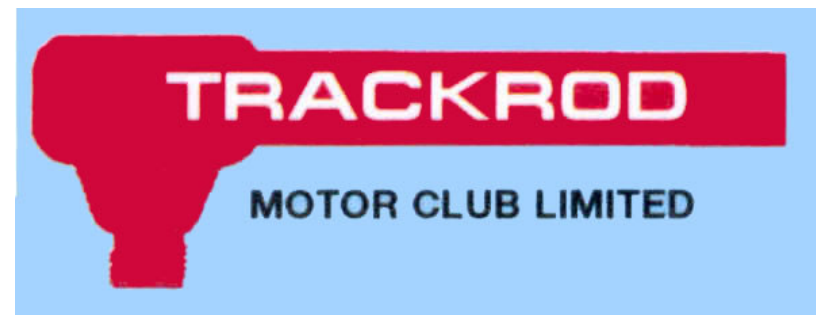


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## Club Nights

### Trophy Points and Awards 2007

By the time you are all reading this article, the Dinner Dance will have been and gone and all Awards for 2007 will have been presented. Congratulations to all the award winners. All were well deserved. I have asked Andrew to include the lists of points awarded at the end of this article, just to give you all some idea of the number of claimants in the year, and how many points and events they have participated in.

One of the criticism's that have been made to me and to other members of the committee, has been the lack of point updates during the year. This is something that we aim to put right this year. As many of you will appreciate putting the points together is a very time consuming business on a large 8 – 10 page spreadsheet, which it self needs some serious updating. As you know computers are not my strongpoint!, but Andrew and Graham Wride have kindly offered to help me try to update the system with the aim of giving you a bi-monthly update. Whether this will be on the Website or in the Magazine has yet to be decided. Graham Steggles did an incredible job taking the system from paper to computer, but we do now need to take the next step. Any useful ideas will be gratefully received.

Over the last couple of years our esteemed historian Richard Ineson and myself have been trying to locate some missing Trophy's. More by chance than anything Richard and I have achieved, Malcolm Jagger met an old member and Trophy points coordinator Vince Fletcher who had found a box of trophies in his Garage. At the time of writing I haven't seen them, but we suspect these are the last of the missing Trophy's. Many thanks to all those who helped in the search, especially Richard who spent many an hour trying to trace the last recipient of each of the individual trophies

Finally may I wish everybody a successful and safe Motorsport year in 2008, be it competing or marshalling,  
and keep those claim forms coming.

Russell Holdsworth  
Trophy points Co-ordinator

#### January 2008

1st New Years Day  
8th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club  
15th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
22nd The Yeoman – Otley  
29th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

#### February 2008

5th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club  
12th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
19th The Yeoman – Otley  
26th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

#### March 2008

4th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club  
11th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
18th The Yeoman – Otley  
25th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

### Events Calendar 2007

#### January 2008

**26th Dinner Dance - Castle Grove Headlingley**

#### February 2008

9th Silva Stages  
10th Riponian Stages

#### March 2008

1st-2nd Ribble Valley Road Rally  
8th-9th Robin Hood Stages  
23rd Phoenix Stages  
29th North Humberside Rally  
30th SMC Stages

### Other Dates for your 2008 Diary

6th April Lookout Stages Rally  
27th September Rally Yorkshire  
26th December Boxing Day Autotest

# TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_ Competitors tick  appropriate boxes below and provide evidence (results)

Event Name \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date \_\_\_\_\_ Event Type:  
 Autotest   
 Economy Run   
 Hillclimb   
 Organising Club: Trackrod  PCT   
 Other  Road Rally   
 Type of Claim: Stage Rally M/V   
 Driver  Stage Rally S/V   
 Navigator  Treasure Hunt   
 Marshal  12-Car   
 Service Crew  Other - state type   
 Organiser : \_\_\_\_\_  
 state position \_\_\_\_\_

Event Status \_\_\_\_\_

Clubman CM  National "B"  ANCC Round   
 National "A"  International  Yorkshire League Round   
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**For Official Use Only**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Your Entry No \_\_\_\_\_

