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Future Events

Film Show - 10th November - 8.00 p.m. Moortown Rugby Club, Far Moss, off The Avenue, Alwoodley, Leeds, 17 (M.R. 96/294402). A good selection of films is promised, including the Rover BRM Turbine, building the Rover 2000 and a couple of sporting ones, titles unknown as yet. Bound to be a good night, though, especially with the well stocked bar available. Definitely well worth a visit.

R.A.C. Rally - 14th November. Not really one of 'our' events, but many of our members have been very involved in the past, and will doubtless be watching again this year. Yorkshire provides their first taste of real forest roads again, so you'll be able to see the top lads in action before the Rally takes its toll. The Forestry Commission are as jumpy as Sandie Shaw walking over broken glass these days about spectators and Fire Risk, litter, damage to young trees, etc. So, if you watch from the forests, please leave them as you would wish to find them. Or this will be the last year for spectators in the Greenwoods. And we don't want that, do we? So just be a bit canny, thats all.

Chairman's Remarks

Since our first Newsletter was published a month or so ago, we have had two very successful gatherings, the result of which has been the attainment of our first objective as a Club in the enrolment of our first 50 fully paid up members. With this achievement we are now able to apply to the R.A.C. for Affiliation and the fuller programme which will be our right as an affiliated club.

The first of the two gatherings referred to above was a meeting at the Wharfedale Hotel at Arthington, which was attended by well over 60 interested and prospective members. Our thanks to the Yorkshire Evening Post who inserted a paragraph advising date and place of the meeting, this paragraph was of sufficient interest to bring many new faces to our meeting, many of whom we hope will become our firm friends and Clubmates in our new venture. At this meeting several proposals were recorded after being proposed, seconded and passed in pukka style. The proposed Rules for the Club were also approved, based on the "Model" Rules drawn up by the R.A.C. The A.G.M. was fixed for January of each year, the actual date to be decided by the Committee, the full Annual Subscription had already been approved at 25/-, members paying now, enjoying benefits up to December 31st, 1971. Since this meeting, the Committee have met and recommend a subscription of 15/- per year for non driving lady members, a move which we feel will be welcomed and will result in a further swelling of our membership numbers.

The second gathering was on Tuesday, 27th October and took the form of an Indoor Rally. Considering the fact that the idea was

After the Rally was finished and the winners declared, the presentation of prizes was made and a ballot was taken to choose the name of the club and a design for a Club badge. The name of the Club which secured most votes was the title "The Trackrod Motor Club" which from now on is the name of our Club. The badge design which received most votes was No. 3, a black and white chequered flag surrounded by the Victors wreath of laurel leaves, a very neat and tasteful design, to be carried out in black and white. I am sure that we all tender our sincere thanks to those artistic people who all told, produced a total of around 27 or 28 designs.

Mention of Tuesday night brings me to another point. At our two previous meetings it had been suggested that our indoor functions be held on Thursday evenings, but here your Committee ran into a snag as we could not find suitable premises which were generally available on a Thursday. Nothing daunted, we sallied forth to the Moortown Rugby Football Club at Alwoodley and after being very courteously received by their Committee, we came to an arrangement to have the use of their Clubroom and bar on six Tuesday nights per annum. The idea being to make this Club our H.Q. from which we can start Rallies, Treasure Hunts, etc. and where we can meet on alternate months for our indoor fixtures, A.G.M. film shows, quizzes, dances, etc. on the opposite months we will have a Noggin and Natter at suitable pubs in and around Leeds. We were able to arrange very favourable terms with our friends at the Rugby Club and your Committee departed feeling quite pleased with the nights work. Those of you who have been to the Rugby Club will know that this is a new building, built and designed as a comfortable Clubhouse, well lit and tastefully decorated, it also has a well stocked bar. If you have not as yet introduced yourself to our Headquarters you have a pleasant evening in store on Tuesday, 10th November when we shall put on a Film Show at 8.00 p.m. to which we warmly invite all our members, prospective members and their friends. There is only one request made by the Rugby Club officials, that when we depart from our H.Q. we do so as gently and quietly as possible so as not to disturb the "neighbours".

Finally, we should like to extend our thanks to the Institute of Advanced Motorists for their kind invitation to their meeting to hear Alan Staniforth chat about the "World Cup Rally", several members expressed a desire to be present and we hope they enjoyed their evening with our friends of the I.A.M.

