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Future Events

5th September - Dewsbury and D.M.C. Production Car Trial. A co-promotion event, this, so as many entries as possible, to show people that we are worth co-promoting with. Start is at Batley (M.R. 96/23042594) at 10.30 a.m. Regs available from Howard White's Rally and Speed Shop on Harrogate Road,

7th September - Economy Run organized by Howard White and David Taylor - of course we can all get 50 m.p.g. out of our Cortina G.T.'s so now come along and prove it, start at the Jet Filling Station, Shadwell Lane (M.R. 96/332401) from 7.00 p.m. onwards. Finishing back at the Beehive at Thorner for a jar and the naked truth in the form of results.

14th September - Committee meeting - committee men assemble at David Taylor's residence at 8.00 p.m.

18th/19th September - York 1900 Rally. National status, forest rally. See how the fast boys do it. Volunteers for marshalling to David Taylor, NOW.

19th September - Ilkley Co-Promotion Production Car Trial. We have been honoured with an invitation to compete in the Ilkley Club's annual Jubilee Production Car Trial. This is usually a really cracking good event, so let's have plenty of Trackrod names on the entry list. Start at the Wharfedale Hotel at Arthington at 10.00 a.m. following a simple route round the glorious countryside between there and Pateley Bridge, where lunch may be taken in liquid form at the Miner's Arms, or for those preferring it, the same establishment do an excellent line in more solid forms of nourishment. Regs from Howard White.

21st September - Film Show at Moortown Rugby Club - in the capable hands of John Wilson, several good films promised including a James Bond, 007 himself. Also the best pint of Diamond in the area on tap, so turn up for an 8.00 p.m. start and have a really good evening out.

25th/26th September - Alwoodley Motor Club Molyspeed Rally - one of our neighbouring club's 'Dig' rallies, so lets have some volunteers for marshalling to help them on their way. All applications to Roger Tattersall, 35 Plantation Avenue, Leeds, 17.

28th September - Visit to Peter Black's Motor Museum at Keighley - exhibits from the earliest cars and bikes, also amusement arcade machines and sewing machines, etc. We are only allowed 40 people on this visit, all of whom must be over 15 years of age. Names please to Ray Dickinson, Leeds 57563.

3rd October - Trackrod 12 car Rally. A 120 mile thrash on maps 90-91-96. Well known territory but a new organising crew in Malcolm Exley and Mick Atkins.

9th/10th October - Dewsbury M.C. Fina Rally - we are invited to co-promote so dust off the maps and lets have a first class entry for what promises to be a first class event. Regs from Howard White.

17th October - Treasure Hunt - but with a difference, start approx. 11.00 a.m., scenic treasure hunt type run to a suitable picnic spot, then lunch and a bit of relaxation, possibly followed by a bit more treasurehunt. Organized by Martin Cantrill and Richard Ashcroft. Watch this space for further details.

### Ramblings

September is here and Steve has flown off to Italy for a hard earned holiday. I have been lumbered with (who said I volunteered) the job of getting this screed on to your breakfast tables.

During the past month we have had three and a half events, the half being the Gymkhana which was scheduled for the first of August, but which had to be cancelled due to a double booking of the field. Those who turned up at the New Inn, however, were able to take part in the Central Leeds M.C. Driving Trials which were being held there, so all was not lost.

The Moggin at Dick Hudsons was not as well supported as usual, possibly due to the holidays. This same fate befell the family picnic at Castleton, those who did turn up however, had a marvellous time, with trips down both the Speedwell and Blue John Mines.

The final event of the month was the dates meeting, this is reported in detail elsewhere in this issue, so suffice to say that some very interesting points were raised and discussed.

### Chairman's Corner

Getting a wrinkle out of its shell was child's play compared to the opening few minutes at the Dates Meeting but after a few provocative remarks by Martin and Dennis thoughts began to become words and we had a very useful discussion on our past programme and some very helpful suggestions for the coming year.

Very briefly we can summarise thus:

Rallies - Not always fully subscribed, never oversubscribed with reserves waiting for a "drop out" so that they can have a go. Novices are possibly put off by the fear that they will be shown up by the performance of the Expert class. Also an event of a 100 miles or more is rather a big chunk to take a first bite at. Suggested that two of our night rallies to be held during the next 12 months shall be for novices only, they will be on non damaging road surfaces, I say surfaces advisedly, as any road can be damaging if not treated with respect. The organizers can do nothing about the way you take a corner but they can make sure that the surfaces are good enough not to require a sump guard. The total mileage will not exceed 70/75 miles and will be run as prescribed at a true 30 m.p.h. average. If you keep wrong slotting and adding 2 or 3 miles every time don't blame the organizers if you have to average more than 30 m.p.h. to arrive at controls within your 30 minutes and 59 secs. allowance.

The other six rallies will be open to all with six entries reserved for Expert/Semi-experts and six for novices up to the closing date for entries. If the two divisions are not fully subscribed the organizer will increase the proportion of either section according to the entries in his possession. These six rallies will have a common finishing point which the novices will reach after 70/75 miles, the Experts will cover the same route but will take a loop to bring the mileage up to the 100/125 mile mark to make it a real night out. The sting will lie in this loop all

the marshalling resources will be concentrated on it just at a time when crews are getting tired and we will sort them out.

