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A Note from your Editor

Apologies for not producing a October magazine but I didn't receive anything to put in it, other than trophy points and a Retrospective. There only so many Sudoku's you can put in before it becomes unreasonable. So I took the decision not to wait my time and yours and the Clubs money in producing a 3 page mag.

I need your help as I can't write it on my own I need input from you the members

Please can I request articles it doesn't matter what they are on they can even be about you pet cat jumping on a fence. If you don't want to type it up thats fine just hand write it an I'll type it up for you.

Awaiting a bumper X-Mas issue

Andrew

ROGER ALBER CLARK RALLY SAT 15TH NOVEMBER

Trackrod have once again been asked to run a stage on this years event, we have been given the challenge of running Olivers Mount @ Scarborough.

The stage is run 4 times for the main event with each pair of stages being interposed so the cars will be at 30 second intervals, The Kall Kwick event visits the stage twice during the day. As you can see it will be a long and busy day of action.

The stage is being advertised as a spectator stage and a full crowd is expected to watch the action so many marshals will be needed.

Yes you have guessed it this is where my plea for help comes.

Anybody wishing to help either on the day or on the Friday with setting up please contact me as soon as possible.

Signing on will be at the start, commencing at Approx 10.00hrs and the day's events will finish at around 18.30hrs

All help will be appreciated.

Thanks in advance.

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Trophy Point's

Scores are up to 31/8/08

For a full break down of the scores visit the website.

<u>Stage Rally Driver</u>		
Darren Moon		690.3
Howard Chopping		223.3
John Williams		144.4

<u>Stage Rally Co-Driver</u>		
Jon McNichol		690.3
Jon Turnbull		223.3
Gill Williams		144.4
Graham Wride		87.5

<u>Marshals</u>		
Richard Goldie		85
Jan Jagger		70
Andy Turnbull		65
Malcolm Jagger		50
Shelagh Turnbull		50
Tina Revill		35
Melanie Turnbull		35
Gill Williams		30
John Williams		30
Toby Revill (J)		30
Jon Turnbull		30
Stephen Sanderson		30
Bex Revill (J)		20
Mark Sherburn		10
Chris Sanderson		10
Victoria Sanderson (J)		10
Rachael Sanderson (J)		10
Nicola Sanderson		10
Katy Sherburn		5

<u>Service Crew</u>		
Mark Sherburn		20
Katy Sherburn		10
Tina Revill		5

<u>Trackrod</u>		
Richard Goldie		70
Andy Turnbull		50
Jan Jagger		50
John Williams		40
Gill Williams		40
Mark Sherburn		40
Shelagh Turnbull		30
Darren Moon		30
John McNichol		30
Stephen Sanderson		30
Tina Revill		25
Jon Turnbull		25
Malcolm Jagger		25
Toby Revill (J)		20
Melanie Turnbull		20
Katy Sherburn		20
Howard Chopping		10
Chris Sanderson		10
Nicola Sanderson		10
Victoria Sanderson (J)		10
Rachael Sanderson (J)		10
Bex Revill (J)		10
Graham Wride		5

October RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1978 - On the cover was Pentti Arikkala on the Mintex in the Chevette. Trophy points were published for the run up to the year end and showed the following to be leaders in the various awards :- Ian Gurnett; Frank Stuart-Brown; Richard Jackson; Jack Coulthard; Andrew Roddy; Sue Broadbelt; Ronnie Moore; Chris Miller; John Wilson; Paul Noon; Alan Powell; David Taylor and Vicky Spurdens (now Renny).

Tony Marshall was our only entry in the 8th round of the Shell League and won his class in his Lotus Elan keeping us in third place o/a but 570 points behind leaders Ilkley. A programme of winter film shows was announced with Manx 76; Scottish 77; Winning ain't easy and Stages to victory amongst those to be shown - all now readily available on video/DVD.

20 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1988 - Editor Roland Cross (rat) apologised for getting lost in Scarborough whilst carrying out his course closing car duties on the recent Quip Stages!! - He did make up all his lost time though! A brief report on the Quip from A.Powell/P.White who finished 53rd o/a and claimed the Best TMC Crew award. Attention was now focusing on the forthcoming RAC rally and Commander Renny was seeing help for the Parc Ferme IN control in Harrogate AND for the Langdale stage the day after!!

Finished 8th in the Shell League some 700 points behind winners Selby and captain Mackinnon bemoaned the fact that we could have done a lot better with a full team on each event - we would then have beaten YSCC who finished only 20 points in front of us!!!

A response to Mr Angry's rant last month when he suggested shutting his gob - the unnamed respondent agreed wholeheartedly and suggested that he should also bite off the end of his own sex organ that was apparently growing out of his forehead! - Ouch, take that Mr Angry!!

