

CORDUROY ENDURO

Preparations for the fifth annual Corduroy Enduro are already well under way. The event is being organized by the British Empire Motor Club and will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22. In view of the fact that the Corduroy has been designated as the Canadian National Championship Enduro this year, a special effort is being made to make the 1957 edition the biggest and best yet. This year's event will feature more trophies and replicas since the National Championship cups will be awarded in addition to the already established Log Trophy (premier award), Clare Heard Trophy (best opposite class) and the Gold Rock Trophy (team award).

As in previous years the headquarters for the run will be Gold Rock Lodge which is located on Highway No. 35, approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Cobocok, Ontario. The routes used on Saturday and Sunday will both start and finish at Gold Rock and the Corduroy Banquet, scheduled for Saturday night, will again be a feature of the weekend for competitors and spectators alike. Saturday evening is usually taken up with a movie and slide show of recent motorcycle events, bull sessions, etc., followed by a Finnish steam bath and a swim to rejuvenate any aching muscles.

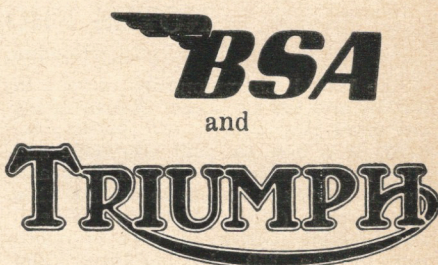
Regarding the event itself, present plans call for two separate routes for Saturday and Sunday each approximately 160 miles in length. Average speeds will be either 24 or 30 m.p.h., depending on the quality of the road. On both days the route will extend over a well blended Haliburton Highlands over a well blended assortment of paved highways, gravel roads, logging trails, etc. Since this year's run has been shortened somewhat, it should be possible to delay the start until 8:30 a.m. and still finish by roughly 4:00 p.m. This schedule includes a one hour lunch stop for those who are riding on schedule and an opportunity to make up lost time for those who are late.

As organizers of the run we are frequently asked whether standard touring machines or lightweights can be ridden successfully in this event. The answer is definitely yes; in fact, two of the four Corduroy Runs to date have been won by fully equipped road machines, a 650 c.c. Ariel twin and a Harley K. The

route does not include any appreciable amount of mud or deep sand; there are no steep hills and therefore, although scrambles type tires are considered an advantage by the experts, all parts of the route are entirely navigable by a cycle with standard tires and gearing. Ignition systems should be carefully waterproofed, but at any major water crossing a certain amount of assistance is generally available should unforeseen difficulties arise.

In keeping with the fact that the Corduroy Enduro has achieved National Championship status, the organizers suggest that all C.M.A. members and clubs should stop to consider whether there is any event in the C.M.A. calendar which offers an equal opportunity for friendly but keen competition on an individual and a club team basis. Plan now to have your club enter one or more teams. Organize a club run to Gold Rock to provide them with a cheering section and take part in the social activities. The cost is surprisingly little and a good time is guaranteed . . . See you there.

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