

SOUTH WALES GROUP

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WE held our first speed event, by kind permission of Air Commodore Bayley, at R.A.F. Station, St. Athan, on 2nd September. It was altogether successful, and marks yet another milestone in continued progress of the Group. As organisers, we were very pleased with the entry of 46 cars which ranged from Minis to the 3½-litre Lister-Jaguar of Ken Wilson. The course, in use for the first time, consisted of a short straight followed by sharp left turn rising slightly uphill, a fast right hand bend through an artificial chicane to the finishing straight.

Fastest time of day went to Fred Jones driving his beautifully turned out Lola FJ with a time of 32.1, who just pipped Peter Cottrell (Lotus 15) by .1 second, the latter having managed 31.5 in practice. For the ladies, Mrs. Ann Atkinson drove husband Duncan's Mini extremely well, and appears to be a driver of some talent.

Results—Class 1—(Coopers): N. Porter (Austin-Cooper), 37.4; Class 1—(848 c.c.): T. Bassett, 40.0; Class 2—(Touring cars, 1067 c.c.): G. P. Evans (Husky), 41.6; Class 3—(Touring cars over 1900 c.c.): A. S. Bassett (3.8 Jaguar), 38.0; Class 4—(Sports cars up to 1260 c.c.): T. Jones (Austin Healey Sebring GT), 38.9; Class 6—(GT over 1601 c.c.): P. Cottrell (Gilbern), 36.9; Class 6—(Sports over 1601 c.c.): A. Morgan (Austin Healey 3000), 35.6; Class 7—(Sports/racing up to 1450 c.c.): Brian Field (Lotus S7), 32.7; Class 9—(Racing cars): F. Jones (Lola FJ), 32.1; Class 9A—(Racing cars up to 500 c.c.): Colin Priddey (Cooper-Jap), 36.1.

It is hoped to have news of further Sprint meetings in the next issue of the GAZETTE.

It is with regret that I have received the resignation of our Chairman, Mr. Don Cox, whose business interests do not now permit him to give the time required to the Club affairs. Don has been an enthusiastic member of the Group from its inception, and has done much to bring it to its present healthy state. It is characteristic of Don that, since he cannot now afford the time, he feels it is best for the Group if he makes room for someone that can. As soon as it can be arranged, we shall hold an Extraordinary General Meeting to appoint his successor. Nominations should be sent to me, properly proposed and seconded, and with the agreement of the person proposed.

The fully paid up members now exceed 150 and the figure is steadily increasing.

The usual monthly club nights will be held on the first Monday in the month during the winter at the Castle Hotel, Tredegar.

Vic Hesketh.