Trophy Point Leaders for the various awards were:- R.Ineson; Richard Anderson; John McNichol; Steve Lancaster; Peter Green; Mark Eastwood; Mark Brier; Tom Whittaker; Jackie Smythe; Steve Sanderson; Pam White and Peter White.

10 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1998 - !2 new members this month - the total now standing at 132. Chairman Parkin thanked all for their support on the recent Forest Stages Rally, which was won in fine style by Marcus Dodd, and was seeking names to help with the 1999 event!!!! Anne Watson reported on the Manx International that she did with Charlie Exton in the Emilliani Honda Civic and a very successful outing it was, finishing 28th o/a and 3rd in class. Husband Tom reported that all the house doors now needed widening so she could get her head through!!!

Trophy point leaders were:- Tina Grant; Arthur Heaton; David Steele; R.Ineson; Andrew Apperley; Pam Lukeman; Dave Hammond; Steve Sanderson; Dave Arnold; Graham Whitaker; Craig Dykes and Russell Holdsworth.

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Richard Ineson

November RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1978 - RAC rally later this month, our stage to be Boltby, first car 16.40, Stage Commander Nigel Drayton.

A personality profile of one Alan Powell, then a Tate Truck salesman and a fan of Penelope Keith; Leeds United; Pink Panther Films; RS2000's etc. etc. Worst rally - rolling out of the lead on the JJ Brown Motoring News event!! The Editor now had the task of finding a subject for a follow up article!!

Nick Leuchars provided a full report on the Alwoodley Pennine Rally on which he read the maps for John Palmer. Other crews out were Alan Powell/unknown; Geoff Birket/Dave Orrick; Clive Simons/Kevin Savage; Martin Kemp/Steve Mills; Dave Marshall/Charlie Palmer and H.Thompson/Bob Chapman. A very hectic night for all and a very high rate of attrition. Alan Powell rolled (what, again??) on the approach to Caydale ford where Kemp/Mills drowned out in sympathy having already suffered two punctures and an electrical fire!! The BMW of Ken Murray /John Millington got caught out on the Gouthwaite reservoir road and the ensuing incident was of such magnitude that their rally ended on the spot!!

20 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1988 - John Richardson penned a comprehensive article on the art of rally timing/ co-driving which provided graphic examples of just what can happen and shouldn't when sat in the left hand seat - clearly not all took notice as the same mistakes keep happening on events of today!

Pam White/Peter Green finished 32nd o/a on the Daihatsu Teesdale stages rally after 8 stages near Barford Camp. Pam spent most of the event getting used to the car which was new to her and proved to be a bit of a handful.

RAC rally coming up on the 24th - Stage Commander John Renny seeking assistance to run the Langdale stage - first car due 08.25. That's after doing the Parc Ferme "In Control" in Harrogate the night before!!

Alan Powell/Pam White nearly collected the inverted car of Richard Jackson/John Birkett on the Crystal Stages which was round a blind bend in Dalby - the avoidance tactics resulted in a steering damaging collision with a log - an early bath!!

10 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1998 - Russell Holdsworth seeking support for a trip to the January Autosport show at the NEC - £25 for those interested.

Peter Stanhope was selling his well used Range Rover for £3950 ono and Arthur Heaton was reminding all of the navigational scatter on the 17th.

Steve Lloyd wrote to say how delighted he was to see the Trackrod logo on the telly following the film of the Forest Stages. Steve is one of our founding members and now lives in Wiltshire.

Craig Dykes/Steve Hugill reported on their outing to Mull and were delighted with their 42nd o/a finish which concluded their eventful season.

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Richard Ineson

PS Check out www.scaletfog.com for t-shirts for the discerning petrolhead!!

Rally Yorkshire 07

Another great event, with the weather to match.

As for the competitors it was won by Guy Wilks in the Mitsubishi Motors UK/ Team Ralliart backed Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9 with a flag to flag victory consisting of 8 fastest stage times. Even though there was an appeal but that was upheld and the victory was handed back to Wilks, to claim his second consecutive Rally Yorkshire win.

As for the Trackrod crews a mixture of success and misery

Historic Cup

ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH / MARK MIDGLEY FORD ESCORT
3rd in Class and 16th Overall

DARREN MOON / JOHN MCNICHOL FORD ESCORT
7th in Class and 30th Overall

Clubman's Trophy

IAN JEMISON / GRAHAM WRIDE PORSCHE BOXSTER
2nd in Class and 15th Overall

RICHARD SYKES / SIMON TAYLOR FORD FIESTA ST
1st in Class and 19th Overall

For a full set of results simply log onto www.rallyyorkshire.co.uk.

