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Future Events

8th February - Competition Forum - Beehive, Thorner (MR 96/
Various club worthies, namely, Howard White, Richard Ashcroft,
and Steve Lloyd are going to reveal all! All, that is, about
Autotests, Rallies and P.C.T.s, so that in the coming season you'll
know all about entering, competing and of course winning! We hope
it will help those of you who are just starting your competitive
career. We're also sure that a few 'old hands' can pick up the
odd tip here and there. We want everyone there anyway, for a
spot of lively discussion. At the very pleasant 'Beehive'. See
you there.

19th/20th February - 12-car-Valentines Rally (Maps 90, 91, 92)
Start about 10.30 p.m. at the Windmill Cafe. In the hands of
Keith Marr. Entries from now on, please to Keith at 17, Kingswood
Avenue, Leeds, 8. Volunteers for marshalls also, getsome practice
for the next weekend. (As if you need it!) Bound to be a good
start to our rallying year this, so lets have full support to make
it a cracker!

22nd February - Noggin 'n' Natter - Spite and Roebuck (MR 96/20047)
A really cosy little pub, this, well worth a visit. The talk is
bound to be all rallies, but don't let that stop anyone! Rally
results, too, probably.

26th-27th February - Seven Dales Rally - Special Stage No. 1 -
Munton, previous to the Greenburn-in-Elmet.

We have been asked to be asked to run the first stage in this
very popular rally. As you should all know by now, this
is a lot to ask. We therefore must take this chance to
ask for the help of our hands and feet! We can put on a stage
with the help of you. But we need you all of you to help.
Stand just after 10.00 a.m. so you can really see the quick boys
working hard. At night we can assist again, by running some
spectatives. For more phone Ray or Dennis Dickinson at Leeds
57563 NOW and put your name down. And if we do well, who knows
where we might be next November? Think on't.

5th March - Production Car Trial - Venue in Stop Press.

Start 1.00 p.m. prompt. Entries, marshalls and plenty of them,
to Steve Lloyd, 1 Bramble Avenue, Boston Spa, Yorks, LS3 6PE,
Tel.: Boston Spa 843574 anytime from now on. After our Forum, we
expect a vast turnout to put theory into practice. Another
co-promoted event, so lets have Trackrod winning all the trophies
this time! Enter in good time, turn up early, and a grand time
will be had by all. And lots of MARSHALLS please!

7th March - Indoor Rally - Fox and Hounds, Menston.

This is the event postponed from 7th December, and at a new and
pleasant venue.

Bring maps 91 and 96, romer, mapboard, ruler, rubber, pencil,
map measurer. From about 8.00 p.m.

26th March - Autotests

Our first of the year. Entries and marshalls please to Steve
Wren, at 22 Moorland Grove, Leeds, 17. Plenty of time yet, but
don't forget it!

28th March - Noggin and Natter at the Bulls Head, Gomersal
(MR 96/2026). Owned by the Father of that very rapid butcher of
ours, so lets have you all along to convince him his son's in
good company. From about 8.00 p.m.

Reflections

Then there was the Novices Rally. Very ably run by the Brothers Lee, this event had a field of eleven hopeful crews prepared to do battle with the route. The weather was wet and misty as befits the time of year, but no-one's enthusiasm was dampened. David Taylor/Howard White (1071 'S') led the field away but a severe bout of 'navvies tummy' stopped them in the first half. A fair old battle soon developed between eventual winners M. Stone and navigator (Cortina G.T.) and Sue Widdrington/Ruth Wilkinson (M.G.B.G.T.), which was only resolved at T.C.15 when the girls collected the first of 3 fails which lost them second place. Both these crews were obviously very keen, and some spirited driving resulted. In fact, M. Stone cleaned the route to win from Chris English (V.W. 1200) on 70, and Alan MacKay (Lotus Cortina) on 80. Sue and Ruth finished 7th, while Diana White/Jennifer Taylor (Cortina) also did very well to finish 5th. (Perhaps David chose the wrong navigator?). Tail end Charlie was David Place giving his new Imp its baptism of fire. (You won't recognize David, he's the one usually swathed in scootering gear, which is now a thing of the past). Richard Jackson's Twink protested at the job of course car, breaking its clutch operating arm. This just happened to be at Ken Goodall's control so one R.S. was pressed into very willing service. Out of a full Appendix J type Twink into an R.S.! Can't be bad, Mr. Hazeldene, can't be bad!

The A.G.M. went well. A fair turn out of members seemed well satisfied with progress to date, and keen to do better in the future. Various items came up for discussion, a report of which appears elsewhere. The names of the new Committee appear on this Newsletter, and very pleased we are to welcome the newcomers. Now there's even more of us for you to nobbie about anything you want or don't want. Just be sure you do, for the Club's sake.

Chairman's Chat

February already, it does not seem five minutes since we were on the last rush on Christmas Eve to get everything sorted out. But we have already had two Club events in our Club New Year. First the A.G.M. and secondly the first meeting of the new and enlarged Committee. The A.G.M. went off very smoothly, the Chairman being able to paint a satisfactory picture of our financial position, while I had the opportunity of reminding all our members, both active and sleeping, of the worthwhile programme which we produced during 1971. The Election of Officers and Committee saw the return to office of the team which served the Club so well last year, with the addition of three Committee men to swell the labour force and distribute the load over a larger area of the Club membership. There were very few resolutions to discuss, a tribute I think to the work done by last year's Committee, who had left no untidy ends to be sorted out and very little to discuss with regard to the day by day running of the Club. Criticism of the work of the Committee was non-existent. As I said in my report, they were a good team, who worked well together and I was mightily relieved to have so many keen and experienced men working on the job.

