

P R E S S S T A T E M E N T

THE MOTOR CENTRE JIM CLARK MEMORIAL RALLY 1979

The current petrol shortage has created many problems throughout the country and none more so than in the Border country. These resultant hardships have been closely observed by the Northumbrian Motor Club which has been actively engaged in organising the above event, scheduled to take place on June 30/July 1. Obviously, at this late stage plans for the Rally are virtually complete with a fully subscribed entry list. There has, however, been the constant worry that running the event under the present fuel shortage conditions may engender bitterness between the Club and the people in the area through which the Rally would run, as such feeling would inevitably place the future running of the Rally at risk.

It is of interest that the R.A.C. were asked if they would be prepared to give some guidance, but, and perhaps understandably, they declined to give a decision.

The Club was, therefore, placed in the difficult position in having to make a firm decision as to whether or not to continue with the 1979 event.

Following much heart-searching it is now incumbent on the Northumbrian Motor Club to regretfully announce the cancellation of the above event and that in reaching this decision it considers such action to be in the best interest of Motor Sport. Furthermore, it is hoped that the decision will not go un-noticed by the Borderers and that the excellent relations enjoyed between them and the Club will be allowed to continue in the future running of the Rally.


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