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Chief Marshall

Hi to all

Unfortunately this will be my last marshals bit I have been thinking about it for some time and find impossible to stay a member of Trackrod. I have come to this decision because my son and I are made to feel uncomfortable when we go to club meetings or anything associated with the club there is always some nasty or sarcastic comment made. I do a lot of rallying, hill-climbs and rallycross. Its only when we are with some Trackrod members do we feel like this.

Anyway I would like to say thanks to all the members I have known over the last 22 years and good luck. I will still be about in motorsport marshalling and taking photos so I will see some of you out and about I can honestly say everything I have done over the years has been for Trackrod motor club and will miss it.

Goodbye Phill Andrews & Marcus Andrews and Alison Andrews

Rallies for April 2006

- 1/ 9th Oak Leaf Stages, Wilbarston
- 2/ 15th Fulbeck airfield, Newark
- 3/ 16th Twyford Wood Stages Rally
- 4/ 16th Spring National, Harewood
- 5/ 29th Scarborough Festival of Speed, Oliver's Mount

Well that's it I will still be able to help who take's over from me if you need any

See ya
Phill Andrews

The committee would like to say a big thank you to Phill for all his hard work he has done over the years.

They are also sorry to hear that this situation has arisen.

Thanks Again Phill

Press Release from MSA
Eight chosen for first ever MSA British Rally Academy.

Eight participants have been chosen for the first ever MSA British Rally Academy after a bumper entry of over fifty of Britain's young rally talent applied to be part of the entry-level scheme aimed at taking British National B and single make rally participants to British Rally Championship level and beyond.

Such was the strength of entries that eight participants have been chosen as opposed to the originally envisaged six. Five drivers and three co-drivers were selected by a panel of experts comprising David Lapworth, Mike Broad, Phil Mills and Robbie Head.

MSA British Rally Academy Performance Director, Robert Reid, says: "We've been impressed by the response and the quality of the entrants and that is why we've opted to take on eight rather than six for this year. That we've done this shows the quality of young rally talent in the UK. Those that haven't been selected need not feel down-hearted either, as many only just failed to make the cut, and they are now very definitely on the radar. We'll be paying close attention to them this season and beyond."

The five chosen drivers are: **Bobby Mitchell**, 19, from Dunbar, East Lothian. **George Thomas**, 19 from Bromyard, Herefordshire. **Kevin Davies**, 21, from Pencader, Carmarthenshire. **Simon Hughes**, 23 from Deganwy, Conwy. **Tom Walster**, 19, from Papplewick, Nottinghamshire.

The three chosen co-drivers are: **Robbie Durant**, 24, from Bicester, Oxfordshire. **Sebastian Marshall**, 17, from Keighley, Yorkshire. **Shelley Rogerson**, 20 from Morecambe, Lancashire.

The MSA British Rally Academy program will get underway with a workshop day at Edinburgh University later in March. Four further training days will take place throughout the year as driver and co-driver progress is monitored.

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Congratulations

*Congratulations to Caroline & Simon
Marston on the birth of their first child
Emily Jayne.*

*Emily was born on March 6th at 6:01pm
weighing 5lbs 12oz*

Scottish Correspondent
April 2006

Time is flying by and I have only just got the time to write up a few words – plus to keep dates in your diary!!!!

So how is 2006 going?

Business has been busy again, so there has been very little Msport, but I must say the new Mull event was worth visiting

RALLOY MULL FOREST STAGES – 21st January

This turned out to be an excellent weekend. We caught the last ferry on the Friday night from Oban and arrived at the cottages for about 23:00. We were very fortunate that the 'advance party' had opened up the cottages, lit the fires and got the wine and beer chilling!!! So my good plan of an early night soon disappeared and at 2am decided it was time to stop fixing all of Scottish Msport issues!!!!

