

SOUTH WALES GROUP

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GROUP activities have been quiet, but behind the scenes planning continued apace. A great deal of work has been put in for the forthcoming Hobbyhorse Rally which takes place on 11th/12th November, and I hope that you will make the effort worthwhile by sending in your entry in good time.

Our plans for 1962 include the full quota of rallies, treasure hunts, and evening runs of a semi-serious nature. We should like, too, to extend our activities by including hill climbs, sprints and, possibly, auto-cross events. The extent to which we can spread our wings and take our place in the forefront of motor sport in South Wales depends entirely upon the support and enterprise of members.

This ties up with the question of our attaining Centre Status. A frustration in this regard is the neglect of many members to see that they are registered as Group members. The scheme requires those who wish to be considered Group members to register as such on payment of a yearly subscription of 5s. The Group then receives from H.Q. 10s. p.a., in respect of each such member and this comprises our official income.

When the scheme came into being we transferred all the existing members on to our list relying on them to confirm this by paying the additional subscription when their annual sub. fell due. It is obvious that many of you have failed to do so. The result is that although new members continue to join and resignations are negligible, the official list kept by H.Q. shows only a

strength of some 70 as against my own list of 180.

This is serious, and will effectively baulk our future progress. We shall be forced to remove the names of the non-paying passengers from our Group list, but, before starting, I do ask you to check, and if you are a defaulter pay up. Requests to be registered (together with a remittance of 5s.) may be sent direct to H.Q. or to our Membership Secretary; David Yendoll, "Lyndhurst," Sirhowy, Tredegar, Mon.

We shall continue to meet on the first Monday in each month at the Castle Hotel, Tredegar, for an informal get-together. Social events during the winter will include a dance and a dinner/dance in the New Year. Details will be sent in the Group Newsletter.

V. H. Hesketh