

This impressive array of trophies was won in four years' motor cycling



WHEN it comes to winning trophies, there is one man in Chapel-en-le-Frith who really knows how to go about it. He is Dave Rowland, aged 25, of Rookery Farm, a member of the B.S.A. trials team and one of the finest trials riders in the North.

Dave has been engaged in competitive trials for about four years, and in that comparatively short space of time has collected well over 100 cups, plaques, shields and other prizes.

SCOTTISH SIX-DAY TRIAL

Our reporter spoke to him last Friday, just before he left to compete in the tough and exacting Scottish six-day trial, in which he was fourth last year. Dave, who drives a lorry when not amassing the silverware on the trials courses, is pictured with some of his major awards. Others are not included as they had to be returned before this photograph could be arranged.

Among them are the P. S. Chamberlain Trophy, the Scott Trophy, the North-Western Centre road race trial first prize, the Clayton Trophy, the Manx two-day trial first prize and the John Simister Memorial Trophy.

These are just a small section of the great collection of impressive trophies which Dave's high-class riding has brought into the cosy living

room of the Rowland household.

His first notable achievements in the sport came when he was serving in the Army. He won both the Northern Command and the Southern Command motor-cycling trials and from then on has never looked back.

NO CLEANING PROBLEM

While Dave apparently has no trouble in winning these trophies, there is the matter of cleaning them, but on this point Mrs. Rowland assured our reporter that she does not mind in the slightest.

By the time this appears in print, Dave will be pitting his skill against the best trials riders in the country over 800 demanding miles in the Scottish six-day event. With him will go the best wishes of all Chapel people. Dave rarely talks about his successes; he merely keeps competing, using his ever-increasing skill and judgment to add to his already very impressive array of awards.



LEFT: Because of his physical handicap, Dave Rowland found it easier to ride a Montesa than to walk when acting as ACU steward. His wife Doreen is on the right.

Rowland resigns

DAVE ROWLAND, the youngest member of the ACU's Trials and Rallies committee, has resigned after three years in office.

A former BSA works rider who was once runner-up in the Scottish Six Days, 39-year-old Rowland has offered to continue to act as a steward at northern trials.

One of the most popular and go-ahead officials in the sport, the Manchester 17 enthusiast will be sadly missed on a committee which, in future, will become predominantly southern.

Although his activities have been restricted by the handicap of multiple sclerosis, Rowland says the main reason for his resignation are the exigencies of a new job. He also admits he became somewhat disillusioned.

Said Rowland: "The dates the committee has picked for the 1978 British championship include only six events north of Birmingham. I get the impression nobody has taken a scrap of notice of stewards reports."

"After last year's D K Mansell, at which I was the ACU steward, I said the event was not worthy of championship status. I can only conclude that convenience of the event in the national calendar is the main qualification."

"Two of the events picked for British sidecar championship rounds are given to organisers who have no wish to cater for chairs. The South Liverpool club has not had a sidecar class in the Lomax for four years and have no wish to reintroduce one."

"The West Leeds club, who ran the White Rose as a national for the first time this year, have no intention of running a sidecar class."

"It might be an idea if the ACU looked at the Manx two-day trial as a potential sidecar round. It always attracts a record number of chairs," concluded Rowland.