Lack of entries for driving tests and production car trials during the past year could be blamed on the weather which was a doubtful starter or a downright disappointment on each occasion. Better weather next year could bring an improvement, but it was also felt that quite a lot of members were completely new to motor club competition and did not know enough about either type of event to risk having a go. We shall, therefore, in the next few issues, go into details as to how these events are run, how they are scored, what car preparation is necessary, what the chances are of damaging the car, etc. etc.

We hope that armed with this information, and better luck weatherwise, we shall see entries which will satisfy all organizers and make competition between members something worthwhile.

I was very disappointed that I could not join the party on the Club picnic at Castleton. It is very rare I feel under the weather, but this was one of those occasions. Those who did turn up enjoyed a first class day out, and we can use the route and venue again when not so many members are on holiday.

Do not forget that we visit Peter Black's collection of cars and bikes, etc. on Tuesday, 28th September. The visit is timed to commence at 7.00 p.m. and we are limited to a party of 40, all of whom must be over 15 years of age. Definitely NO CHILDREN please. I suggest you give me your name for inclusion in the party at the Economy Run on 7th September. I will then give each participating member a map showing the location of Mr. Black's premises.

Finally, I have not, as yet, heard from any of our glamorous birds whether they want us to proceed with an evening rally type event in which they can navigate - see the August issue for details of this epic event .

I shall be on holiday in September, so shall miss the York M.C.'s 1900 Rally and John Wilson's Film Show on the 21st Sept. I hope any of my friends who can pull strings with the weather man will do so in my favour.

Cheerio, see you around

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Meat deliveries in the Alwoodley area are getting faster, our flying butcher, Ken Goodall, having taken delivery of an Escort RS1600 no less (green envy all round).

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Dewsbury Motor Club Co-Promotion Production Car Trial 5th September

If you have never competed in one of these very enjoyable events and feel doubtful about having a go, go along to the start and see how they are run, or better still, see the course and the set up and enter on the day. You will enjoy it. See Future Events for details of start.

start from the Jet Petrol Station on Shadwell Lane from 7.00 p.m. and first car away at 7.30 p.m.

Competitors will be asked to fill their petrol tanks as full as possible after which their tanks will be sealed by an official. They will be given a very simple routecard which even a 'driver' could follow and understand. Maps will NOT be required. The route will be approx. 50 miles long, the only time limit being a maximum of 2 hours to complete this. There will be various passage controls to ensure that our 'honest drivers' don't take short cuts. Gamesmanship, such as free wheeling and adjustment of tyre pressures, etc., cannot possibly be checked by the organizers, and are therefore allowed, but you are reminded of the legal implications.

On arriving back at the finish, the tank seal will be broken and the tank filled again, the quantity being recorded, from the pump, by the official.

The whole event will be run on a handicap basis, the formula for which is best known to the organizers, therefore no matter whether you bring the 'Lambo' or the 'Chummy' you still have a good chance of winning.

Results will be announced at the Beehive in Thorner.

#### Trackrod Rally - 3rd October

The holidays are over and the rally season is getting back into full swing, so what better way to 'warm up' for the coming crop of co-promotion and Restricted events than on a nice 'gentle' club rally. With this in mind Malcolm Exley and Mick Atkins have prepared a 120 mile tour of maps 90-91-96 starting at the Moortown Rugby Club and with a half way halt at the Windmill Cafe near Borobridge. It guarantees to be a good night out for Expert and Novice alike. It is pointed out by the organizers, however, that the surface on one or two of the roads is such that, if taken at a competitive rally speed, sumpguards will be advisable. Contact Malcolm at Guiseley 3138 now and reserve your entry, or if you cannot compete how about volunteering to marshal. You can have nearly as much fun and help the organizers to put on a successful event, to boot.

#### Fina 'White Rose' Rally 9th/10th October

We have now received regs for the above event, in which we are one of the co-promoting clubs. A copy may be obtained from Ray Dickinson at Leeds 57563 or at the Economy Run on the 7th September.

Let's have at least ten entries for this event, and show them that we really are a force to be reckoned with. We would also like to see a similar number of our members marshalling, so volunteers to Ray as well, please.

This looks like being a first class event, so get your entry in early to avoid being disappointed, let us make it a real onslaught from Trackrod for this event.

#### For Sale

1. £550 - the fastest Terrapin Min Racer up Harewood, and the winner of the Gannex Trophy Overall 1970. Richard Blackmoor's record holding car, fully prepared and ready to hill climb or race, complete with Mamba's etc. and fully sorted. See Peter Gledhill for full details and he will put you in touch with Richard.

2. Ford Cortina G.T. 1965 white, air horns, 5 new radials, radio, good mechanics, M.O.T. New A3 camshaft. 2350.  
Contact R. Ovenden, 16 Eastwood Grove, Garforth, nr. Leeds.  
Phone Garforth 4058.

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