We stayed at our 'normal' cottages that we hire for the October event, which was ideal since it allowed me a long lie in (after 1 beer too many!) and we had to leave just 10mins before our due time of 10:30 at the nearby stage. We had agreed to run the FF and STOP lines, and this turned out to be a fine decision. Erin and friend Rebecca had offered to help Dot in her Landie to do the FF so they were sorted, and then Bob, Ewan, Susanne and co helped on the STOP. There wasn't a large entry, just 35, but the quality was there, and it was nice weather! Short lunch break and then it was the second run, again without any issues. There was a little bit of fun from the STOP line out of the stage, it was up a muddy farm track! No one got stuck, but it was very slippery – no problems for the RR!!

After the stage was completed it was time to do a quick tidy up and then down to Tobs for a look around. It was a lot quieter than in October but still very good to bump into people you know, mostly in the pub! Then back to the cottages where the fires were roaring and tea was in the oven. A good evening was had with 14 of us eating some excellent food, having a few drinks again, and solving all the problems we hadn't fixed the night prior!

The plan for Sunday had been to go to the beach with Tyler, lots of messing about and out for lunch. BUT, it was pouring with rain. So instead it was a leisurely time around the cottages, log fire roaring, and a bit of a chill out!

Well recommend and I am sure the organisers will be back next year, we will be also, plus I hope there will be a lot more competitors to support the event.

SALTIRE CLASSIC RALLY – 19th March

This was a classic rally based only 20mins from the house, at a place called Balado. You might ask where? I did! It's an old WWII airfield and where they hold 'T in the Park' pop concert. Anyway, it was a pleasant Sunday morning, a little fresh but great to watch a30+ classic cars doing 4 different 'autotests' on the airfield. I must dust down the old Porsche!!

PIRELLI INTERNATIONAL – 13th and 14th May

After 'noting interest' in running the PZero stage again this year the organisers have accepted the offer!!! This year the stage will be run on the Saturday (approx 12:20 and 18:30) and Sunday (12:40). I have had a LOT of you registering that you will be coming along, that's great, plus a number of you have booked B&B. I am also taking orders for caravan and tent pitches, since that is where most of us will be (ish 3miles from the pub, and 5 miles from the stage). With the number of entries/events it could be a 20:30 finish on the Sat evening – but at least we can have a long lie in on the Sunday!!!

I hope to have more details for the May issue. Tickets for free marshal entry to the site will be available from me in advance. If you wish more details do get in touch directly with me.

KNOCKHILL CLASSIC SPEEDFAIR – 22nd - 23rd July

A new event for this year at Knockhill with a full weekend of motorsport being planned – including Sir Jackie Stewart being reunited with a Tyrrell of his!!! Have a look at www.knockhill.com since the venue is only 30mins from the house I plan to go along and help. Meetings are happening so will keep you posted on what is being planned. Since it is summer (ish) then camping/caravanning in Scotland at that time is ideal!! Plenty of space in the garden!

ROGER ALBERT CLARK RALLY – 18th to 21st November

Note the date/day change!!!

This will be happening again in November, and with the cancellation of the Kall Kwik it means the organisers will be having 'Saturday' stages in Yorkshire. This will be great for the Yorkshire area, but will mean that Simon and team are looking at running one of those stages. However, like with the old RAC it still means you can follow the event to Scotland and then help out on a Scottish Region stage in the Dumfries area, on the Sunday!! Yes, Sunday this year after two years on the Monday.

The Sunday route is still being worked on but it's likely to be a single 'extra long' Ae stage run twice, double run of Heathhall, plus Twigless and Castle O'er. So book the time in your diary, and then if you wish to do Kielder on the Monday book the time off work!!! More detail in the coming months.

So that's it for now. I am sure I will bump into a number of you during 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 peterstanhope@hotmail.co.uk)

Safe motoring.

Peter Stanhope

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 1976 - Editor very grateful for rush of articles for publication following many pleas for contributions, now complaining at lack of time to read them all !!

