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# Go Karting

I am arranging a Go Karting event on a Sunday afternoon in September or October at either Leeds or York?

After completing a bit of research it appears that an event can be organised at £20 - £50 per driver depending on the type of event and duration – favourite events are “Iron Man” (individual against individual) or endurance (team ) races.

If you are interested could you please email me at [dickiehart@ntlworld.com](mailto:dickiehart@ntlworld.com) or phone me on 0113 2679544 indicating your preferred type of event and approx spend budget .

Thanks

**Richard Hart**

## **RALLY YORKSHIRE 2007**

**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.**

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

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

## **The Mr Angry Column.**

Just when you thought you were safe, I have returned for a good old rant.

I have remained quiet long enough despite plenty to have a moan about – events when the time in the scrutineering and signing on queue is longer than the event, MSA licence cock ups, misuse of punctuation and poor spelling in the Trackrod magazine – all these things have escaped my wrath because I'm getting old and can't be bothered to get my dander up (despite the medication available these days).

So what has brought me out of retirement? Lack of articles in the magazine, that's what. Young Andrew does a cracking job with the magazine and deserves some support. There is that geriatric that does the "Retrospective" bit but why does he always look backwards? Some bloke corresponds from Scotland but not from places we can pronounce. We get the occasional report from a "Geriatric navigator" about not very much and then plenty of free adverts for Andrew Apperley.

But last month we had an article from Ross Lebeter – a young limb making a start, so there are others out there actually doing rallies still. Why don't we hear from you?

Okay then, you are doing rallies, entering under Trackrod, must be able to write to fill in the application form so why not tell the rest off us retired gentry about it. I'm so angry I propose a competition – "best" article to appear in the magazine between now and the end of the year will get a special prize at the Dinner Dance.

Time to "name names" the following members have all entered rallies recently under the Trackrod banner – come on, get the PC out and rattle off a few lines.

Howard Chopping, Jonathan Turnbull, Darren Moon, John McNichol, Steve Sanderson, Chris Downes, Allister Wells, Dean Dickinson, Dave Marshall, Chris Hudson, Dick Lebeter, Mick Lebeter, Kym Hardisty, Robin Shuttleworth, Mark Midgley and anyone else I've missed.

Make an angry old man happy – prove we do more than just organise at Trackrod, we compete as well!

## **International Rally Yorkshire Regulations Available**

**Regulations for the 2007 International Rally  
Yorkshire are available. go to  
[www.rallyyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.rallyyorkshire.co.uk) for a set or contact  
Nicola Sanderson on  
Tel: 01937 587508**

### **REVIVAL RALLY**

Ilkley and District Motor Club are running the YORKSHIRE REVIVAL RALLY on Saturday 15th + Sunday 16th September 2007. This is a round of the Torq Bar Championship, HRCR Night Rally Championship and HRCR Tartan Series.

The route starts from the Millstones Restaurant - A59 Harrogate with the first car due to leave at 11.30 on Saturday 15th. The day leg is approx 150 miles and then a night leg of approx 197 miles.

More information about the event/entries can be found at [www.yorkshirerevivalrally.co.uk](http://www.yorkshirerevivalrally.co.uk)

We are in need of assistance and we need all the help we can get on the day and evening - we need plenty of marshals so if you are interested in helping, then please contact MARK DICKENSON via e-mail : [marshal@yorkshirerevivalrally.co.uk](mailto:marshal@yorkshirerevivalrally.co.uk) or call 07900 564234.

Many thanks

Karen J Spencer  
Event Secretary

## Isle of Man Historic Rally

I was given the chance to do the full historic rally this year as a result of Craig Salter's regular co-driver having an operation on his leg and being in plaster for 13 weeks. I did the Clubman's Trophy rally last year and having done the recce and seen all the stages felt slightly cheated as a number of them were then cancelled due to delays and road closure problems.

Anyway on to the historic rally. This was in 3 legs, starting at 20.00 on Thursday evening with 3 stages totalling 15 miles. Leg 2 was 70 miles on Friday followed by another 60 miles on Saturday. Only slightly shorter than the full International event.

I had met Craig before but never rallied with him so it was in at the deep end. The car was a very well prepared and tidy Mk1 RS2000 with a 16v Holbay pinto engine. The entry was made up of Escorts Porsches and Cortinas with the odd Avenger Chevette and Sunbeam thrown in to add some variety.

We were given the opportunity to recce all the stages three times so this took up all of Wednesday and Thursday. We somehow managed to cover 600 miles in an island that is not much more than 30 miles by 15 miles.

The first stage was 10 miles just to get you warmed up followed by 2 runs through Casletown and around the harbour where large crowds were gathered to watch the fun. We finished the evening in 11<sup>th</sup> place 3<sup>rd</sup> in class with a blowing exhaust. Fortunately the historics don't have to go into parc ferme so we were able to take all the exhaust system off weld a plate onto it and refit it. One good thing was the mains electricity supply in the service area.

Friday dawned cloudy threatening rain when we set off for the first batch of stages in the north of the island but it stayed dry unlike the main land where all the floods were taking place. No dramas and we just admired some of the long skid marks left by the international runners ending in gateways if lucky or if unlucky banks. The last stage before going back into service was down the main road on the west coast of the island and was incredibly fast but then you turned ninety left into a single track road with the very large jump in it. Many of the stages were like this going from very fast and flowing to very tight twisty and bumpy. After service it was straight out again for stages 8 and 9 which were 9 and 14 miles with only half a mile road section in between. Things were starting to hot up for both the car and crew. Back to service before the final 3 stages of the day for us. The starter motor had now

started to play up (why do escorts have so many problems with starter motors?) so it was decided to risk it for the last stages and change it overnight as there is no penalty free lateness. The internationals carried on being joined by the clubmen for another 3 stages but the final one had to be cancelled as an unexploded bomb was found in a bank at the side of the road. The bomb disposal squad had to be brought over from the mainland to deal with it so the stage could be run the next day.

