

MG continues Trial success

THE SECOND SUMMER Trial, organised by HERO from 15-18 July, attracted a diverse selection of classics and a broad range of experience. Based at the Abbey Hotel in Great Malvern, the regularity featured looped routes around England and into Wales.

Highlights among the entry included a strong pre-war group, headed by the prototype Riley MPH of Bob Meijer and Daniel Geoghegan. Favourite sections for the teams were a stop-start at Shelsley Walsh, a new go-kart track at

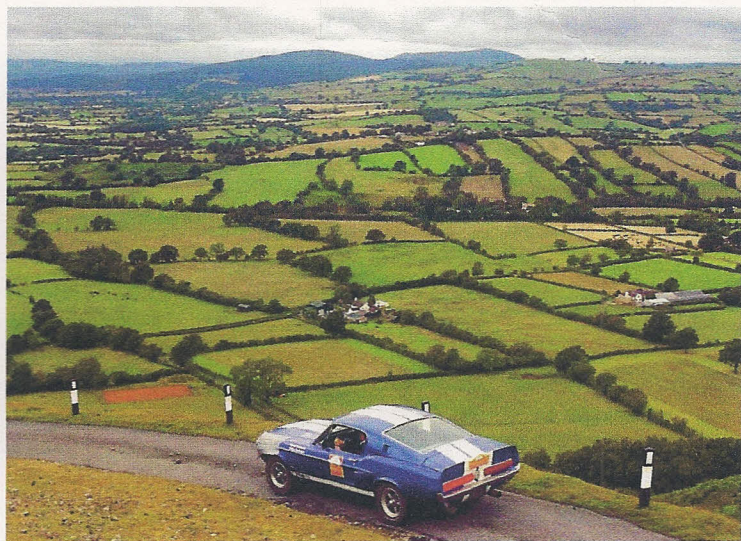
Presteigne and the challenging driving test at Chepstow racecourse, plus the magnificent roads across the Welsh borders.

Hot on the heels of victory on the Three Castles, Mark and Sue Godfrey dominated the regularity results in their MG TD, but the Test Pilot's Trophy for the fastest time in the driving tests went to Rob Hill in his nippy Lotus Elan Sprint. Hill's entry was a present to his wife Heather, who was jubilant when a Gold Medal award was announced at the finish. The best-

placed pre-war car was also the oldest on the event, Tim and Anne Riley's 1927 Lancia Lambda Series VII, which also took a Gold.

The Spirit of the Event award was presented to scrutineer Peter Elliott, who supported entrants throughout despite suffering an off-road incident himself. When Paul and Guy Tomlinson's '67 Ford Mustang GT500 hit a tree during the last day, Elliott helped them to fix the car and continue the event.

For details of the 2010 Summer Trial, see www.hero.org.uk



Battered Mustang GT500 of Paul and Guy Tomlinson enjoys glorious view of Welsh Borders

MIKE JOHNSON



De Vargas Machuca/Bourke Porsche 911S



Top pre-war was Tim and Anne Riley's Lancia

Nash conquers Prescott

SUCH WAS THE DEMAND FOR THE VSCC'S PRESCOTT HILL CLIMB, which kicked off the club's 75th anniversary week from July 31-August 2, a second climb was staged on the Friday. The 500-plus entry for the main event was headed by James Baxter's Alvis-powered Frazer Nash, which took the Mays-Berthon Trophy for FTD on his final 41.54 secs charge. The ERA challengers were headed by Paul Richardson in R14B, with a best of 42.45 secs, just pipping Mac Hulbert in R4D by 0.09 secs.

The one-day event on Friday was won by Robert Cobden's Riley Falcon Special with a 42.75 secs climb.

After practice was thwarted by rain, there were several offs on Sunday's dry runs. These included David Baker in his 9-litre Piccard-Pictet, but he still managed a blistering second run of 49.44 secs to take the aero-engined class. David Biggins won the Edwardian class with a 56.81 secs best in his magnificent 1913 Mercedes.

In over-3-litre sports cars, Mark Brett's Ballamy Special usurped the Bugattis with a 46.21 secs run, but Justin Maeers' 1926 GN Parker Special was quickest at 45.34 secs.



F1 R&D boss Robin Tuluie's Menasco



James Gunn's Vauxhall takes wide line



Sideways to victory: Solloway drifts Escort

Solloway beats Evans on Epynt

MARK SOLLOWAY AND DAN Golding won the Harry Flatters Historic Rally on 1-2 August after pushing their Ford Escort Mk2 to the limit. "It was tougher than last year," said Solloway. "We really had to fight for it after an off on the first Sunday stage." Gwyndaf Evans in another Mk2 closed the gap, but an alternator fan sheared and cut an oil pipe, curtailing his event.

The Porsche 911 of Dessie Nutt and Geraldine McBride took the oldest group, while Escort Mk1s dominated Category Two, led by David Stokes and Guy Weaver.

Sporting diary

Races, rallies, trials and more

SEPTEMBER

5-6 SeeRed at 70 At Donington Park. Includes inaugural Ladies Race, Under 2-litre Touring Cars, plus pre-'58 GP cars. Weekend tickets £20 (adv) 08712 307134; www.vsc.co.uk

7-10 Tour Britannia Retro inspired by the Tour of Britain, from Silverstone to Yorkshire via Cadwell, Croft, Castle Howard and Harewood 01295 268888; www.tourbritannia.com

11-13 VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival At Road America, Wisconsin, USA 001 920 892 4576; www.roadamerica.com

11-13 Classic Endurance Silverstone Sports-prototype finale 0033 1 42 59 73 40; www.classicenduranceracing.com

12-13 Tour of Flanders Part of the Dunlop/Gambia MSA British Historic Rally Championship www.hrcr.co.uk

12-13 Bo'ness Speed Hill Climb Revival Scotland's only competitive event to feature historic cars and bikes, at Kinneil Estate 01324 559629; www.bonesshillclimb.org.uk

13 HSCC Brands Hatch Indy circuit 01327 858400; www.hsc.co.uk

18-20 Goodwood Revival Meeting See preview in News 01243 755055; www.goodwood.co.uk/revival

18-20 Angoulême Circuit des Remparts Includes a concours, a rally and street racing 0033 545 94 95 67; www.circuit-des-remparts.com

19-20 Golden Jubilee of British Competitive Karting Celebrating 50 years since the first official UK kart race, won by Graham Hill. At Whitton Mill, Northants 01905 831124; www.britishhistorickartclub.com

25-26 Week-end de l'Excellence Automobile de Reims At the restored former French GP venue 0033 4 50 55 93 92; www.weee-organisation.com

25-27 Spa Six Hours In the Belgian Ardennes, with single-seaters, GTs and tin-tops: adult tickets €20, with club discounts; under-12s free 0032 87 66 28 66; www.roadbook.be

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