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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – MAY 2008

Congratulations to the Lookout team for putting in so much hard work before and during the event. I know the event was a success and that the loads of concrete poured into the various potholes really is making the venue that bit better.

September 27th is the date for this years Rally Yorkshire and, as you will know, we are now rounds of the MSA British Historic Championship (Nat A), the British Rally Championship (International) and "new for 08" the Gravel Championship (aka ANCRO, Nat A). A very busy day for the club, and also for motorsport since there are also two other big events running at the same time - the Baja (now FIA Championship) and, due to a late date change, the McRae stages. Motorsport really does not benefit from all these events running at the same time but there seems little option at the moment, so keep that date in your diary and come and support us.

Social events in the past year did not seem over popular, although the excellent Dinner Dance saw over 50 members and guests enjoy a good meal and a good natter! Any ideas for social events welcome - we will continue with the pie and pea supper after the AGM. Also a reminder to keep a note of your Trackrod activities, including the 1st Tuesday of the month club night, to claim your points!

2010 is our 40th anniversary so we are already planning a celebration dinner along the lines of the one we organised for the 25th. In order to avoid duplicate costs we are currently thinking of combining this with the awards presentation done during the "normal" dinner dance in late January. Ideas, offers of assistance welcome!! We will try to contact as many "old" members and friends - so if you are in touch with any of them who may not be in regular contact please let them know. We will advise date and venue soon!

Enjoy whatever motorsport you have planned for '08 – there is plenty to do.

Happy motoring!

Rod Parkin
Chairman

Lookout Stages 2008

The Lookout Stages Rally was won by Neil Fewlass & Stephen Varey in their Mitsubishi Evo by over a minute from Chris Cawthorne & Roger Lais-ter in their Subaru Impreza.

The two Trackrod Crews out didn't fair too well with Clive Wilson & Peter Myres and Chris Goward & Daz Parker retiring on stages 4 and 5 respectively.

Clive & Peter retired due to damage to their Escort caused by a collision with a Peugeot

Chris & Daz lost a wheel off their Escort.

Other than that it was a great event well run and fun. With the exception of the weather been against them again. (Moving the date closer to the summer didn't seem to help with this)

Thank you to all who helped and were involved in the event whether you were competing or officiating at what ever capacity

Thank you

Fraud warning for mobile phone owners

If you receive a phone call on your mobile from any person, saying that he or she is a company engineer, or telling that they're checking your mobile line, and you have to press #90 or #09 or any other number, end this call immediately without pressing any numbers.

There is a fraud company using a device that once you press #90 or #09 they can access your 'SIM' card and make calls at your expense.

Forward this message to as many colleagues, relatives and friends as you can, to stop it.

Many thanks for your time regarding this matter, take care and regards.

**Phil Corris
Police Constable/Crime Prevention Officer**

Signing-on forms

Clubs and Event Officials are reminded to always download the latest edition of signing-on forms from the MSA website ahead of each event – there may be small wording changes even during the course of a calendar year. There are separate signing on forms for competitors, marshals and the media, and a different form for officials under-18. See www.msauk.org > MSA Forms > Clubs > Signing On Sheets

Relief for clubs

Registration as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC) can entitle sports clubs to benefit from 80 per cent mandatory rate relief and to reclaim Gift Aid on any donations. There are also exemptions available from some levels of Corporation Tax under certain circumstances. For further details, see www.cascinfo.co.uk

Female toilets

Following the receipt of an enquiry from a rally driver about the lack of toilets for his female co-driver at events, Allan Dean-Lewis, Head of External Affairs at the MSA, advised that legislation UK-wide on the provision of toilets at temporary sporting venues tends to be driven by Local Authority Units rather than by central regulation, and it would seem wrong, therefore, for the MSA to regulate in such a field.

However, event organisers should ensure that adequate toilet provision should be made for the number of people expected to attend events, to include competitors, officials, marshals and spectators, and that the provision of separate male and female toilets is recommended wherever possible. Past MSA surveys among women in motor sport have consistently identified the provision of proper toilet facilities as a high priority to encourage continued participation.

Next generation and women in motor sport panels

A report from the brainstorming meetings of the Next Generation Forum and the Women in Motor-sport Group during Autumn 2007 was presented to the Motor Sports Council at its meeting in March. Council members believed the points raised merited further study and recommended that a small representative panel should be formed in each case and should meet periodically.

