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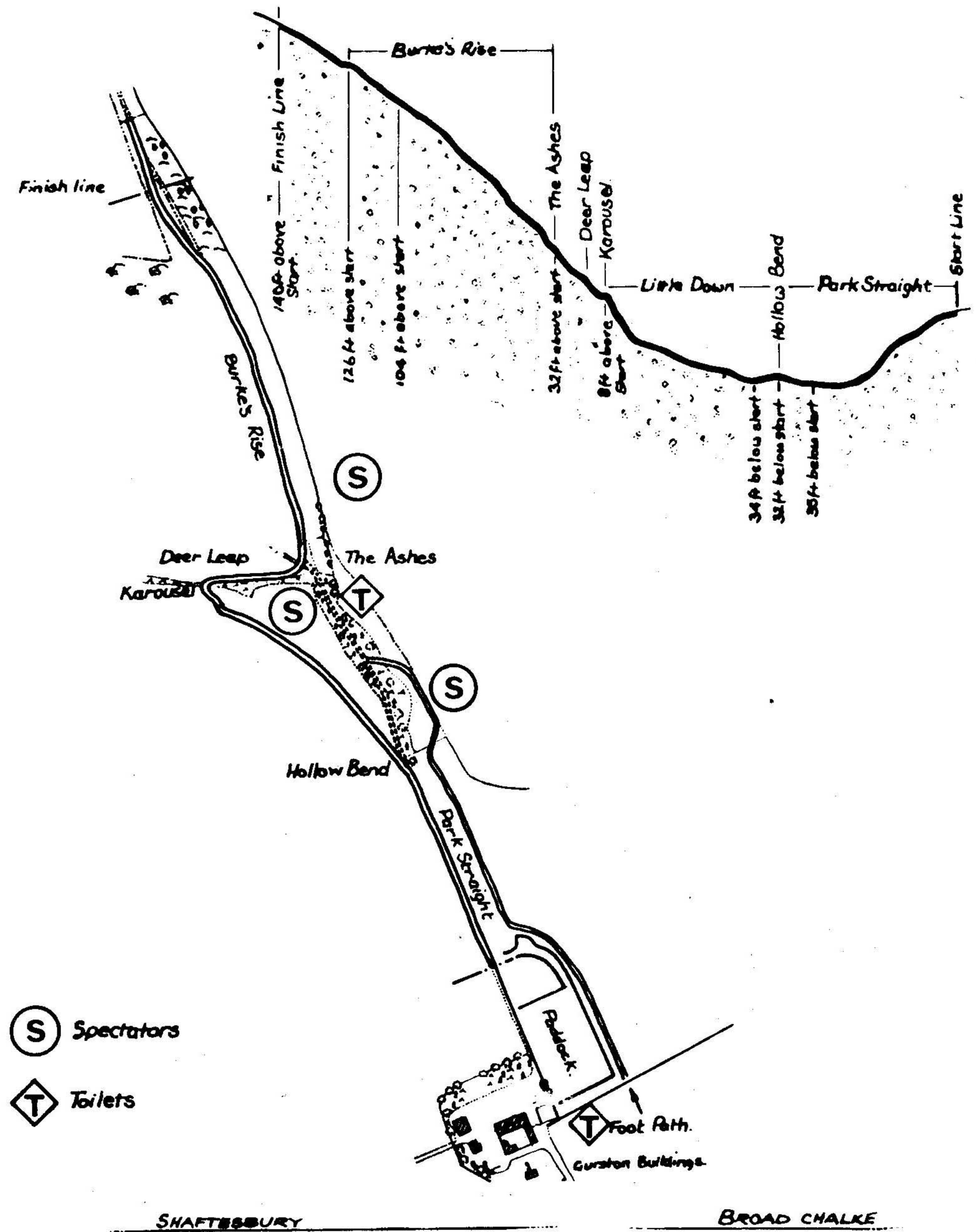
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27th - 28th AUGUST, 1972

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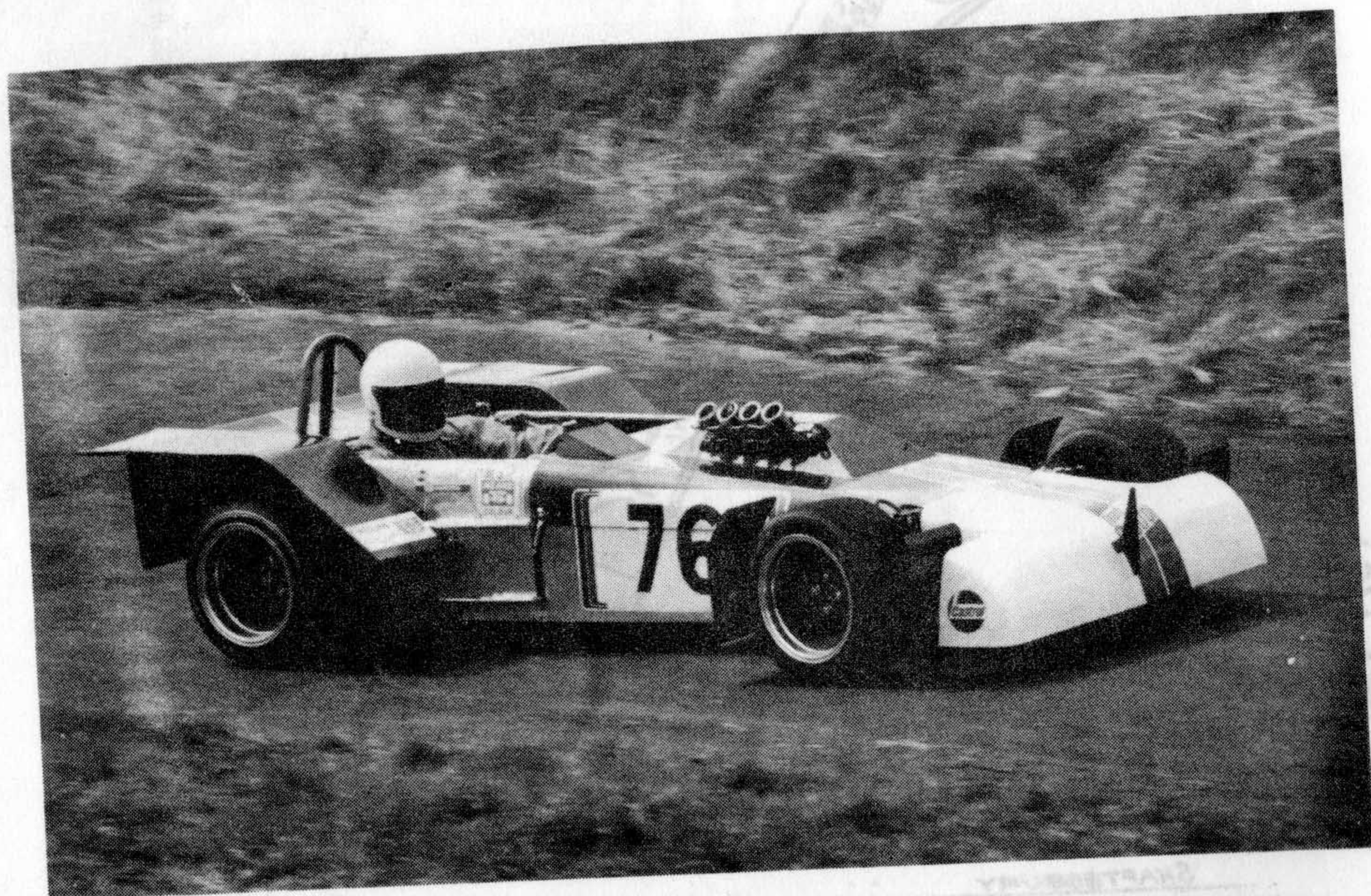
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Welcome you to
THE
CHAMPIONSHIP HILL CLIMB

incorporating
The Shell/RAC British Hill Climb Championship
The Shell Leaders Hill Climb Championship
R.A.C. National Permit RS 8254

