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Editors bit

Well, where do I start! I got asked to join the committee so there was some young blood involved in the club, since I joined I have been given the task of collating the trophy points which I have taken over from Russell because he is busy at work.

It has been good so far being on the committee as I can now get more involved with the day to day running of our club. I was involved in the meeting which took place in January 2010 (perhaps that was a mistake) at this meeting Andrew Wride stood down as newsletter editor due to work commitments so it got passed around the room to see who could take over and, yes, you guessed it the task fell on me.

Please bear with me over the coming months as I am not that good with computers but will hopefully improve!

I would ask every club member, if they have any information which can go in the magazine to please let me know, it does not matter how small you think it is, I need all the help I can get.

So if you have a special birthday, marriage, engagement or birth please share it with us.

You can contact me on 07875060423 or at richardg@trackrodmotorclub.co.uk

I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Lookout 2010

What a start we have had to the running of our event! We were asked to help Bolton le Moors on their event, The Neil Howard Memorial Stages.

As part of the agreement we had with the landowner at Melbourne, prior to running any further events a permanent barrier around the pig pens was to be erected. When we got there on the Saturday there was no such barrier. We worked all day Saturday setting up the rally and they used hay bales to line the pig pens.

On Sunday the day of the event Mr Rowbottom (the landowner) came and inspected the barrier (half an hour before the first car was due to start) he decided the barrier was not adequate protection for his pig pens so the rally could not run past there.

It was then all hands on deck to rearrange the stages to avoid that area. Some stages were shortened significantly, but with the help of the MSA steward (Nigel Drayton) and the rest of the team the event did actually run.

It was all a bit of a farce but that's what happens when you don't keep to agreements!

Club Nights

March 2010

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

April 2010

6th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club
13th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
20th Rose & Crown – Otley
27th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

Also any suggestions for new places to meet please contact any member of the committee.

Events Calendar 2010

March 2010

6 Malcolm Wilson Rally
7 Roskirk Stages
13-14 Ryemoor Trophy Road Rally
21 **Lookout Stages**

April 2010

10-11 Danum Road Rally
11 Spring National Hillclimb
11 Jubilee Historic
23-24 Pirelli International Rally
25 Oak Leaf Stages

TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM 2010

Members Name

Competitors tick [] appropriate boxes below and provide evidence (results)

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Autotest []

Economy Run []

Hillclimb []

Organising Club:

Trackrod []

Other []

PCT []

Road Rally []

Stage Rally M/V []

Stage Rally S/V []

Type of Claim:

Driver []

Navigator []

Marshal []

Service Crew []

Organiser :

state position []

Treasure Hunt []

12-Car []

Other -

state type []

Event Status

Clubman CM []

National "B" []

ANCC Round []

National "A" []

International []

Yorkshire League Round []

Other

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RESULTS

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.

So to run our event we have to make sure this barrier is complete. We have acquired some used Armco from Tom Whitaker at Morley Waste Traders. Andy Turnbull, Derek Lee and myself went to collect a few lengths on Saturday 30th so we took 4 sections over to Melbourne airfield to measure up and plan joins, posts etc.

All 3 clubs that run an event at Melbourne have put money into the venue, which went towards new tarmac on the barn road. So we now need to ensure we continue events.

Through the next few years we will be putting a lot of work into the venue and we will need a lot of manpower to make this possible, all help will be appreciated.

Please contact me if you may be available for any work parties.

Change of Editor

The time has come for me to hang up my quill and pass the ink on

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped me in my 6 years of editing the monthly newsletter. Some months have been hard but some have been so easy it's been hard to choose what to put in this month and what to pass to the next.

I would also like to wish Richard Goldie all the best with his efforts in editing the magazine. Anything I receive for the magazine will be passed on.

Thanks again

PRESS AND MEDIA INFORMATION

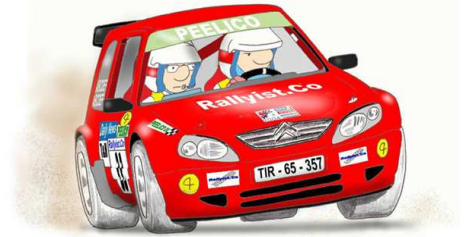
Thursday 4th February 2010
For immediate release

COOKSON UNVEILS TWO-YEAR PLAN TO WIN BRITISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Saltash IT Director Alan Cookson and co driver Julian Wilkinson from Tunbridge Wells are planning to contest the MSA British Rally Championship for the first time in 2010 in their newly acquired ex-Nasser Al-Attiyah Subaru N15.