Go Motorsport

The MSA is to launch a nationwide marketing campaign to attract thousands of new people to motor sport. Go Motorsport is the first ever centrally co-ordinated campaign to raise the profile of motor sport among the general population and will encourage people to get involved with the sport, whether as a spectator, participant or volunteer. Go Motorsport will be launched officially with a high-profile media event later this year.

Awards

Colin Rossborough, who has dedicated over 30 years to motor sport in Northern Ireland, has been presented with the MSA's Prince Michael Award of Merit.

Peter Cooper, Chief Executive of the MSA from 1982 to 1987 and a long-term member of the Motor Sports Council, has been given the MSA's Lifetime Achievement award.

New Committee members

The following people have joined MSA Committees or Advisory Panels.

Autotest Committee: Steve Johnson from Lancashire. Cross Country Committee: Andrew Flanders from Hertfordshire. Historic Committee: Grahame White. Rallies Committee: Mike Taylor from Warwickshire and Chrys Worboys from Leeds. Trials Committee: Simon Kingsley from North Yorkshire. Dragster Sub Committee: Paul Satchell from Worcestershire and Glenn Stockton from Nottingham.

Volunteer Awards Scheme

The MSA is pleased to announce additional awards to support the existing JLT MSA Marshal of the Year award – a prestigious award presented each year at the MSA Night of Champions.

During 2008, the MSA will provide an opportunity for clubs to nominate members of their club or association for a number of awards. Each award will consist of a trophy (to be held by the recipient for twelve months), with a replica or other supplementary award to recognise their achievements.

Application forms and further information can be downloaded from the MSA website (www.msauk.org>MSA Forms>Marshals or Officials) or obtained from Richard Nunn at the MSA (Tel: 01753 765071).

Information about the Volunteer Awards Scheme is also on the Volunteers in Motorsport (ViM) website, which is linked from the MSA website.

Disabled marshals

Many people with disabilities compete in motor sport while others are marshals, timekeepers and officials. The Motorsport Endeavour Club involves people with a wide range of disabilities in a programme of motor sport events and experiences. There is more information at www.motorsportendeavour.com

Banner scheme

ViM now has promotional banners available on free loan to clubs. They are 1m high by 3m long and come with an easy-to-assemble frame. They are ideal for use at rallies, autotests, PCTs and other events.

For further details call Richard Nunn at the MSA or email him on richard.nunn@msauk.org

Marshals Working Group and Volunteer Officials Group

These two groups met for the first time during March and will be meeting again in June and September. Working parties linked to these groups will also meet during the year. All marshals and officials are encouraged to contribute their ideas and comments to the appropriate group.

Email items for discussion to Richard Nunn (MSA Secretariat for both groups): richard.nunn@msauk.org

Chris Hobson, Chairman, Marshals Working Group: chris.hobsonfbcs@btopenworld.com
Sue Sanders, Chairman, Volunteer Officials Group: sue@summerfieldsanders.com

First on scene leaflet

ViM has produced a new credit card size leaflet, which provides basic information for the first person on scene at an incident, and is therefore ideal for marshals and officials. Further details of availability from Richard Nunn at the MSA richard.nunn@msauk.org. (MSA stocks awaited at time of going to press).

Insurance on Public Highway events

The MSA is aware that some event organisers are reviewing (and possibly querying) the validity of insurance certificates produced by competitors as proof they have insurance cover valid for sections of the event on the public highway.

Please note it is *not* the responsibility of organisers to undertake this task. Instead, organisers need only receive from competitors a signed self-declaration to the effect that the competitor has valid insurance to meet the legal requirements for any vehicle being driven on the public highway.

British Championships

For the latest positions, qualifying events and links to Championship websites, visit: www.msauk.org

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 1978 Wil Sparrow on the cover in his DTV Magnum. The Leeds Crest Stages had been and gone and was a great success though some from far afield thought it was a bit rough, locals thought Thorp Arch was smoother than ever!!! There was no full report on the event though one snippet revealed that Richard Jackson had tipped the Porsche on its side on one stage (can't have been too bad as he finished 3rd on the subsequent Tour of Lincs). "Navcomp" reported on the Dukeries where Jackson/Coulthard collected a puncture which cost them victory - finished 2nd 23secs. Behind the ex safari Porsche of Sir Peter Noon/Chris Eke.

