

**T H E
WOLVERHAMPTON AND SOUTH STAFFS.
CAR CLUB LTD.**

**CASTROL—EXPRESS & STAR RALLY
(NATIONAL BRITISH)**

ON

20th/21st SEPTEMBER, 1968

A qualifying event for

R.A.C. BRITISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

**BRITISH TRIALS AND RALLY DRIVERS'
RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**

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1959—Bill Bengry/Peter Roberts

1960—Tom Gold/Stuart Turner

1961—Brian Harper/Ron Crellin

1962—Pat Moss/David Stone

1963—Tony Fisher/Brian Melia 1964—

Reg McBride/Don Barrow 1965—David

Friswell/Richard Binns 1966—Malcolm

Gibbs/Randal Morgan 1967—Tony

Chappell/Hywel Thomas

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FRIDAY/SATURDAY, 20th/21st SEPTEMBER, 1968

1965 As an example of how to run a National Rally, with its associated standards of documentation, routing and presentation, the Express & Star takes some beating

—*Autosport*

1966 The National Express & Star Rally of the W.S.S.C.C. deserves acclaim as a truly magnificent event

—*Motoring News*

1967 If ever I were to think of buying a ten-year Season Ticket for a rally, the "Star" would be my choice, as it would many others I feel sure

—*Verglas, Motoring News*

1968 ? ? ?

Best of luck,

RICHARD J. HARPER

OFFICIALS

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REGULATIONS

A.—INTRODUCTION

- 1.—The Castrol—Express & Star Rally is a National British Competition, organised and promoted by the Wolverhampton & South Staffs. Car Club Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the organisers), and will take place on the 20th/21st September, 1968, over a varied course of approximately 400 miles. The competition is held under the General Competition Rules and Standing Supplementary Regulations of the R.A.C. and these Additional Supplementary Regulations.
- 2.—The Rally will start at 21.00 hours from Shrewsbury Smithfield, M.R. 118/512157, where route details, scrutineering of vehicles and helmets, competition licences and all relevant documents will take place from 17.00 hours on 20th September. Other facilities, such as petrol and refreshments, etc., will be available at the area.
The finish will be at the LION HOTEL, SHREWSBURY, in the early evening of 21st September, 1968 (see Trust House advert.).

B.—ELIGIBILITY and CLASSES

- 3.—The Rally is open to all drivers holding an International or National Competition Licence (1968) and valid for the event. This licence must be produced at the start of the event with Rally endorsements cancelled. The entry will be divided into TWO qualification classes—EXPERT and NON-EXPERT (G12). All cars to comply with appendix J (1968) of the International Sporting Code, and will be divided into categories as follows :

CATEGORY A: Groups I, II, III or IV of Appendix J.

CATEGORY B: Groups V and VI of Appendix J. and into Classes as follows:

CATEGORY A : Groups I, II, III or IV—

Class 1: Capacity up to 900 cc.

Class 2: Capacity from 901 to 1150 cc.

Class 3: Capacity from 1151 to 1300 cc.

Class 4: Capacity from 1301 to 1600 cc.

Class 5: Capacity over 1600 cc.

CATEGORY B: Groups V and VI—

Class 6: Cars with any cc. capacity.

Sump guards or other underbody protection devices will be allowed.

The Organisers reserve the right to merge classes where the entry for a class falls below seven cars.

CHAINS AND STUDS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. ROOF LIGHTS WILL NOT **BE** ALLOWED.

Crash helmets, which must be worn and scrutinised, must conform with required B.S. Numbers.

C.—ENTRIES

- 4.—Entries will be limited to 120 and will be accepted from the date of publication of these regulations. The entry list will close on Monday, 9th September, 1968. Late entries will be accepted only at the Organisers' discretion. Seeding will cover the first 40 cars, and thereafter starting order will be in the order entries are received. The entry fee is £7/7/-, and team entry is £1. Competitors may be members of more than one team. Team entries will be accepted either with entry or at the start.
Entries are to be sent to the Entries Secretary. They will be acknowledged.

Should a change in any detail on an entry form take place (i.e. car, driver, navigator, class, etc.) the entrant will be required to complete an "alteration form". Responsibility for doing this before the start of the competition lies with the entrant, otherwise eligibility for awards may be discounted. "Alteration Forms" will be available from the Entries Secretary and at the registration desk at Rally Headquarters.