Processed by \_\_\_\_\_ Position Overall \_\_\_\_\_

Awards eligible for \_\_\_\_\_ Position in Class \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No. in Class \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL claims to be made within 1 month from the date of the event and must include a copy of entry list and final results sheet.**

## Rally Awards

TOTALS		single ven	Multi ven
Dec 2006 - Nov 2007			
Competitor			
Andrew Apperley			
Mark Midgey			
Robin Shuttleworth			
David Marshal			
Steve Sanderson	309.2 D	247.6	61.6
Caroline Marston			
Jon Neale			
Mick Moore			
Graham Steggle			
Darren Moon	318.3 D	107.6	210.7
Graham Wince	434.1 N	56.8	377.3
Dave Hammond			
Arthur Heaton			
John McNichol	465.6 N	166.2	305.4
Simon Taylor			
Richard Etherington			
Chris Downes	252.4 N	191	61.4
Jim Plevy			
Michelle Plevy			
Chris Hudson			
Mark Midgey			
Katy Lee			
Emma Bain			
Dave Hemmingsway			
Jonathan Turnbull	907.4 N	407.2	500.2
Howard Choppin	424.7 D	335.4	89.3
Alister Wells	160.2 D	160.2	
Nick Hood	104.6 N	104.6	
Ross Lebetter	95 D	95	

TOTALS

John Williams	203.5
Gil Williams	130
Stuart Drabble	
Darren Moon	75.6
Richard Goldie	20
Jon Turnbull	27.1

## Service Crew

Dec 2005-Nov 2006		TOTALS
Competitor		
Robin Shuttleworth		
Chris Hudson		
Barry Stener		
Stuart Marsh		25
Andrew Apperley		
Dave Hammond		
Darren Moon		
David Marshal		
Rob Buchan		
Simon Marston		
Richard Goldie		5
Simon Taylor		
Katy Lee		10
Mark Sherburn		15
Wendy Patrick		
Kevin Patrick		
Derek Marshall		
Andy Turnbull		10
Steve Hitchcock		5

## Trackrod Trophy

Dec 2005-Nov 2006		TOTALS	Events
Competitor			
Derek Lee		10	2
Kevin Patrick		50	27
Richard Goldie		5	
Katy Lee			
Simon Marston			
Jean Lee		10	2
Wendy Patrick		5	1
Andrew Apperley			
Jan Jagger		70	11
Malcolm Jagger		45	9
Caroline Marston			
Simon Taylor			
Steve Sanderson		30	6
Mark Sherburn		10	2
Graham Wince		40	8
Chris Downes		20	4
Rob Buchan			
Melanie Turnbull		20	4
Shelagh Turnbull		60	14
Andy Turnbull		135	22
Russell Holdsworth			
John Williams		60	11
Gil Williams		60	11
Jon Turnbull		77	17
Howard Choppin		31	7
Jon McNichol		32	8
Stuart Marsh			
Alister Wells		13	5
Darren Moon		31	7
Ross Lebetter			
Nick Hood			
Steve Hitchcock			

## Marshals Trophy

TOTALS		Events
Competitor		
Kevin Patrick	20	2
Wendy Patrick	20	2
Richard Goldie	75	24
Caroline Marston	15	
Simon Marston	15	1
Derek Lee	35	3
Katy Lee	15	1
Stephen Sanderson	5	1
Phil Andrews		
Jan Jagger	95	11
Malcolm Jagger	80	9
Andrew Apperley		
Chris Downes	5	1
Andy Turnbull	140	19
Shelagh Turnbull	120	15
Mark Sherburn		
Johnathon Turnbull	20	4
Melanie Turnbull	55	4
Russell Holdsworth		
Jean Lee	35	2
Stuart Marsh		
John Williams	60	8
Gil Williams	60	8
Stuart Marsh	5	1

