

LICENCE FEES FOR 1982

At its September meeting the RAC British Motor Sports Council ratified the Licence Fees for 1982. The RAC M.S.A. Ltd is very pleased to announce that, true to its promise, licence fee increases for 1982 are being held to an absolute minimum, evidenced by the fact that over a third of the fees remain unchanged and, in particular, for those licences taken out by grass roots motor sport competitors. The full fees for 1982 are printed in this Club News.

For most people the most obvious changes to the 1982 Licences will be that a single universal application form will be used, and that the Licence itself will be produced on a computer. The application form will be much larger, thus giving more space for the name and address, and it will also require ALL competitors to complete a medical declaration similar to that required of racing competitors at present. It will not, however, require any medical examination except for those competitors who are issued with a Medical Certificate (as at present).

The actual Licence will be slightly larger, but a single Licence will list all categories for which it is valid.

Two changes affect Advertising Permits and Kart Licences.

In future, at dual permit meetings, it will only be necessary to produce an Advertising Permit of the status of the race or event being competed in, i.e. a competitor entering a restricted Formula Ford race at a dual permit International/Restricted meeting will only require a Restricted status advertising permit.

As far as Karting is concerned, the International Kart Licence will be valid for both long and short circuit events. The Novice Kart Licence will also be valid (as a Novice) for all events of up to Restricted status on all types of circuit.

Alternatively, an International Short Circuit Licence will be available for those karters who only wish to compete on normal kart Circuits, although it will also be valid as a Novice for long circuit events of up to Restricted Status.

Finally, a Novice Short Circuit Licence will be available for the beginner who only wants to compete on Kart Circuits.

1982 LICENCE APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE SENT TO ALL CURRENT LICENCE HOLDERS IN MID-NOVEMBER WITH COMPETITORS' NEWS.

RALLIES COMMITTEE

The September Meeting of the Rallies Committee considered in detail, the Regulation intended for the 1982 Year Book which would clarify the validity of Marshals' and Competitors' Time Cards. They decided that the principle for the Regulation should be that the Competitor's Time Card would be the official document from which results would be collated. However, where the Clerk of the Course/Organisers are satisfied that a genuine time keeping or time recording transcription errors has been made in favour of a competitor, they may amend the time to the correct time by reference to other information, for example the Marshal's Check Sheet.

The Committee stressed that by the words "in favour of the said competitor" is very important, if an error is made against a competitor, the principle must be that he must query the time and get it changed whether it to be to his benefit or to his detriment.

Having decided at its June meeting, the Classes for the Rothmans Open Rally Championship, the Committee considered the Classes and Groups to be run in the National Championship for 1982. It was confirmed that there would be a Group 1 Class through 1982, and an addition of two extra Classes for the new Group A cars (up to 1600cc and over 1600cc). It was decided not to include any Classes for Group N cars in 1982, but that it may be seriously considered for 1983 to replace Group 1 cars which will be phased out. The success of Group N as an International formula is still not clear.

The Committee then heard a further report on the subject of "Rallying and the Public" from the Regional Committee, and decided that although the Regional Committee itself had not finalised its own proposals, it was felt that the fitting of foam or paper air filters would be mandatory on Road Rallies from the beginning of 1982.

In discussing Single Venue Special Stage Rallies, it was decided that on safety grounds it was impossible to consider the authorisation of 30 second stage starts on Airfield or Circuit type venues, where the organiser is considering running more than one lap of the course as a single stage.

On Road Rallies it was decided that Regulation L 4.3.2 which prohibits a competitor using maps of a larger scale than those provided for in the Regulations would be amended as soon as practical to give competitors the right to use any scale of maps that he chooses unless the SR's specify otherwise.

The Committee had a long discussion about Special Stage safety and have asked a Working Party to come up with some practical consideration for the next meeting. However, it was decided that Regulation I 2.9.2 would be amended to make the use of tulip type route cards mandatory on all International, National and Restricted Stage Rallies including Single Venue events.

The Committee recognised that there were a number of interpretations of the penalties to be applied to a competitor who decides to miss a control in order not to go O/T. Some organisers cover the point clearly in their SR's but in order to remove any doubts there will be a clarification in the 1982 Year Book which determines that a competitor after "failing" a control is due at the following control at his scheduled time.

The Rallies Committee was preceded by its annual Open Day where some twelve delegates representing Clubs and Safety Organisations were present.