D.—DESCRIPTION

5.—The Castrol—Express & Star Rally, 1968, will cover a route of approximately 400 miles, using O.S. Maps 116, 117, 118, 127 and 128, 7th Series. The route will be described by map reference, and "tulip" diagram. The route will include:

(a) A night section of 200 miles, incorporating short section time controls and several special sections.

(b) A daylight section of 200 miles, incorporating 18 special sections within a road section of low average speed.

(a) These two main sections will be divided by a halt of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Provision will be made here for BREAKFAST, REPAIRS, FUEL, etc., etc. Competitors must absorb any lateness at this halt.

E.—TIMING and CONTROL of the RALLY

6.—Timing will in all cases be taken from Marshals' clocks.

Road Books will be issued at the Rally start area after scrutiny and registration is completed. Any additional instructions issued at this time or during the competition will bear the same force as these A.S.R.'s. Route Cards will give full details of the route, including details of all Controls, Passage Controls, and the Start and Finish Controls of Special Sections by means of map references and tulip roadbook. The onus of finding the shortest route on all but Special Sections on private ground rests with the competitor. On Special Sections on private ground the correct route will be arrowed and Caution notices where appropriate will be placed. Competitors must cover the tinerary as prescribed, visiting all controls and checks in the order given.

Distances given in the route card are the official distances and will be deemed correct. Where directions of approach are specified they must be observed in order to avoid penalty.

7.—Timing at Main Controls and Time Controls will be to the previous whole minute. Timing on Special Sections will be to the previous whole second. Timing at Passage Controls will be to the previous whole minute (unpenalised).

A fixed target time for Special Sections will be indicated in the Road Book.

8.—"Targa" timing will be used at NIGHT SECTION, TIME and PASSAGE CONTROLS. At these Controls the Marshal will hand to each competitor a card showing his time of arrival. Control clocks will be set back in such a way that competing cars, running on time, will show the same time at each control, i.e. No. 35 will be scheduled at each control at 00.35 and No. 72 will be scheduled at 01.12. Competitors may wait for a later time than that offered. "Targa" cards will be collected at periodic intervals.

TIMING OF SPECIAL SECTIONS both during the Night and Day periods will be as follows: Competitors will present themselves at the start of each Special Section, as defined in the road book, and

will be deemed then ready to start. The Marshal will hand to the competitor a CARD showing his start time. In each case this will allow sufficient time to enable a count down to be made. On completion of the Special Section, after passing a FLYING FINISH board and coming to the STOP control board, the competitor will HAND TO THE MARSHALL THE SAME CARD, who will endorse the appropriate finish time thereon. CHECK SHEETS will be maintained by the Control Marshal. Please note A.S.R. F (j).

On Special Sections, clocks will again be set back, one from the other, so that to remain unpenalised a competitor would have an equal or earlier time endorsed at the finish, compared with the start.

At SPECIAL SECTION START CONTROLS no road penalty will be imposed, but, in order to calculate their times of opening and closing, the Standard Times of these controls will appear in the Road Book Competitors may start them as they arrive.

The route on Special Sections off the public highway will be indicated by direction arrows.

A scheduled STANDARD departure time from MAIN CONTROLS will be indicated in the Road Book. There will be no early penalty at these controls (except for D 65 (o) Competitors may not depart Main Controls before scheduled time.

Crash helmets of the correct B.S. specification must be worn, by all crew members, on Special Sections. Competitors not so equipped will not pass scrutiny and therefore will not be allowed to start.

Smoking will be prohibited whilst within Forestry Commission property, on pain of exclusion.

Delay allowance will not, at any time, be allowed.

F.-ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE

- 9.—(a) For every minute late arriving at a TIME
Control (up to 30 mins.) - - - - 15 marks per min.
(over 30 mins.) - - - - 500 marks
- (b) For every minute late in departing from a
MAIN Control (up to 30 mins.) - - 1 mark per min
- (c) For every second over the target time on a Special Section
up to a max. of 500 - - - - 1 mark
- (d) Failure to visit a Main Control, Time Control,
Passage Control, Secret Check Special Control 500 marks
- (e) Failure to attempt or complete a Special Section - 500 marks
- (f) Non-compliance with an official's instructions in a Main Control
Area - - - - -30 marks
- (g) Excessive noise : 1st offence - - - - 300 marks
2nd offence - - - - Exclusion
- (h) Exceeding 40 m.p.h. average, excluding Special
Sections only (D65 o) - - - - -300 marks
- (i) Wrong direction of approach where specified - - 300 marks
- (j) Altered or defaced Time Card - - - - - 1000 marks
- (k) Ineffective silencing system - - - - Exclusion
- (1) Smoking whilst within Forestry Commission property Exclusion
- Excessive noise will be measured as a reading of over 93dBa.

