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NATIONAL RALLY



FORWARD

This years Castrol Rally will once again be based upon the friendly seaside resort of Aberystwyth and will use the fabulous smooth mid-Wales forest stages. The format of the rally will remain basically as in previous years with the accent very much on long stages. The number of stages will be reduced this year but the total stage mileage will be increased. As you would expect the road mileage will be less than the stage mileage.

Thanks to the very generous support of Castrol, the traders of Aberystwyth and Senfield Property we are able to extend the awards list so that not only will the first ten overall receive cash awards of £60 each but the same value of cash will also be awarded to the first ten private entrants and to the winners of the six classes, i.e. nearly £2000 in cash awards, better than some International rallies.

For the past four years the Castrol has been over subscribed and since the first 140 entries received are assured of acceptance we recommend that your entry is submitted as soon as possible.

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1. STATUS

The Wolverhampton and South Staffs Car Club Ltd., will promote a National Rally on Saturday, 15th October, 1977. 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 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 1510/2
DOE Authorisation No.: TBA

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 a National Rally Co-Drivers Licence may be entered.

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 08.30 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 six classes as follows:-

Class 1	Group 1 cars up to and including 1300cc
Class 2	Group 1 cars over 1300cc up to 1600cc
Class 3	Group 1 cars over 1600cc
Class 4	All other cars up to and including 1300cc
Class 5	All other cars over 1300cc up to and including 1600cc
Class 6	All other cars over 1600cc

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, £60 presented by Meirion Motors Ltd. and the James L. Martin Challenge Trophy
- 1st Co-Driver, the E.L. Bouts Challenge Trophy
- 2nd Driver, £60 presented by the Belle Vue Royal Hotel, Aberystwyth
- 3rd Driver, £60
- 4th Driver, £60
- 5th Driver, £60
- 6th Driver, £60
- 7th Driver, £60
- 8th Driver, £60
- 9th Driver, £60
- 10th Driver, £60

b) Private Entrants

- 1st Private Entrant £60 presented by Meirion Motors Ltd.
- 2nd Private Entrant, £60
- 3rd Private Entrant, £60
- 4th Private Entrant, £60
- 5th Private Entrant, £60
- 6th Private Entrant, £60
- 7th Private Entrant, £60
- 8th Private Entrant, £60
- 9th Private Entrant, £60
- 10th Private Entrant, £60

Note

Private Entrants who finish in the first 10 overall will not be eligible for the Private Entrants award, but the award will be presented to the next highest placed Private Entrant.

A Private Entrant is one whose entry is made in the First Driver's name and presents his car at Scrutineering with no advert contravening P34 (c) (temporarily obscuring decals or lettering larger than permitted will not be accepted).

c) Class Awards

1st in each class, £60

2nd in each class, £30

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

d) Other Awards

To the Driver and Co-Driver 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. Ltd. Crew, £60 presented by Senfield Property Ltd. and the S.W. Fletcher Trophy for the Driver and the Ron Moore Trophy for the Co-Driver.

To the best performance by an all Aberystwyth and District Motor Club Crew, the "Cambrian Award," £60 presented by Cambrian Tyres and Cambrian News.

Note

To be eligible for the above two awards, competitors must be paid up members of the respective clubs at the time of the event and to have been club members continuously since 1st May, 1977. Club membership cards will be inspected at signing on. Winners of General Classification Awards and Private Entrants Awards will not be eligible for the above two awards.

To the best performance by a lady driver (subject to a minimum of three starters) £60 and the Express and Star Rose Bowl.

Co-Driver to the above an award.

To the best performance by a 1st named Driver competing in his first National Rally, £35 - presented by the Aberystwyth and District Tourist Association. (Winners of General Classification and Private Entrants Awards will not be eligible for this award).

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.)

"Caprice - Four Seasons Award," £60 to the 'Man-of-the-rally', presented by the Caprice Restaurant and the Four Seasons Hotel.