Cookson and Wilkinson have a two-year plan to contest the BRC series, after securing extra backing from long-term sponsors Wiseman Dairies, Kick Energy and SPAR, who all felt the BRC offered the perfect stage and increased exposure for their brands. The pair has also secured other extra help from long-term backers Cuisine de France, Olverelectrical.com, Uno Retail Solutions, and they have also secured help from TEG Sport team backers, Speedline Wheels, Schroth and Cobra Seats to ensure the budget is in place to contest the complete series.

They will run as a satellite team for TEG Sport, the current British Rally Team Champions, in their now familiar 'cow liveried' car, alongside the other two TEG Sport run and Pirelli-backed Subaru N15s, which will be piloted by current British Rally Champion and Pirelli Star driver winner, Keith Cronin, and Euan Thorburn, who had a fantastic first year on the BRC in 2009. Alan said: ***"This is the biggest opportunity we have ever had in rallying and to be able to get involved with such a great team that is run so professionally as a third car, is just fantastic for both Julian and I, and we really can't wait for the season to get underway in March in Wales on the Bulldog International. Our first event will be the Malcolm Wilson Rally in early March where we will run alongside the other two Pirelli-backed cars to ensure everyone is happy with how the team will work. We don't have any illusions that we can go out and match the pace of our team-mates, firstly we have a left hand drive rally car now to get used to, and secondly, they are very experienced at this level, and it's certainly very different to what we have been used to for the last two years rallying a WRC Subaru on the ANCRO series."***



LOOKOUT STAGES 2010

SUNDAY 21st MARCH

THE 20TH RUNNING OF THE LOOKOUT STAGES RALLY WILL TAKE PLACE AT MELBOURNE AIRFIELD, NEAR YORK.

THE EVENT WILL BE A ROUND OF THE RAINWORTH SKODA EMAMC MULTI-USE STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP (SUPPORTED BY CJ RALLYING & SLICKS TYRES), THE ROAD-RUNNER PHOENIX AWARDS ANEMMC STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP (SUPPORTED BY PANTRY CATERING AND SLICKS TYRES), THE ANWCC STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2010 AND THE 2010 YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MARSHALS AND RADIO CREWS TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT THESE EVENTS CANNOT RUN.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:-

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SIGNING ON 6:30am - 7:30am

Trackbay

*If you have anything for sale
or you are needing something
please send me an article
there may be one of our members
that will buy or sell
the items.
just let me know*

Alan continued: **"We are confident that we can learn from drivers like Keith and Euan this year, in terms of both set up and pace noting etc, as they clearly have the pace and experience at this level and I'm sure with TEG Sport running the car it will be a reliable package so hopefully we can be consistent and repay the team's faith in asking us to join them. We also hope to net them some top ten results along the way in what is shaping up to be a very competitive year on the BRC, before a maximum attack next year when we have familiarised ourselves to the events in the series."**

The pair are also hoping to contest an IRC event in Europe if the budget can be raised over the next few months as negotiations are ongoing with potential sponsors.

2010 MSA British Rally Championship

27 March - Bulldog International Rally, North Wales
23/24 April - Pirelli International Rally - Carlisle, Cumbria
28/29 May - Jim Clark International Rally - Duns, Scottish Borders
9/10 July - Isle of Man International Rally - Douglas, Isle of Man
20/21 August - International Rally NI - Antrim, Northern Ireland
24/25 Sept - International Rally Yorkshire - North Yorkshire

Picture attached: Alan Cookson's Subaru N15.

ENDS



RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1980 - We won the opening rounds of the Shellsport Quiz at the Lawnswood Arms, beating Otley MC and Jowett CC . Katherine Ann Lee's birth was reported - apparently the 6pm arrival prompted the suggestion that she would be able to catch her first episode of Crossroads !!! Cars for sale included Ronnie Moore's Anglia; Mick Ogden's Firenza and Anon's Simca 1301GLS (Bet they were queing up for that !!). Nick Leuchars wrote an informative piece on various aspects of rallying - and whilst aimed at the novice competitor there were items of interest the experts like - how to use a romer !!! Hugh Mantle reported on his following of the Mintex Rally around the region and picking up on the antics of Chris Lord who had our own Frank Stuart-Brown co-driving - they finished 11th O/A - Charlie Payne was 14th. John Renny organised an Autotest at Tockwith and attracted 18 entries. Our newest young member, Mark Tierney took part sporting his new "L" plates and was rewarded by only getting one wrong test all day - a lot less than some more experienced competitors! Others taking part included Richard Dobney in his Marina with Brian Wainwright; Paul Glover and John Bean having a try..Graeme Bradford and Ian Burns had a good scrap as did Paul Woodford and Bob Stoker.Alan Powell took a comfy class win and Ron Mackinnon beat Paul Adelman (both in Midgets) despite several brake related problems. Rineson got FTD just fending off the smaller mini of Graeme Bradford - Excellent event !