SUNDAY/MONDAY 27th/28th AUGUST, 1972

Held at GURSTON DOWN HILL CLIMB,

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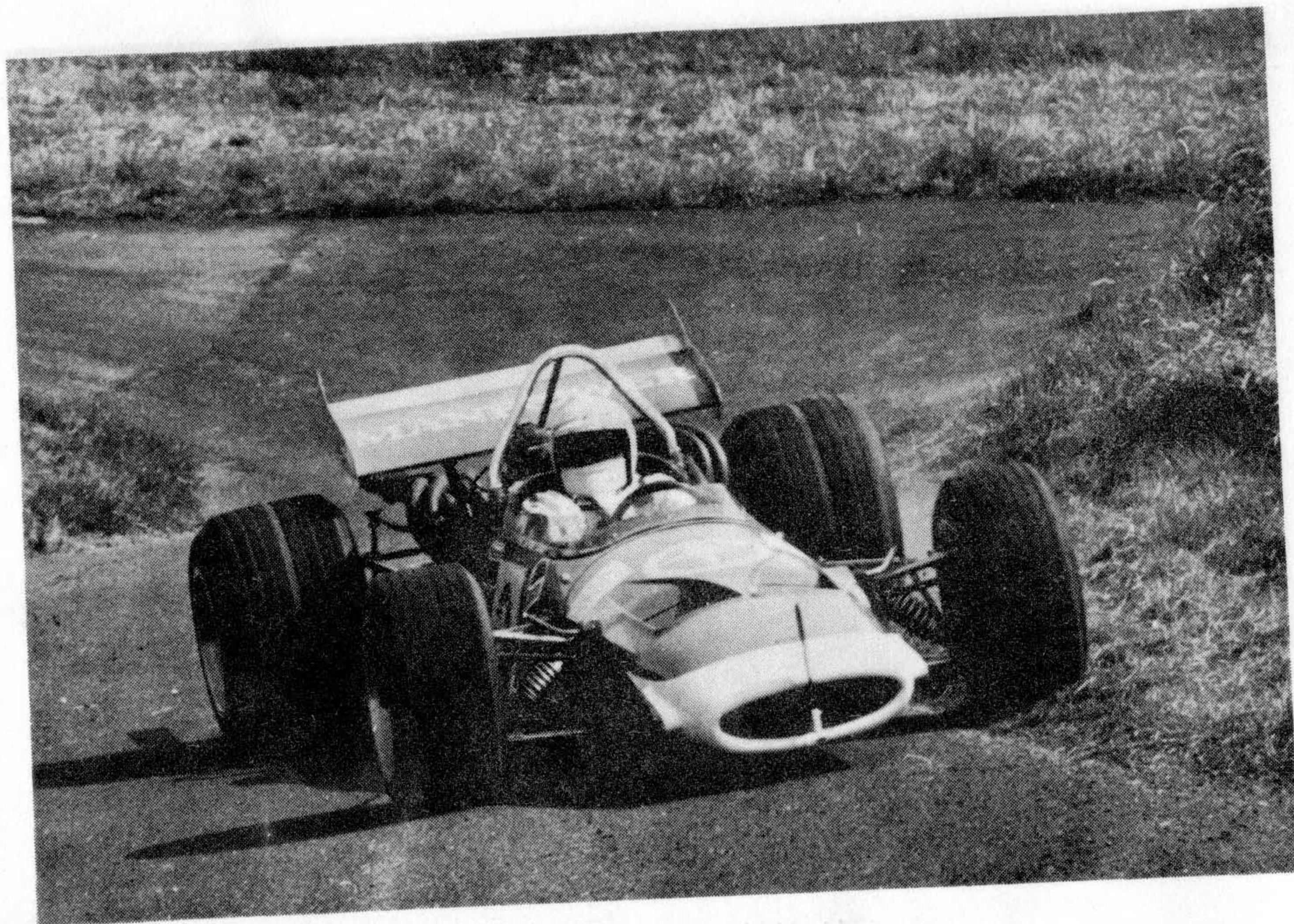
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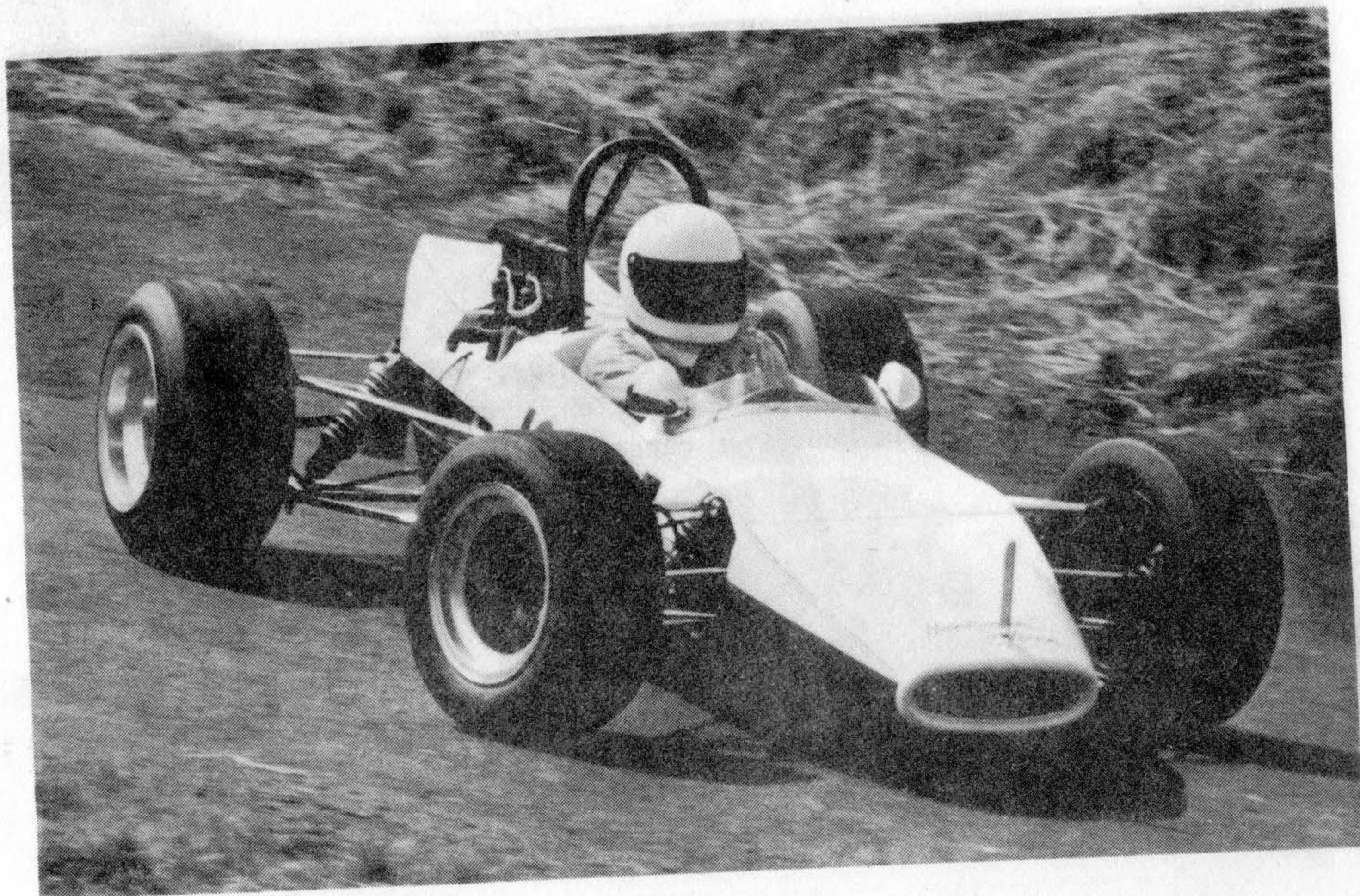
OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Motor Racing is DANGEROUS, and persons attending this Meeting do so entirely at THEIR OWN RISK.

"It is a condition of admission that all persons having any connection with the promotion, organisation or conduct of this Meeting, including the owner's of the land and the drivers and owners of the vehicles, are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents howsoever caused resulting in damage or personal injury to spectators."



JONTY WILLIAMSON - MANPOWER McLAREN M10/A/B. 5000cc



DAVID FRANKLIN - HUNTSMAN VIXEN. 998cc

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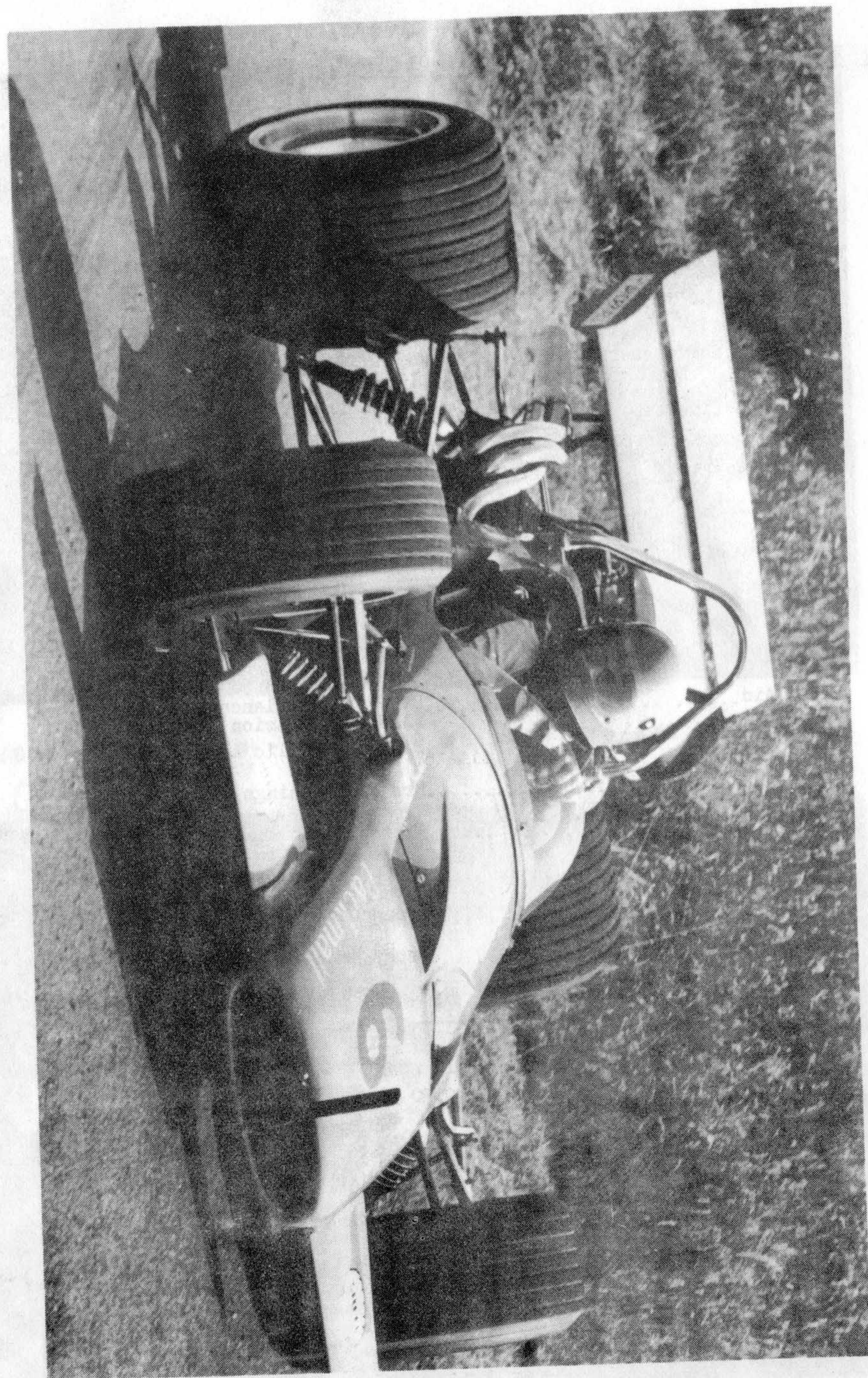
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Secretary of the Meeting	M. Norris-Hill
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First Aid	St. John Ambulance Brigade (Andover Division)
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Catering	Mrs J. Hitchings
Police	Wiltshire Constabulary
Road Signs	R.A.C. South West Area Office
Breakdown Waggon	Broadchalke Garage
Course Car	Percy Hendy Ltd., Chandlers Ford

