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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB LTD  
RAC MSA AFFILIATED, NO. 1230



## **CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – SEPTEMBER 2006**

Many thanks to all of you who attended, and voted, at last months AGM of Trackrod Motor Club Limited. With all the people present we eventually just made a "quorum" – i.e the minimum number of members in order to conduct the meeting in accordance with our Articles of Association. This is the only really formal part of being a Limited Company.

We are, as you may be aware, "limited by guarantee" and have to obey certain rules and file accounts to Companies House. With our financial turnover we are not required to have independent audits of the accounts but your Committee considers it prudent to undertake this independent task which is undertaken by professional chartered accountants. Pleasingly we once again got a clean report from the Accountants and we are financially stable.

At the last Committee meeting we discussed some issues arising from the AGM:

1. How to ensure that we have a quorum present at the next AGM – maybe reduce the numbers to 15 (currently 20 members are required) or try to encourage more members to attend, or a combination of both! We will let you have our proposals in time for the next AGM.
2. How to put some of our reserves back to members by way of financial benefits. Your Committee considers that everyone who is an active member of the club should receive some benefit so we are looking at presenting a "benefits package" before the year end to come into effect for 2007.

Trackrod is an active member of the ANCC (Association of Northern Car Clubs) which itself is one of a number of MSA approved regional associations. These regional associations exist in part to foster good relations and communications between member clubs (sorting event dates etc) but also as a means for club members to communicate formally with the MSA. So, for example, if you have a good idea, or a complaint about how the sport is run, you can convince your club committee to agree with you, they put it on the ANCC agenda, if other ANCC member clubs agree then this is then passed to the MSA Regional Committee. This then is discussed at Motor Sports House and if other Regional Association representatives also agree then it is likely that your idea will be implemented by the appropriate specialist committee (e.g Rallies Committee).

Long winded – yes, but it is democratic and ensures that only good, well thought out and fully supported ideas are passed forward for "action".

The reason for mentioning this now is that at the next ANCC meeting (end of October) there will be three very influential MSA officials in attendance – Alan Gow (Chairman of MSA Board), Graham Stoker (Chairman of MSA Council) and Colin Hilton (MSA Chief Executive). If you have any questions or significant points you wish to be raised please let any Trackrod Committee Member know by the end of September. These should be "high level" questions or ones relating to the policy and future of the sport. These guys are not just covering one discipline but ALL aspects of our sport so are unlikely to be able to answer detailed technical ones which would be better dealt with by a Scrutineer!

Happy motoring!

Rod Parkin  
Chairman

## Yorkshire Endurance Rally

I have been asked to run two tests on Ilkley MCs Endurance Rally on September 9<sup>th</sup>. These tests are within Warcup Camp and are run on Saturday evening. Details are as follows:

Test 18	Warcup 3	2.0 miles	1 <sup>st</sup> car 19.07	MR 91/739183
Test 19	Warcup 4	2.1 miles	1 <sup>st</sup> car 21.50	MR 91/743170

Test 4 is basically test 3 run in reverse, both tests being mainly gravel through a twisty piece of forest.

Tests need to be ready one hour before first car.

Any help in the running of these tests would be appreciated – please let me know if you can assist.

If you cannot help on this event we have also been asked to assist with the ‘Transport Extravaganza’ at Otley on September 10<sup>th</sup>. This is basically a classic car and truck show which Otley Motor Club have helped with for the last few years, general car parking duties and arranging of exhibitors - but you do generally get to look round as well. Lunch sandwiches also provided! Again if anyone can help with this please let me know.

Andy Turnbull  
Chief Marshal

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### **Rally Yorkshire Regulations Now Available**

**Regulations for the 2006 Rally Yorkshire are now available. go to [www.rallyyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.rallyyorkshire.co.uk) for a set or contact Nicola Sanderson on  
Tel: 01937 587508**

## RALLY YORKSHIRE 2006

**Well we must have done a good job last year as they have asked us back again!!**

**Yes, that time is nearly on us again it's time to start gathering bodies together to run the stage at Pickering show-ground.**

**The stage is run twice during the day, morning run will be an early start and the second run through approx 13.30(ish) But with all the events doing the stage it should be pretty much non- stop all day, but not that late a finish.**