10.—The general classification will be made by the addition of all penalty marks. The lowest total will be considered highest placed in General Classification and all other awards.

11.—Ties will be decided by reference to marks lost on Special Sections.

G.—AWARDS

12—General Classification.

1st : Driver £100, the Castrol—Express & Star Trophy (tenable 11 months), with replica and Philips Electric Shaver.

The winning driver will also receive a water-colour, by Geoffrey Storer, of the crew and car.

1st : Navigator, The Castrol—Express & Star Cup (tenable 11 months), with replica and Philips Electric Shaver.

2nd: £40 and Trophies and other awards to Driver and Navigator.

3rd : £25 and Trophies and other awards to Driver and Navigator

4th: £12.

5th: £10.

6th : £9.

Souvenir awards will be presented to

Drivers and Navigators of cars finishing from 1st to 10th inclusive in General Classification.

7th: £8.

8th: £6.

9th: £5.

10th: £5.

First in Class Awards :

Class 1 £3

Class 4 £3

Class 2 £3

Class 5 £3

Class 3 £3

Class 6 £3

Second in Class Awards :

Class 1 £2

Class 4 £2

Class 2 £2

Class 5 £2

Class 3 £2

Class 6 £2

Team Award:

£5 plus souvenirs to all crew members

Best Performance by all ALL-W.S.S.C.C. Members' crew :

Driver: The "S. W. Fletcher Memorial Trophy" (tenable 11 months) with replica

Navigator: The "Ron Moore Memorial Trophy" (tenable 11 months) with replica

Best Performance by B.T.R.D.A. entrant :

An award, presented by B.T.R.D.A.

Non-Expert Awards:

1st : £15 plus Tankards to Driver and Navigator

2nd : £8 plus Tankards to Driver and Navigator

3rd: £5 plus Tankards to Driver and Navigator

4th : £4 plus Tankards to Driver and Navigator

5th: £3 plus Tankards to Driver and Navigator

Each crew member, above, will also receive other Special Awards.

The winning Non-Expert driver will also receive a complete set of photographs in black and white and colour, taken during the course of the rally, mounted in an album.

(Note: All Expert Crew will be considered as such if any member of that crew has been placed in the first ten in General Classification of a National Rally or has been placed 1st or 2nd in General Classification on a Restricted Rally, held under the jurisdiction of the R.A.C. All other crews will be considered as Non-Experts. Those eligible for the Non-Expert Award: will also be eligible for any other award).

SPECIAL AWARDS

(to be held for one year) with replicas

The Billingham Trophy :

Presented by Messrs. B. Billingham Ltd., for the best performance by a Ford car.

The F. C. Bishop Cup :

Presented by Wolverhampton Motor Services Ltd., for the best performance by a Rootes Group car.

The Norman Dawkins Cup :

Presented by West Central Garage Ltd., for the best performance by a Standard/Triumph car.

The Attwood Trophy :

Presented by Messrs. Charles Attwood & Sons Ltd., for the best performance by a Vauxhall car.

The Charles Clark Trophy :

Presented by Messrs. Charles Clark & Son Ltd., for the best performance by an Austin car.

The Bradburn & Wedge Trophy :

Presented by Messrs. Bradburn & Wedge Ltd., for the best performance by a Nuffield Group car.

The J. R. Gibbon Trophy :

Presented by Nash Motors (Wolverhampton) Ltd., for the best performance by a car of Continental manufacture.

- 13.—Provisional Results will be announced as soon as possible after the finish. Printed results will be forwarded to all competitors after the event. Protests must be made IN WRITING and accompanied by a fee of £5 within 30 minutes of the announcement of provisional results.

H.—IDENTIFICATION, SCRUTINEERING

- 14.—Rally Plates will be issued with other documents at the Rally Start Area at the time of registration. They must be fixed one to each side of the car. All numbers must be removed immediately upon retirement or upon completion of the Rally.
- 15.—Scrutineering will be carried out by R.A.C. appointed scrutineers. Competitors are themselves responsible for ensuring that they are entered in the correct class and category, also for advising any change in entry details (C. para. 4).

1.—INSURANCE and **INDEMNITIES**

- 16.—Entrants and drivers must have a current insurance policy covering them against third party liability whilst taking part in the event, and they must take necessary steps to cover themselves. The Organisers have however, made arrangements to insure entrants and drivers against third party risks whilst taking part in that part of the Rally that is held on private ground or private roads specially closed for this purpose.