20 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1990 - Peter Green reported on his efforts with Robert Ward on the Beaujolais run last November !!! (maybe that was why the Ed. requested articles to be sent in on time !!) in the newly built replica Cobra. Quite an epic event - it must have been as there is a 2nd instalment next month!! A second car in the team was the Spartan of Graeme Bradford and Peter Dickinson The rules seemed straightforward - 2 controls 55 miles apart and do what you want/can in between - just right for this team !! Rineson cut the top off his mini and ordered suitable waterproof clothing for the coming season of autotesting !

10 YEARS AGO - MARCH 2000 - Chairman Parkin reported on the state of the nation viz a viz entry numbers for various events so far this year - a downward trend - to be observed with interest. Simon and Caroline Marston took part on the DRT Motorsport Charity Stages (Yes - last December !), though it should be pointed out that they were in different cars ! Caroline was in her newly acquired Favorit - all good for a bit of marital rivalry!,- brought to a head when Simon couldn't get past her on one stage!! Apparently Simons efforts resulted in a spin at the hairpin which brought a big grin to Caroline's face !! Simon did however finish 2 mins in front at the end of the event which, he reckoned saved him a good bit of grief in the following weeks !!! The Mathers Signs Bay Stages saw Andy Anderson/Arthur Heaton in the Toyota Corolla have a reliable run to 8th in class and 33rd o/a ENDS

Richard Ineson

'What the hell?? Are you saying that my mansion is destroyed because of a candle?? !!'

'Yes, Senor Carl.'

'But there's electricity at the house! What was the candle for?'

'For the funeral, Senor Carl. '

'WHAT BLOODY FUNERAL??!!'

'Your wife's, Senor Carl', she showed up very late one night and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with your new Tailor Made R580 XD golf club.'

SILENCE LONG SILENCE

'Ronaldo, if you broke that driver, you're in deep shit!'

Guest Mag

Do you fancy a go at the magazine if so please let me know and you can have some pages where you can be editor for a month.

This is my first month as the editor so it might not always be this full

But between all the members of our club we could always have a good magazine.

All my details are on the back so please let me know I look forward to hearing from you all.

Richard Goldie

Joke Page

At dawn the telephone rings, 'Hello, Senor Carl? This is **Ronaldo**, the caretaker at your country house.'

'Ah yes, **Ronaldo**. What can I do for you? Is there a problem?'

'Um, I am just calling to advise you, Senor Carl, that your parrot, he is dead'

'My parrot? Dead? The one that won the International competition?'

'Si, Senor, that's the one.'

'Damn! That's a pity! I spent a small fortune on that bird. What did he die from?'

'From eating the rotten meat, Senor Carl.'

'Rotten meat? Who the hell fed him rotten meat?'

'Nobody, Senor. He ate the meat of the dead horse.'

'Dead horse? What dead horse?'

'The thoroughbred, Senor Carl.'

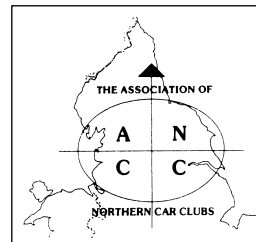
'Yes Senor Carl, he died from all that work pulling the water cart.'

'Are you insane?? What water cart?'

'The one we used to put out the fire, Senor.'

'Good Lord!! What fire are you talking about, man??'

'The one at your house, Senor! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire.'



The Association of Northern Car Clubs



2010 Awards Presentation Evening

The Association is pleased to announce the Awards Presentation Evening for our 2009 Championships.

This will take place at the Whitcliffe Hotel, Cleckheaton on **Friday 19th March 2009**. (104/186255). Please arrive from 7:30 pm for a **prompt 8:00pm start!** Preferred dress is smart casual.

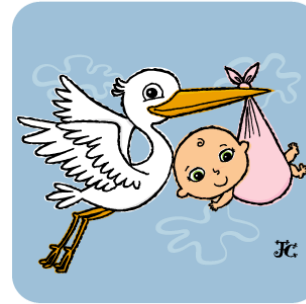
We are delighted to be able to welcome our special guest, **Mr Daniel Barratt**, our very own WRC Co-Driver, who has very kindly agreed to present the awards and will be accompanied by his wife Vicky. A two course selected meal, (hot main course followed by a sweet,) with options to your choice including vegetarian, will be served. Drinks, including wine are available from the bar, which will remain open until midnight.

Tickets, (90 maximum,) are now available at a subsidised price of **£16:00 per head**. Applications for these, together with remittance, should be forwarded to **Karen Spencer, 43 Cookridge Drive, Leeds, West Yorks. LS16 7HP. Please don't delay!**

Accommodation is available at the hotel at a special price of **£60:00 per twin or double room, including breakfasts.**

Please contact the hotel directly if you require accommodation, on **01274 873022** and mention the function.

