

London: A motoring tribute to sixty years of service, as a 1900 New Orleans ~~motor~~ warms up for a ~~commemorative drive~~ ~~marking~~ the Diamond Jubilee of the Royal Automobile Club. ~~THIS 1904 NUMBER IS WELL PRESERVED IN SPITE OF ~~ITS~~ CREAKS!~~ THE ~~THIS~~ ~~motor~~ cavalcade in Battersea Park illustrated the evolution of the "horseless carriage" - from the ~~old~~ ~~preserved~~ ~~motor~~ ~~of~~ ~~1904~~ ~~motor~~ EARLY VETERANS TO the low-slung, stream-lined power of the modern sports car.

Then the historic ~~procession~~ ^{procession of} nearly two hundred cars ~~moved off~~ - bound for the R.A.C. Country Club, near Epsom, ~~for the presentation of commemorative plaques...~~ ^{where each was given a souvenir plaque.} A reminder that the R.A.C. has "serviced the road" since the pioneer days of motoring.

At Brands Hatch, Kent - a motorcycle event with a post-war background - the Moto Cross Des Nations - provided ~~another thrilling spectacle.~~ ^{thrills in plenty.} Six continental teams offered a stern challenge to the ~~strongest~~ British riders - triumphant in four of the past five years.

Racing over fifteen ~~hardcore~~ laps of the sixteen-mile cross-country circuit - the riders looked more like mechanised grass-hoppers.. And with Jeff Smith ~~gaining~~ ^{gaining} his third successive race-triumph - the British team ~~saw~~ ^{were} ~~to~~ ^{again} victory - the Moto-Cross Champions of Europe...