

SOUTH WALES GROUP

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THE "count down" for 1962 ended on 13th January at 10 p.m. sharp when the first of the 33 entries for our New Year's Rally took off on this most successful event. A workmanlike effort by our Joint Competition Secretaries for 1962, Derek Holley and Keith Eustace, did not preclude them from introducing some innovations new to this Group's rallies.

Planned as a "half-night" affair over 145 miles with some 12 time controls and 16 passage checks to be visited, the schedule left no spare time for either drivers or navigators. All references for time controls were given before the start and passage checks arrived at the start and en-route. This necessitated the weaving in of the two sets of references into one composite route and caused the less experienced a lot of trouble.

The entry was split into "expert", "intermediate" and "novice", allowances being given to the last two on the time schedule and the results showed these to be quite well calculated. Of the 23 finishers there were no clean sheets.

Results: 1st—J. Jupp/J. Higgins (270); 2nd—D. Tilley/J. Griffiths (315½); 3rd—A. Morgan/A. McLachlan (609½). Class 1: D. Tilley/J. Griffiths; Class 2: D. Cox/V. Hesketh (1,246½); Class 3: A. Morgan/A. McLachlan.

Owing to pressure of business, Mr. Leslie Gibbs felt he could not continue as Chairman of the Group and so with our best interests in mind, resigned therefrom. An Extraordinary General Meeting having been duly convened, Mr. Don Cox was unanimously voted to fill the vacancy on the 15th January.

For 1962 we have a very full calendar of both sporting and social events starting with the Midnight Film Matinee at Blackwood on 14th February, and

on 16th February the Second Annual Dinner/Dance, all of which look like being very well supported. Two items new to the sporting calendar are a Hill Climb on 1st April, and a Sprint in September. We are, however, having difficulty (unexpected in this land of hills) in finding a suitable hill-climb. If any of you know of a likely venue, please let me know as soon as possible.

Coming events:

- Feb. 14—Midnight Film Matinee, Maxime Cinema, Blackwood, 10.45 p.m.
- Feb. 16—Second Annual Dinner/Dance, Castle Hotel, Tredegar.
- Feb. 19—Evening Navigation Event, 7.30 p.m. Castle Hotel. Enter on the spot.
- Mar. 5—Club night.
- Mar. 17/18—Yellow Ribbon Rally. (Closed).
- April 1—Hill Climb.
- April 2—Club night.
- April 8—"Around the Beacons". (Afternoon Social run.)