

**B.A.R.C. (YORKS)**

## **HAREWOOD HILL-CLIMB**

**A**FTER a search which has lasted for a number of years, the Yorkshire Centre of the B.A.R.C. have finally found their own hill-climb course—and it has been well worth waiting for!

On 16th September the centre held the first event at their new hill at Stockton Farm, Harewood, almost within sight of the venue of their popular and successful autocrosses. In spite of an unfortunate delay the event turned out to be a success, with competitors and spectators alike expressing their feeling that it is already one of the best hill-climbs in the North.

The new hill is nearly 1,200 yards long and rises almost 250 feet. It has left- and right-handed 90-degree bends followed by a twist through a farmyard, a long left-handed bend followed by a climbing straight and then a final sweeping right-hand bend which tightens into almost a hairpin just before the finish. The paddock is situated at the top of the hill with an excellent view of the whole climb, and the adjoining spectator accommodation enables spectators to either stay near their cars and look down on almost the whole climb or walk down to the rails for a close-up on the corners. The surface was a little bumpy and loose for this first event, but it seemed to satisfy the entry of over 100.

During practice D. N. Scott flipped his G.N. after touching the grass in the long left-hand bend. He was taken to hospital in the course ambulance, and was discharged later the same afternoon. However, the meeting was held up until the ambulance and first-aid staff returned from hospital and so the start was delayed for nearly two hours.

Among the non-starters was Reg Phillips's Fairley which had mechanical trouble, but Reg came along and competed with his "cooking" M.G.A. With no hill-climb championship specialists competing the battle for the new hill record was open to a mixed bag of E-type Jaguars, Formula Junior and even Formula 1 cars, early Coopers and sports-racing machines.

It was Elva Mk 6 driver Tony