By the end of the day we had slipped to 15<sup>th</sup> overall and 4<sup>th</sup> in class, obviously not going quick enough. It was strange to think we had completed one usual rally but we still had almost as much still to do.

On Saturday we were determined to get our third in class back and over the first couple of stages we pulled back 40 secs only to lose 15 back on the next two so we went into the last three stages with a gap of 20 secs. Similar times on the penultimate two and just the long last stage to go. By this time our diff was starting to make horrible noises but a long delay whilst some one in a Skoda tried and failed to drive the stage on three wheels meant it had time to cool down. We didn't hold back and extended the gap to 25 secs. finishing 12th overall as well. The last stage is called Classic and it is, across the moors round Brandywell hairpin and finishing at the grandstand in front of all the services crews. It's a great feeling to see the grandstand as you drive down the main road and you know the finish is in sight.

Congratulations must go to Jonathan Turnbull who finished 22<sup>nd</sup> overall in the international event and 9<sup>th</sup> in class up against the leading BRC runners an excellent result. Also to Simon Taylor who finished 1<sup>st</sup> overall in both of the 2 rounds of the Stars Championship. Our chairman Rod also did a sterling job as Steward for the historic event.

Graham Wride

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## RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 1977 - Steve Lloyd's last magazine as Editor (for the time being) - we were going to miss the witty and pithy scribbling from his pen. He commented on the fact that we were now a company limited by liability with 250 members, a caravan, and masses of equipment including an electric duplicator on which he had been producing 180 copies of the club magazine!!! - I think he might have been glad to be standing down!! Nic Leuchars; John Renny and Ronnie Moore were new recruits to committee.

The latest Shell League event was perambulating autotest and our team of Pete Silberberg; Howard White; Ken Goodall and Steve/Mary Lloyd scored us 230 points - not without some maladies of course! Ken collected a few bollards as well as stalling on more than one occasion and Howard shorted out the battery in the boot as his toolbox was rolling around in there too!!!

Brewing up for the forthcoming Costa Di Plenti Rally later this month and mention was made of our stage on the RAC - Boltby, names to Nigel Drayton when you are ready!! First car 09.45.

20 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 1987 - Quite a bumper issue from new Editor Roland 'Rat' Cross. New Chairman Richard Simpson and Secretary Neil Du Cros ('Tefal') made contributions to alert the membership of their respective roles.

Martin Kemp was banging the drum for marshals for what would be the last Costa Rally under his guidance and the following weekend all were required for the Quip Stages - busy time ahead!!!

Peter Stanhope related his experiences at the Donington circuit in his recently acquired Porsche - plenty sideways and spins apparently with some tuition time in between - obviously needing less of the former and more of the latter - he will report further in due course!!

Barry Dove reported on his outing on the Morecambe Rally alongside Pam White in the RS2000. It seems that they were 2nd in class at halfway but some demon wrong slots and an off put them out of contention so they cut direct to the finish for an early breakfast!!

Simon Ainslie and Martin Douglas faired a little better on the same event and finished 28th o/a. Baz also reported on the Gladstone Stages which he did with Alan Powell in the RS 2000. Some demon stage times came to nothing alas when the oil pipe came off near the end of stage 5 and the engine seized solid - both driver and co-driver in utter despair as they were 2nd only to Andy Elliott's Manta 400 on that (2nd) run through the stage!! - Commiserations all round.

10 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 1997 - Editor Brian Walters remarked on the big fat zero response to his request for articles, consequently another relatively slim line issue. Trophy point's tables showed Andy Apperley and Jim Plevy dominating several score tables but Simon and Caroline Marston were leading the Marshals trophy; Newnan Cup and Trackrod Trophy as well as figuring strongly the Autotest Trophy.

TRACKROD \_\_\_\_\_ ENDS

Richard Ineson

**For SALE THESE RALLY CARS MUST GO ...  
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Competitors tick [] appropriate boxes below and provide evidence (results)

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

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Organising Club:

Hillclimb [ ]

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Road Rally [ ]

Type of Claim:

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Driver

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Organiser :

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Event Status

Clubman CM [ ]

National "B" [ ]

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National "A" [ ]

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## **For Official Use Only**

## **RESULTS**

Date received

Your Entry No

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Position Overall

Awards eligible for

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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**

### September 2007

4th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club  
11th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
18th The Yeoman – Otley  
25th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

### October 2007

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

### November 2007

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

## **Events Calendar 2007**

### September 2007

8th-9th Hamsterley Stages—N Yorks  
15th-16th Yorkshire Revival Rally  
15th Greenwood Cup Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb  
16th Mike Wilson Memorial Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb  
22nd BRC Rallyday LIVE!!! - Wiltshire circuit  
29th-30th Chatsworth Rally show

### October 2007

6th International Rally Yorkshire—North Yorks Forests  
12th-14th Tour of Mull—Isle of Mull  
13th Harold Palin Memorial Rally—Lincolnshire  
28th Premier Rally - Nottinghamshire

### November 2007

4th Malton Forest Rally - North Yorkshire  
16th-19th Roger Albert Clark Rally  
24th-25th Beaver Road Rally - East Yorkshire  
29th-2nd Wales Rally GB - Wales

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