TIME TABLE

Practice	Sunday	12 noon	-	5.30 p.m. (approx)
	Monday	9.30	-	11.0 a.m.
Meeting Commences		12.30 p.m.		
Prize Giving		5.0 p.m. (approx.)		



The British Automobile Racing Club, South Western Centre, welcomes you to the fourth meeting and our most important event so far, this year.

This is our sixth season at this venue, a course which is proving popular with competitors, and has become well established in the "world" of hill climbing.

The B.A.R.C. is grateful to the Hitchings Brothers John, David and Geoffrey for their continued support to the Club in allowing us to use their land. John has spent many hours in helping to improve the facilities for spectators and competitors. It is the aim of the Club to make this one of the finest venues in the country.

As you will see from this programme today is the 11th Round of the Shell R.A.C. National Hill Climb Championship. This is the second time that we have staged this very important Hill Climb Meeting when all the big names in this very exciting sport are here. The Top Ten run off when everybody is having a last try for maximum points, should be worth coming a long way to see.

Full details and the point gain in the Championship after the 9th round are printed in this programme.

THE AWARDS FOR TODAY'S MEETING

- (1) Fastest time of the day - "The Warren Challenge Trophy"
(to be held for 11 months) - and replica and £50
- (2) For the second fastest time of the day.....£25
- (3) For the third fastest time of the day£15
- (4) For the fourth fastest time of the day..... £10
- (5) First in each class.....£5
- (6) Second in each class (providing there are 5
or more starters)..... An Award
- (7) Third in each class (providing there are 9 or
more starters)..... An Award

JOIN THE B.A.R.C.

The British Automobile Racing Club is the largest organisation of its kind in the world and has for over 50 years organised many of the great classics of the motor racing scene. There are a number of very active centres throughout the country, catering for the local enthusiast and organising events such as the one you are attending to-day.

The South Western Centre is based on the Southampton/Winchester area and has a full calendar of competitive events, Race Meetings, Hill Climbs and Sprints.

A new series has started this year with twelve events counting towards a Trophy Series Award and they include Navigational Rallies, Autotests, Gymkhana Economy Run and Production Car Trial.

Club Nights are held on the last Wednesday of every month. During the winter they are to be held at the Stanmore Hotel, Winchester with guest speakers, film shows and noggin & nattering.

This summer a visit was arranged to a fire engine factory and there have been a Gymkhana and Barbeque.

Our Annual Dinner Dance is to be held at the Red Lion, Salisbury on the 18th November, at which the Centre's main trophies will be presented.

There is a late night film show planned at Winchester in February.

Why not join us? This will enable you to meet fellow enthusiasts and to get the most out of your interest in motor sport.

You can get further information at the Information Centre in the Main Enclosure, or write to the Centre Secretary:-

E.C. Britten, 15 Bournemouth Road,
Chandlers Ford, Hants. Tel. No. C.F. 2978

and when a member

We would be pleased with your active help at events such as this as a marshal - please let our Chief Marshal or any official have your name.

Our Chief Marshal is:-

Stan Hunt, 45a School Road, Eling,
Totton, Southampton.

The Club accepts entries and driver's nominations in good faith and every effort is made to adhere to the printed programme. The Club, however, cannot accept responsibility for the failure of any car or driver to appear.

If's and But's on the Shell RAC Championship

Unfortunately, at the time this programme goes to press, the 10th Round of the Championship at Shelsley Walsh has still to take place, and, therefore, only a forecast of the up to date position can be made. However, today's meeting could well be the deciding event for the ultimate winner, although the second to fifth places may not be decided until the last round at Doune.

IF there is an identical result at Shelsley as at the June meeting, the first five positions will be:-

Williamson	78 points
Lane	66
Griffiths	65
Hepworth	61
MacDowel	60

BUT, Tony Griffiths with the 5 litre Repco-Brabham and on his immaculate Gt. Auclum form may well improve. Mike MacDowel in the similar Repco-Brabham now that the earlier handling problems having been sorted out is driving with his well known finesse, and he should improve his position. The favourite must be David Hepworth, but again, if Sir Nick Williamson can forget his unfortunate Bouley Bay incident, (if not the repair bill!) he could easily carry the day. Roy Lane will be fighting as hard as ever, but his somewhat mysterious excursion at the recent Non Championship Shelsley may, understandably, have its effect. But by the time you read this the result will be known. However, for what it is worth, compare it with this forecast:

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If it doesn't agree, forget it!

Today's meeting, given dry conditions, may well produce a 'cliff hanger' so often seen in this endless race against the clock. The first four or five places may only be split by hundredths of a second.

Gurston is a 'young' hill, so everyone could improve on past performances with every run. Certainly, the best is still to come and records will go. Intimate knowledge of a hill really counts when these drivers are at ten tenths and still trying to edge it and Gurston favouring the more powerful cars will undoubtedly produce the tension and excitement of Hill Climbing.

The Battle between Roy Lane and Richard Thwaites with the McLarens will continue from the earlier meeting; providing of course, Richard gets his car back from Jersey, where its marooned due to the dock strike. The two Repco-Brabham's will also be fighting hard. So, the forecast - Sir Nick Williamson followed by any two McLarens, any two Brabhams, with very possible interruption by Messrs. Hepworth, Shardlow, Voigt, Hawley, Rollason and Boshier Jones, the last two coming back with determination after their long lay off from the sport.

Whatever the result, all the drivers will be giving their utmost and providing fabulous entertainment Hill Climbing gives.

Shell LEADERS Championship

David Good having a fantastic season with his Martin leads with 46 points, closely followed by Chris Cramer - 40 and John Stuart - 36 (Again subject to points gained at Shelsley).

This Championship which is decided on class positions, may be in doubt up to the last round. Although David Good needs only one more maximum score to give him maximum points in the required eight rounds, his class opposition is formidable. Reg Phillips Chevron, Phil Scragg's Lola, Tony Harrison's McLaren and the more recently Tony Bancroft's very effective 3 litre Chevron BMW, could in the following rounds make his task that much harder.

This Championship has created enormous interest. From 39 entries in 1971, it has almost trebled to over a hundred, sixty three of which have actually scored points so far this season. Certainly, it is indicative of the healthy state of the sport, and is popular with Competitors and Organisers, and does much for the benefit of the Sport.

NOTES

Shell-R.A.C. Hill Climb Championship

Record for Hill- David Hepworth 32.32 secs.

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SHELL/RAC HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP 1972

1. The Shell/RAC Hill Climb Championship 1972, is open to any individual driver of British nationality holding an F.I.A. Competition Licence issued by the RAC and driving a single-seater racing car and/or sports racing car (Appendix 'J', Group 5) in the hill climbs listed below. The Championship is an annual one commencing on the 1st January each year.