**BBQ Hillclimb Cancellation**

I regret to announce that the 2008 BBQ Hillclimb will not be taking place. This is due to two factors. Firstly, we have been unable to obtain our anniversary date from BARC (Yorkshire Centre) and this means that with the exception of the TVR club none of our regular championships would be able to attend on the date we were given. Secondly, BARC (Yorkshire Centre) have raised the hire charge, again, but this time by another 17%, after already increasing their charges by 16% last year. We have now arrived at a point where it is no longer economical to hire Harewood unless competitors are prepared to pay considerably increased entry fees. As a Club we have looked at every possible saving and way to contain or mitigate these increases, but have reluctantly concluded that we, and you, can no longer afford Harewood.

We are looking at alternative venues for 2009 but for this year we are not now able to run. I hope you will understand and we look forward to seeing you again in 2009.

Nigel Drayton  
Clerk of the Course.

**Boxing Day Autotest Scores**

NAME	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4	Test 5	Test 6	TOTAL
Ben Spencer	76	74	78	69	69	68	<b>434</b>
Pud Wood	73	69	72	65	60	98	<b>437</b>
A Apperley	76	72	71	70	78	77	<b>444</b>
Michael Pickles	83	74	79	76	84	77	<b>473</b>
Steve Carter	86	89	76	79	73	71	<b>474</b>
Lorraine Leeming	85	82	81	79	75	73	<b>475</b>
Dave Hemmingway	82	92	79	76	89	72	<b>490</b>
Guy Waddington	93	92	84	83	84	79	<b>515</b>
Andy Wood	89	91	89	87	87	84	<b>527</b>
Mark Sherburn	117	125	92	93	110	96	<b>633</b>
Katy Sherburn	117	112	108	111	107	105	<b>660</b>

**We have been asked to assist on the following events that are coming up shortly, if you would like to help on any of these please let me know:**

**Riponian Stages**

**10 February**

The Riponian is running again this year after its non appearance in 2007 and we have been asked to run the Roppa stage. This is the same stage route as previous years but run in the opposite direction and is run twice. I don't have a definitive time schedule as yet but I would guess signing on would be 8 to 8.30. Plenty of marshals required so please come along and help if you can.

**Robin Hood Forest Stages**

**9 March**

We have been asked by Ilkley Motor Club to assist them on this event. They are running a stage on the Sunday so you should see both the Historic and Modern fields. Signing on 7.30 to 8.15 – please contact me for further details.

**Lookout Stages**

**6 April**

Out very own event at Melbourne airfield. Planning is now well underway for this event and regs are due out shortly. If you are not helping on this already, I'm surprised! But if you're not – and would like to – please contact the Chief Marshal, Richard Goldie on 07875060423

Andy Turnbull Chief Marshal Tel 01943 862836

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**MSA Rally Marshals Training sessions**

Details pertaining to the sessions available at each Training Day can be found on the Volunteers In Motorsport website ([www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk](http://www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk)) by following the "Training" link at the bottom of the homepage.

Currently the nearest Training Days to yourselves are :-

- 1, Association of Northern Car Clubs (ANCC) at Askham Bryan College (York) on Sunday 27th February
- 2, Association of North East & Cumbria Car Clubs (ANECCC) at Automotive Centre of Excellence (Gateshead) on Saturday 2nd February
- 3, Association of North East Midland Motor Clubs (ANEMMC) at University of Derby on Sunday 24th February

(Your members will find the appropriate 'online application form' for each Training Day against it's ViM website entry)

As always this training is provided FREE OF CHARGE by MSA Marshals Instructors - the only costs to attendees being their fuel, plus either the college refectory or local café prices for breakfast and lunch, if people don't wish to take their own sandwiches, etc.