J.-RIGHTS OF THE ORGANISERS

17.—The Organisers may at their discretion :

(a) Abandon, cancel or postpone the event in case of unforeseen circumstances.

(b) Delete or amend part of the course or time schedule and distribute awards in that case at their discretion.

(a) Amalgamate classes upwards if lack of entries in a particular class make such action sensible.

(b) Exclude any person appearing on examination to be ineligible for the class or category to which his entry lays claim, or any car whose appearance, condition or performance is not of the standard appropriate to the event.

(c) Issue written instructions or amendments during the course of the event which shall have the same force as these A.S.R.'s. An official notice board may be displayed at Rally Headquarters and/or Main Controls and all competitors will be deemed cognisant of any official notice thereon displayed.

(d) The Organisers decline liability for any accident caused by, or to, competitors and competing cars during the whole of the event. Competitors will be required to sign an indemnity on completing the attached Entry Form.

K.-GENERAL INFORMATION

18.—Petrol and garage facilities and refreshments will be available at the Rally Start Area and at distances of not more than 120 miles apart. Breakfast and lunch arrangements will be made where appropriate.

19.—Dinner and extended bar/lounge facilities will be available at the Lion Hotel at the finish of the Rally. Snacks will be readily available on Friday evening before the Rally commences.

20.—Marshals and noise marshals shall be judges of fact.

21.—Should any case not be covered by these present Regulations, it will be settled, at the request of the Clerk of the Course, by the Stewards of the meeting according to the powers vested in them.

22.—Final instructions will be posted to both driver and navigator in good time and shall have the same force as these Regulations.

23.—Tyres may be obtained before the Rally at a special discount. These may only be obtained through Messrs. Oliver Speight Associates Ltd. (see Oliver Speight advert.).

24.—Overnight accommodation after the Rally will be available to competitors (it is suggested that reservations should be made prior to the date) at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury (see Trust House advert.).

25.—Competitors hand luggage may be transported from the Start Control to the Finish Control by Messrs. Oliver Speight—by individual arrangement.

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SOUTH STAFFS.
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ENTRY FORM

To be sent to The Entries Secretary completed in every section

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

DRIVER

ADDRESS

Licence No.
'Phone No.

NAVIGATOR

ADDRESS

'Phone No.

CAR MAKE

TYPE cc.

REG. No.

CLASS ENTERED

CLUB

State if all W.S.S.C.C. Crew

ARE YOU EXPERT?

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR B.T.R.D.A.?

I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE
INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE PRINTED OVERLEAF

Signed Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 21

ENTRY FEE - - - - - £770

Team Entry Fee (per team of 2 cars) - - - - - £100

I enclose Cheque/P.O./Cash for - - - - - : :

Cheque No.

Please make Cheques/Postal Orders payable to A/c. of W.S.S.C.C. Ltd.

The Entry Form and Fee to be forwarded to the Entries Secretary :

MRS. E. BASTON
9 Fairlawns
Albrighton
Nr. Wolverhampton, Staffs.
'Phone Albrighton 2051

ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER, 1968
See para. C4 First Come, First Served

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and the G.C.R.'s of the R.A.C.

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry or of my being permitted to take part in this meeting, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Wolverhampton and South Staffs. Car Club, the R.A.C. and their respective officials, servants, representatives, and agents, from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death, injury, loss of or damage to the person or property of myself, my driver(s), passenger(s) or mechanic(s), (as the case may be) however arising out of or in connection with this entry of my taking part in this meeting and notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said bodies, their officials, servants, representatives, or agent, other than the negligence of servants of the R.A.C. on duties not connected with the said event.

I also declare that the use of the car hereby entered is covered by insurance as required by the Road Traffic Act, 1930, which is valid for such part of this event as shall take place on roads as defined in that Act.

I also agree that the passing of my vehicle of any noise test, conducted by the W.S.S.C.C. or its officers, shall not imply that the vehicle will necessarily pass the official Statutory Regulations. I therefore absolve the R.A.C., the W.S.S.C.C. and the B.T.R.D.A. from liability in respect of any prosecution brought against me under such Statutory Regulations.

I also declare that any person accompanying me in this event will before the start sign the appropriate indemnities, declarations and undertakings as set out in G.C.R. 74, and if any of them be under 21 years of age the parent or guardian of such person will countersign and give his or her full name and address.