

# Group B is back!

**T**he iconic period of rallying that lasted from 1982-85 under the Group B regulations is seen by most rally fans as the heyday of the sport.

Huge wings, massive horsepower and heroic drivers give this era near mythic status, but it wasn't to last, as cars got too fast and a pair of fatal crashes marked a sad end to an exciting period.

But thankfully there's no need to wallow in nostalgia any longer... Group B is back! For the younger generation who weren't lucky enough to see these fabulous machines in action, or those die-hard fans of rallying's greatest era, now's your chance to see some true Group B competition.

Rallying with Group B has organised a proper multistage competitive event to take place over the August bank holiday weekend (25th-26th) taking in several venues and closed road sections across the West Midlands. In addition to the roads of Cheshire and North Staffordshire, stand-out locations visited across the bank holiday weekend include Bolesworth Castle, Cholmondeley Castle, Swynnerton Army Barracks and Oulton Park race circuit. These venues will either see displays or special stages with demonstration laps also taking place.

Recreating the RAC rallies of the early Eighties, this new National B (motorsport classification) event will see monstrous Audi Quattros and savage Peugeot T16s battling for position alongside Metro 6R4s, Lancia 037s and Ford RS200s. Organisers, Rallying with Group B has announced more than 60 entries so far with space left for more, so there's bound to be some more unusual rally machines from the period.



Fire-breathing monsters from the early-mid Eighties will be competing once more on the August bank holiday weekend in the West Midlands. Audi Quattros, Metro 6R4s and Peugeot 205 T16s will be in attendance among many others...

In fact if you're lucky enough to own a historic rally car from this era and you have a National B licence then visit: [www.rallyegroupeb.com](http://www.rallyegroupeb.com) to enter the event. 'There has never been a better reason to get your car out of the garage, whether you're thinking of competing, displaying or spectating...' said Rallying with Group B trust member Stephen Davis.

Don't worry if you have an older – or newer – rally machine as there's also classes for WRC, Group A, Seventies and Eighties Works Cars and British Historic cars of significant public interest. So if you're a rally fan of any decade in the past 40 years, there's something for you to get excited about.