2. Qualifying Events The qualifying events will be

Round	Date	Club	Venue
1	April 29th/30th	Hagley & D.L.C.C.	Loton Park
2	May 6th/7th	Bugatti O.C.	Prescott
3	May 13th/14th	West Hants & Dorset C.C.	Wiscombe Park
4	May 20th	Westmorland M.C.	Barbon
5	June 10th/11th	M.A.C.	Sheisley Walsh
6	June 17th/18th	Lothian C.C.	Doune
7	July 16th	B.A.R.C. (S.Wales)	Pontypool
8	July 26th/27th	Jersey M.C. & L.C.C.	Bouley Bay
9	Aug 4th/5th	Hants & Berks M.C.	Gt. Auclum
10	Aug 18th/19th	M.A.C.	Sheisley Walsh
11	Aug 27th/28th	B.A.R.C. (S.West)	Gurston Down
12	Sept. 2nd/3rd	Bugatti O.C.	Prescott
13	Sept. 9th/10th	B.A.R.C. (Y)	Harewood
14	Sept. 16th/17th	R.S.A.C.	Doune

3. At each Championship meeting the Championship Drivers who have recorded the ten fastest times during the running of the various classes in the meeting will be grouped together in a special class and started consecutively. If any of the ten fastest Championship Drivers are unable to run in this special class through mechanical failure or any other reason, the next fastest Championship Driver shall be permitted to run. The order of running in this class will be determined by the times previously recorded, the fastest competitor to start last. The marks obtained in any eight events will count towards the Championship, only one marking per event to count. Before the commencement of the meeting the driver must nominate to the organisers the car with which he proposes to claim Championship marks.

4. The following system of marking will be employed:-

To the fastest driver in the special championship class							10 marks
2nd	"	"	"	"	"	"	9 "
3rd	"	"	"	"	"	"	8 "
4th							7
5th							6
6th							5
7th							4
8th							3
9th							2
10th							1

In addition, 1 bonus point is gained by any driver breaking the outright record for the hill.

The previous winners of this championship are:-

1947	Raymond Mays	ERA
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1949	Sydney Allard	Allard Steyr
1950	Dennis Poore	Alfa Romeo
1951	Ken Wharton	Cooper JAP
1952	Ken Wharton	Cooper JAP
1953	Ken Wharton	Cooper JAP and ERA
1954	Ken Wharton	Cooper JAP and ERA
1955	Tony Marsh	Cooper JAP
1956	Tony Marsh	Cooper JAP
1957	Tony Marsh	Cooper JAP
1958	David Boshier Jones	Cooper JAP
1959	David Boshier Jones	Cooper JAP
1960	David Boshier Jones	Cooper JAP
1961	David Good	Cooper JAP
1962	Arthur Owen	Cooper Climax
1963	Peter Westbury	Felday Daimler
1964	Peter Westbury	Ferguson Climax 4wd.
1965	Tony Marsh	Marsh Spl. Buick
1966	Tony Marsh	Marsh Spl. Buick
1967	Tony Marsh	Marsh Spl. Buick 4wd.
1968	Peter Lawson	BRM 4wd.
1969	David Hepworth	Hepworth Special Olds.4wd.
1970	Sir Nick Williamson	Mclaren Chevrolet
1971	David Hepworth	Guyson Shotblast Special

SHELL LEADERS HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1972

Eligibility

The Shell Leaders Hill Climb Championship will be open to any individual driver holding a Speed Competition Licence issued by the Royal Automobile Club, who has not entered the 1972 Shell RAC Hill Climb Championship

Qualifying Events

The qualifying events will be the same National Meetings as for the Shell RAC Hill Climb Championship.

Only one result for each event will count. The best results obtained in any eight events will score towards the final Championship placing.

Marking

Following the class runs at each meeting, points will be allocated to the first 5 drivers in each class as follows:-

- 5 points to the fastest
- 4 points to the second fastest
- 3 points to the third fastest

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ENTRY LIST

* Denotes contenders in the Shell/RAC Hill Climb Championship

L " " " Shell Leaders Championship

M " " drivers granted Monday Practice.

Classes 1-3

Records :-

Class 1 Touring Cars up to 1150 c.c. J. Meredith, Cooper, 46.55 secs. 21/5/72

Class 2 Touring Cars 1151 c.c. - 1500 c.c. Mrs. Carol Davies, Cooper, 40.34 secs. 23/7/72

Class 3 Touring Cars 1501 c.c. and over, R. White, Ford Mexico, 41.57 secs. 25/7/71

11	Robert Smith	Morris Cooper S	1275	Monmouth
12	Mrs. Carol Davies	BLMC Cooper S	1328	Broadway
13	John Page	Jaguar	3442	Bristol
14	Mike Mace	B.M.W. 2002	2000	Weston Super Mare
15	Team Castrol	Morris Marina	1800	Salisbury
	(Dvr. Mike Bundy)			
ML 16	Martyn Griffiths	Ford Capri	2994	Kidderminster

Class 4a & 4

Records:-

Class 4a Special Saloon Cars up to 850 c.c. C. Peskett Mini 44.40 secs. 25/6/72

Class 4 Special Saloon Cars 851 c.c. - 1000 c.c. C. Cramer, Cooper S, 39.42 secs. 5/10/69

17	Peter Bosworth	BMC Mini	850	Southampton
18	Clive Peskett	Morris Mini	848	Bournemouth
19	Derek Gray	Morris Mini	998	Malvern Link
20	Terry Duke	Austin Mini	998	Wimborne
21	Mic Coniam	Ford 105E	997	Bournemouth
22	Team Castrol (Dvr. Roger Lavis)	Austin Cooper	998	Stonehouse
22a	Ian Blackmore	Austin Cooper	998	Chippenham
23	John Brown Motors Ltd. (Dvr. Alan Cox)	Austin Cooper	998	Worcester
L24	Mike Chenery	Austin Mini	999	Petworth
LM25	Lorrie Lassman (Dvr. Alex Boyle)	Lassman BL Cooper S984		London
26	Taurus Engineering (Team Taurus-Dvr. Dale Clement.)	BLMC Taurus Mini	984	Wimborne

Class 5 Special Saloon Cars 1001 c.c. & over
Record C. Cramer Cooper S. 38.37 secs. 31/8/70

27	Tony Miles	Volvo 122s	1780	Salisbury
28	Colin Haines	Ford Anglia	1500	Salisbury
29	Mike Chandler	Ford Cortina	1498	Bristol
30	Tony Peters	Ford Anglia	1500	Alton
31	Roger Walding	Austin Mini	1220	Lydbrook
31a	Des. Weyman	Austin Mini	1220	Upper Lydbrook
32	Adrian Gilbert	Austin Cooper S	1293	Saltash
32a	Gordon Gilbert	Austin Cooper S	1293	Saltash
33	Peter Shephard	Mini Cooper S	1293	Tunbridge Wells
L34	Team Castrol (Dvr. Nigel Phillips)	BLMC Clubman GT	1293	Haslemere
L34a	Team Castrol (Dvr. Allan Young)	BLMC Clubman GT	1293	Liphook

Class 5 Continued

35	Robin Yeomans	Austin Cooper S	1400	Worcester
36	L.R. Bence & Co Ltd. (Dvr. Allan Humphries)	Ford Escort	1650	Bath
36a	L.R. Bence & Co Ltd. (Dvr. Trevor Peek)	Ford Escort	1650	Bath
L37	John Davies	Morris Cooper S	1293	Broadway
38	Graham Masters	Ford Lotus Anglia	1800	Southsea
39	Allard Performance Centre (Dvr. Alan Allard)	Ford Capri V6	3000	London

Class 6 & 7

Records

Class 6 Marque Sports Cars up to 1300 c.c. Brian Kenyon MG Midget 40.50 secs. 23/7/72
Class 7 Marque Sports Cars 1301 c.c. - 2600 c.c. J. Goodliff, Lotus Elan 40.21 secs. 24/5/70

40	Keith Gautier	Triumph Spitfire	1296	Reading
L41	Team Castrol (Dvr. Mike Gossfield)	Triumph Spitfire	1296	Bradford on Avon
42	Rob Bristow	Daimler SP 250	2498	London
43	Bevil Harrison	Morgan 4/4	1660	Burford
44	Loll Ryan	Morgan Family Ford	1600	York
45	Tommy Pascoe	Porsche 356B	1500	Blackwood
46	Geoff. Bevan	Porsche 911S	1998	Cardiff
47	Sandy Gibb	AC Ace	1971	Chigwell
48	Murray Barber	AC Ace	1991	Bournemouth

Class 8 Marque Sports Cars 2600 c.c. & Over

Record Tony Bancroft TVR 38.65 30/8/71

49	Jim Kennard	Alvis	4397	Sherborne
50	Geoff Howard-Sorrell	TVR	4727	Naphill
51	John Anstis	AC Cobra	4727	Southampton

Class 9 Modified & Limited Production Sports Cars up to 130 c.c.
Record J. Houghton Biota. 39.93 secs. 23/7/72

52	Russ Ward	MG Midget	1275	Cheltenham
L53	Robin Leathart	A/H Sprite Mk 1V	1293	Cirencester
LM54	John Pascoe	Ginetta	1098	Blackwood

Class 10 Modified & Limited Production Sports Cars 1301 and over
Record N. Green AC Cobra 38.70 secs. 25/6/72

55	Tim Milvain	Morgan 4/4 T/C	1558	Cheltenham
56	Guy Brooker	Ginetta G4	1500	Barnet
57	Nigel Pow	Jaguar E	4235	Bristol
58	Nick Green	AC Cobra	5000	London

Class 11 Clubman Sports Cars up to 1600 c.c.
Record G. Whittingham DMW Clubman 37.65 secs. 23/7/72

