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# BRITISH RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP



**Round 6 - Sunday 24th July 1983**

**Pembrey Circuit - Llanelli**

**Organised by: Enterprise Auto Club / Vale of Cothi MC  
Qualifying 11.00am. First Heat 1.00pm.**

**Admission: Adults £2.00**

**Accompanied Children under 15 years FREE**

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# Airfield set to take off as racing centre

By Fred Bennett

LLANELLI Borough Council has ambitious plans to develop the former Pembrey airfield as the Welsh motor racing centre.

Since the council bought 600 acres of ex-RAF land it was agreed to be ideal for development as an active

recreational centre with such sports as parasailing and model plane flying.

The potential for motor sport was quickly recognised and a start is to be made with the Star Tyres/British Trial and Rally Drivers Association clubmans

rallycross championship on Sunday, June 5.

Another prestigious event has been fixed for July 24—the Welsh round of the Lloyds Downmaker British rallycross championships. This event is being organised by the Vale of Cothi Motor Club and the Enterprise Auto Club.

Mr. Alan Morgan, of Cross Hands, vice-president of the Cothi club, who is secretary of the meeting, is enthusiastic about the future of the Pembrey motor racing centre.

It was bound to succeed, with the nearest racing centre being 130 miles away at Castle Coombe in Wiltshire, he said.

The rallycross course is a circuit of 1,340 metres, incorporating concrete (part of the runway) and grass surfaces.

Mr. Morgan expects the event to attract the maximum entry of 88 cars.

Mr. Morgan said he expects his own club to run a rally at the airfield before the end of this year.

Mr. Clive Davies, borough planning officer, said the council was also hoping that rally sprints would be organised by some of the local motor clubs. This would involve a separate course of about 1½ miles.

The Towy Motor Club is likely to organise a rally sprint in August and the Gwendraeth Valley Motor Club is also interested in staging an event.

If all goes well a 2½ mile motor racing circuit will be provided for Formula 4 cars and ultimately for Formula 2.

the area should be developed in the future," he said.

The council has been in contact with the Welsh Karting Association and the Cardiff Karting Club and is hoping to develop a circuit for them up to international standard.

It is also envisaged that vintage car rallies will be held at Pembrey for such enthusiasts as the Bugatti Owners' Club.

Mr. Davies' plans for the former airfield are not solely confined to motor power, he says there could well be a demand for bicycle racing and equestrian meets, such as three-day horse trials.

An influx of spectators for the various sports will mean the introduction of catering facilities, something else which the council is investigating.

With the adjoining country park already attracting crowds of visitors, Pembrey looks set to increase its popularity.

## Advice

Mr. Davies has also been in touch with the Welsh Auto Cycle Union to see if motorcycle events can be organised on another section of the airfield.

"We are trying to assess the potential of Pembrey and get specialised advice about how



**RALLYCROSS**

# Rallycross coup!

A BRAND new and exciting rallycross venue has just been announced for Wales, courtesy of the Llanelli local council. Yes, it's true, the council have been looking to build a sports complex at Pembrey and one of the first things to be included in this will be a new rallycross circuit. If all goes to plan, the track will actually receive its licence from the RAC within the next few weeks, enabling a "shake-down" event to be staged on June 5 in preparation for the circuit to host round six of the Lloyds Bowmaker RAC British Rallycross Championship on July 24.

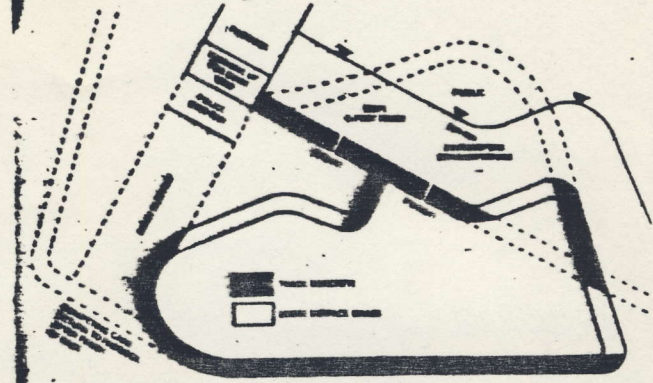
The Vale of Cothi MC is delighted to have been approached to act as organisers for rallycross meetings at Pembrey but it is stressed that this first meeting really is a rehearsal for future events and though spectators are welcome, the June 5 race will be used as a pointer to highlight potential problems for coming events.

The track itself consists of various surfaces, is approximately 1,300 metres long and contains six corners, with a long, looping bend which leads back onto the long main straight (about as long as

Knockhill), all of which should make for some exciting overtaking and provide the recipe for a very fast track. The venue is ideally placed just off the end of the M4 Motorway and with the local council showing extreme enthusiasm over the site's potential, it is just possible that we may also see a Welsh Rallycross Grand Prix to complement the British event in the not too distant future. *Motoring News* will of course be bringing you further details of this new circuit as and when they become available.

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# Pembrey licensed



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**MAY**

- 2 Craft (Lloyds Bowmaker)
- 15 Craft (BTRDA)
- 30 Snetterton (Lloyds Bowmaker)

**JUNE**

- 15 Pembrey, Wales (BTRDA)
- 17 Craft
- 26 Knockhill (Lloyds Bowmaker)

**JULY**

- 14 Pembrey (Lloyds Bowmaker)
- 31 Lydden Hill (Lydden Championship, BTRDA)

**AUGUST**

- 9 Lydden Hill

**SEPTEMBER**

- 28 Craft
- 30 Long Marston (BTRDA)
- 31 Long Marston (Lloyds Bowmaker)
- 14 Lydden Hill (European Championship — British Round)
- 23 Lydden Hill (Lloyds Bowmaker)

## Rallycross starters

The Lloyds Bowmaker finance group has announced increased backing for the 1983 RAC British rallycross championship as a result of which the series will be contested over eight rounds instead of six this season.

Extra prize money has been pledged for BT in each class at every meeting as well as a 'loyalty' bonus for competitors who take part in all the rounds. The Lloyds Bowmaker series is now a true national championship with rounds in England, Scotland and Wales, where the new Pembrey circuit is part of the proposed Llanelli leisure complex.

Keith Ripp, British champion for the past two years, is out to secure his hat-trick in his Fiesta while similar 2-litre Fords will be campaigned by former title holders Graham Hathaway and Trevor Hopkins.

John Welch and Tony Drummond are running their swift Escorts again while Trevor Reeves has switched allegiance from Metro to Fiesta. Tony Proctor's Cosworth-GA powered Capri and John Greasley's Dage Sport Porsche are also among the 100-strong list of registrations for the series.

Championship rounds are as follows:

- Apr 4, Lydden; Apr 17, Brands Hatch; May 2, Croft;
- May 30, Snetterton; Jun 26, Knockhill; Jul 24, Pembrey; Sep 11, Long Marston and Sep 25, Lydden.

## BTRDA '83 rallycross

The Star Tyres BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship will be a five round affair open to all three star and lower graded drivers. Aimed at providing low cost sport this will be a one-make tyre championship, only registered competitors having Star Tyres fitted to all four wheels will be eligible to score points. Star Tyres themselves will be providing suitable rallycross covers both before the start of the series and at all rounds and anyone wishing to get theirs now should contact Bob Martin on 082 369 399.

Official entry forms and regulations are now available from Mrs D Green, 5 Cambridge Avenue, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5JX. The five rounds in the Star Tyres BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship are: May 15 Croft; Jun 5 Pembrey; Jul 31 Lydden Hill; Sep 10 Long Marston; Oct 9 Croft.