



As soon as registration opened on Saturday morning, the queue began to grow.



All the way from South Africa were (l-r) Charles Viljoen and Gerard and Reinette Wille. On the big day, Charles and Gerard drove the Sandstone Estates Emerson Brantingham and hot-bulb Landini.



Padraig Doolan from Tullamore was driving this unusual 1959 John Deere Lanz 100 owned by Gerard Leahy.



Also owned by Gerard Leahy was this 1961 3-cylinder air-cooled Renault, driven here by Seán Leahy.



Largely unknown in the Northern Hemisphere, the Australian Chamberlain 9G 'Champion' is something of a legend in its home country after one took part in a trans-continental car race in the fifties! Not as crazy as it sounds, as the 9G was a fast road tractor capable of around 50km/h while also able to tackle almost any terrain. A rare sight outside Australia, it was a fitting tribute to such a unique event to have such a special machine taking part.



Gerry King's Avery prepares to run at the head of the pack in the awful conditions of Sunday morning.



The press interest in the event was sizeable, with helicopters and cranes full of camera-crews and photographers in position high over the site. Roger Hamlin, a veteran photographer of previous record attempts, was getting into the spirit of things as usual!



David Mouland towers above on the South African John Deere High-Crop 60.



March of the champions.



Tommy Fennelly and co. aboard his big John Deere.