L59	Jeremy Hunt	Mallock Jeram U2	1594	Southsea
L59a	Ian James	Mallock Jeram U2	1594	London
60	John Hitchings	Broadchalke	1498	Salisbury
61	John Oliver	Lotus Seven	1598	Weybridge

Class 12 GT & Sports/Racing Cars up to 1300 c.c.
Record C. Cramer, Mallock 36.29 secs. 23/7/72

62	Ian Lowe	Lotus 6	1098	Holmer Green
L63	Sandy Hitchcon	Landar R7	1275	Cheltenham
L64	Team Castrol (Dvr. Chris Cramer)	Mallock Mk 11B	1293	Stroud

Class 13 GT & Sports/Racing Cars 1301 c.c. - 1600 c.c.
Record D. Morris Mallock U2 37.27 secs. 23/7/72

LM65	Temple Mead Motors Ltd. (Dvr. Jeff Hill)	Mallock U2	1594	Bristol
L66	David Morris	Mallock U2	1594	Haverford West
L66a	Bill Morris	Mallock U2	1594	Haverford West
L67	John Stuart	Mallock U2	1594	Stourbridge
68	Sevenoaks & Dist. Motor Club (Dvr. Simon Riley)	Lotus David Wood Turbocharged	1594	Bromley

Class 14 GT & Sports/Racing Cars 1601 c.c. and over
Record R. Harrison McLaren 36.39 secs. 25/7/71

69	Dinty Moores	Dextra Ford	1650	Christchurch
70	Norman Hutchins	BEL Mk2	1798	Christchurch
70a	Hedley Hutchins	BEL Mk2	1798	Christchurch
71	John Kirkup	Walton Bristol	1971	Wolverhampton
72	Cooper (Metals) Ltd (Dvr. Robert Cooper)	(Jaguar HWM Aston Martin DB3S)	3442) 2922)	Swindon
*73	Reg. Phillips	Chevron B 19	1780	Sheffield
LM74	Tony Bancroft	Chevron B 19	2985	Keighley
M74a	Robert Sunderland	Chevron B 19	2985	Keighley
L75	David Good	Martin BM 8	1860	Maidenhead
*76	George Tatham	Brabham BT 17	5343	Norton

Class 15a Racing Cars up to 500 c.c.
Record C. Myles Cooper 41.40 secs. 23/7/72

L77	Barry Oddy	Cooper Mk 8	500	Alcester
LM78	Barry Brant	Cooper Mk 10	500	Sutton Coldfield
79	Ivor Smith	Smith Special	498	Salisbury
80	Paul Rhys	Cooper Prototype	500	Newcastle, Staffs.

Class 15a continued

L81	Tim Cameron	Emeryson	500	Malvern
L82	David Latham	Cooper Mk 10	500	Angmering
L83	Paul Schroeder	Cooper JAWA	498	Studley
L84	Bob Jones	Cooper Mk 5	500	Winchester
L85	John Turner	Cooper Mk 9	500	Stafford
L86	Colin Myles	Cooper Mk 9	500	Leighton Buzzard

Class 15
Record Racing Cars 501 c.c. - 1100 c.c. 23/7/72
R. Willoughby Brabham 36.66

87	David Bassett	Jomo/Ford	1000	Southampton
L88	John Frampton	Terrapin Mk 1	1094	Christchurch
88a	Alan Workman	Terrapin Mk 1	1094	Christchurch
89	Roger Perkins	Corbyn	998	Northampton
90	Gerry Ratcliffe	Elva Scorpion	1000	Reading
91	Barrie Carter	Elva Scorpion	990	Alton
91a	Gerry King	Elva Scorpion	990	Alton
92	Alan Nye	Cooper Mk 5	998	Ingatestone
93	David Wilson	Merlyn Mk9	997	Brighton
L94	Ian Beardsley	Brabham BT 15-18	1099	Chesterfield
L95	David Way	Brabham BT 18	998	Melksham
L96	Peter Kendall	Cooper T 65	1098	Henley on Thames
97	Martin Steele	Lotus 35	997	Radnage
L98	Ken Macmaster	Ginetta GL7B	998	Stourbridge
LM99	David Franklin	Huntsman Vixen	998	Bristol
L100	Roger Willoughby	Brabham BT 15	1098	Sulhamstead

Class 16
Record Racing Cars 1101c.c. - 1600 c.c. 23/7/72
S. Elton Brabham 36.62 secs.

Class 16 continued

101	Roger Matthews	Merlyn Mk 7a	1498	Brighton
102	Terry Kavanagh	Lotus 22/31	1598	Gloucester
102a	Ian Walding	Lotus22/31	1598	Upper Lydbrook
103	Peter Stahl	Lola T55	1598	Ascot
103a	David Iane	Lola T55	1598	Ascot
L104	Mrs Terry Dunn	Brabham BT 3/18	1498	Chippenham
105	Colin Barrow	Brabham BT 21c	1596	Crowthorne
106	David Dean	Raven FWD	1598	Salisbury
107	Bruce Dean	Lola JB	1500	Salisbury
M108	Jack Heaton-Rudd	Monoposto Special	1598	Salisbury
109	Geoff Inglis	Brabham BT 14/21	1500	Bristol
*110	Peter Varley	Brabham BT 21 c	1594	Bradford
* 8	Mike Hawley	Brabham BT 35	1594	Warwick
*116	Geoff Rollason	Lotus 69	1594	Craven Arms

Class 17
Record Racing Cars 1601 c.c. and over
D. Hepworth Guyson Shot Blast Special, 32.32 secs.

111	Gordon Brookes	Kitchener K2HR	3600	Goldalming
*112	Peter Voigt	Palliser Repco	4200	Haywards Heath
L113	David Fyfe	Brabham BT 35X	3700	Edinburgh
*114	Imperial Racing (Dvr. Jack Maurice)	Palliser WDH2	4200	Newcastle
*115	Richard Sharlow	McLaren M 10B	5500	Baslow

Class 17 continued

*M6	Richard Thwaites	Packmail McLaren M10B	4998	Dewsbury
* 5	Tony Griffiths	Brabham BT 35X	5000	Droitwich
* 4	Roy lane	McLaren M14/DF1	5700	Warwick
* 3	Mike MacDowell	Brabham BT 36X	5000	Goldalming
* 2	Sir Nick Williamson	March 712S	1970	Reading
M 1	David Hepworth	Guyson Shotblast special	5000	Brighouse
M 115	Richard Shardlow	McLaren M10B	5500	Baslow

Shell Leaders Hill Climb Championships 1972 (continued)

- 2 points to the fourth fastest
- 1 point to the fifth fastest

If there are less than ten competitors in a class the points will still be allocated as above, starting with 5 points to the fastest, etc.

Only drivers registered in the Shell Leaders Championship will gain points for their position in the class irrespective of the position of non registered competitors.

A bonus point will be gained by each competitor improving on the class record existing at the beginning of the meeting.

The Championship will be decided on the accumulated score of points gained at the maximum of eight events. In the event of a tie, the final positions will be decided by the aggregate of times closest to each appropriate class record at the eight qualifying events. Should this not resolve the tie, the Shell Speedclimb Panel will decide the result by some other means.

Championship Classes

The Championship classes will be:-

1. Special Saloon cars any capacity
2. Mod. Sports cars up to 1300 c.c.
3. Mod. Sports cars 1301 c.c. and over
4. G.T. and Sports Racing Cars up to 1300 c.c.
5. G.T. and Sports Racing Cars 1301 c.c. to 1600 c.c.
6. G.T. and Sports Racing Cars 1601 c.c. and over
7. Racing Cars up to 500 c.c.
8. Racing Cars 501 c.c. to 1100 c.c.
9. Racing Cars 1101 c.c. to 1600 c.c.
10. Racing Cars 1601 c.c. and over

Awards

The following Trophies and awards will be presented at the end of the season.

First	The Shell Leaders Trophy		
	£50 and plaque		
Second	£30	"	"
Third	£20	"	"
Fourth			
to tenth	£10	"	"

Our first hill climb at Gurston Down was held on the 25th June, 1967. This centre has been known since 1951 for running events at the other Wiltshire hill, Brunton, Nr. Marlborough but Gurston was an entirely new hill hewn out of the Wiltshire chalk and undergrowth. All this took place by a lot of hard work done by the Hitchings Brothers, their staff, Mike Bundy and the committee. John Burke lay the surface in time for the first practice meeting. Patsy Burt set the F.T.D. with a run of 39.90 secs.

At the official opening meeting in July 1967 Tony Marsh, who was a great help to the Centre in laying out the hill and devised the Down Hill Start and the Karousel, took his Marsh Special up in 35.50 secs. These two competitors were our first sight of RAC Hill Climb Championship competitors on the hill and when you compare their cars and times with 1972 things have really changed.

The BBC Television meeting held in December 1967 was a special event on a shorter hill and so Tony Marsh's run of 30.60 secs. has no comparison to today's times. But to those who attended and to the box watchers this meeting will be remembered as a friendly one. From the start it has been the organisers aim to promote hill climbs which although efficiently run have this friendly atmosphere.

Motor cycles were first seen at the July Meeting and although they are very spectacular on the hill, they have never been able to compete with the cars for the fastest times. At this meeting their record stood at 41.65 secs.

