

TOP RALLY MEN INVADE DERBYSHIRE

A NUMBER of the country's top rally crews will be competing in the East Midlands — including sections in Derbyshire — when the Dukeries Rally, a National British event, which is a round of both the Motoring News and B.T.R.D.A. Gold Star championships is held next weekend.

The 400-mile rally has attracted such leading teams as Jim Bullough / Don Barrow (Escort T.C.), Will Sparrow / Nigel Raeburn (Uniroyal Mini), Bob Lawrence / David Stephenson (Cooper S), Mike Hibbert, the Scottish champion in an Escort twin-cam and World Cup and international entrants Roy Fidler / Barry Hughes (Escort T.C.).

There is a full entry of 120 and a number of reserves. From the start at Atkey's, Nottingham, at 8 p.m. on Saturday crews visit five special stages south of Nottingham followed by a fuel halt before the road section in Derbyshire.

Spectator points will be at Hognaston, Bradbourne, Newhaven, Pilsbury, Middleton, Flagg, Longnor, Goyt, Bake-well, Alport and Butterley.

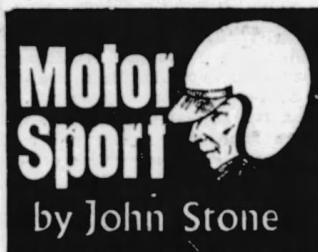
The meat of the section in this county is in selectives with a meal halt at half distance. Another fuel halt and short run-in precedes ten special stages close together in central and north Notts, many on loose forest roads. Finish will be for breakfast at The Old Bell Hotel, Barnby Moor.

BIG LEAGUE

Several local crews will be pitting their skill against the "big league" and clubs from this area are providing marshals on some of the stages.

Another fine autocross display by the local Wilson brothers. For the second successive week they have, between them, secured a best time of day and class award in an event.

On Sunday in English Electric M.C. autocross at Rugby, they reversed the honours by Barry of Borrowash taking B.T.D. and Tony, of Long Eaton getting the class award in their 1293 Mini-Cooper. Denis Flaherty of



Derby, took second in class with his Cooper in amazing style... he lost it just before completing a run and rolled the car over and over across the finish line, fortunately without injuring himself.

Rolls-Royce M.C. received a good entry of 36 for their Clarkson Trophy production car trial at a new venue — Agnes Meadow Farm, Kniveton, on Sunday.

The new site provided some interesting hills, and overall winner was John Handley of Peak M.C., driving Ivan Naylor's 1500 c.c. Escort.

Best Rolls-Royce member was Bob Ward (Fiat 500) and class winners were: Dave Colville (Mini-Clubman) of R.-R., Barry Holt (1600 Escort) of Peak and John Mort (Honda S800) of R.-R.

An excellent showing by Ilkeston's Gerry Hinde, driving Rod Blanchard's Vitamini, gave him second place overall in the saloon race at London M.C. Mallory Park meeting on Sunday.

DEVELOPMENT

The Blanchard car, after a long and patient period of development is now going well, and on-form Hinde was never more than five seconds behind Mini "king" Geoff Wood who notched his 29th victory of the season.

Tough luck in that event for

Rhoddy Harvey-Bailey of Mickleover, who broke the differential of the Camera Thorpe-sponsored Falcon in practice, and consequently non-started.

Two third places in class during the weekend was the happy reward for John Lings of Hatton. Pirelli tyre test engineer John took his Sprite to these good results at Oulton Park on Saturday and Croft the following day.

Incidentally, he is also U.K. adviser for Pirelli on international rallies, and for those teams thus shod, such as SAAB (Lindberg and Blomqvist), Lancia (Karlstrom, Lampinen, Minari and Barbasio) and Fiat (Bartelli) John and a couple of his men will provide works support on the forthcoming 2,300 mile P.A.C. International Rally of Great Britain, during which they will cover the whole route.

Tribute to Taylor

A TRIBUTE in the form of a presentation to one of the area's best-known motor sporting characters will be paid tonight at the Meynell Arms, Kirk Langley. It is a retirement presentation to Colin Taylor, of Rolls-Royce M.C., who was a founder member of the club in 1955 and has been chairman for the past 14 years.

He has done a great deal for the sport in the East Midlands, and is a former East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs rally champion. Having retired from Rolls-Royce Ltd., he is not allowed to hold office within the motor club, but will remain an active member.

Diary dates: Friday, Rolls-Royce M.C. Rally of the Falling Leaves, start East Midlands Airport Service Station, 7.30 p.m.; Saturday, Peak M.C. social rally.

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