

Penticton Herald June 6 1968

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—CP Wirephoto

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Edmonton Journal June 6 1968

Rally Contestants visit in park

BANFF—Last weekend there were a number of contestants from the Calgary-Halifax Car Rally race in town.

These young people had come, mostly from the East, Ottawa, Montreal and such points to join in the big race last weekend.

This is the first time the race has started in Calgary and about 70 cars took part. In addition to the racing car's driver and navigator, a second car goes straight through to the

appointed overnight stop. Often these are young women whose husbands are drivers or navigators. They do not follow the racing cars but drive the closest way between points so that they may prepare the way for the occupants of the racing cars.

They check in at the hotels, obtain keys, and make arrangements for anything else that needs to be done. Then when the cars arrive they are on hand and all the weary men have to do is go to their rooms.

There is only a certain time allowed for sleep and should the car be late, this service is of immense importance so that they will have their rest without irritating waits and loss of time which is so important to them.

St. John Times-Globe

Rallyists Here Tonight

Sixty-four cars competing in a cross-Canada auto rally will stop over in Saint John tonight as they near the last lap of their journey. They will park in the parking lot of CHSJ Radio and Television, Crown Street.

The cars, participating in the Shell 4000 Rally, are scheduled to arrive in the city at 8.30

The rallyists left Calgary, Alta., last Saturday, June 1.

After spending the night in Saint John, they will leave the city at 9.02 o'clock tomorrow morning on the final leg of the trip to Halifax.

A number of prizes will be presented at the end of the rally, including an award for the over-all winner.

Toronto Telegram June 6 1968

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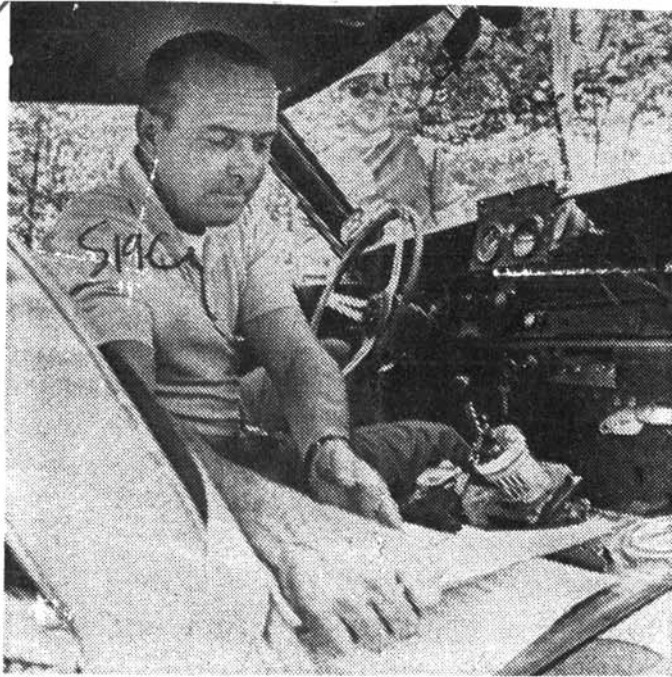
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Sports

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Rally stalled

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Special to The Globe and Mail

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Parked across the highway was a truck. Beside it stood a grim-faced farmer.

In the tradition of Horatio, he was determined that no cars would get through. He backed up his stand with four-foot long shears.

"We've been held up by cows and our car has been running hot," said Hopkirk. "And now this!"

As car after car stopped at the blockade, the farmer remained adamant. Tempers began to climb.

Fritz Hochreuter of Agincourt, Ont., wasn't having any of the blockade. The leading private entry, he tried to drive his Porsche past the truck twice and failed.

Hochreuter then advanced upon the farmer, took the shears away to set off a tussle. Hochreuter pinned the farmer to the ground before the farmer received unexpected help.

The farmer's wife came running from their nearby house, waving a rifle.

The scuffle came to an end and, with his wife lending support, the farmer agreed to call police to settle the dispute.

Police ordered the road cleared for the rallyists on their way to Sherbrooke.

Hopkirk triumphantly drove his Mini-Cooper past the farmer and protected his fourth-place standing.

Scott Harvey of Detroit leads with only eight penalty points in a Chrysler. Paul MacLennan of Toronto is second with 16 in his Rambler American.

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Rally officials are not expected to penalize competitors held up by the roadblock.

The cars will leave today for Saint John, N.B., in the fifth leg of the event, which is expected to end tomorrow in Halifax.

