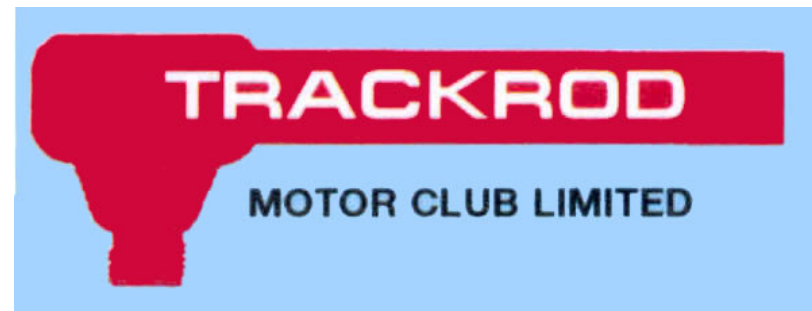


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## Club Nights

### April 2009

7th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club  
14th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
21st The Yeoman – Otley  
28th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

### May 2009

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

### June 2009

2nd Old Modernians Sports & Social Club  
9th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
16th The Yeoman – Otley  
23rd Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
30th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

## Events Calendar 2009

### April 2009

12 Harewood Hill Climb  
17-18 Pirelli International Rally  
18 Tour of Cumbria  
19 Jubilee Historic

### May 2009

3 Torque-BAC Stages  
9 & 10 Harewood Hill Climb  
10 Tour of Hamsterley

### June 2009

6 & 7 Chatsworth Rally Show  
6 Harewood Hill Climb  
7 Harewood Hill Climb Classic & Vintage  
13 Dukeries Rally  
19 & 20 Rally of the Midlands  
28 Tyneside Stages Rally

**Also any suggestions  
for new places to meet  
please contact any  
member of the commit-  
tee.**

## Riponian Stages

Many thanks to all who assisted on the Roppa stage of the Riponian. The event seemed to run very well and stage conditions were just about ideal. Roppa also ran well despite a few of the competitors trying to demolish the chicanes and tightened junctions (again).

We had a few competitors launching themselves into the scenery, the most serious being Car 90 who rolled prior to junction 5. This did the Evo not much good at all but the crew came off slightly better – a night in hospital being required for both driver and navigator but no lasting injuries.

Again, thank you for coming out to assist, I will let you know details of further 'opportunities'

Andy Turnbull  
Stage Commander Roppa

## Forthcoming Events

Pirelli International Rally 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> April

Trackrod have been asked to run a stage on this event again this year. The format of the event is somewhat different to previous years so our stage this year is in the Kielder complex.

John Smallwood is the Stage Commander and the stage is run twice on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

If you would like to assist and see the top BRC runners please contact either myself or John.

Andy Turnbull

## Lookout Rally.

You are all probably aware of the fact that the Lookout has been postponed from its normal March/April date this year. There are a few reasons for this but it is mainly due to the lack of an agreement with the landowner to use Melbourne. Negotiations are still underway regarding damage, cost of repairs etc. and we are hoping an agreement can be reached. Since economic conditions are presently not good we were not intending to run this year, either at Melbourne or anywhere else, but are planning for 2010. I will try to keep you posted on progress and future dates.

## Petition to the Prime Minister

There is a proposal to reduce national speed limits to 50 MPH (& even restrict all the currently de-restricted country roads to 40 MPH). This is a massively naïve proposal, that will not serve to significantly reduce deaths or improve emissions, but will in many cases increase journey times and reduce the country's efficiency and so I urge you to sign it. This does imply that you condone speeding, just that you don't want your motoring to become more restricted by inappropriate speed cameras and legislation...

Please click on the link below to sign the following petition:

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/noNSLreduction/>

The petition reads:

'We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to NOT reduce the national speed limit to 50mph. Following the announcement that the government is planning to reduce the national speed limit to 50 miles per hour, we the undersigned oppose this, since it will make no difference to road deaths and the cut in carbon emissions is so insignificantly small it's laughable.'

If you are supportive, please pass this onto your like minded friends

### MSA LAUNCHES ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP IN MOTOR SPORT

The Motor Sports Association, governing body of UK motor sport, has announced the creation of the first ever Apprenticeship in motor sport driving and has opened registrations for the first intake of 50 drivers and co-drivers to start the course in August 2009.

The Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) is funded by the Learning and Skills Council and is already well established in many other sports including football, rugby, tennis, golf, athletics and swimming with notable success for example, Rebecca Adlington was an AASE student when she took double Gold in the pool in Beijing.

The Advanced Apprenticeships have been designed to meet the needs of young people aged 16-18 (up to 24 in some cases) who have the realistic potential to achieve excellence in their sport and are seeking to perform at the highest level as their main career goal.

