



Clockwise from main: navigator Pvall was named as champion; Summer Trial-winning TR3; double-podium BMW



## HERO crowns Challenge champs

Triumph 2000 driver Darren Everett and Bentley Derby Special navigator Charlotte Ryall secured the inaugural TPERO Challenge Cup titles following their shortened two-episode season.

With Challenge One cancelled and Challenge Two at Prester won by Everett in September (D&S, November), Challenge Three on 10 October welcomed 84 crews to tackle eight tests and seven regularities across Somerset and Devon. Record-breaking Atlantic rower Elliott Dale and navigator Ryall were leading at lunch and

held on to claim their first Challenge win about a dozen 1937 Bentley, 14 secs ahead of the Angus McQueen and Mike Cochrane BMW 3131. Cochrane received the Clockwatchers Award for the best performance on regularities, too, while champion driver Everett was honoured for the best performance on tests. John Thomas and Peter Johnson proved how competitive pre-war cars can be, taking their 1946 Riley Sprite to third.

Before the final Challenge round there was close competition in the rather late Summer Trial in Helston

from 25-27 September. TPERO's first multi-day event in the UK this year. McQueen and Conchane held a slender five-sec lead from Peter and Peter Neville (Volvo 144) after leg one, but David Liddell and son Edward (Triumph TR4) took over at the front by the end of day two.

Bad luck with traffic meant the Queen/Cochrane lost time and had to battle back to third behind Piers Barclay and Nicholas Harries in Harries' TR4. And that's how it finished, the Liddells clear winners with a mere 6 secs splitting Barclay/Harries and McQueen/Cochrane.

### Paddock profile SIMON WEBSTER



Car: 1975 Ford Escort 1300  
Series: British Historic Rally Championship

I raced for a few years

in the 80s then started again in 2000 and haven't looked back. I signed for with a super community. Escorts were the car I wanted as a classic rallying car is a dream come true. To win the 2019 British Historic Rally Championship with the Rogers [pictured on the right] has to be a massive fulfilment of expectations. One day I drove to see the car and drove some of the classic Rally of the 1000 Lakes stages. The jumps and speed would be so exciting!"



### MARTINI THE PASS MASTER

The German Grand Prix small hill climb in Switzerland is one of the 57km-long Berne Pass at 17-20 September attracts 400+ vintage RC-car field including the 1932 Topfler and Prix-winning Bugatti T51, an intricately hand-painted Mercedes-Benz Fintail, a BMW 500, a Ferrari 250GT SWB and an ex-Michèle Mouton Audi quattro. Former Grand Prix drivers Arturo Merzario and Stefan Johansson were among the entrants, too.

But the main attraction is Formula Two Martin MK57-73's untouchable setting a new course record of 2 mins 58.67 secs and the only car to break three minutes, 13.5 secs faster than Florian Fejstel (Porsche 911 IRC RSR). Other category winners include Heinz Glum (Aston Martin DB2/4 Mk1), Thomas Kern (Shelby Cobra 427 V8), Marco Brunner (Ford Mustang) and Felix Niggeler (Alfa Romeo 1.6c GTA).

In the regularity, Alexander Boller steered his Bentley 4 1/2 litre to pre-war class spoils, with Tom Jack leading the post-war cars in an Alfa Romeo 2600 Sprint. Ziggler's



Andy Wilson's big Mondeo cubbed up while



### SHOWERS STAKE-UP SCORES

Changeable conditions produced surprising results at the Classic Tauring Car Racing Club's season finale at Silverstone on 10-11 October.

A normal shower shortly before the start of the first Pre'66 and Pre'83 Tauring Car race meant that Simon Jeffs' well-balanced front-drive 1.8 VW Golf GTI was able to maintain a healthy advantage over the lithe but all-consuming rear-wheel-drive racing insult. On the penultimate lap, David Howard's Jaguar XJ12 pipped the past Master, Jacek's Mk1 Ford Escort RS2.000 to snatch second. Howard led the first two laps of the following encounter before he fell to pique's past and went on to win by 6 secs over Mike Jones (BMW 320i) and Jacek with Howard off the podium in fourth.

In the first of the two Pre'66 and Pre'83 Tauring Cars with Blue Oval, Soaks on a J Classic Thunder scores as Andy Wilson used the considerable torque of his 7-litre Holden Monza to pull away from James Janicki (Nissan Skyline R32) and reigning champion Andy Robinson (Ford Falcon) to take victory. Come Sunday, Robinson was in a tight re-determined mano a mano the two fought every inch of the way, but the Falcon finished 0.3 secs behind. Daniel Brown (Ford Sierra Cosworth RS 500) took a close third.



Alexander Boller's victorious Bentley 4 1/2, and hill climb-heading BMW-powered P7