welsh Stages Championship will be required to indicate this on the entry form.

In order to ensure as far as possible that the full 180 cars start the event the following conditions will apply:

Entries withdrawn up to and including Thursday 7th October will have their entry fee refunded, less £5 to cover administrative costs. Entries withdrawn up to and including Tuesday 12th October will have their entry fee refunded less £10 to cover costs.

Entries withdrawn thereafter or competitors who fail to sign on by their allotted time will forfeit the whole entry fee at the discretion of the organisers.

These conditions will also apply to reserves. Reserves who pass the scrutineer and sign on but who are unable to start because of insufficient vacant places will have the whole of their entry fee refunded and in addition will receive an ex-gratia payment of £10 to cover their out of pocket expenses.

10. OFFICIALS

RAC StewardC.B.F. Belton, Esq.,
Club Stewards Ross Giles and Martin Clark
Secretary of the Meeting	... David Cozens, Flat 11, West Lodge, 76, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton. Tel. No. W'ton 20716 (home) W'ton 28367 (business)
Assistant Secretaries of the Meeting	...Christine Smith Tel. No. Sedgley 4046 (home) Linda Pritchard Tel. No. W'ton 28367 (business)
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Chief Marshall	...Ray Barlow 29, Bankside Crescent, Streetly, West Midlands. B74 2HZ. Tel. No. 021-353-6474 (home) 021-472-8209 (business)
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Results Manager...	...Wilf Davies
RAC Timekeeper	...Ken Dudley
RAC Scrutineers	...Fred Southall and Geoff Ward
Rally Co-ordinator in Aberystwyth	...Alan Jones Tel. No. Aberystwyth 4841 (business)

11. RESULTS

Provisional results will be published in Aberystwyth as soon as possible after the event. Protests must be made in accordance with SSR P47(a). Printed results sheets will be available to all competitors in Aberystwyth after the event. SSR P46 will therefore apply. The published results will include the class position of each competitor regardless of the position in general classification.

12. PENALTIES

All SSR's of the RAC will apply as written with the exception of S66, 67 and 68 which are modified to the following:—

S66(i).....	Over 30 minutes late at a Main Control	Exclusion
S66(ii)	For every second taken on a Special Stage. (Competitors taking less than the target time will be penalised with the target time).	1 Mark
S66(iii)	Maximum penalty on any one Special Stage.	1800 Marks
S66(iv)	Failure to attempt a Special Stage.	1800 Marks
S66(v)	For each minute early at a Time Control.	60 Marks
S66(vi)	Smoking on Forestry Commission land.	Exclusion
S66(vii)	Causing an obstruction on an access road to a Special Stage.	Exclusion
S66(viii)	Failure to wear a crash helmet and seat belts on a Special Stage.	Exclusion
S66(ix)	Traversing a Special Stage in the reverse direction to the rally route.	Exclusion
S66(x)	Leaving a Main Control late.	60 Marks/min.
S66(xi)	Servicing contrary to ASR 21.	Exclusion
S66(xii)	Failure to report at a Passage Control.	1000 Marks
S66(xi ii)	Excessive exhaust noise	Exclusion
S66(xiv)	Refusing to allow a search for pace notes.	Exclusion
S66(xv)	Failure to comply with a requirement of the Road Book or these Regulations for which no other penalty is specified.	1800 Marks
S67.....	To be classified as a finisher a competitor must report to all Main Controls within 30 minutes of scheduled time and must attempt at least half of the Special Stages.	
S68.....	Ties will be decided by reference to times on the first Special Stage and if this does not resolve the tie, by reference to the time on the second Special Stage and so on.	

13. SCRUTINEERING AND SIGNING ON

Exact details of scrutineering will be given in the Final Instructions but will take place on Friday the 15th October between 18.30 hours and 22.00 hours and on Saturday the 20th October from 07.00 hours. At scrutineering cars will be examined for compliance with tyre and vehicle safety regulations as well as for class eligibility. Each entrant will be assumed to have full knowledge of the car and its eligibility for the class entered. Homologation forms must be provided for all Group 1 cars. All cars must be fitted with a substantial roll cage and carry a fire extinguisher of at least 1 kg capacity. Crash helmets will be examined for compliance with current regulations (SSR 014). Competitors must have been scrutineered and have signed on at least 1 hour before their scheduled starting time otherwise they will be deemed to be non-starters and their number will be allocated to a reserve.

14. INSTRUCTIONS

Full details of the route including details of the Special Stages will be issued to competitors when they sign on. These documents will contain all information necessary to enable competitors to comply with SSR S36.

15. IDENTIFICATION

Competitors will be issued with rally plates to be fixed to the front and rear of the car. In addition, competitors must display regulation size numbers,

black on a white background (BB 1 (t)), on both sides of the car. Competitors are reminded that these numbers must be removed or covered completely after the event or upon retirement (S 13).

Competitors will be required to carry advertising decals issued by the organisers on behalf of the sponsors. Regulation size numbers will be on sale at the start and must be fixed before scrutineering except in the case of reserves.