There were questions regarding the constitution of the RAC Motor Sports Association Ltd., together with questions concerning Road Closure Orders.

In addition a paper on Rally Safety was submitted by Mr. Roger Chedgoy of Rally Rescue, which highlighted a number of problems in the field of rally safety.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The August meeting of the Regional Committee reconsidered its proposals entitled "Rallying and the Public".

It was clear that the general feeling of delegates from Regional Associations, was that the main problem was caused by the large numbers of spectators at certain events.

The Committee felt that Regional Association Championships provided a good general competition designed to cope with regional problems and were concerned at the effect of other Championships within their regions. Three suggestions were to be taken back for further discussion at Association meetings, these being :-

- (a) That Rallies comprising a Championship can only be organised by Clubs that are members of the same Regional Association.
- (b) That unlimited advertising and Entrants Licence advertising should not be permitted. The present advertising decals will be allowed.
- (c) That a standard paper or foam air filter should be compulsory.

The Committee accepted that under the Stability Rules there could be no changes to the requirements until 1983.

LOMBARD RAC RALLY

Entries for this year's rally are now coming in quickly and include promised entries from Renault with the R5 Turbo and from Audi with the Quattro. Entries close at the basic fees on the 9th October, entries at higher fees will still be accepted up to the 19th October. Seeding will take place as soon as entries have closed and the list of competitors will be published during the week ending 30th October.

Regulations and entry forms are available from the Rally Office at 31, Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QH. For those involved in service arrangements, service application forms are also available from the Rally Office and the last date for service applications will be the 12th November.

The rally starts from Chester on Sunday, 22nd November, returns to Chester for an overnight halt on the 23rd November and finishes there on the 25th November. Scrutineering will be at the Northgate Arena Leisure Centre in Chester throughout Saturday, 21st November. Scrutineering will be entirely under cover and will include a trade stand and stall area as well as a commentary for spectators, which will include interviews with drivers, etc.

The first day's route (Sunday, 22nd November) will be in the Midlands and the Lake District. On Monday, 23rd November the rally will be in Northern England and Yorkshire. The second half of the event is largely in Wales with stages in the Borders and South Wales on Tuesday, 24th November and stages in North Wales on Wednesday, 25th November.

Programmes and Rallypacks for spectators can be ordered from Rally Publications Office at 31, Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8QH. The Programme costs £1.00 plus 25p post and packing. The Rallypak, which includes more detailed information with colour maps showing stage locations, costs £2.95 plus 35p post and packing. All cheques should be made payable to Rally Publications Limited.

CB RADIOS

Mike Summerfield has given us the following information regarding CB Radios.

CB will be legal in the U.K. from 2nd November, 1981 prospective users are reminded that only equipment complying with Home Office specifications MPT 1320 and MPT 1321 will be acceptable, sets currently in use on 27 MHz/AM will continue to be illegal.

TRIBUNAL RESULTS

APPEAL - S. FLETCHER - 1st OCTOBER, 1981

The Tribunal convened to hear the Appeal by Competitor No. 1, S. Fletcher/G. Harding, on the Redditch and District Car Club's Valkyrie Rally on the 22nd/23rd August, against the Stewards of the Meeting decision to re-instate Time Controls 2 and 4 in the Results of the Competition, find from the evidence submitted that the Route Card issued by the Organisers left much to be desired as to its clarity.

The Appellant did not, in the Tribunal's opinion, prove that the Time Clocks at TC2 and TC4 were inaccurate and, therefore, the Tribunal uphold the Stewards decision and the Appeal is rejected.

The Tribunal feel, however, the original action of the Clerk of the Course in cancelling all penalties at TC2 and TC4 was taken in an attempt to be fair to all competitors, but unfortunately it could not be upheld in accordance with the Regulations.

The appeal fee is returned and no order is made as to costs.

This decision is laid down at 12.40 hours and all parties are reminded of their rights of appeal.

USE OF RADIOS ON RALLIES - AMENDMENT TO COMPETITORS' NEWS

Please note the following correction to page four of Competitors' News (Vol 3 : No. 2).