Chairman Richardson reported on the 1st round of the Shell League The Elcar Trophy Rally, on which our stage was manned (should that now be staffed?) Entirely by new members except for 3 senior officials which was no mean feat - it certainly wouldn't happen in 2006! We also had our team of competitors and Richard Jackson/Steve Lloyd got a magnificent 2nd o/a. Dave Lawton/Steve Hazeldine 6th and a class win; Vince Girardier/Steve Figures 9th; Ron Mackinnon/Steve Mills 20th and Martin Kemp/Steve Holden 53rd - a great team performance and a good start to our campaign! Steve Lloyd gave us a comprehensive and enjoyable piece on the Mintex rally from the Porsche hot seat, this man should have been a journalist as his reporting style was both amusing and informative and his articles set a standard other contributors could not hope to achieve. R.Jackson & Steve finished 1st in class M (whatever that was for) and collected a cheque for £50 to boot!!

The latest Indoor Rally championship round attracted all the leading contenders but it was Frank Stuart-Brown/Ian Gurnett who took the win to keep them at the top of the table after 4 rounds.

That man Lloyd was wielding his pen again to report on Spy44's outing on the Dukeries though their class win this time was not without controversy regarding the legality of their servicing points. After a somewhat acrimonious exchange with other competitors (2nd in class) and amore reasoned talk with the organisers their case was supported and their win was confirmed. Ooooooh. All very pistols at dawn stuff!! Phil Staton had his Mazda RX3 for sale --price on application.

20 YEARS AGO - APRIL 1986 - Chairman Mackinnon reported on the Dunfab Danum road rally which attracted 3 TMC entries :- John Cope/John McNichol; Alan Powell/Ron Mackinnon and Mike Thornton/Alan Lilley. After a night of timing problems only provisional results were available which had Cope/McNichol at 5th o/a and Powell/Mackinnon at 7th and their 1st finish of the year though there was no mention of what befell our 3rd crew of Thornton/Lilley.

Martin Boast reported on the Chairman's Challenge Autotest run by Lancs & Cheshire MC at Birch Services where he managed a 9th in a class of 11 and his first finish where he wasn't last!! Progress was being made!!

Four crews tackled the latest indoor rally (a 100% increase over the previous event!) which was won by Team Dicks On which shuffled them into the championship lead after 2 rounds. John Renny thanked all who turned out to assist in the running of the Newtdale Stage on the recent York National and offered condolences to Tony Hanson/Russell Holdsworth who had an off on the stage and hoped the car would soon be straight!

New member this month was Stuart Bell, ex-manic metro driver now doing the Astra Challenge with Steve Sanderson.

10 YEARS AGO - APRIL 1996 - New magazine format - A4 sheets titled 'Trackrod Times' Introduced to allegedly reduce costs and make it easier for the oldies to read!! Generally given a very frosty reception - considered to be a retrograde step -how long could it last??

Steve Lloyd provided an insight to his return to rallying after a 20 year lay off. Fittingly the event was the Historic Robin Hood Stages where he and Richard Jackson had won the main event nearly 20 years previously in the SPY44 Porsche. Just in time for scrutineering did their car for this event appear newly re-furbished - yes, it was the original Spy44 Porsche!! Straight from Francis Tuthill's workshops. In true and accustomed Lloyd style we received a comprehensive and entertaining report on the day's proceedings though it seemed as if Steve was as much taken with innovations such as computerised results and video playbacks etc. etc as much as the actual rallying !!.

Coming soon - A Chinese night!! and a scalextric evening (we still have the kit if anyone feels the urge to put on another -Scalextric that is - not the Chinese!)

TRACKROD _____ ENDS

Richard Ineson

Trackrod Does Daytona

A number of years ago we went on a trip round the Daytona Speedway in Florida. It was such an impressive circuit we said we would go back to visit a race. Last year we decided now was the time to go.

A look at their detailed website showed what tickets were available so three were booked as were flights and a hire car.

When we told Rob Buchan and Paul Pocklington what we were doing they decided they would book as well. We agreed to meet up on the Monday after the race at the Race Rock Café in Orlando to discuss the race; hence the Florida branch of Trackrod MC was formed.