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, 19th September. Late entries, subject to an additional fee will be accepted up to Monday, 3rd October. Written acceptance of the first 140 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 140 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 Entries Secretary at the address given below:-

Mrs. Christine Chick,
12 Brooklands Road,
Albrighton,
Nr. Wolverhampton,
WV7 3DW.
Home Telephone No. - Albrighton 3281

Entry fees are as follows:-

Up to and including Monday, 19th September	£60
Between 20th September and Monday, 3rd October,	£70
Team entries (these will be accepted up to 08.00 hrs. 15th October),	£1 per car.

Dependant upon any increase in Forestry Commission Charges it may be necessary to levy an additional entry supplement. If applicable it will be collected at signing on but will be publicised in advance if possible (P 18).

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

Entrants are required to indicate their eligibility for the various awards 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, 6th October will have their entry fee refunded, less £5 to cover administrative costs. Entries withdrawn up to and including Tuesday, 11th 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 Steward Club Stewards Secretary of the Meeting	P.A.G. Forster. Martin Clark, Bryn Davies. Windsor Evans, Alverley, Greenfield Avenue, Stourbridge, West Midlands. Tel. Nos. Stourbridge 75250 (Home) 021-526-3199 (Business)
Entries Secretary	Mrs. Christine Chick, 12 Brooklands Road, Albrighton, Nr. Wolverhampton, WV7 3DW. Tel. No. Albrighton 3281 (Home)
Clerk of the Course Assistant Clerks of the Course	David Stephenson, Jim Mackay, Norman Jones, Jim Gibbs, Phillip Lloyd, 56 Chantry Heath Crescent, Knowle, Solihull. Tel. No. Knowle 6357 (Home) 021-327-6561 (Business)
Chief Marshal	
Assistant Chief Marshal Press Officer	Mike Wood, Robert Whale, 551 Chester Road South, Kidderminster, DY10 1XH. Tel. No. 0562 4312 (Home)
Results Manager RAC Timekeeper RAC Scrutineers Rally Co-ordinator in Aberystwyth	Wilf Davies, Ken Dudley Fred Southall and Geoff Ward, Alan Jones.

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 second –
S66(iii)	Maximum penalty on any one Special Stage	– will be twice the target time set for that stage.
S66(iv)	Failure to attempt a Special Stage	– Maximum for that stage.
S66(v)	For each minute early at a Time Control.	– 1 minute
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.	– 1 minute/min.
S66(xi)	Servicing contrary to ASR.21.	– Exclusion
S66(xii)	Failure to report at a Passage Control.	– 30 minutes.
S66(xiii)	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.	– Exclusion
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 14th October between 18.30 hours and 22.00 hours and by prior appointment on Saturday the 16th 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 5 kg. capacity of BCF or BTM in not more than 2 units. Crash helmets will be examined for compliance with current regulations (SSR Q14). 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. Cars scrutineered on Friday evening will be placed in parc ferme overnight.

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 and side plates to be fixed over the competition numbers. 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 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)). Marshals 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

At the start of Special Stages, cars will be set off at one minute intervals. A 10 sec. and 5 sec. warning will be given and a flag lifted from the drivers field of view will be the starting signal. 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. Marshals check sheets will be referred to in the event of any dispute or query arising about a competitors times.

19. DELAY ALLOWANCES

Where the time interval between the time of booking in at a 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 in whatever form 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. There will be a service area at a strategic point where work may be carried out by the Service Crew of the competing car, this will only be accessible to competitors and to service vehicles bearing an official Service Plate. No other areas may be used by service vehicles, who will be expected to follow a prescribed route to the Service Area. All other areas will be 'Out-of-Bounds to Service Crews & Vehicles'. If a Service Vehicle is observed in an 'Out-of-Bounds to Service Crews & Vehicles' area the associated competing car will be excluded. 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. 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, the Service Area, 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 for the sum

£1. 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. 24th September, 1977. All correspondence regarding this cover must be undertaken with the club, as the brokers cannot deal direct with individual applications 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.