

AUSTRALIAN RELIABILITY TRIAL

HEADLINE NEWS

68 cars of leading English makes meet 67 American, 34 Continental and 23 Australian in this the hardest, toughest and longest Rally ever run. It is three times as long as the Monte Carlo Rally and ten times as hard.

B.B.C. News and feature announcements have been made and will continue. Television broadcasts are arranged. Movietone will show.

THIS 6,500 MILES INCLUDES:-

1. 797 miles of unsurfaced track across black-soil plains which turn to bog in wet weather.
2. 94 miles of very rough, stony road. Numerous creek crossings. Last 30 miles very rocky.
3. 63 miles rough, stony road with sandy patches. Dust-filled air that penetrates and settles everywhere in dry weather. 87 open creek crossings.
4. 600 miles of unformed, unsurfaced and un-signposted track, including many miles of heavy sand. The desert stretches will be a test of navigation.
5. 470 miles of open country where no petrol is available.

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CONTROL FROM AIR.

This is the first motor event ever to be controlled from the air. A Proctor 4-seater 'plane, owned by REDeX Products (A'Asia) Pty. Ltd., will carry officials of the Australian Sporting Car Club to the 15 control points of the course. The Rally has been organised by the REDeX Company and the Australian Sporting Car Club and is run under the Federation Automobile Internationale regulations as the "6500 Miles REDeX Australian Reliability Trial."

The Rally started from Sydney on Sunday, August 30th, and according to the London "Daily Telegraph" report published Aug. 31st "caused one of the worst traffic jams Sydney has known"

The course is as follows:-

Sydney - Brisbane	...	653 miles	in 19½ hours.
(12 hrs. rest at Brisbane)			
Brisbane - Rockhampton	...	500 "	" 12¾ "
(12 hrs. rest at Rockhampton)			
Rockhampton - Townsville	...	515 "	" 16½ "
(24 hrs. rest at Townsville)			
Townsville - Mount Isa	...	676 "	" 16 "
(12 hrs. rest at Mount Isa)			
Mount Isa - Darwin	...	1,137 "	" 25 "
(36 hrs. rest at Darwin)			
Darwin - Alice Springs	...	867 "	" 24 "
(plus 1 hrs. rest en route at Tennant Creek)			
Alice Springs - Adelaide	...	1,052 "	" 24 hrs. 10 mins.
Adelaide - Sydney	...	1,027 "	" 25 "

The arrival of the first car at Alice Springs is expected at 8.51 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8th; arrival at Adelaide Thursday, September 10th at 10.03 a.m.; arrival at Melbourne, Friday, September 11th at 9.03 a.m.; arrival at Sydney, Saturday, September 12th at 11.05 a.m.

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Animals constitute a regular hazard, particularly at night. Some cars have fitted 'Kangaroo catchers' and others are equipped with wire mesh to prevent breakage of windscreens by flying owls.

5 cars are in the hands of women drivers, and all the leading Trials and Racing Drivers of Australia will compete. Peter Anthill, who won last year's 1,000 Miles REDeX Reliability Trial, has fitted a stretcher and 2 bucket seats to his Plymouth, also a second speedometer, a 24-hour clock, a 25-gallon fuel tank, 2 fog lights, a Kangaroo catcher, 2 spare wheels and a driving light with a half-mile beam.

Among the leading makes represented are 16 Austin cars, 8 Morris, 7 M.G.'s, 9 Jaguars, 8 Vanguards, and an assortment of Rovers, Allards, Vauxhalls, Jowetts, Rileys, Sunbeam-Talbots, Hillman Minxes, and Singers.

The Americans are represented by 34 Fords, 8 Chevrolets, 5, Chryslers, 5 Plymouths, also Studebakers, de Soto, Oldsmobiles, Hudsons, Nash, Pontiacs and Buicks.

Among the Continental entries are 11 Peugeot's, 6 Citroens, 6 Mercedes-Benz, also Renaults, Simcas, Skodas, Porsche and Fiats.

There are 23 Australian Holden cars.

CASH PRIZES, TROPHIES AND AWARDS.

The outright winner receives £1,000 in cash and the Rally trophy.

There is a Team's Prize of £200; Cash Prizes of £100 for 1st Place in each Class, with many trophies and further cash prizes. Also numerous prizes comprising radio sets, silverware, cutlery canteen, domestic electric equipment and other prizes put up by manufacturers for the best performance of their make of car.

The Australian Broadcasting Commission has entered a car with staff to report back by radio for broadcasts throughout Australia. 205 country papers and all the Metropolitan dailies with big circulation in the Capital cities are publishing full-page features on the Trial, and one national paper is bringing out a 6-page illustrated supplement.

Mr. Jack Davey, the best-known Australian radio personality entered his car, against a £100 wager paid to charity because he did so. He will carry a 2-way radio set to be constantly on the air.

Scoreboards are erected everywhere throughout Australia marking the progress of the Rally, and enthusiasm is at fever height particularly in this, the final week of the Rally.

The last comment received from the organisers is that "This Trial is the greatest thing that happened to Australia since the landing of Captain Cook".

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