The frequencies which may be used are :-

85.875 MHz	140.96875 MHz	167.200 MHz	456.925 MHz
72.375 MHz	107.96875 MHz	172.000 MHz	462.425 MHz.

1982 SCHEDULE OF FEES

<u>Competition Licences</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>Historic</u>
			<u>C.</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>A.</u>	
<u>CARS</u>						
Race	£15	£23	£32	£40	£85	£32
Speed	* £ 8	£15	£23	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rally	* £8	£15	£27	N/A	N/A	N/A
Navigator	* £ 8	£15				
Clubmans RS	£11					
Clubmans C	* £ 4					
Entrants - Car	£32					
- Kart	* £15					
Advertising Permits	£36	£74	£155			
Upgrading	* £ 3					
Priority	* £ 5					
Duplicate	* £ 3					

* denotes no change from that levied in 1981.

Per Capita Permit Fees - Cars

Non-Race Closed Events	48p
Non-Race Co-Promoted, Restricted & National	63p
Race - Closed, Restricted & National	77p

1981/82 FILM AND VIDEO SHOWS

The list of films for the period September 1981 to April 1982 has now been finalised and Mr. Jack Warren is proposing to include one or two video shows so if any Members have any video recordings which they consider may be of interest to the membership generally then will they please contact Jack at FLINT 2754 so that the complete programme in this respect may be finalised and circulated to Members.

FOR SALE TO CLUB MEMBERS

- METAL CAR BADGES - £1.75 each,
- WINDSCREEN STICKERS - 25 pence each,
- EMBROIDERED CLOTH BADGES - 50 pence each,
- CASTROL RALLY MANUAL NO. 2 - £1.20 each.

All are available from the Secretary or at the Start/Finish of each event or from Mr. RICHARD WILLIAMS at each of the Club/Nights/Film Shows etc., at The Farmers Arms, Waen, St. Asaph.

You are advised to purchase quickly as the Committee will have to consider an increase in price for the next batch to be ordered as the present stocks have been to hand for some time now.

CLUB MEMBERS RESULTS ON EVENTS ORGANISED BY OTHER CLUBS
 HATCHES AND MATCHES ETC AND OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERS

Members with any items under the above headings should submit the text to either the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, Mr. Kevin H. Jones, on or before the 18th of each month for publication in the next issue of the Bulletin. We look forward to hearing from you because it would appear, from the lack of reports, that not one Member has competed on an event since the Beach Car and Truck Rental Rally which was held in March, 1981. The winner of the Bulletin Award is decided from the authors of reports printed in the Bulletin. Let's be hearing from some of you shy individuals.

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CLWYD VALE M.C. 100 CLUB

The winners of the Draw for October are as follows :-

£5.00 - No. 29 - Mr. Tony Shone,
£5.00 - No. 20 - Mr. John V. Williams.

PROGRAMME FOR YEAR COMMENCING 1st NOVEMBER, 1981

A copy of the Programme was enclosed with the October Bulletin and up to the present time only a few organisers have been appointed. If you can or would like to assist with the organisation of any of the events listed then you should advise the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, Mr. Kevin H. Jones, immediately.

With regard to Night Navigational Exercises and Treasure Hunts, the Organisers of each will be allowed up to £4.00 per event to help meet their cost of petrol in putting on these events.

The choice is Y O U R S and events will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Your co-operation in this respect will be greatly appreciated.

FEATURE ON CLUB IN WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Your Press Officer, Mr. Keiran Peters, 'Arosfa', Axton, Near Holywell, Clwyd (DYSERTH 570069) is still putting together a feature on the Club and requires some black and white photographs for insertion therein which will be returned once the feature has been published.

If you have any black and white photographs of yourself on rallies, P.C.T's etc and would like a mention in the feature then please contact Keiran as soon as possible. Thanks.

1981 GLYNNE EDWARDS MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

After Round 10 the position insofar as the Clubs are concerned was as follows :-

North Wales	1314	G. & A.	774
CLWYD VALE	1294	Rhyl	274

and with regard to the individuals table Ian Jones of North Wales was at 224 after dropping his lowest score with Keith Jones of CLWYD VALE in second place with 210 points but after Round 11, the Clwyd Vale Autotest on 1st November, 1981 the Club have pulled some points back to narrow the lead of North Wales and Keith Jones has now gone into the lead.

The last round (12) is subject to approval by the Clubs and will be a Stage Rally at Rhiwlas organised primarily by Caernarvonshire and Anglesey on Sunday, 27th December, 1981. Note the date and make sure entries are submitted in time because some good results by Clwyd Vale Members can win the Championship for us. All the best.