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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – JANUARY 2006

Firstly let me express my thanks to all of you who attended the EGM – good turnout at the Admiral Hawke to take a final look at the modified accounts. There are still areas that are not very clear to the “untrained eye” and we will try to ensure that more detail and information is included within the accounts for the future. I am confident that the way they are presented is fully in accord with the format required by Companies House but this does not necessarily make them easy to understand!

A great turnout for the Boxing Day Autotest – 18 crews from Trackrod, Wakefield and Huddersfield Motor Clubs made for an enjoyable morning to blow away the cobwebs. Temple Newsum is not the smoothest venue, but at least it is available. Results are available in this magazine. You will see that we keep a very simple scoring method – just to the whole second and with no “handicap” system.

Finally my very best wishes to you all and family for 2006, and I hope to see you all at the Annual Dinner Dance.

Rod Parkin
Chairman

Equipment Store

Due to security changes at Coney Park (the equipment store) we are now required to have car passes to enter the premises.

Anyone who requires access can you contact Tim Jameson with the following details.

Name
Vehicle Make
Vehicle Model
Vehicle Colour
Vehicle Registration

Tim (equipment officer)
tj.jameson@btinternet.com

Trophy Points

Simon Taylor has decided to step down from looking after the trophy points. Thankfully Russell Holdsworth has stepped forward to take control.

So could all trophy points request forms be sent to Russell –
Brownsill House
Clayton Hall Drive
Clayton Le Moors
Lancs
BB5 5SG
russell.holdsworth@virgin.net

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon for all the work he has put in over the last couple of years looking after the trophy points.

Boxing Day Autotest Results

Many Thanks to All who supported this popular event !
With a quality field of 18 customers great fun was had by all!

POS	NAME	TIME	AWARD
1	JAMES COATES	309	1ST O/A
2	PUD WOOD	317	2ND O/A
3	ROB HART	327	3RD O/A
4	GEOFF WATSON	328	
5=	DAVE HEMMINGWAY	329	
5=	MATT ROWDEN	329	
7	ANDREW APPERLEY	330	
8	SIMON TAYLOR	340	
9=	JIM PLEVEY	348	
9=	JAMES WATSON	348	
11	ANDY WOOD	350	
12	GRAHAM STEGGLES	351	
13=	SIMON MARSTON	352	
13=	STEVE CARTER	352	
15	MARK SHERBURN	355	
16	EMMA BAIN	382	1ST LADY
17	JACK WATSON	398	1ST NOVICE
18	KATY LEE	493	

Scottish Correspondent January 2006

It would appear I am saying this all the time 'A busy month again', mainly to do with work I am afraid!!!!

Kingdom Stages, Crail – 5th November

This was an excellent event again, full entry even though regs were out late, weather wasn't too bad (apart from when we did the major changeover at lunchtime when it poured down!!) plus a great team to work with. We had stayed over from the Friday evening, nice dinner in the caravan with a bottle of wine, so we didn't have to wake up too early on the Sat. morning.

The quality of the entry was high, everything from a 6R4 to Clubman cars. Plus it was good to see a new winner, John Marshall – in fact it was his first ever win so a very happy chap!!!

Well recommended – either to compete or marshal, does make a good social event too!!! There is plenty of space for caravans.

Roger Albert Clark (RAC) Scottish Region – 20th & 21st November

I must say a great time was had by all, competitors, marshals and spectators. The entries were of high quality, plus with the Clubman event nearly three times the entries of 2004 for our Monday stages. If you wish to see the final results have a look at www.rogeralbertclarkrally.co.uk

We had Simon Marston and team running the Heathhall Spectator stage, well done all, a great turnout. A lot of work had been done in the stage building a new water splash, based on the design used on the Pirelli PZezo, well done to Alan Dalziel and the 'Dumfries mafia!'

Hopefully with a second successful event, the event will now go from strength to strength in the coming years.

So what do we have planned for 2006?