Sarnia Observer
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Vancouver Sun June 6 1968

Gun-Toting Farmer's Wife Adds Spice to Car Rally

Special to The Sun

SHERBROOKE, Que. — It was just one of those days for Shell 4000 rallyist Paddy Hopkirk, of Ireland, the driver who held the lead until his engine started overheating.

First it was a farmer who set up a roadblock, complete with shotgun-toting wife.

Then rally organizer Grant Gunn and Canadian Automobile

Sports Car Club steward Robin Wright disqualified him for running with an auxiliary radiator.

DAY'S BIG EXCITEMENT

So Hopkirk and his Mini-Cooper, tied for fourth position with Ewold Van Bergen of the Datsun team, is out of the race at the end of the fourth day of the Calgary-Halifax marathon.

But it was the roadblock on a

back country road near Huntsville, Ont., that caused most of the excitement during Wednesday's leg.

Hopkirk, the extra radiator mounted on the front bumper, was the first rallyist to encounter the unexpected obstacle.

There was the farmer with his truck parked across the road, holding up the rally traffic.

Cars braked to a stop in quick succession and Fritz Hochreuter of Toronto, the leading private entry, got into a fight with the farmer after trying twice to dodge his Porsche past the truck.

THREATENED WITH SHEARS

Other drivers, so intrigued they almost forgot they were piling up penalty points during the delay, reported Hochreuter was threatened with a large pair of shears, grabbed the farmer in a stranglehold and was sitting on the man's chest when the wife turned up with a shotgun.

But reason prevailed, Hochreuter and the farmer agreed to phone police, and the police ordered the road cleared.

Meanwhile, back on the track, Scott Harvey of Detroit, in a Barracuda, ended the day still in first place with eight penalty points.

Rambler drivers Paul MacLennan of Toronto and Tom Jones of Port Arthur, Ont., were second and third with 16 and 18 demerits respectively.

The team of Rambler drivers still has a commanding lead over the Toyota team and the Vancouver-based Datsun team for the coveted Manufacturers' Championship.

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Bruce McHenry of Cooksville and Burlington's Jim Kurtin have collected 233 points for 26th place. They are driving a Peugeot 204.

Un fermier retarde les participants du rallye

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Téléphoto PC

Le radiateur controversé

L'Irlandais Paddy Hopkirk doit surmonter plusieurs obstacles dans les derniers jours du rallye Shell. Ses adversaires ont vivement protesté parce que sa voiture est dotée d'un radiateur auxiliaire, afin de pallier au problème de chauffage. Hier, Hopkirk a été le premier participant à affronter le fermier entêté du nord de l'Ontario.

SHERBROOKE — Un fermier du nord de l'Ontario et sa femme ont tenté de bloquer la route du Shell-4000 en stationnant un camion en travers du parcours, hier, mais ils se rendirent bien vite compte qu'ils avaient affaire à forte partie.

Le premier rallyiste à être stoppé par ce blocus d'un nouveau genre fut Paddy Hopkirk, d'Irlande, au volant de sa mini-Cooper qui aujourd'hui, était à nouveau dotée de son radiateur auxiliaire. Le mystérieux radiateur avait fait son apparition lundi dernier pour disparaître le jour suivant, et finalement réapparaître, hier.

Cet étrange appareil est fixé sur le pare-chocs avant de sa minuscule voiture dans le but de pallier au problème de chauffage qui menaçait de l'éliminer de cette impitoyable épreuve d'endurance.

Les officiels sont toujours en train d'étudier la légalité d'une telle option. Une décision devrait être prise ce soir, selon les dires de l'organisateur Jim Gunn.

Cependant, un radiateur fantôme ne présente qu'un intérêt mineur en comparaison du blocus tendu aux participants du rallye.

Lorsqu'il se vit face à face avec le camion et le fermier enragé, Hopkirk ne savait plus à quel saint se vouer. "Nous avons été retenus par des troupeaux de vaches, nos voitures ont chauffé à quelques reprises, mais ça c'est le bouquet", de déclarer le rallyiste de réputation internationale, d'un air exaspéré.

Sur ces entrefaites, Fritz Hochreuter d'Agincourt, Ont. s'amena au volant de sa Porsche. Le meneur au classement des inscriptions privées n'entendait nullement se laisser intimider.

Le fermier au sol

Après avoir essayé à deux reprises mais en vain de contourner l'obstacle il décida d'apporter les grands moyens. Voyant que le fermier se dirigeait vers lui d'un air menaçant, en faisant tourner dans sa main des cisaillères en guise de tomahawk, Hochreuter décida qu'aux "grands maux, il fallait les grands remèdes".