For more information on the MSA Rally Marshals Scheme please visit <http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/contentViewArticle.asp?article=2385> You'll also be able to view details of the new for 2008 MSA Cadet Marshals scheme for the under 16's, for which these training days are open to, via <http://www.msauk.org/site/wbs/news/ViewNews.asp?NewsOwner=msa&NewsId=4031&BackUrl=NewsOwner%3Dmsa%26chapter%3D262&chapter=262&category=0>

As you will no doubt be aware for any marshal wishing to volunteer for the Rally Wales GB there is an MSA/Event requirement that they are enrolled on the MSA's National Marshals Register, which the Introduction To Rally Marshaling course can provide the necessary training to support their application. Similarly for existing MSA Registered Marshals there is an ongoing requirement for them to attend a Marshals Training Day, every 2 years. Again the other courses provide the necessary training.

If you have any queries regarding this MSA Training the please don't hesitate to contact either Allan Dean-Lewis at the MSA, Dave Pierre as Chair of the MSA Volunteer Officials Advisory Panel, ANCC's Training Officer Bob Wright, or myself.

We look forward to receiving Training Application Forms from your members so as that they can attend one of these dates.

Regards,

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**DATES FOR 2008 PIRELLI MSA GRAVEL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP AND AN-CRO RALLY CHALLENGE ANNOUNCED**

Following the recent announcement that Pirelli was to sponsor the ANCRO-organised MSA Gravel Rally Championship starting in 2008, the organisers have released the dates.

The series has been increased to eight rounds with the inclusion of a second all-asphalt event with the Mewla Rally on August 24th and will make a welcome return to the Yorkshire forests as part of the Trackrod Rally a month later whereas the Killarney Stages Rally has been dropped from the championship.

The series kicks off with the traditional season opener in Bournemouth with Rallye Sunseeker on February 22/23 followed by a trip to Kielder Forest a little later than in previous years for the Border Counties Rally on April 5th.

The Severn Valley moves forward a week to May 30 but the RBS Manx, Swansea Bay and Bulldog Rallies all retain their usual place in the calendar and once again, competitors will be allowed to drop scores in a maximum of two rounds.

Commenting on the inclusion of the Trackrod National Rally into the series, Trackrod Rally Clerk of the Course Rod Parkin said: "It is with great pleasure that we welcome the return of ANCRO competitors to Yorkshire. Once again they now have the opportunity to test their skills in the fast flowing forests such as Dalby and Langdale and we will make every effort to ensure that everyone has a competitive and enjoyable rally."

ANCRO Chairman John Trevethick commented: "We're delighted with the inclusion of an event in the Yorkshire Forests and are sure this will be a big draw for many of our competitors as well the addition of the Mewla. We believe we have a solid foundation with some of the best events in the country now."

**Pirelli MSA Gravel Rally Championship Dates**  
22/23 February, Rallye Sunseeker - Bournemouth  
5 April, Brick & Steel Border Counties - Jedburgh  
9/10 May, RBS International Manx Rally - Douglas  
30 May, Severn Valley Rally - Llandrindod Wells  
19 July, Swansea Bay Rally - Swansea  
24 August, Eventsigns Mewla Rally - Built Wells  
27 September, Trackrod National Rally - Pickering  
18 October, Bulldog Rally - Oswestry 5

Belated seasons greetings to you all from up here in Scotland. What a year 2007 has been for me, rather busy getting my leg working again, amazing how long it's taken so far, over 10 months to date and I still cannot run! Not much motorsport for me, for many reasons, leg, building works at home and of course the new 'holiday home' on Mull, now that is turning out to be more work than I expected, but will be WELL worth it. We aim to have it ready for rental in May (2008 honest!), but there is still a lot to do! Oh, did anyone find any old pictures of the house/area?

One thing that came into my eMail box was a note re old cars, and I have a few of them! Several EU proposals across the years are dangerous to the classic car movement. One that has been under consideration is to ban the use of cars older than 10 years. Similarly, Edinburgh City Council is considering the banning of cars over 15 years old from the town centre. These, and similar, proposals directly threaten the classic car movement, and encourage the manufacture of new cars, with the attendant environmental issues of sourcing raw materials, manufacturing, distributing and scrapping the spiralling supply of new vehicles.