RALLOY MULL FOREST STAGES – 21st January 2006

Things are coming together for the running of a new event through 4 stages near Tobermory, run twice. There has been a tremendous amount of interest from competitors, marshals and spectators. We will be helping to help run one of the local stages about 3 miles from the cottages! Ferry is already booked as well, since its winter timetable they are limited.

Talking of cottages, I have made a booking for the two cottages we use in October, and of the 12 beds I only have 1 more to 'sell'!! anyone interested do get in touch.

PIRELLI INTERNATIONAL – 13th and 14th May

I have 'noted interest' in running a stage again this year, after the fun we had in 2005 on the PZero stage. Nothing at all is confirmed as I write this, but we are possibly going to be able to do the PZero again. This year it will be run on the Sat and Sun, with possibly some more runs. So for now, just put the dates in your diary. I will plan to book the same caravan site, for those that are interested (let me know who you are!) More on this in the coming months.

So that's it for now. Hope to see a lot of you at some point in 2006.

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! (E-Mail peter.stanhope@hotmail.co.uk)

Safe motoring.

Peter Stanhope

The Geriatric Navigator rides again.

They say that the years go by faster as you get older and I've just realised it's two years since I last wrote anything for the TMC magazine. I blame this entirely on Jon Neale selling the Daihatsu and buying various parts to assemble a Corsa to replace it. 2004 passed with said parts failing to join together in any way that had even a vague appearance of a rally car. 2005 started with the announcement that Jon was to become a dad and it was not a rally car that was to be the happy arrival!

"Time to find a new driver" is always a phrase to strike fear into the wife's heart but I determined that I would find a sensible partner (driver, not wife!) and set about searching the internet web sites who offer "matching services" – no, not that type, rally sites. Rallyco-driver.co.uk soon had queues of likely (and many unlikely) drivers who wanted to avail themselves of my services. I could have travelled the world and competed on every National Championship going which was worrying as I had advertised to do local events only – well I suppose they are all local to someone. Sensible approach came from Phil White, based in Scarborough, Astra Gsi wanting to do forests – sounded like he knew what he wanted, so we agreed to give it a go.

First event, Lookout! Car was new to Phil so we wanted to see what fell off it and were not disappointed; half shafts, struts and assorted bits of trim all broke (not helped by hitting various parts of stage furniture as we went). Phil can drive though, so he agreed to fix the car (or rather get his father to) and I sent in the entry to do the Robin Hood – proper forests at last.

Car started in one piece and with a new paint job, very impressive. Half shaft was not as impressive and decided it needed to detach from the gearbox at the start of a stage. We did finish though so we felt we had made progress particularly as we discovered the cause of the half shaft problems.

Next event was the North Humberside Stages and we even bought the pace notes. Being a BTRDA round meant that we had a sensible class to enter with the group N car rather than trying to beat fully sorted group 4 Escorts and kit cars etc. By the last stage but one we were leading the class by 50 odd seconds and going very well – until we landed heavily, broke the sump and lost all the oil. End of rally but proved the pace was there if the car held together. Another BTRDA round followed, the Dukeries which is probably my favourite event so we were confident.

By now the car had a new engine, a special ECU and a crew armed with pace notes and not afraid to use them! Stage one loosened a strut, stage two took off the exhaust and waiting for stage three caused the engine to boil as the fan had decided not to work. Retirement was probably wise as we found we had also bent the rear beam quite badly.

Next event was to be Trackrod Clubman's in October but meantime I took up an offer to co-drive at Manby for Allister Wells in a Nova. Didn't put a spanner on the car all day, had a good time and finished okay. Did get beaten by June Conway in her Peugeot 106 – it's getting to something when you get beat by the wife of someone you've navigated for before!

