

KELLY WINS ENNISKERRY HILL CLIMB

All roads lead to Enniskerry, as motor-racing fans flock to County Wicklow for the race of the season - the third annual speed hill climb, organized by the Irish Motor Racing Club. Thirty-nine cars are entered, ranging from a Standard Morris to a supercharged Maserati.

As this is a time trial the drivers are sent away at half minute intervals, with an electric time strip, recording their ascent. The handicaps stretch up to 15 seconds.

Last away, racing from scratch, is the Maserati - driven by Joseph Kelly, well-known Clondalkin driving ace. Out on the course, a Standard Morris Eight leads the way - having started off with the highest time advantage. Three runs have to be completed over the hilly road - just over three-quarters of a mile long.

Kelly's Maserati looks a winner all over, as it makes light work of this stiff test.

An ordinary piece of cotton marks the finishing line. When it breaks, the timing apparatus records each arrival. The winning time comes with Kelly's Maserati. His average 54 miles-an-hour is only a tenth of a second below the record and earns him the Meath Trophy.