A big thank you to all the organisers, competitors, marshals, rescue crews and other helpers. Who without the event could not take place.

Lets hope that next year in September it will be even bigger and better than this (if that's possible)

Thanks for a great day

Andrew Wride

Making an economic impact

As club members or event organizers, have you ever considered what the economic impact of your Club or event is on your local area? Around 10 years ago, the MSA undertook an economic impact survey on the British Grand Prix and the (now) Wales Rally GB, which revealed that these events brought £28m and £11m respectively to the local economies.

Local authorities increasingly use this factor as a measure of an event's eligibility for grant aid funding and other resource support. To say that your Club's major rally brought, say, £100,000 to the local economy would certainly help the profile of the Club in the local area – and assist with positive publicity too.

In liaison with Cumbria County Council, the MSA is researching simple guidelines to assist Clubs and event organizers to measure the economic impact, so that a comparison between events may be possible. Watch out for further announcements.

Best club and marshal

Details of the nomination process for the JLT Sport MSA Club of the Year and Marshal of the Year Awards annual awards have recently been circulated to Regional Associations (and are obtainable from the MSA's Allan Dean-Lewis hadean-lewis@msauk.org or Richard Nunn hrnunn@msauk.org upon request). If you wish to nominate a club or an individual marshal for these awards, please make contact with your Regional Association so that they can have the opportunity to consider your submission. The closing date for submissions (with Regional Association endorsement) to the MSA is 1 October 2008.

Speed and kart marshals

After a lengthy delay due to software difficulties outside the MSA's control, the MSA Marshals Register now extends further across the sport, with speed and kart marshals having been added to the previous race and rally marshal databases.

New marshals seeking speed and kart registration can download forms from the MSA website (MSA Forms>Marshals), which need to be countersigned by an official of their club.

Forms received by the MSA, which were held pending resolution of the software problems, have now been processed and the registration cards issued.

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Some clubs tell us they have successfully used text messages to remind their members of approaching marshalling commitments in the few days immediately before an event. This has resulted in a positive response, especially from younger members, so may be an idea other clubs wish to try. You need mobile phone numbers and the permission of individuals to contact them in this way.

Award now open to all

The HRH Prince Michael Award of Merit is a prestigious personal award made by the Motor Sports Council in recognition of meritorious service to British motor sport.

'Meritorious' encompasses distinguished service, a significant contribution to British motor sport or an outstanding achievement in British motor sport.

To increase the number of people who can be nominated, the ineligibility categories have been removed.

Nomination papers are available from the MSA's General Secretary and should be submitted before the end of October each year.

Motorsport Ireland and head restraints

Motorsport Ireland has asked the MSA to bring to the attention of competitors planning to

take part in stage rallies which take place wholly or partly in The Republic of Ireland (including cross-border events with Northern Ireland) information concerning head restraints. The wearing of a head restraint approved by the FIA (such as the HANS device) will be mandatory for drivers and co-drivers on all Motorsport Ireland National and International Stage Rally events from 1 January 2009.

This extract from Motorsport Ireland's 5 August 2008 Bulletin gives more information: The wearing of a head restraint approved by the FIA (e.g. HANS) will be mandatory for all drivers and co-drivers in events as follows:

*All Motorsport Ireland (MI) National and International Stage Rally events: from 01.01.09

*All FIA championships, trophies, cups and challenges: from 01.01.08

*All events entered on the FIA International Sporting Calendar: from 01.01.09

A number of Head and Neck Support Devices have been submitted to the FIA to assess their compliance with FIA Standard 8858-2002. Unfortunately, a number of these devices have not yet complied with this standard and therefore cannot be approved. When purchasing your head restraint, please ensure it is approved by the FIA and has the appropriate label.

The Guide for the use of the HANS device in motor sport can be found using this link:

www.fiainstitute.com/documents/HANS_guide.pdf

NB: the above requirements *do not* apply to events run *solely* within the jurisdiction of the MSA – which are governed by the regulations in the *Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook*, published annually.

Marshals profit

Marshals at the Castle Combe circuit in Wiltshire will be safer and drier in future, thanks to a unique £20,000 donation from the organising Castle Combe Racing Club. As part of its strategy to return all of its profits to the sport, the Club's donation has enabled weather protection shelters to be provided at each marshals post, and complete an overall marshals protection scheme including safety debris fencing provided and installed by the circuit owners. In addition, the Club's ground breaking competitor cash back scheme has returned well over £100,000 to drivers taking part in the Club's organized events, after just 23 meetings since the Club was formed in 2006.

Tips for rally organisers

Two suggestions came from a recent meeting of the MSA Rallies Committee and were circulated in the MSA *Stewards & Clerks Bulletin* issue 08/04 August.