Trackrod saw the car back in one piece, new exhaust and rear beam fitted. First stage was in Dalby, we caught and passed a Mitsi Evo and were rather close to catching a chicane whilst broadside trying to slow down. Stage two saw the car "beached" on its sump guard and blocking the stage. Now I know I'm getting older but I am convinced that the forests are much rougher now than they were before. By the time we managed to move it and then stopped on the road section to fix back a rear wheel which was making a bid for independence we had road penalties to add to the stage maximum. We decided to continue just for the practise and because Cropton and Gale Rigg should not be as rough – a good decision as it turned out. We discovered later that stage two had been scrubbed and we actually got a decent result – 19th overall in a group N 2 litre car with a tendency to self destruct.

At this point Phil is considering his next move but since he has announced his intention to marry Leanne (and she has accepted) he may have to consider it very carefully!

Just to finish the year on a high note I volunteered to do the Premier with a lad in a Peugeot 106 (group N car). Six miles in, half shaft broke – end of rally, end of season.

To paraphrase Steve Redgrave "If you see me go near a group N car, shoot me!"

All the best wishes for 2006.

John McNichol

LOOKOUT STAGES RALLY 2006

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RUN THIS EVENT ON 12TH MARCH 2006
AT MELBOURNE AIRFIELD NR YORK MAP REFERENCE (105/464420)**

**IF YOU ARE A RADIO CREW OR MARSHAL AND ABLE TO HELP
PLEASE CONTACT ME:-**

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RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - January 1976 - John Fairweather/Ray Sutcliffe featured on the front cover, on the 1975 Scarboro Stages. The back cover showed Clive Holker/Jack Coulthard on the 1974 Tour of Lincs.

Ronnie Moore reported on the recent Bullough Trophy, running as a stage event for the first time. Apparently it was a bit of a car-breaker of an event but our crews faired very well with Pete Germaine/Ronnie Moore collecting 1st Novice with the Girardier brothers finishing 8th o/a. Fairweather/Sutcliffe retired OTL after a puncture, a radiator change and getting pulled for speeding!!!

Frank Stuart-Brown/Ian Gurnett won the latest round of the indoor rally championship - beating 12 other crews.

New Members this month were Mike Fisher (of Corgi Toys Escort fame); Jean Ambler; Hugh Edwards; Steven J. Palmer; David Marshal (still doing a bit) and John Renny (now on the world scene!).

A chap called Ineson won the Boxing Day autotest and Ken Goodall/Hugh Edwards finished 2nd o/a on the Bentley Trophy Rally clinching 2nd o/a for Ken in the ANCC Championship.

20 YEARS AGO - January 1986 - Chairman Ronnie Mackinnon wished the membership a Happy New Year and reported belatedly on the Bonfire/ Disco held at The Crown Hotel ,Boston Spa (recently converted to flats!).

Team Captain John Renny gave us a resume of how the Shell League worked and John Westmoreland did the same for our Trophy points system as well as listing the winners for 1985, awards to be presented at the dinner dance. The list of winners was; M. Jagger; J. Westmoreland; R. Mackinnon; J. Smyth; R. Kemp; K. Goodall; P. Sykes; J. Cope; J. McNichol; A. Hanson; D. Turnbull; R. Stoker; S. Grant; P. Stanhope and G. Kellett.

The Boxing Day autotest was won by Martin Boast with Graham Steggles; Bob Stoker and G. Powell taking the class wins.

10 YEARS AGO - January 1996 - Chairman Parkin gave a half page review of the Club year (obviously saving himself for his Dinner Dance speech !) Though he did admit to maybe breaking the n/s suspension on Andrew Apperley's Fiat Uno on the Lookout when he took to the 'ballast' seat!!!

Simon Marston reported on his first C of C antics with the Boxing Day autotest (and a great success it was too), Ronnie Mack took FTD with Derek Lee and Nick Stevens taking the classes (Nick inadvertently lost his novice status when the other class entries all retired!!!).

A retrospective article appeared for January 1977 but you'll have to wait another 12 months to read the content!!!