**Marshals are required PLLLLLEASSSSSE.  
This is our club event, please support your club.**

**Thanks  
Simon Marston 07889 152 580  
Stage Commander**

### **Holiday Destinations**

Should any of our members ever select Sicily as a holiday destination you simply must get out and about, but opt for the more interesting locations!  
Do go to the western end of the island and seek out the route of the famous Targa Florio road race which celebrated its 100th anniversary this year. For the last 35 years the event has run as a rally but in the 50's 60's & 70's it hosted a round of the world sportscar championship - a 1000km event over public roads with a 43 mile lap!!  
Download the route from the internet and off you go - truly awesome - though the surface is deteriorating badly in places. Don't miss the old pits and grandstands which are sadly slowly rotting away with neglect and when, after getting on for 1 1/2 hours you end up where you started, bear in mind that the lap record was just 34 mins!! As I said - truly awesome!!

Richard Ineson

## The Geriatric Navigator rides (yet) again.

Have you ever said “yes” to something when you have had a drink and regretted it later? It is not always something you can get a “morning after” pill for either! Lives are spoiled on a regular basis by people not being able to say that little word “No!” when they know they should. All addicts started on the slippery slope by saying “Oh, go on then” when they know they should have done the sensible thing and said “P\*\*\* off”.

This is part of my philosophy of life and one I believe is true. However, just as an exception to prove the rule I did say “Yes, please” at the Trackrod Dinner Dance when asked by Darren Moon if I would navigate for him. If sober and considering my recollection of Darren in various wrecked cars and how well he was doing in his previous rally (The Manx) before rolling into a field, the only sensible answer was “You must be \*\*\*\*ing joking”.

It might have been that Darren had equal reservations about me saying “Yes” as I did when common sense kicked in. I can’t speak for him but this was one very good decision made with the benefit of drink!

First event together was the Robin Hood Stages in Sherwood Forest, a place Darren has never competed in before. No pace notes allowed but the maps are pretty good to read and we finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in class despite a few mechanical worries. It soon became clear to me just how quick (and safe) Darren can be and he believed what I told him the road was going to do (brave or foolhardy?)

Next event was North Humberside Stages in the Yorkshire Forests. We were under no illusion about the level of competition here. The BTRDA series has many rapid 2 litre 2 wheel drive competitors even before you look at the “locals” like Steve Bannister and Chris Wood. 6<sup>th</sup> in class was a good result but we knew there was much to come as we developed (first time on notes and not the type Darren has used before, a down on power engine and the use of old tyres were areas we could improve). The gap was not much in terms of seconds per mile.

The Dukeries (or Dusteries) has always been one of my favourites. We had resolved the right types of notes to use, the engine had been reset to maximum power and Darren’s flexible friend had sorted some new tyres. Result? 1<sup>st</sup> in class on a BTRDA round. The only real drama was bending a steering arm against a rock which the service lads changed in service.

We are now leading the ANCC forest challenge and looking forward to the remaining three rounds – starting with the Trackrod Clubman’s. Because that is a long way off we are going to do the Woodpecker (BTRDA) in the Welsh forests to keep our eyes in.

So it can be a good thing to say “Yes” when your brain tells you “No!”

John McNichol

## RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - September 1976

Jackson/Lloyd on the cover on the Elcar Trophy Rally. Editor Coulthard prepared readers for the new editor as he was retiring at the AGM. Ineson/Chapman (now there's an incongruous pairing) organised the Wharfedale PCT at Rose Farm which was won for the second year by Barry Parker from Liverpool. Following the latest Shell League round we were still in 3rd spot though 300 points behind leaders York MC. The event was an autotest at Full Sutton and our team score was not helped by Ken Goodall inverting the Escort (wrong rear springs you know - better for towing the meat trailer !! ) though he was seen to be straightening the roof with his feet later on.!

Richard Jackson/John Wilson reported on their recent Economy Run (the JACWIL - as in the JACWIL Trophy) which attracted a strong entry of 17. Ronnie Moore's 1600 Capri topped the sheets after a myriad of calculations with Howard White 3rd in the family mini clubman and John Renny 5th in his dad's Granada on 29.3 mpg!