In 1968 Corona Soft Drinks came to the hill. Their sponsorship was very welcome and their cup is still being competed for. This year also saw the introduction of the BARC Hill Climb Championship and Jeff Goodliff and others appeared on the scene. At the May meeting Jeff was fastest of the day over all classes in 43.90 secs.

In July interesting competitors in the special GT and Sports/Racing Class were John McCartney (Felday) 40.10 secs. and Mike MacDowel and Bob Jennings (Jaguar E Type) who were equal 1st in 40.00. Jonty Williamson (Felday) was FTD (38.00).

In September the motorcycles competed again and R. Wilkins (Truton) broke their record at 40.90 secs.

Sir Nicholas Williamson first competed at this hill in October, 1968 but could not get near Tony Marsh's time but took FTD in 37.60 secs.

Guards Cigarettes took the place of Corona in 1969 and Peter Voigt had made his mark enough to appear on all four programme fronts in his DRW/Imp.

John Hitchings one of the hill owners made his competitive debut at the May meeting in his Ford Anglia. Broadchalke Garage had been represented by all types of saloon (Standard 10 and Triumph Herald). Also in this meeting Jeff Goodliff (Minisprint) David Good (Chevron) and Jack Maurice (Ferrari) all competed in the Sports/Racing Class with David Good in first spot. Jeff and Jack continued their battle in July. Jeff taking the class in 38.44 but Jack Maurice beat Chris Courts FTD time in the Top Ten run off with 37.41.

In the September meeting C. Williams brought the Motor cycle record down to 39.72 secs.

After two years the track record was beaten at the October meeting. In a battle Sir Nicholas Williamson lowered it to 34.51 secs against David Good (Lola) 37.90 and John Mortimore (Felday) 37.86 and Richard Brown (Felday) 37.67. D. Lecoq also lowered the Motor cycles time to 39.29 This time was unbeaten until June this year.

Plans were set in early 1970 for our first National meeting and the ambition of the hill climb owners to see a round of the RAC Hill Climb Championship on their land began to be a reality.

The first two meetings were BARC Hill Climb Championship and David Good in the top Ten of the May event took his Ski McLaren up in 34.08 to break Sir Nicholas' record.

At the July one Sir Nicholas could do no better than 38.97 to take FTD from Patsy Burt and John Mortimore.

The National in August being our first event of this status included one third round this year of the BARC HCC. The entry was disappointing. Very few competitors got below the 39.00 secs. mark but Chris Cramer broke the class 5 record in 38.37. Peter Voigt did 37.93 and Tony Griffiths took FTD in 35.93.

In 1971 we held our first round of the Shell/RAC Championship, many contenders used the earlier meetings as practice.

In June there was a battle royal in Class 18 with Sir Nicholas Williamson taking FTD in 36.61 secs. and his nearest rivals being Roy Lane 37.70, Mike MacDowel 38.07 and Jonty Williamson 40.44.

David Hepworth made his first appearance at the hill in July and certainly made his mark. His run of 32.32 broke the record by 1.76 secs. which is no mean achievement. His near rivals were Tony Griffiths 34.62 and Richard Thwaites 34.69.

The 10th round of the Shell RAC Championship was held here in August but with a damp track the times were slower. David Hepworth made FTD in 35.06 secs. Richard Thwaites did 36.84 Sir Nick Williamson 36.47 all in the Top Ten against Roger Willoughby 37.54 in the timed runs. In October Roger took FTD breaking the class record with a time of 36.85 secs.

Now we come to this year's events with Mike MacDowel and Tony Griffiths visiting us in May. Mike taking the FTD with 35.58 secs and Tony second 37.80.

In June Roger Willoughby returned and beat all the larger cars with a time of 36.94. The motorcycle record was lower after two years by H. Spargo (39.06)

Before the July meeting the track was completely resurfaced and nine class records were broken including the Clubman Sports Cars up to 1600 c.c. by George Whittingham 37.65. GT and Sports/Racing Cars up to 130c.c. (by Chris Cramer 36.29) He now holds three class records at this hill. Roger Willoughby again lowered his record to 36.66 and Spencer Elton his to 36.62. Richard Thwaites and Roy Lane fought for FTD with Richard winning at 32.85 secs to Roys 33.15 secs.

With the entry today and the new track surface with its extra grip and given the right weather, the times could be very fast and David Hepworth will have to work hard to retain his Hill record.

25/6/67	Patsy Burt	McLaren	39.90	*
23/7/67	Tony Marsh	Marsh Special	35.50	*
	Hamish Moffat	ERA	42.32	
26/5/68	Jeff Goodliff	Mini Cooper	43.90	
28/7/68	Johnty Williamson	Felday	38.00	
	M. Morris	1936 ERA	41.20	
6/10/68	Sir Nicholas Williamson	Brabham	37.60	
27/7/69	Jack Maurice	Ferrari	37.41	
5/10/69	Sir Nicholas Williamson	McLaren	34.51	*
24/5/70	David Good	McLaren	34.08	*
31/8/70	Chris Cramer	Cooper S	38.37	
	Peter Voigt	Ginetta	37.93	
	Tony Griffiths	Brabham	35.93	
23/5/71	Brian Alexander	Ginetta	37.65	
27/6/71	Sir Nicholas Williamson	Brabham	36.31	
25/7/71	David Hepworth	Hepworth 4WD	32.32	*
	Tony Griffiths	Brabham	34.62	
23/7/72	Richard Thwaites	McLaren	32.85	
	Roy Lane	McLaren	33.15	

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Motor Cycle Hill Records

250 c.c. Class	E. Luton	40.98
350 c.c. Class	I. Mitchell	42.70
500 c.c. Class	P. Isaac	40.25
750 c.c. Class	H. Spargo	39.06
Sidecar Class	B. Uren	41.46

Solo Motorcycles

No.	Name	Machine	c.c.
1	N. Tregembo	T.P.R. Yamaha	246
2	D. Brierly	Zunspec	249
3	D. Childs	Velo/Norton	350
4	L. Burgan	Norton	497
5	P. Isaac	Velocette	499
6	J. Newman	Trisba	500
7	D. Vallis	Norton	600
8	A. Gimblett	Triumph/Norton	650
9	G. Williams	Triton	650
10	D. Place	Triumph	649
11	M. Griffiths	Royal Enfield	736
12	H. Spargo	Ariel/Triumph	649

Sidecars

14	O. O'Neal		
	P. O'Neal	Scott 1928	498

SHELL RAC HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP 1972

Placing and points after the ninth round at Great Auclum.

NOTE (These will have been around at Shelsley last weekend but these points have not been included)

1. Sir N. Williamson	77	12. P. Boshier Jones	8
2. A. Griffiths	64	13. I. McLaren	5
3. R. Lane	62	14. B. Rose	5
4. M. MacDowel	60	15. S. Elton	4
5. D. Hepworth	51	16. M. Dungworth	3
6. R. Thwaites	43	17. G. Mickel	2
7. M. Hawley	37	18. J. Maurice	1
8. R. Shardlow	27	19. P. Meldrum	1
9. P. Voigt	18		
10. P. Varley	16		
11. G. Rollason	10		

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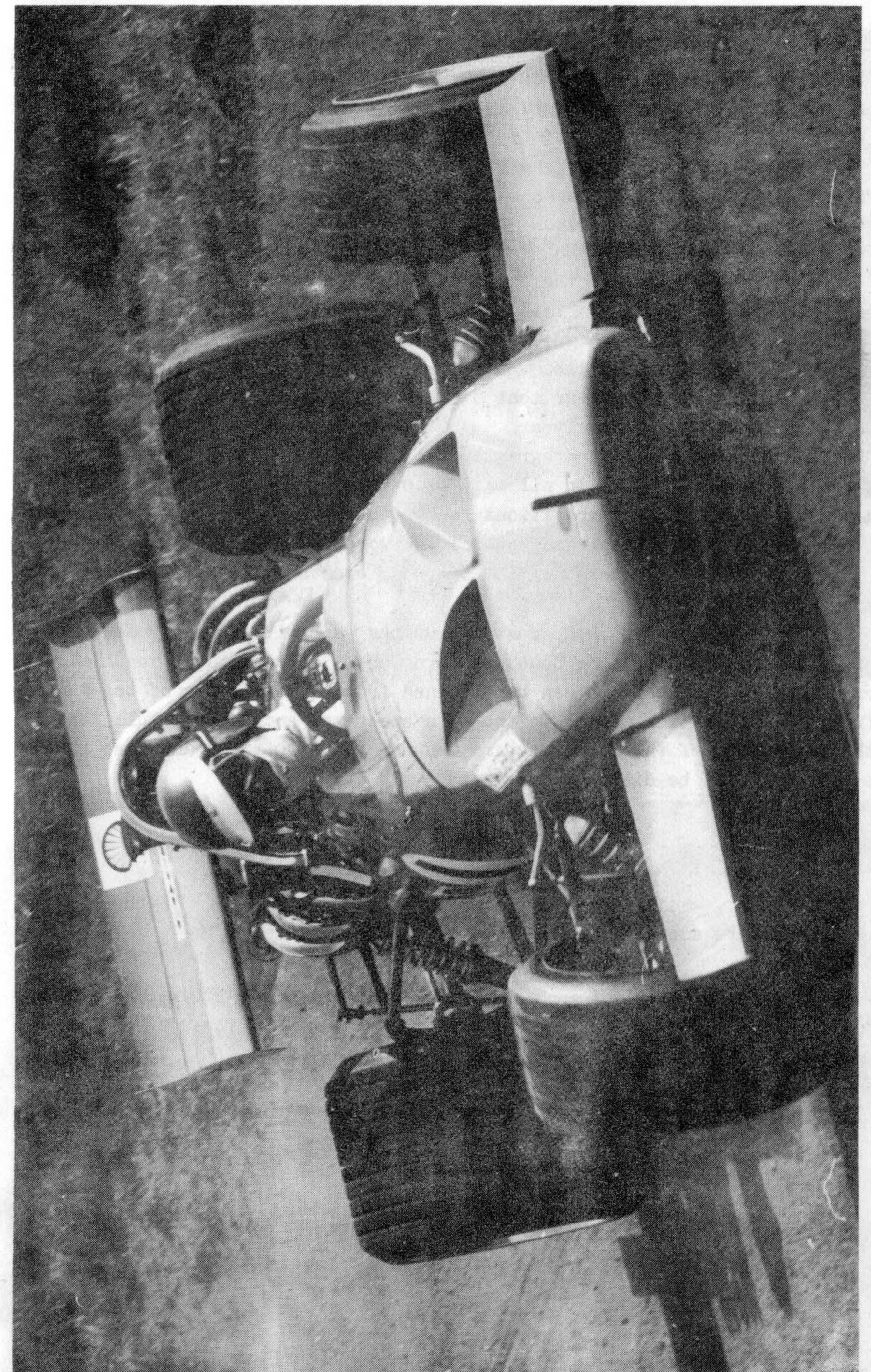
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NOTE As above