Ron Mackinnon was selling the remains of his Magnum together with other assorted odds and ends - rear bilstiens anybody at £20 the pair ??

20 YEARS AGO - MAY 1988 There was to be a talk on economical driving by John Bean and Malcolm Jagger to ready everyone for the forthcoming economy run but due to a monumental communication breakdown there was no room available for us at the Roundhegians clubnight venue - everyone vowed to drive slowly (!) on the event!!

Peter Stanhope reported on the April Fools Autotest that he and Steve Lancaster ran at Hartshead Moor. Unfortunately there was one truck parked in the middle of our planned area of use so it became the largest bollard ever seen!! Notwithstanding this problem the event was very well received and ran without a hitch leaving stewards Parkin and Stringwell with nothing to do which they were and still are very good at !! FTD went to David Haigh with messrs Renny; Mackinnon and Ineson collecting awards in their respective classes.

Mark Eastwood and Peter Green reported on their outing to Wales for the Plains Rally in the Nova where they finished 95th o/a after a traumatic time with wrong size spare wheels which wouldn't clear the GTE callipers.

7 new members this month: - Arthur Heaton; Phil Andrews; A.Hilton; Anne Moffat; Jack Cooke and Hazel and Steve Smith.

10 YEARS AGO - MAY 1998 Apperley on the cover again - this time in the Astra. Content was a little lightweight with details of forthcoming events in Scotland via Peter Stanhope and an endure karting event at Selby.

Dave Hammond had bits various for sale including harnesses; steering wheel; helmet; wheels; springs etc...

Steve Hugill reported on his outing alongside Craig Dykes on the Tour of Lincs. Alas, great promise came to not very much when the Escort developed a rather unhelpful appetite for rotor arms and they eventually decided to call it a day to save damaging the engine. Service man Phil Andrews then came and told them they had been leading when they finally pulled out!! Sods law!!

TRACKROD _____ ENDS

North Humberside Motor Club
John Overend Memorial Stages Rally
11th May 2008

Marshals & Radios Wanted

Its that time again, as usual we need lots of help to run the event safely. As usual the event is on Melbourne airfield near York MR.

Marshal signing on is 07:00 till 07:30. Their will be lots of goodies for marshals and a good marshals draw.

If you can help please contact the chief marshal
John Newlove

Email:jomsr.marshals@northhumbersidemotorclub.co.uk
or telephone 01904608524.

John Newlove
Chief Marshal

Jim Clark Rally 24th & 25th May (Bank Holiday Weekend)

Now that the Lookout is over I am starting to put plans together for this years Jim Clark Rally @ Kelso/Duns

We have two stages to run once again,

Sat - Langton
Sun - Eccles

Both stages are run twice and will need setting up prior.

I am planning on going up on Thursday and will start to set up stages Thursday & Friday probably finishing setting up Eccles on sat after langton has run.

It will once again be a busy weekend

If you are interested in helping please let me know as soon as possible as I will have the organisers asking for numbers before too long,

Regards

Simon Marston

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

For Official Use Only

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

May 2008

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

June 2008

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

July 2008

- 1st Old Modernians Sports & Social Club
- 8th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 15th The Yeoman – Otley
- 22nd Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 29th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

The Admiral Hawke has re-opened so due to popular demand were going back.

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

Events Calendar 2007

May 2008

- 4th Three Sisters Stages
- 10th Harewood Open Meeting—Harewood Hillclimb
- 11th May MSA Championship Meeting—Harewood Hillclimb
- 11th John Overend Memorial Rally
- 23rd-25th Jim Clark International Rally

June 2008

- 7th Classic and Vintage Meeting—Harewood Hillclimb
- 8th Jim Thompson Trophy Meeting—Harewood Hillclimb
- 14th Dukeries Rally
- 20th-21st Rally of the Midlands
- 22nd Torque-BAC Stages

July 2008

- 5th-6th MSA Championship Meeting—Harewood Hillclimb
- 6th Armstrong Massey Rally
- 13th Greystoke Stages
- 19th Opposite Lock Rally
- 27th Turnbull Trophy Rally

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