The programme teaches the broad range of competences required in elite sport and will focus on the development of the student as a motor sport competitor

## TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM

Members Name

Competitors tick  appropriate boxes below and provide evidence (results)

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Organising Club:

Trackrod

Other

Type of Claim:

Driver

Navigator

Marshal

Service Crew

Organiser :

state position

Autotest [ ]

Economy Run [ ]

Hillclimb [ ]

[ ] PCT [ ]

Road Rally [ ]

Stage Rally M/V [ ]

Stage Rally S/V [ ]

[ ] Treasure Hunt [ ]

12-Car [ ]

[ ] Other -

[ ] state type

Event Status

Clubman CM [ ]

National "A" [ ]

National "B" [ ]

International [ ]

ANCC Round [ ]

Yorkshire League Round [ ]

Other

### For Official Use Only

Date received

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Awards eligible for

### RESULTS

Your Entry No

Position Overall

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.**

## RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 1979 - Chairman Richardson reported that the upcoming PCT at Thorpe Park was cancelled due to the prolonged period of heavy rain - site now a bog!!!, Also cancelled was the forthcoming Costa as a large part of the route was under 10 feet of snow! (All sounds very familiar!!).

Mike Nicholson gave us a report on the Mintex Rally from alongside Jimmy McRae in the DTV Chevette. However the weather played it's part in this event also, the first stage, Wass saw the Chevette ground out in deep ruts in the snow, lifting all 4 wheels off the ground - high snowbanks prevented the crew opening the doors and (shuvitt, shouted some wit !! ) "Force Majeur" said the organisers and the shuvitt finished a disappointing 11th o/a!!

Wrong slot penned another poem for our delectation:-

The wife wanted to go to Majorca, but to me that just sounded dull,  
So I pawned the airline tickets and dragged her and the kids to Mull!!!!

.....

The concluding part of the overland trip to Port Elizabeth made interesting reading for would be Blashford -Snells - perhaps someone should consider something similar now, for charity perhaps ??

Finally the Editor apologised for the GPO (why?) for not delivering articles to him for some reason!!

20 YEARS AGO - APRIL 1989 - Pamela White /Peter Green reported on their outing on the Cartel Rally on which they had a very good run but succumbed to a failed clutch after 27(!!!!!!) stages. (Makes the current events seem like chicken feed!).

Peter Stanhope thanked all who turned out on the Pickering stage of the York National - all went well except for poor comms on 86 - some might have seen that as a blessing !!.

John Westmoreland/Steve Sanderson won the first round of the Hunter's Trophy from Mick Cook/John Bean and 5 other crews. New members this month were Tracey Egan; Andrew Hobman; Ian Miller and M.Walker. Chris Sharpe was keen to report on trophy point scores but felt it wasn't worth it as so few had submitted results and was urging all to do so and give him something to do !!!

10YEARS AGO - APRIL 1999 - A hint that the forest rally may be a round of the BRC in 2000 - watch this space. Andrew Apperley still hadn't sold his Fiat Uno - lots of expensive sounding parts on a not ultra desirable car and at 2 grand!! (Has he still got it?).

John McNichol made his 2nd debut (21 years after the first) as a co-driver on a forest event! He joined John Neale in his 309GTI and thoroughly enjoyed the experience - they finished 62nd o/a and 7th in class.

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. But as well as improving their human performance, students will also develop a mix of transferable skills and qualifications that can be used in later life to progress to further/higher education and/or gain employment within the field of motor sport or outside it.

The MSA has appointed Croydon College as its lead education provider and the course content will be in two parts: half vocational (NVQ) and half technical certificate (BTEC). For the vocational element, students will receive a Level 3 NVQ in Sporting Excellence. Alongside this, students will either study for a BTEC National Certificate or National Diploma in Sport, or continue with their regular A levels. The National Certificate in Sport is equivalent to two A levels while the National Diploma is equivalent to three A levels. A recognised coaching qualification will also be included in the technical certificate.

The MSA is now looking for the first intake of 50 competitors to enrol on the AASE motor sport programme which begins in August 2009. All AASE students must be aged between 16 and 24 and be able to demonstrate their potential to go on to become Elite performers within the sport. The MSA has drawn up a minimum level of performance that will be expected of successful applicants which can be found at [www.msauk.org/AASE](http://www.msauk.org/AASE).

The motor sport AASE will sit beneath the current MSA Elite programmes in both Race and Rally, working with potentially elite athletes. It is the first programme to be brought through under the guidance of MSA Performance Director and former WRC Champion, Robert Reid. It will form part of the MSA's new competitor development pathway that will ultimately take competitors from eight years of age through to Elite and world levels.

Robert Reid, MSA Performance Director: AASE is a vital step in allowing motor sport driving to become a genuine career choice for young people. It allows them to commit to their performance, be trained in their sporting development and also receive a recognised qualification at the end of it. It is designed to make the best of the most promising athletes and is geared towards achieving excellence, but for those whose career does not take off, there is the safety net of transferable qualifications. For competitors, this is probably the best opportunity they have to develop their talents within a structured framework and it will form a key part of the MSA's vision of talent development for the future.

Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive: The MSA is committed to achieving excellence with the UK's most talented competitors, but also ensuring that young people's education does not suffer as a result of their competitive commitments. The success of AASE in other sports reinforces that this is the right choice for the future development of motor sport.

Further information on the AASE in Motor Sport can be found at [www.msauk.org/AASE](http://www.msauk.org/AASE).

## **MSA launches Code of Conduct to improve standards of behaviour**

The Motor Sports Association has unveiled a Code of Conduct in a bid to improve behaviour at motor sport events.

The new Code has been incorporated into the 2009 Blue Book on page 75, under paragraph 49 of the National Sporting Code and the governing body is now urging all competitors and officials to acquaint themselves with the wording before the season begins. The MSA is also warning those that do not adhere to the spirit of the Code that they will be dealt with as severely as possible by the authorities.

Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive:

"We have been seeing a rise in anecdotal reports of bad behaviour at events and that is clearly not acceptable. The MSA has a duty to protect everyone involved in motor sport, so we are making it clear to everyone what is expected of them. This applies not only to licence holders, but also to teams, supporters and of course MSA officials. Motor sport events will always be competitive environments, but it should be possible to compete hard and retain respect for others at the same time."

### MSA Code of Conduct

The Motor Sports Association expects you, and your associates, at all times to:

Abide by the MSA regulations

Respect the decisions of event officials

Treat all competitors, marshals and officials equally with respect

Maintain the highest standards of driving behaviour

Conduct yourself in a proper manner at all times and always behave in the best interests of UK motor sport

Make every effort to minimise the impact of your activities on the environment around you

Abuse

The Motor Sports Association will not tolerate any form of abuse or aggression towards officials, marshals, spectators and competitors.

The Motor Sports Association and the National Court will impose the most stringent sanction against any transgression.

Safety

You are reminded that participation in motor sport carries an inherent risk and the ultimate responsibility for safety lies with the individual. The Motor Sports Association urges you to make the maximum possible effort to ensure your own safety at all times.

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## **Stuart Turner receives Prince Michael Award of Merit**

Stuart Turner (left) receives the Prince Michael Award of Merit from HRH Prince Michael of Kent, President of the Motor Sports Council.

Stuart Turner's nearly 60 years of distinguished service to motor sport as competitor, competitions manager, award-winning public speaker, author and volunteer were recognised last week when he was presented with the Prince Michael Award of Merit. He received the award from HRH Prince Michael himself, during the annual Motor Sports Council dinner at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall.

The Prince Michael Award of Merit is the Motor Sports Association's most prestigious individual award. Although the Motor Sports Council (the sporting commission of the Motor Sports Association) has the power to make this award annually to a maximum of two recipients, it is only given out when 'a meritorious service to British motor sport' is judged to have been given.

As a young man, Stuart Turner became the UK Champion Rally Navigator for three years running, going on to become Sports Editor of Motoring News and then competitions manager for the British Motor Corporation, during which time the company triumphed on the world stage. He later held the position of Ford of Britain Competitions Manager, Director of Public Affairs and, finally, Ford Director of Motorsport for Europe, playing a key role in the development of a series of iconic competition vehicles, which also achieved many victories in world championships and international competitions.

He has written around 20 books on subjects as varied as public speaking, public relations, organising business functions, securing sponsorship, motorsport and building and renovating cottages.

Stuart Turner has also spent a great deal of his time helping with initiatives to improve safety in motorsport as a trustee and now voluntary Chief Executive of the Motorsport Safety Fund charity. In this role he has helped the organisation secure an international reputation for producing training booklets and resources to improve the safety of competitors, officials and spectators in motor sport, and which have been used as training aids in many countries across the world.

His contribution to motorsport has also been recognised by his appointment as an Individual Special Member of the Motor Sports Council, on which he has served since 1992.

On receiving the award, Stuart said:

"I have been extremely fortunate to be able to spend nearly 60 years doing something that I enjoy. I am honoured to receive this award and if I thanked all the people that have helped me throughout my career, we'd be here until midnight. But in particular I would like to thank Prince Michael, the MSA and, of course, my wife Margaret with whom I shall celebrate 49 years of marriage this week."

Commenting on the award Graham Stoker, Chairman of the Motor Sports Council, said:

"Stuart's career has been long and distinguished and he continues to have a huge influence throughout the sport. His integrity, honesty, high personal standards and the wide respect in which he is held make him a unique figure in motorsport and highly deserving of this prestigious award."

The previous winners of the Prince Michael Award of Merit are:

1991	Jack Romain	1992	Tony Bird
1993	Peter Cooper & Tony Fletcher	1994	John Felix & George Hall
1995	Brian Molyneux	1996	Tom Dooley & Dick Newsum
1997	Alec Rivers-Fletcher & Donald Grieve	1998	Michael Fenwick & Keith Douglas
2000	Bob Rae	2002	Tony Reynolds
2004	Ken Walker	2007	Colin Rossborough
2008	Stuart Turner		