1. D. Good	46	10. A. Hutcheson	20
2. C. Cramer	40	11. J. Turner	18
3. J. Stuart	36	12. J. Pascoe	17
4. R. Leathart	32	13. R. Willoughby	17
5. D. Franklin	29	14. E. Spencer	15
6. C.C. Myles	26	15. K. MacMaster	14
7. R. White	25	16. T. Elton	12
8. J. Davies	23	17. A. Boyle	11
9. T. Bancroft	22		

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The B.A.R.C. has become the National Hill Climb Club with meetings at Harewood and Scarborough organised by the Yorkshire Centre. At Gurston Down run by the South Western Centre. Pontypool Park under the wing of the South Wales Centre. In 1968 the Club organised a Hill Climb Championship which was so successful in its first year that Castrol Ltd., became sponsors in 1969 and have continued up to this year.

In addition to the full programme of events organised by the South Western Centre, members can compete in all main club events offering over 38 race meetings this season and all competitions run by the other centres. The B.A.R.C. are also invited to take part in most of the worthwhile events run by other clubs. This year this means over 150 B.A.R.C. events and 300 invitation events.

Membership of the B.A.R.C. costs £4.00 per year with an entry fee of £1 and to be registered with the South Western Centre costs an additional £1 per year. Details of membership can be obtained from the Secretary of the Meeting or from the Information Centre in the main spectator enclosure. Full details of the activities of the South Western Centre can be obtained and also all club insignia will be displayed and sold.