As I imagine it would affect us all, I believe this is a worthwhile thing to sign, sign it here:-

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Classic-Cars/>

Below are a few words re what has happened towards the end of 2007, and more importantly what is planned for 2008! Hope to see a number of you during 2008.

#### **CRAIL KINGOM STAGES – 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

This was an excellent day again, and it was lovely and sunny, best weather I have ever had there! This year we ran 6 stages of triple laps again, busy but fun and it finished a lot earlier! In the morning we did 2 pairs of stages in one direction, followed by one pair in the opposite direction in the afternoon. The only issue we had was a car on fire coming into the finish area on an afternoon stage, but was soon put out by all there. Both crew members were fine, and very appreciative that their car wasn't burnt out!

I will be back again next year, its great having the caravan there on the Friday night and not having to get up early in the morning!!

#### **ROGER ALBERT CLARK RALLY – 18<sup>th</sup> November**

What a great event this is turning out to be and social able as well!!!! I travelled down on the Saturday morning to the Dumfries area. We 1<sup>st</sup> did a route check of the Ae stage that was being setup, then on to Dumfries to check on the Heathhall service area and special stage. All three were well in hand, so it was time to go to the B&B (friendly local rally chap run place!) and out for a spot of dinner with 12 of us, a great evening!

Sunday morning came too quickly with Ae running on time, with lots of marshals and radio crews in there.

#### **MSA issues behaviour warning to motor sport**

The Motor Sports Association, governing body of UK motor sport, has issued a stern warning to everyone involved in the sport, that unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated at any level or in any situation.

A recent judgement in the Royal Courts of Justice following an incident at Warden Law kart circuit clearly upheld the rights of landowners reasonably to ban persons from their premises for reasons of unacceptable behaviour. This applies equally to both competitors and non-competitors, irrespective of the status of the activity taking place at the time.

The MSA wholly supports this judgement and wishes to make it clear to the entire motor sport community that personal misbehaviour both on and off the track will not be tolerated.

Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the Motor Sports Association said:

"Three years ago, we introduced regulations to ensure that parents or guardians of young drivers under 18 years of age had to 'sign on' at each event, to create a 'contract' between them and the authorities and enabling disciplinary proceedings to be brought if necessary. The measure has been very successful, significantly reducing the number of these offences seen at events involving young drivers.

"There has, however, been a sharp rise in the number of cases of violence or threatened violence of serious abuse in recent years and we absolutely have to stamp it out. We fully support landowners and venue operators who ban people for unacceptable behaviour. MSA officials dealing with unacceptable behaviour both on and off the track have the full support of the MSA. The sternest possible line will be taken against competitors who are brought before the National Court for any reason of unacceptable behaviour."

Dennis Carter, Chairman of the Association of Motor Racing Circuit Owners said:

"The Association applauds and will strenuously support the governing body and any individual circuit owner in taking appropriate action to stamp out any form of violent behaviour from within motor sport."

## The Geriatric Navigator – 2007 the final chapter?

I thought I had better do the annual report on life from the left hand seat in what was to be my “last, final, never again” season. I did intend to pack in after 2006 but the temptation to sit with Darren Moon for one final year was too much. I also felt there was “unfinished business” with Allister Wells as his luck could not continue to be so bad and the results would come and I’d leave him on a high.

Life with Allister is never dull. The odd good result when he finished mixed with mechanical problems he could not prevent culminated in the Neil Howard Rally at Melbourne. The most rewarding time in rallying is when the driver, navigator and car all work together “in perfect harmony”. This was the opposite – the car fell out with Allister, Allister fell out with me and I fell out with single venue rallies “big time!” The three of us will probably never be seen competing together again but I wish Allister all the best for the future and he did win his class in the following event at Weeton Camp so “well done”.

Life with Darren has also had its highs and lows. Flying on the Robin Hood to prove that we’re quicker than Pete Beer in Sherwood ended with bits of engine all over the road in Portland. The engine rebuilt, we did the Pirelli National and finished third behind a WRC Evo and an Impreza despite a few problems – first time I have had champagne to spray on a finish podium in front of a crowd!