We look forward to meeting you, together with friends old and new at our annual celebration.



New Trackrod members

Congratulations to two of our club members

Dave & Debs Thompson expecting their second child

If its ok with them as soon as the new addition is born I will give you an update of boy/girl, name and weight so please watch this space



For 2010 it will be ish one month earlier, so hopefully drier, plus the week-end after Mull – so have a weeks holiday in Scotland!! The outline plans are:

Recce Friday ish 08:00, so we have to arrow the stage on the Thurs.

Stage run on the Sunday approx 09:00 and 14:00.

KINGDOM STAGES, CRAIL – 1st Sat in November usually

ROGER ALBERT CLARK – Sunday 28th Nov.

For 2009 we only had 3 stages, double run, in Scotland, so since I was Scottish Regional organiser again it meant less work, thank goodness with all the Mull work going on! With the great support from Alan all went very well.

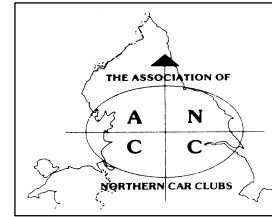
The format for 2010 is not confirmed yet, but I am advised we will have more stages again! With it being a couple of weeks later it should be colder, and might be snowier, so the MKII's will look and sound better!

So that's it for now.

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



The Association of Northern Car Clubs
2010 Awards Presentation
Evening



Friday 19th March 2010
The Whitcliffe Hotel, Prospect Rd, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire
BD19 3HD

BOOKING FORM

Number of tickets required.....@ £16:00 each = Total amount.....

Please make cheques payable to 'ANCC'

Name & Address for person making this order (all tickets ordered will be posted to this address.)

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

How many in your group requiring a vegetarian meal please?.....

Please list the names of any Award Winners in your group:

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Please return this form with payment no later than 12th March to:

Karen Spencer, 43 Cookridge Drive, Cookridge, LEEDS LS16 7HP

Scottish Correspondent March 2010

Well what a busy year 2009 was, I think it was June 2009 when I last hit the keyboard with some words – the Mull project has been taking all our spare time, and more! The house is ‘more or less’ finished and last year we have made MASSIVE progress on rebuilding the pier – 70m long. We have had great support from friends and the ‘motorsport mafia’ and in June we had 25+ ton of wood arrive and then another 25 Ton to replank the ‘T’ in September. Have a look at the renovation gallery at www.salenpierhouse.co.uk if you are interested!

Very little Motorsport was done in 2009, and the focus was in the Autumn time. That said the kids entered a grass Autotest in the summer, and really enjoyed it! In fact, Erin is 17 in March so about to hit the road, ahhhh!!!! Talking of age, I always read with interest the ‘retrospective’ that Richard does, especially the 20year ago things, and the Jan/Feb sadly reminded me of John Westmorland – doesn’t feel like 20 years since he passed away, he had a tremendous energy for anything Motorsport.

Since I am crazy busy on Mull, and at home with building works, motorsport will be very much on ‘back burner’ again this year but hope to see a number of you during 2010. I am glad I can make the Forest Rally this year, plus Susanne and I will be coming down for the 40th celebrations in Sept.

Dates for 2010

TOUR OF MULL – 8th/9th/10th October

2009 was great fun, all be it hard at times, running SS1 & 2. With living on the island at times I was able to get involved with the detailed planning, and that was certainly interesting.

One of the 1st challenges was to move the chip van down the pier, a few cables sorted by MrT, plumbing by me, and a push by MrT (in his car!) with Derek and others assisting soon had it sorted. The support from ALL the islanders was amazing. With the great team we had we were able to setup quickly on the Friday late afternoon. Sadly, during this time the weather decided to go a little damp on us, but we could do nothing about that.

Since it was the 1st stage, then cars arrived on time! And most completed to come back round for SS2, running at 30second intervals, fun!

Apart from a couple of cars sadly expiring with mechanical issues all went well and in double quick time we had the place cleared, including 70 straw bails back into the barn!

The next day locals commented that they couldn’t tell the rally had been there = a big team success!

So for 2010 what will we be doing? No idea yet, but I am sure we will be occupied (we hope to run the Tobs stage again for the 45th)

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

IRC RALLY of SCOTLAND – Sunday 17th October.

The 2009 event was a LOT of hard work, and learning’s by many! It was a new event in 2009 based in Stirling, 20mins from our house!!! I was asked to be SC on ‘Achray’ stage on the Saturday with cars running at 08:00 and 13:00 Only big ‘sleep’ issue was marshals had to be in 3hrs in advance, but we survived! Sadly for us, and the organisers, the entry was poor, oh, and it was rather wet – lucky for us not as bad as other days for the other stages! That all said it was great to help and with the help from everyone a good time was had, inc back at our house for the BBQ!