Until our next get together, cheerio and good motoring.

Ray Dickinson
Chairman

Reflections

This is the spot where we look back on the month's events. Since we had a Table Top Rally, we can report on that.

Held on familiar ground, to some, at Moortown Rugby Club, this event attracted over 40 members. Eleven crews entered the rally, which was put on by Dennis Dickinson. A varied route, and devious with it, led us over and under railways, between spot heights and by milestones cunningly concealed, to the finish. The existence of 3 revisions of map 96 caused confusion, a certain map salesman providing some very up to date editions, which no-one else had?

enjoyed the event and would thank Dennis muchly for his efforts.

It was very encouraging to see such a large turnout, which made the vote for a club name and badge worthwhile. TRACKROD's the name and Motor Sport's our game. The badge, designed by Barry Spinks, is neat and effective and will be available soon.

The Organization Men

Since we are a very new club, with many new members from all over the locality, there are several people whom we don't know, and who don't know us. In order to put this right, below are short but sharp pen portraits of the Committee.

Ray Dickinson - Head of the Clan Dickinson, sons Ray Jr., Geoff and Dennis being very active in the local sporting scene. Ray brings a wealth of experience to the club, for which we are very grateful. He has competed in all types of events on two, three and four wheels, and rallies have been most prominent in his activities lately. Marshalls at all events with the same enthusiasm. Runs a warm 1200 c.c. Cortina.

Brian Schofield, our keen Hon. Sec. (and after all, who isn't keen hor. sex!) usually to be seen partnering our Treasurer in the Beetle, and shared a Renault 750 until recently, when it was sold. Helps keep the Fuzz well organized (though parking tickets are outside his sphere!) so is well qualified to do same for us. To be seen at most events in some capacity. Runs a Bond Equipe.

Peter Gledhill - 'Treas'. Infamous for his exploits with a black Beetlewagon which leaps around Yorkshire's hills and dales and sometimes even the roads. Very quick, but hairy. Enters everything wins nowt. But his luck will change and when it does, stand clear. Works at Mamba Development, will sell you a 'Biota' (which isn't a stomach powder) at the drop of a cheque.

Howard White - of Rally and Speed Shop fame. Has been invaluable in starting the club by spreading the good word. Always ready to help with a tuning problem, runs a very hot Cooper and a lukewarm Jaguar. Specializes now in Autotests and Hill Climbs. Also sells maps. Provides the best 'after the event' captive audience in Leeds! His goody shop is well worth a visit.

John Wilson, salesman extraordinary, has also grafted to get this show on the road. Has flair for organization, but competes successfully too. No personal car, but to be seen, if you're quick, in anything from a DBS through Rover 3.5 and Toledo to Range Rover. Works for Arnold Wilson's, very useful for arranging "demos" (car not student).

Steve Lloyd - well, of course, modesty forbids, what more is there to say about this man that hasn't been said (and censored). Your editor, so you now know who to blame for this lot. Runs a hot 1500 Anglia and a Fiat 124 (a personal friend of Lord Stokes!) Enters everything, hobby horse "lack of decent autocrosses". Anything you say to me will be taken down (knickers) and will be used in the Newsletter. Always ready to lend an ear and accept a drink!

Well, that us, now its up to you to let us get to know you. A club's social life is important. We don't want anyone to feel 'left out', or that the club is run for 'them' and not 'us'. Please let us know what events you want, and we'll do our very best for you. O.K.? Lets be hearing from you.

Leeds University Northern Lights Rally - 7th/8th November

We 've had an appeal for entries and marshalls for this event. Usually a good event, which deserves plenty of support. Any interested parties should contact Martin Cartrill at 40 Blackmoor Court, Leeds 17, telephone 691431, when they will be welcomed with open arms.

So that's the Newsletter! Its the way of keeping club members informed, amused, cajoled and bullied about Club business. But remember, its your newsletter, and therefore should contain your news. Not mine. So don't be backward in coming forward with your literary masterpieces. Anything accepted for publication, just send it along. We also provide a sort of 'Bits and Pieces' section for any motor gear you want to dispose of. Again, just send it in.

I await the flood of letters with interest!

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