The decision to go “historic” saw the arrival of a “Warrior” engine and various “period” additions. Main problems surrounded the gearbox which caused all kinds of non finishes and general grief. A good “test day” up in Stang forest seemed to sort all the problems and we looked forward to our “home” event, the Trackrod and running with the National Historic guys to give us a marker of where we were. Our times were good (unless you compare them to Mr McCormack!) and despite the biggest overshoot I can remember, we were looking for a top three finish as we neared the end of the final stage. Suffice to say, it was good to meet old friends in the Woodyard including Alan Powell. What we thought was a head gasket failure turned into something much more sinister and should have ended the year for us.

So not a good year, one decent result and two engines destroyed. However, Darren decided we would defend our title on the Kall Kwik as the previous year’s winners and obtained a new engine which he and many helpers managed to install just in time.

Did we win? Of course! Am I retiring? Not yet!

John McNichol

Heathhall Service Area, Heathhall stage and Twiglees were all setup and ran without issue, but..... Castle O’re, errrrrr the SC was running late, and at 10:15 I had a call to inform me that some of the stage kit was still in Dumfries, and 1<sup>st</sup> car was due at 13:15. Decisions were then quickly made, all ‘spare’ equipment in Dumfries service was collected and we sped across to the stage to setup. We got as far as J4 when lots of radio/marshals came and offered to assist, so the stage was setup as far as J8 when we ran out of kit. It was then time to wait for the SC and his team to turn up and finish the job off. Well done to all for helping, it was very much appreciated by all, and the stage was ready to run on time.

Talking of appreciation, it was great to see/hear so much appreciation from the competitors – it does make the marshals feel a lot more appreciated! It was also nice to see a number of you up from Yorkshire, watching/listening to some good rally cars! With plans to build on the four years of success to date, it will be interesting to see what 2008 brings.

### Planning for 2008!!!! Some dates to be confirmed.

#### **RALLOY MULL FOREST STAGES – 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Our accom (house!) is now booked and no spare beds!!!! This turned out to be an excellent weekend over the last two years. We have been asked to run a double running of Fishnish stage, anyone interested in helping? It’s less than 10mins from Salen!

#### **PIRELLI INTERNATIONAL – 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **MERRICK STAGES RALLY – usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in September**

Date not confirmed.

#### **TOUR OF MULL – 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> October**

Book your accom now, we have, the house is fully booked!

#### **KINGDOM STAGES, CRAIL – 1<sup>st</sup> Sat in November usually**

#### **ROGER ALBERT CLARK – late Nov.**

#### **GALLOWAY HILLS RALLY – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December**

Couldn’t make it this year, would like to try to in 2008. How many years have I said that!

So that’s it for now. Seasons greetings to you all and all the best for 2008.

If anybody would like more details on any of the above, then please contact me on 01259 760611H, 07793 662444 M – but not after 22:00! (eMail peterstanhope@hotmail.co.uk)

Safe motoring.

Peter Stanhope

## RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1978 - On the cover was a picture of a right motley selection of members gathered round the Firenza of Ian Gurnett on its trailer on Oban pier awaiting the ferry to Mull.

Christmas party at Follifoot was a huge success except for the tyre tracks across the pristine grass!!!

Editor Leuchars had a huge gripe about the lack of articles for the magazine - just like all editors before (and after) him!! - So things don't change!! He also had a dig at Yorkshire rallying as he felt the roads were more of a power race - unlike Derbyshire where his skills as a navigator could shine through as on the recent MN event with Ian Gurnett - don't think his map reading won it for them though!!

Trophy winners at the Dinner were ; Steve Rathbone; John Renny; Alan Powell; Frank Stuart-Brown; Steve Lloyd; John Wilson; Howard White; Ronnie Moore; Vicky Spurdens; Ian Waddington; Steve Mills; Richard Jackson and Sue Broadbelt.