To help Radio Crews identify competing vehicles correctly, the use of high visibility numbers and an entry list which includes the make, model and colour of car is recommended to clubs.

Clubs should be encouraged to make scrutineering cards available on their websites before an event, so that competitors can download the form and complete it before arriving at scrutineering. This will save time and minimise mistakes resulting from hurriedly filled out forms.

e-Wheels

Karting kids

Just three months since its launch, the Let's Go Karting scheme has attracted more than 1,000 children to have a go at karting for £5. Let's Go Karting is an MSA funded initiative to attract young people to gain their first experience of karting without having to make an up-front commitment to acquire a race kart and associated safety equipment. 16 venues around the UK have signed up to operate the programme and they have received financial support to purchase equipment, train instructors and run the events.

www.LetsGoKarting.net

Reid has new role

The MSA has appointed former World Rally Champion co-driver, Robert Reid, to the new role of Performance Director. The MSA Performance Director will be the figurehead for all Human Performance within motor sport and will set the strategy for all MSA sports performance initiatives.

WRGB ticket sales up

Spectator ticket sales for December's Wales Rally GB are well ahead of comparable figures for the same time last year. In particular, the Kids for a Quid ticket offer for seats in the upper tier of the Millennium Stadium to watch the flat-out Cardiff Special Stage on Saturday 6th is proving to be very popular. Kids for a Quid tickets are also available to families who plan to visit the Service Park in Swansea's SA1 Waterfront development on Thursday 4th, Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December.

Sales of Friday Day Passes are also up, influenced by the inclusion of historically popular special stages in mid Wales, which have not been used since 2000.

Tickets can be purchased in any of three ways:

via the official website www.walesrallygb.com

by calling the 24-hour ticket hotline on 0844 847 2251

or in person from Ticketline, 47 Westgate Street, Cardiff, CF10 1TL which is open Monday to Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5.30pm, Sunday 10am-4pm.

Volunteers needed

Up to 70,000 volunteers will be needed to help put on the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and the organising team will be starting recruitment in 2010 from a range of communities and backgrounds, including motor sport marshals. All volunteers will get the opportunity to attend training, whether as specialist volunteers (e.g. existing MSA marshals or medics) or as general volunteers (roles in event services, Olympic Village operations etc.).

Particular skill areas currently of interest to the organisers include: medical, language services, spectator services, technology, press operations, transport and accreditation.

Further information is available at the London 2012 website below, where you can register your initial interest in volunteering to assist with this world-class event.

www.london2012.com/get-involved/volunteering/the-volunteer-programme.php

Symes' promotion

John Symes has been promoted to MSA Technical Director. Reporting directly to the MSA Chief Executive, Symes will take a more strategic role in setting the MSA's future policies on technical and risk management issues and will be responsible for the MSA's environmental positioning.

Allied bodies

The Motorsport Alliance is a new, joint initiative between the MSA, the Auto Cycle Union (UK governing body of two wheel motorcycle sport) and the Motorsport Industry Association (the UK's industry association for motor sport).

The Motorsport Alliance will allow the MSA, ACU and MIA to speak, when appropriate or necessary, on behalf of the whole of UK motor sport - with a single voice.

Extracts from MSA Scrutineers E-Bulletin #35

1. Pipelines in Vehicle driver/passenger compartments

[MSA Regulations] [C(b)] 16, 18 and 19 cover the topic of fluid lines passing through vehicle driver/passenger compartments. The requirements apply to all fluid lines, thus the suggestion, as was recently made, "it's only the return line" makes no difference, the requirement is the same as for any pipeline.

2. Single Mounting and Merged Harnesses

We would like to remind you that it is not permitted for harnesses equipped with separate shoulder straps to fix the two straps to a single anchorage point. There must be separate anchorage points for each belt strap. It is permitted to fit the two harness straps to a purpose built horizontal harness mounting tube providing the angle of inclination set out in the regulations is respected.

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 position

state type

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

November 2008

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

December 2008

- 2th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club
- 9th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 16th The Yeoman – Otley
- 23rd Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa
- 30th None (It's Christmas week)

January 2009

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

**Also any suggestions
for new places to meet
please contact any
member of the commit-
tee.**

Events Calendar 2007

November 2008

- 2nd Malton Forest Rally
- 9th Lynn Charity Stages
- 16th-19th Roger Albert Clark Rally
- 23rd Neil Howard Memorial Stages Rally
- 29th-30th Beaver Road Rally

December 2008

- 4th-7th Wales Rally GB
- 6th Grizedale Stages
- 13th-14th Rockingham Stages

January 2009

- 8th-11th Autosport International Show
- 31st Dinner Dance**

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