

THE R.A.C. RALLY

TWO DOZEN M.G. OWNERS
TO COMPETE

Special Radio Programmes
for Rally Competitors

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BEFORE CLOSING DATE

A TOTAL of no fewer than 400 entries appears in the "Final Acceptances" for the 1934 Rally of the Royal Automobile Club. This is the largest entry for any motoring competition ever held in this country. Actually, forty-two additional entries were received before closing-time arrived, but these had reluctantly to be excluded as it was felt that the rally would become unwieldy.

The total of 400 is made up of 108 in Class 1 for cars over 16 h.p.; 158 in Class 2 for cars from 10 h.p. to 16 h.p., and 134 in Class 3 for cars up to 10 h.p.

This year's Rally, which takes place between Tuesday, 13th March, and the following Saturday (17th), finishes at Bournemouth. Taking a leaf out of the book of the organisers of the Monte Carlo Rally, the R.A.C. has decided this year to supply each entrant with a detailed itinerary of the route selected, giving growing intermediate mileages.

Each car is obliged to carry two drivers, and a considerable number are also carrying extra passengers, and the R.A.C. estimates that there will be over a thousand keen and enthusiastic motorists travelling all over the country, visiting towns and viewing scenery they may never have seen before. During the course of the Rally the total distance covered by competitors will exceed 400,000 miles, whilst it is computed that the amount of petrol consumed will be in the region of 20,000 gallons.

Competitors will pass through over one hundred towns in Great Britain during the course of the Rally, and it may be of interest to give the number of competitors who are due to pass through each control:—



The famous Undercliff Drive, Bournemouth, where the Concours d'Elegance in connection with the Rally is to be held (weather permitting).

Bath, 110.	Llandrindod Wells, 108.
Bournemouth, 400.	London, 100.
Buxton, 167.	Newcastle, 112.
Cheltenham, 78.	Norwich, 300.
Glasgow, 255.	Southsea, 79.
Harrgate, 270.	Stirling, 33.
Leamington, 57.	Torquay, 122.
Liverpool, 80.	Woodhall Spa, 33.

The following is the number of entries in classes from each control:—

Control.	Class 1.	Class 2.	Class 3.	Total.
London ...	35	38	27	100
Bath ...	19	17	27	63
Norwich ...	3	12	18	33
Leamington ...	20	23	14	57
Buxton ...	8	18	11	45
Harrgate ...	3	15	11	29
Liverpool ...	10	15	8	33
Newcastle ...	5	10	7	22
Glasgow ...	5	10	3	18
Totals	108	158	134	400

In order to cater for the competitors in the R.A.C. Rally whose cars are fitted with transistones, the Philco Radio and Television Corporation of Great Britain Ltd. are to give two special broadcasts from Fécamp from 1—2.30 a.m. on 13th and 14th March.

There will be quite a number of transistone-equipped cars in the Rally, for competitors are taking a tip from Mr. C. J. Joyce, who for the first time entered a transistone-equipped car in the Monte Carlo Rally. Mr. Joyce and his co-drivers found the transistone such a boon that a number of other drivers have had them fitted for the R.A.C. Rally.

There is a special connection between Philco transistone and M.G. cars in competitions in this country, for it was the winning team of Magnas entered by Hess

in last year's Relay Race at Brooklands which first experimented with such devices for drivers to receive instructions from their pits.

The following drivers of M.G. cars will compete:—

H. W. Allingham, 12 h.p. M.G.
E. H. Banfield, 12 h.p. M.G. Magna.
J. H. Beckwith, 8 h.p. M.G.
W. E. Clay, 12 h.p. M.G. Magna.
P. C. Clayton, 12.08 h.p. M.G. Magnette.
Miss M. J. Dobson, 8 h.p. M.G. Midget.
E. D. Grierson, 12 h.p. M.G. Magna.
D. R. Hall-Caine, 12 h.p. M.G. Magnette.
R. W. Hancock, 8 h.p. M.G. Midget.
J. Harrop, 8 h.p. M.G.
H. Hodgkinson, 8 h.p. M.G.
Mrs. P. H. Johnson, 8 h.p. M.G.
J. Kingston-Whittaker, 12 h.p. M.G. Magnette.
D. Lewis, 8 h.p. M.G. Midget.
J. H. Lowick, 8.05 h.p. M.G.
E. L. G. Mitchell, 8 h.p. M.G.
J. W. Naylor, 11.9 h.p. M.G. Magna.
H. H. Oak-Rhind, 8 h.p. M.G.
V. W. Oubridge, 8 h.p. M.G.
V. L. Parry, 12 h.p. M.G. Magna.
Dr. H. L. Rogerson, 12 h.p. M.G.
G. S. Sanders, 12 h.p. M.G. Magna.
A. Templeton, 12 h.p. M.G. Magna.
W. E. C. Watkinson, 12 h.p. M.G.

The Coachwork Competition, in which any competitor who completes the Road Section of the Rally may enter his car, has received a total entry of 196. Despite the fact that every car in this competition has covered during the previous few days a thousand miles on the road, the spectacle will be one that even Olympia might envy. The cars are divided into classes according to bodies and price, and every type of coachwork will be represented. If the weather is fine the cars will be shown on the Undercliff Drive during the morning of Saturday, 17th March, and if it is wet in the Ramp Garage, which is the official garage for the Rally.

The complete list of competitors will be found on pages 330 and 331.