20 YEARS AGO - September 1986

John McNichol unanimously elected as new Editor (nobody else offered!) Chairman Mackinnon and Secretary DuCros each gave brief reports on thins as they saw them within the club and a new column appeared from the pen of Mr Angry who passed comment on the recent Birmingham Super Prix ( F3000 street race for those who don't remember! ) though he queried how anything to do with Birmingham could be 'super'

4th o/a in the Shell League - 300 points behind leaders Shipley - all looking forward to our own contribution, the Costa Rally. Plea for marshals for the Quip Forest Stages on the 27th

10 YEARS AGO - September 1996

Bit of a thin issue this month - Editor Walters having difficulty procuring the written word from the membership. (Nothing changes) Derek Lee contributed a fair piece on his busy month on the Scottish Rally & the Alwoodley Road Rally. There was also a Retrospective Article for Sept 1977 (how we arrived at 9 years ago beats me!!) Arthur Heaton reported on the Ridings Rally whence he and Andy Anderson finished 17th o/a after a fraught night and 2 fails!! Nigel Drayton thanked all who assisted on the Morley Waste Traders Hillclimb which was a great success and the good weather justified the extra effort put in to run the BBQ.

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Richard Ineson

FOR SALE....

SUBARU IMPREZA Rally Car

REAR WHEEL DRIVE 2.2 16V ATMO (NON TURBO) SUBARU IMPREZA WRX STI RA Lightweight.

Can be Quickly be put back into 4WD when and if required.

RAC MSA Rally Car Log booked & MOTed.

NEW FIA SABELTS 3 inch Harnesses.(2006 Compliant)

NEW SPA PLUMBED IN FIRE SYSTEM and 2.4l Hand Held (New)

WRC Upright Hydraulic Handbrake Bias Brakes.

NEW PRODRIVE KEVLAR GUARD and ALLOY DIFF GUARD

ALL NEW GOODRIDGE/AEROQUIP.

ENGINE. 2200cc EJ 22 SUBARU on Injection Now on slide throttle bodies.

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DIFF. 4.4:1 Rear Sti Diff with LSD.

SHELL RA Lightweight, Alloy Bonnet, Roof vent FIA Triangulated Multipoint Cage.

SUSPENSION Fully Adjustable Platform (2 way) Suspension plus loads of New

Springs, Bilstein Inserts GpA Topmounts STi Suspension with Eibach Tarmac

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Class award winning car on last two outings in 2005.

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Full set of spare Drive Shafts

Spare Rear Diff with LSD

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Engine Ancillaries

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Exhaust components

Plus much more.....you will need to come and have a look!

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PS. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me using the following details...

Thank you for your interest.

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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 [ ]

Stage Rally M/V [ ]

Type of Claim:

Stage Rally S/V [ ]

Driver [ ]

Treasure Hunt [ ]

Navigator [ ]

12-Car [ ]

Marshal [ ]

Other -

Service Crew [ ]

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Organiser :

state position

Event Status

Clubman CM [ ]

National "B" [ ]

ANCC Round [ ]

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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

### September 2006

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

### October 2006

- 3rd Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*
- 10th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 17th The Yeoman – Otley
- 24th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 31st Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

### **Old Modernians Sports & Social Club**

The Clubhouse, Cookridge Lane, Leeds, LS16 7ND  
Map reference 289/251412

## Rolling Calendar 2006

### **September 2006**

- 2nd Woodpecker Stages Rally - Shropshire
- 9th-10th Yorkshire Endurance Rally - North Yorkshire
- 10th Lindisfarne Rally - Otterburn
- 10th Hall Trophy Stages - Blackpool
- 16th Greenwood Cup - Harewood Hill Climb
- 17th Mike Wilson Memorial - Harewood Hill Climb

### **October 2006**

- 7th **Rally Yorkshire - Pickering, North Yorkshire Forests**
- 13th-15th Tour of Mull - Isle of Mull
- 21st Bulldog Rally- Shrewsbury/N Wales
- 26th-29th Lombard Revival Rally - UK various
- 28th Historic Somerset Stages- Exmoor
- 29th Premier Rally- Nottinghamshire

### **November 2006**

- 11th Grizedale Stages - Cumbria
- 18th-21st Roger Albert Clark Rally - UK various
- 19th Kall Kwik Rally - North Yorkshire

### **December 2006**

- 10th Malton Forest Rally - North Yorkshire
- 26th **Trackrod Boxing Day Autotest**
- 29th-30th Park Hall Stages - Lancashire



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