TRACKROD _____ ENDS

Richard Ineson

ANNOUNCEMENT - 2006 ANCC STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Association of Northern Car Clubs (ANCC) is pleased to announce the provisional calendar for its 2006 stage rally championships. The Championship will keep its successful format with 17 rounds in the overall championship made up of events across the North of England. The best eight scores will count. Within the Championship there will be three separate Challenges - Forest, Tarmac and Multi-use, each comprising 8 events with the best 5 scores counting.

The Championship calendar is as follows:

Date Event Venue Challenge

15/01/2006 Jack Frost Stages Croft Circuit Tarmac / Multi Use
05/02/2006 Riponian Stages Ripon / NYM Forests Forest
05/02/2006 North West Stages Blackpool etc Tarmac
05/03/2006 Robin Hood Forest Stages Notts Forests Forest
25/03/2006 North Humberside Forest Rally Hull / NYM Forests Forest
02/04/2006 SMC Stages Weeton Camp Tarmac / Multi Use
14/05/2006 John Overend Memorial Stages Rally Melbourne Multi Use
17/06/2006 Dukeries Rally Notts Forests Forest
25/06/2006 Torque Bac Swinderby Tarmac / Multi Use
22/07/2006 Opposite Lock Rally Manby Multi Use
06/08/2006 Centenary Stages Twyford Wood Multi Use
27/08/2006 Pendragon Stages Penrith / Warcop Tarmac
10/09/2006 Lindisfarne Otterburn Tarmac
07/10/2006 Rally Yorkshire Clubman's NYM Forests Forest
22/10/2006 Adrian Barker Memorial Trophy Stages Wilbarston Tarmac / Multi Use
12/11/2006 Hamsterley Stages Hamsterley Forest
25/11/2006 Grizedale Stages Grizedale Forest

I hope that the Championship will appeal to ANCC club members. Regs will be issued towards the end of the year and will be sent to each club and to 2005 registered contenders. Anyone else interested in the Championship should contact me if you would like to receive a set.

As in previous years, selecting the events to be included was difficult.

Thank you to all clubs that proposed dates.

Mike Yates
Championship Coordinator

Please note that the calendar must remain provisional until accepted by the MSA.

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1600 Crossflow Inlet Manifold, alloy for twin 40's or similar.

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5 alloy wheels, 5 ½ J x 13 x 28.5, Ford 4 stud with 76EBDB markings, thought to be ex Capri, but came on the Mex. Make me an offer.

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Nigel Drayton 07775 947660

TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM

Members Name

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

Event Name

Event Date	Event Type:	
	Autotest	[]
	Economy Run	[]
Organising Club:	Hillclimb	[]
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 -	
Organiser :	[] state type	
state position		

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.

Club Nights

January 2006

- 3rd Gildersome Con Club
- 10th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa
- 17th The Yeoman Pub – Otley
- 24th The Travellers Rest - Harewood
- 31st Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

February 2006

- 7th Gildersome Con Club
- 14th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64) **NEW****
- 21st The Yeoman Pub – Otley
- 28th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

Please note the second Tuesday in the month we will now be going to the Fox & Grapes Pub on York Road.

Rolling Calendar 2006

January 2006

- 12th-15th Autosport International Show - NEC
- 14th HRCR Open Day - Warks
- 14th Jack Frost Stages,-Croft circuit
- 28th Dinner Dance- Castle Grove in Headingley**
- 29th Marshall Train day - Askham Bryan College, York

February 2006

- 6th Riponian Stages
- 19th Kall Kwik Rally

March 2006

- 4th-5th Robin Hood Forest Rally
- 11th Malcolm Wilson Rally - Cumbria
- 12th Lookout Stages Rally- Melbourne airfield, York**
- 25th North Humberside Forest Rally

April 2006

- 1st Astra Stages Rally - Llangollen
- 16th Spring National Meeting - Harewood Hill Climb
- 29th-30th Welsh Rally - Epynt

May 2006

- 13th-14th Pirelli International Rally - Carlisle
- 13th Harewood Open - Harewood Hill Climb
- 14th MSA British Hillclimb Championship - Harewood Hill Climb

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