16. ORDER OF STARTING

This will be at the organisers discretion, based upon competitors previous results as stated on the entry form. Once the entry list has been published, no communication will be entered into regarding it. In the event of entries being withdrawn, reserves will be notified as soon as possible and the organisers reserve the right to reseed as they deem fit.

17. CONTROLS

a) Main Controls
There will be Main Controls at which 30 minutes penalty free lateness is allowed. Competitors will not be allowed to book out of a Main Control before their due time of departure. All lateness must be absorbed at the Lunch Halt.

b) Time Controls
Time Controls will be established immediately prior to the start of each Special Stage. There will be a penalty for early arrival at these Time Controls but no lateness penalty. Competitors who are early may wait for their correct time but attention is drawn to the penalty for obstruction (ASR 12 (vii)). Marshalls will be instructed on the required action.

c) Passage Controls

These will be set up to act as Time Card collection points.

d) Other Controls

Special Stage Starts and Finishes are deemed to be Controls. Checks will be set up in accordance with SSR S34(b).

18. SPECIAL STAGES

e) At the start of Special Stages, cars will be set off at either one minute or thirty second intervals, according to details in the Road Book. A countdown will be given. A flying finish will be used at the end of the Special Stages. Timing will be to the second using either split-action chronometers or digital display watches. Marshalls check sheets will be referred to in the event of any dispute or query arising about a competitors times. Special Stages will be arrowed and the route on a Special Stage is mandatory.

19. DELAY ALLOWANCES

f) Where the time interval between the time of booking in at Time Control prior to the start of a Special Stage and the time of starting the Special Stage exceeds 5 minutes, a delay allowance will be granted equal to the time interval. All delay allowances will be absorbed at the Lunch Halt.

20. PACE NOTES

The possession of pace notes by any competitor during the course of the

rally whether or not they relate to stages being used in the rally is not allowed. The organisers may set up checks at certain controls and a proportion of competitors and competing cars will be searched. The penalty for being found in possession of pace notes or refusing to allow a search for these to be made is Exclusion. At these checks the organisers request the co-operation of all competitors in order to reduce any delay.

21. SERVICING

Servicing is defined as work being carried out on the car by any person other than the competing crew, or the use of any parts or tools not carried in the competing car with the following exceptions:— (i) A commercial garage not connected with any entrant on the rally, (ii) The RAC or the AA. There will be special areas at strategic points defined as 'Service Areas' and some of these will only be accessible to competitors and to service vehicles bearing an official service plate. Certain areas will be defined as 'No Service Areas'. In these areas servicing is not permitted and the parking of a service vehicle and/or the setting up of equipment in these areas will be deemed to be servicing. Crews may however work unassisted on their own cars in 'No Service Areas' except (i) within 100 metres of any Control, (ii) between the Time Control before a Special Stage and the Special Stage Start and (iii) in any Parc Ferme; the only work permitted in these areas is to carry out the following work unassisted, (a) replace a wheel with a flat tyre for another wheel and tyre carried in the competing car, (b) clean lamp glasses, windscreen and windows. In addition other areas will be declared as 'Out-of-Bounds to Service Vehicles'. If a service vehicle is observed in an 'Out-of-Bounds to Service Vehicles' area the associated competing car will be Excluded. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their service vehicles understand and comply with this ASR and that at all times the service vehicle bears an official service plate showing the competitors rally number. The cost of one service pack, containing details of the route to be followed by service vehicles, 'Service Areas', 'No Service Areas', areas which are 'Out-of-Bounds to Service Vehicles', and a service plate is included in the entry fee. Additional service packs may be obtained for the sum of £5. The service packs will be issued at signing on, or alternatively may be obtained by post from the Secretary of the Meeting during the week prior to the rally for the sum of 50p. This regulation will be strictly applied and judges of fact, who will be named in the Final Instructions, will be appointed specifically for the purpose of reporting any infringements.

22. NOISE CONTROLS

Noise Controls will be manned by judges of fact who will have the authority to exclude on first or subsequent reports any competitor considered to be making an excessive noise.

23. INSURANCES

As many insurance policies no longer give cover for competition, Messrs. C.T. Bowring (London) Ltd., subject to an acceptable proposal, will give third party and passenger liability cover for the event, at a cost of £10. Entrants not already enrolled in the scheme and wishing to avail themselves

of this offer must apply with their entry for a proposal form and should note that this must be returned fully completed to the Secretary of the Meeting not less than 21 days before the event, i.e. 25th September, 1976. All correspondence regarding this cover must be undertaken with the club, as the brokers cannot deal direct with individual applicants either by letter or telephone. Entrants should note that A.N.C. letters of acceptance are no longer valid. A new proposal form must be completed to obtain an R.D.S. reference number.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL ENTRANTS WISHING TO EFFECT THIS
INSURANCE COVER SHOULD COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE
TIME —TABLE INDICATED.**

24. DAMAGE DECLARATION

Competitors will be required to complete and sign a report declaring that they have not been involved in any incident resulting in damage to private property or injury to persons or animals or alternatively giving details of any such incident where damage or injury has occurred. Any information given will not incur a penalty but failure to hand in a duly completed form will be penalised by exclusion. Competitors who do not report at the finish are required to forward the report to the Secretary within seven days of the event.