We went to Daytona on Saturday of the race weekend to pick up our tickets and buy some souvenirs and enjoy the atmosphere. Rob and Paul had already been to the race on Friday night, (it's the worlds largest floodlit sports arena) which didn't finish until 11:30. There was another race on Saturday afternoon so the place was already busy and the weather was brilliant.

Race day arrived; we set off in plenty of time to allow for the expected traffic jams. We followed the suggested route to the free park and ride which we had recced on the Saturday. We drove straight there without being held up at all got the bus and went to the circuit. We had a good look round visited Hooters and waited for the promised sun to come out. Unfortunately it didn't.

There are no support races so we didn't go to our seats until it was getting near to race time.

The drivers came round in sports cars and everyone cheered their favourites and booed the others, it was more like a football crowd. 43 cars had qualified 15 had not made it. A bit better than some of the grids over here.

At last those famous words came over the PA “Gentlemen Start Your Engines” and the whole 163,000 spectators in the grandstands stood up.

It turned out that our seats were on the very front row so we were 20 feet away from the wall at the top of the banking, so it was quite a sight and sound when 43 cars in one bunch doing 200mph go past 20 foot in front of you. We were so close we were covered in bits of tyre rubber by the end of the race.

The race is 200 laps long but with that many cars and pace cars to close it up there was always something happening, with the scoreboard, excellent comment-er and fans around you listening in to the car to pit radio you always knew what was going on and plenty was.

There were a number of accidents but how there aren't more when you see how close and fast they race I don't know. 38 cars were classified as finishers. By the time the race finished it was getting dark so the flood lights were useful.

We left the circuit at 6:30 walked to the queue for the bus back to the car park (which held 25,000 cars init) and was in the car and on the road driving home by 7:45; Silverstone could learn a lot.

The first meeting of the Florida Branch of Trackrod was held as agreed in the Race Rock Café to discuss our experience have a beer, just like a normal club night, there were even more people there than at some of the recent club nights. Would we go again certainly it's the 50th anniversary in 2 years time. Only problem it spoils you for any other races

Graham, Andrew and Carol Wride

Lookout Stages Rally

Our crews had mixed success over the 8 stages:

Greg Wilkinson/**Andrew Wilkinson** (Ford Escort Cosworth) 5th O/A 5th Class

David Cock/**Dean Dickinson** (Ford Escort Cosworth) Retired SS5

Andrew Apperley/Andy Brown (Toyota Celica Cupra) Retired SS3

Andrew Moverley/**Nick Moore** (Ford Escort) 55 O/A 14 Class

Chris Goward/Daz Parker (Ford Escort RS 2000 Mk5) 38 O/A 12 Class

Dave Parker/Paul Martin (Peugeot 205 Gti) 29 O/A 9 Class

David Marshall/Nick Hood (Subaru Impreza) Retired SS4

Congratulations to all organisers and competitors on their efforts on the rally. Despite the cold weather it was a great event

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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

April 2006

- 4th Gildersome Con Club
- 11th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 18th The Yeoman Pub – Otley
- 25th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

May 2006

- 2nd Gildersome Con Club
- 9th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 16th The Yeoman Pub – Otley
- 23rd Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa
- 30th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

Rolling Calendar 2006

April 2006

- 1st Astra Stages Rally - Llangollen
- 2nd SMC Syages - Weeton Camp
- 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

June 2006

- 4th Jim Thomson Trophy - Harewood Hill Climb
- 10th-11th RSAC Scottish International Rally - Dumfries
- 17th Dukeries - Clipston
- 18th BBQ Hillclimb - Harewood Hill Climb**
- 25th Torque BAC - Swinderby

July 2006

- 2nd Armstrong Massey Stage Rally - York
- 7th-8th Jim Clark Memorial Rally - Kelso
- 22nd Opposite Lock Rally - Manby
- 1st & 2nd MSA British Hillclimb Championship - Harewood Hill Climb

August 2006

- 3rd-5th Manx International Rally - Isle of Man
- 6th Centenary Stages - Twyford Wood
- 6th Montague Burton Trophy - Harewood Hill Climb
- 27th Summer Championship - Harewood Hill Climb

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