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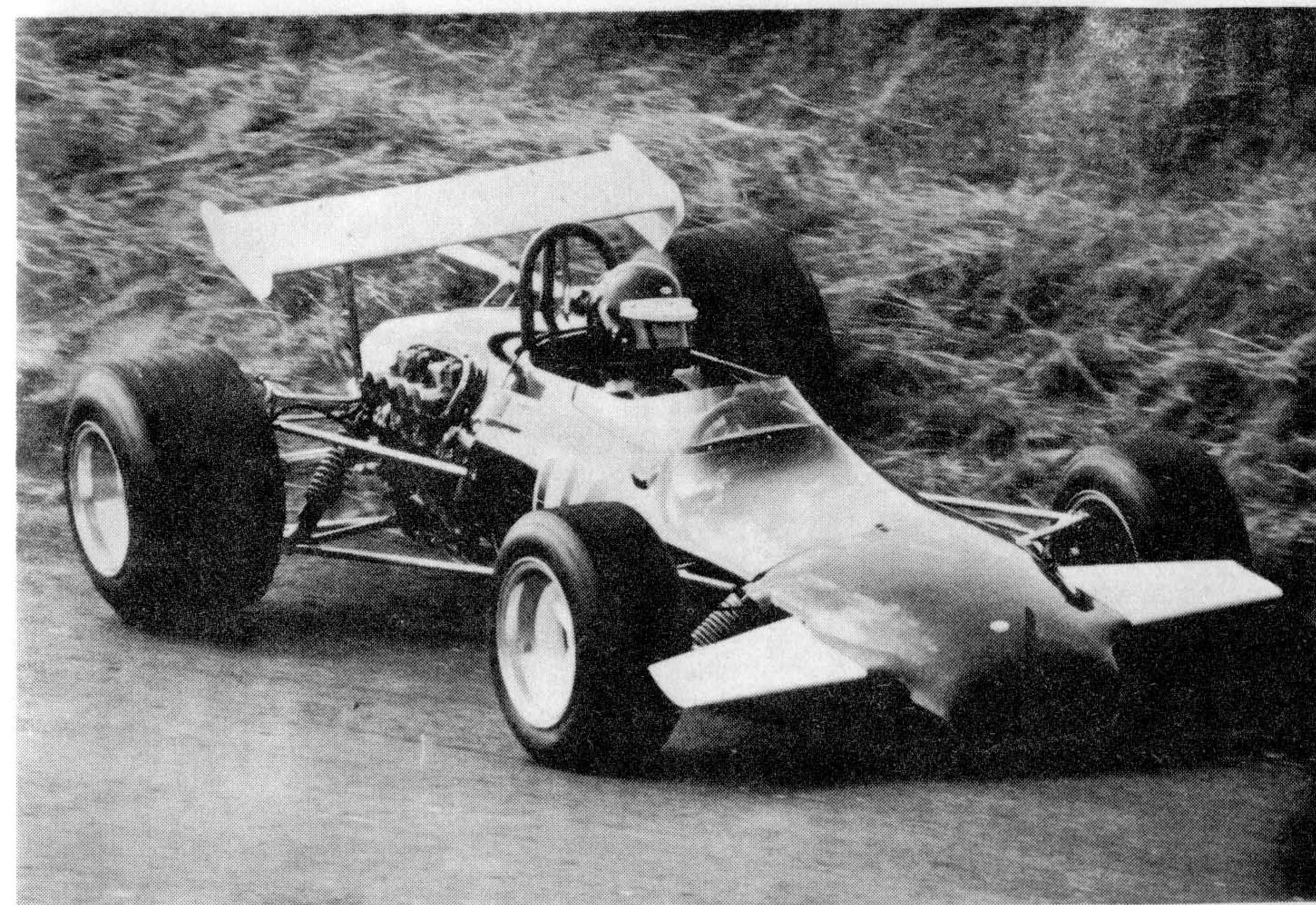
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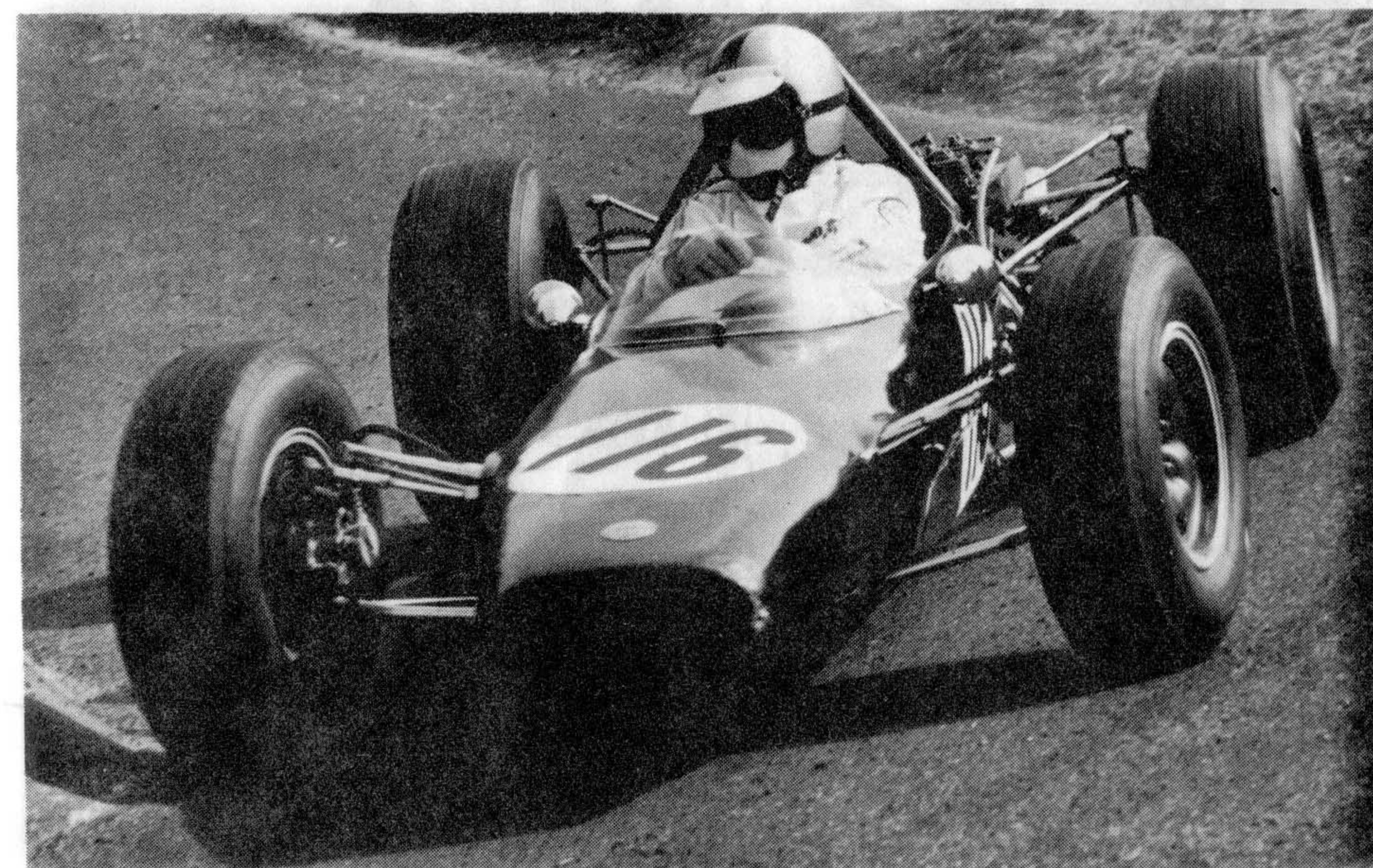
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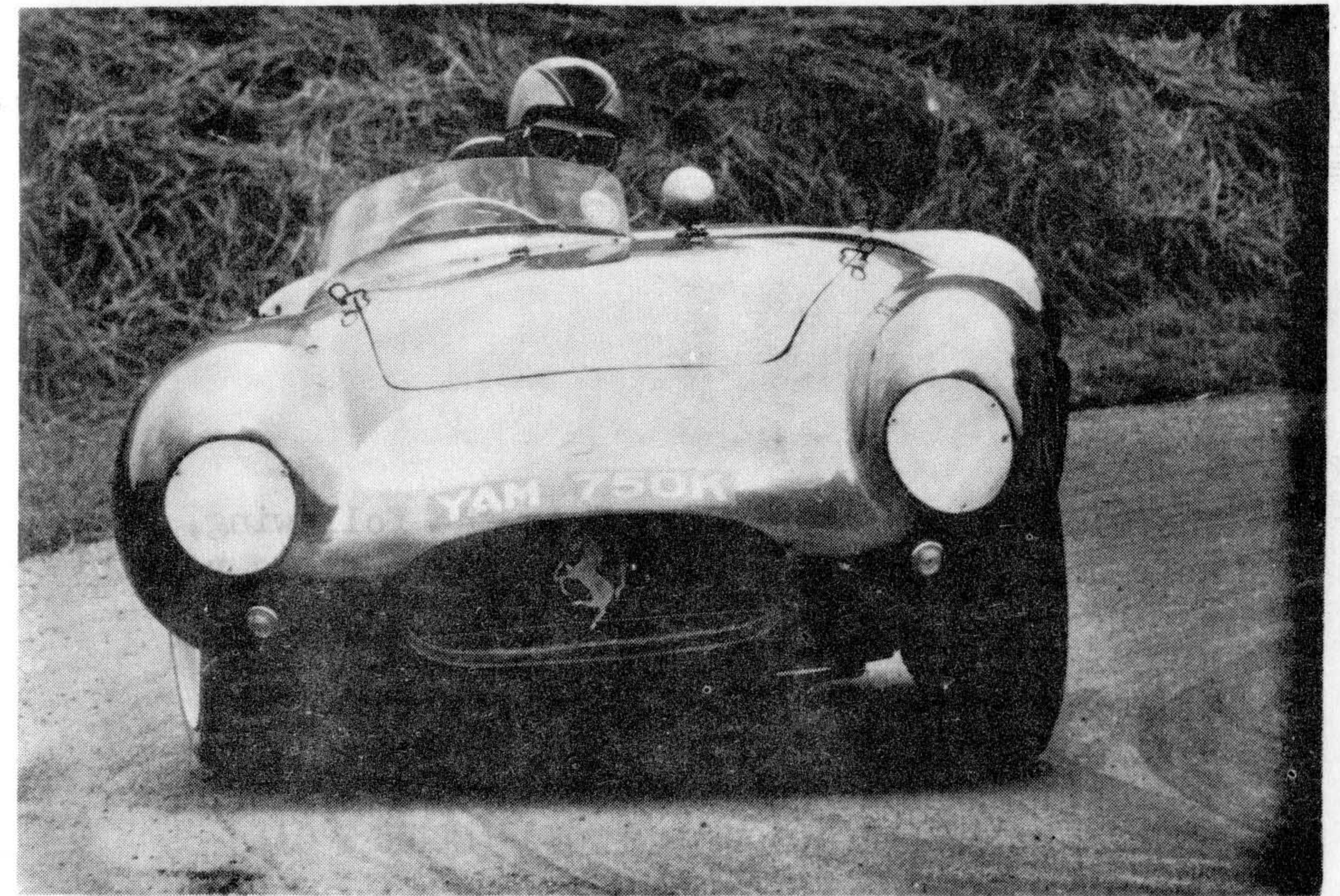
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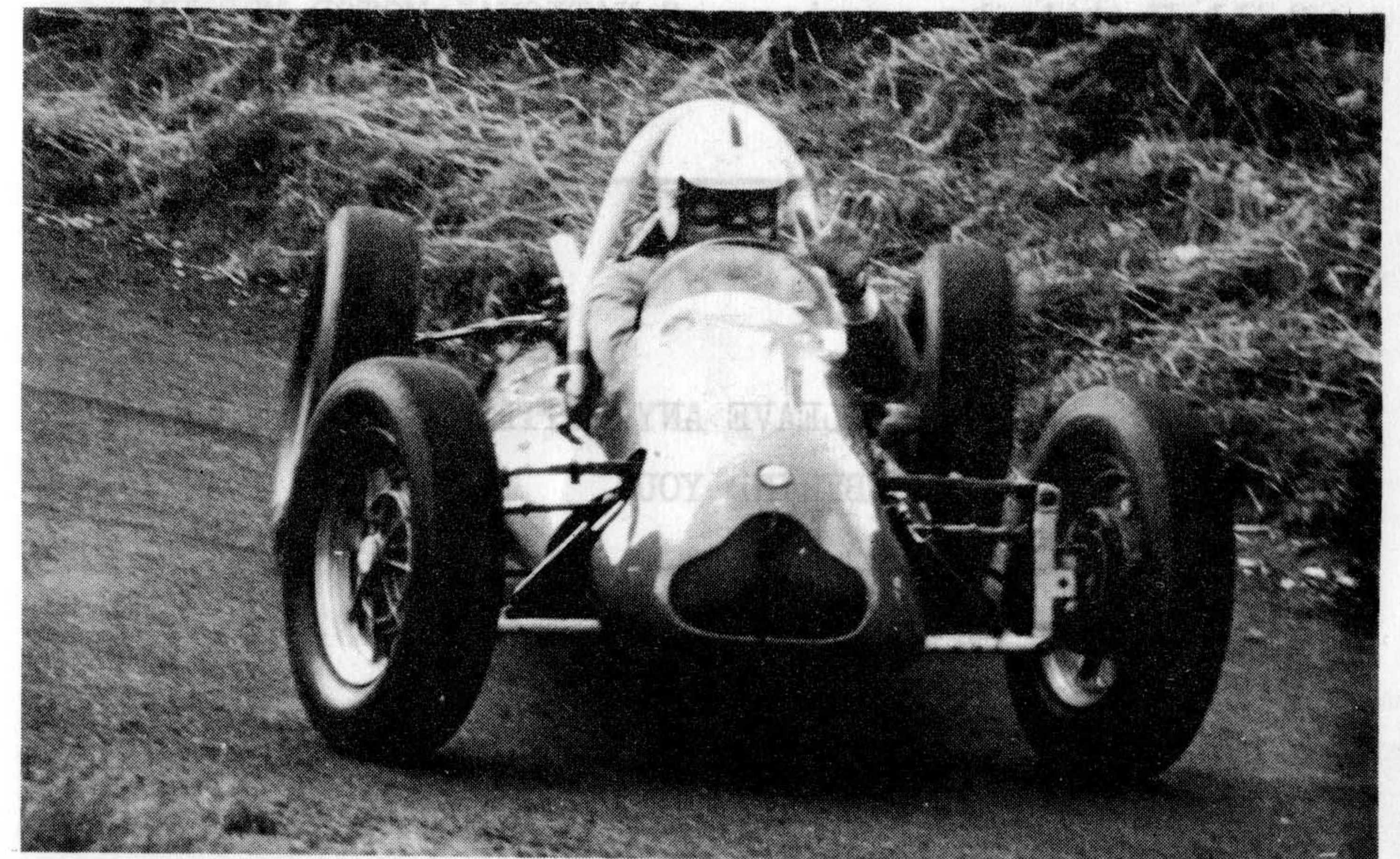
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