20 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1988 - All a bit quiet on the competition front really. Peter Stanhope gave us part 2 of his Experience Tells with a detailed procedure for would-be radio operatives on rallies.

Elsewhere there was a report by John Westmoreland on the recent Navigational scatter which was won by Tim Tennant/Nick Pullan 9 (What - not Editor Leuchars?????).

Barry Dove was advertising for any escort bits and Peter Stanhope reported that membership now stood at 117 including new recruits Andrew and Roy Apperley.

30 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1998 - Steve Lancaster reported on his outing with Ian Tunney in the Mitsubishi Starion on the North West Stages where they finished a creditable 27th o/a and 8th in class - excellent stage by stage report in a compact 2 pages!!

Peter Mc Stanhope reported from Stirling plugging events north of the border for 1998 and recommending early booking for accommodation!!

Graham Wride reported on his first outing since 1979 as a co-driver. He sat in with Nigel Drayton during 1997 and found that his first thoughts were perhaps a bit off the mark and things had in fact moved on in more than a few areas in the intervening 19 years!! Cars had become more reliable - he could now expect a finish! And 4wd and turbos were here to stay - however there were still a lot of Escorts and Minis about and the camaraderie was still evident! Sadly, due to circumstances preventing them partaking in the last event of the Cub Championship they were deprived of a shot at winning but still ended up in 2nd.

TRACKROD \_\_\_\_\_ ENDS

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## RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1978 - On the cover was Timo Salonen in the Chequered Flag Fiat 131 on the 77 RAC rally. Mintex rally coming up on the 26th - our stage will be Dalby.

Steve Hazeldine was clearing out his garage on a massive scale, everything for Escorts; Minis and Dolly Sprints even a whole Dolly Sprint!!! Sanderson/Buchan won round 4 of the indoor rally championship and now leads overall.

Steve and Mary Lloyd said goodbye to Yorkshire to move to Wiltshire (they're still there and the wit and repartee from the prolific Lloyd pen within these pages is still sadly missed.). Ronnie Moore reported on the Janus Autotest at Tockwith which was a little hampered by fog - John Richardson and Nick Leuchars were marshalling on the same test and couldn't see each other at times!!! Anyway David Taylor and Ken Goodall won their classes and Gerald Taylor took FTD.

"Wrong Slot" reported on the 3 Swans Rally where 1st o/a was taken by Andy Mackay/Ian Buchanan with a most creditable performance by Gez Warters/Vince Fletcher netting them 12th in the VW. Dave Marshall/Rod Parkin lost a wheel and Rod was heard to be singing loudly "you picked a fine time to leave me loose wheel .....!!! Rod had of course vast experience of this phenomenon in his own Escort which resulted in a rather impressive accident!!!

20 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1988 - Team Captain Mackinnon reported somewhat late on our 1987 finishing position in the Shell League - 8th and let us know of the 1988 calendar of events - we would be including the April Fools Autotest as our contribution - The Riponian had already run so watch this space to see how we fared - maybe next month??

The Cartel rally was coming up in March and our stage was to be Dalby 2 run twice - Commander Renny had more detail but we did have a 3 car team entered; Powell/Dove; Pam White/Ian Parkinson and Vary/Walker - more spaces to watch!! Being this time of the year Trophy points Sec Mackinnon filled the pages with the scoring systems for each trophy.

10 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1998 - John Shaw was seeking a co-driver for local stage rallies in 1998, any expenses would be to share event costs - don't know if anybody took him up on it!! The Larkspeed League included our own Lookout single venue rally. A supplement to the magazine reported on a club outing to the Autosports Show with a photo of Michael Kemp autograph hunting - can't decide if it was the attractive young lady or Phil Collins whose name and number he was after!!!

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PS The eagle eyed amongst the regular readers of this column will have spotted a rather glaring error last month - the 20 year old bit was in fact the December copy so you may find yourselves reading the same bit again - though I may put the January piece in just to see if anyone is awake out there because I certainly didn't seem to be last month!!!

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