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Pendant ce temps, plusieurs voitures commençaient à arriver et à s'aligner accumulant par le fait même des points de pénalisation. Toutefois, la plupart des conducteurs semblaient fort intéressés par cette tragi-comédie inédite. "C'est l'incident le plus cocasse du rallye Shell", devait commenter plus tard l'un des participants.

La police fut mandée sur les lieux et les esprits s'étant calmés, la route fut rapidement débloquée. On ne sut jamais la raison de ce geste inconsidéré, car les rallyistes n'étant pas trop friands de points de pénalisation, s'empressèrent de reprendre leur chemin.

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L'écurie Ramber détient toujours une confortable avance sur les Toyota et les Datsun dans la course pour le convoité trophée des constructeurs. Dans la catégorie privée, Fritz Hochreuter mène toujours avec une sixième place au classement et Haydn Gozzard, et son épouse de London, Ont. viennent en tête dans la catégorie mixte. Ce matin, le rallye a pris le départ à destination de St-Jean, Nouveau Brunswick.

Au cours de cette cinquième étape, une épreuve en circuit fermé, d'une longueur de 14 milles sera disputée dans la forêt Domtar, à quelque 20 milles au nord-est de Sherbrooke.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

RACING

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Hochreuter wrestled the farmer to the ground with a beautiful stranglehold, and then the farmer's wife dutifully appeared with a shotgun and the fight ended.

Hochreuter and the farmer then agreed to phone the police, who ordered the road cleared.

Rally organizers have not yet decided whether penalty points will be assessed because of lost time.

Meanwhile, Scott Harvey of

Detroit, in a Barracuda, continued in first place with eight penalty points.

Paul MacLennan of Toronto and Jim Peters of Burlington, Ont., in a Rambler American, were second with 16, while the Rambler of Tom Jones of Port Arthur, Ont., is third with 18.

Paddy Hopkirk of Ireland, centre of a controversy because an additional radiator was installed in his car, remains in the rally and the radiator has reappeared.

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Rally Results

SHERBROOKE (CP) — Results in the cross-Canada rally Wednesday:

1. Scott Harvey, Dearborn Heights, Mich., Ralph Beckman, Ann Arbor, Mich., Barracuda—eight points.
2. Paul MacLennan, King, Ont., Jim Peters, Burlington, Ont., Rambler—16.
3. Tom Jones, Port Arthur, Ont., John Medwell, Toronto, Rambler—18.
4. Ewold Leonard van Bergen, South Africa, Paul Manson, Toronto, Datsun—24.
5. Haydn Gozzard, London, Ont., Sylvia Gozzard, London, Ont., Renault—49.
6. Tony Fall, Berkshire, England, Denis Johnson, Mt. Royal, Que., BMC 1800—50.
7. Hunter Floyd, St. Albert, Alta., Lutz Ecker, Don Mills, Ont., Rambler—51.
8. James Potts, London, Ont., Ernest Wilson, Ingersoll, Ont., Renault—66.
9. Mo Carter, Burlington, Ont., Art Dempsey, Weston, Ont., F85 Cutlass—68.
10. Paddy Hopkirk, Berkshire, Mike Kerry, Toronto, Cooper S—74.
- Other Ontario finishers:
 11. Fritz Hochreuter, Toronto, Ron Carney, Huntsville, Porsche—79.
 13. John Smith, Kingston, John Catto, Ottawa, Toyota—107.
 14. Norm Van Louis, Ottawa, Sieg Galk, Vancouver, Datsun—109.
 16. Bruce Schmidt, Tavistock, Betty Schmidt, Tavistock, Volkswagen—141.
 19. Keith Ronald, Guelph, John Slade, Ottawa, Peugeot 404—162.
 26. Bruce McHenry, Cooksville, Jim Kurtin, Burlington, Peugeot 204—233.
 28. Gerry Thompson, Vancouver, Ken Hawkins, Toronto, Toyota—260.
 29. Al Catinus, Ottawa, Otto Schreiber, Ottawa, Volkswagen 1600—268.
 32. Terrance Reid, Ottawa, Kay Edmond, Ottawa, Toyota—393.
 35. Michael Barnett, Sudbury, David Knee, Sudbury, Peugeot 204—440.
 36. Doug Sutton, Port Credit, Bryan MacKenzie, Mississauga, VW 311—470.
 41. Edgar Golz, Orillia, Mark McCutcheon, Orillia, Buick GS400—734.