The second event, the first meeting of the new and enlarged Committee, was a bit like first day back at school with everybody wanting to tell everybody else something or other, but after a very few minutes we settled down and got through the business of the evening in time for two of the members to go off on night duty, earning their daily bread, whilst several others continued the

"first day-of term" in the Merry Monk across the way from my home. I am looking forward to another enjoyable year working with a first rate Committee and I feel certain that when our members review the activities of 1972 they will be pleased and satisfied with the Committee of their choice.

I hope we are going to get off with a BANG on our first competitive event of the New Year, this will be the "Valentines" 12 car rally on Sat./Sun. 19th and 20th February and I sincerely hope that we shall have our full 12 entries and some reserves 'in the wings' so to speak, and don't forget, if you are a reserve, for goodness sake turn up on the night, your chances of getting a ride could be excellent. We shall, by the date of rally, have had our Forum and given all the "gen" on the various types of events which Trackrod organizes, so there will be no excuse for any member not being fully aware of what goes in the sporting scene. This is followed by our "BIG CHANCE" event. We have looked forward to the day when we could organize our own Stage in a National Rally, now that chance is ours on the De Lacy Seven Dales Rally, sponsored by Mintex on Sat./Sun. 26th and 27th February. We need lots and lots of marshalls, so names please to the bloke In Charge of the Stage, Dennis Dickinson at 70 Eden Crescent, Leeds, 4, Tel.: 57563. Our Stage, incidentally, is the first on the Rally so we shall see the full 120 entries through, in daylight, it is also the Sponsors own stage, at the Mintex Testine Ground at Sherburn-in-Elmet. What more could you wish for, what more can we offer? See you there.

RAY

The Sporting Scene

Success, success and more success. Richard Jackson/Steve Hateldene in SPY 44 (the Twink) have excelled themselves recently. A very good eighth on the Quo Vadis, held in North Wales, was followed by a superb fourth on the Riponian, behind Jack Tordoff, who won, and amongst the best local talent. But wait, there's more! Ken and Richard were eighth on the same event, while Steve Mills/Mike Tempest were 3rd novice. Terrific. Really magnificent results these and a fitting reward for taking the plunge into the big time. Well done lads, make sure you keep those trophies and badges clean.

Another point to bear in mind for the time being, until we are known as a Club, it might be as well to carry your R.A.C. Club membership cards. In this way, no-one can refuse your entry in A.N.C.C. events. But, of course, it won't be long before they all know our name anyway.

Dinner/Dance - 3rd March, 1972 - Moortown Rugby Club

Not long now, and not many tickets left! Contact David Taylor, at Leeds 681165 for your reservation NOW. Costs £1.60, which is a fair old bargain, if you ask me. No long speeches, informal dress, good food, presentation of prizes, awards, tombola prizes, etc. Guests of honour will be Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forster. Gordon is the Northern Area Co-ordinator for the R.A.C. Rally, and was good enough to add a personal note of recommendation when we applied for A.N.C.C. membership. Trophies will be presented to those people who finished on top of the various championships, printed last month, plus Steve Mills, who won the Novice award, and the following class and event winner:

Rallies - 20/2/71 - D. Lawton/K. Blakey"
 4/4/71 - G. Northmore/D. Wise"
 22/5/71 - K. Goodall/R. Ashcroft
 10/6/71 - D. Lee/J. Lee
 2/10/71 - R. Jackson/S. Hazeldene

P.C.T.

Autotest

18/4/71 - J. Solk
 P. Gledhill
 D. Lawton

28/3/71 - P. Gledhill
 R. Ineson
 A. Jackson

6/6/71 - H. White
 D. Lawton
 B. Spink

20/6/71 - J. Rawlings
 B. Spink

28/11/71- E. Wadsworth
 J. Spencer
 J. Waterworth
 J. Groves

18/7/71 - R. Ineson
 D. Lawton

7/11/71 - J. Rawlings
 S. Lloyd

* = members

Incidentally the full list of points scorers is too big to print, but if anyone wants to know his personal score, just contact me, Steve Lloyd, for full gen.

Subs - 1972 ARE NOW DUE

As you will see from the A.G.M. Report, changes have been made in our system of subscription payments. So pay up early, and be sure of a full role in the coming years activities. Come on take or send it to our Treasurer, and help us to plan the future on a sound financial footing.

Leeds University Union Motor Club's Northern Lights Rally will be held on the 11/12th March. This is a restricted event which always attracts a good entry. To maintain its high standard we need plenty of marshalls. Interested parties should contact Ray Dickinson at Flat 40, Blackmoor Court, Leeds, 17 or telephone 554444. Ray Dickinson will be acting as a Steward, the start will be at the site of Leeds main showroom, and I'm sure we will have at least 100 crews entered.

A.G.M. Report

The A.G.M. held on 13th January at Moortown Rugby Club was fairly well attended. The business of the meeting was commenced soon after 8.00 p.m. and the meeting was opened with the Chairman's report. The Chairman gave a brief resume of last year's programme of events and gave a vote of thanks to the Committee, in particular Steve Lloyd and John Wilson for their efforts.

The Treasurer's Report followed and it could be seen from the Balance Sheet that no events had made a loss. From the balance of last year's accounts which stood at £69.05 it was obvious that the Club was in a healthy financial position.

The election of officers and committee was dealt with briefly, all last years committee being re-elected and the number of committee members was increased by three, these being Keith Marr, Stan Hall and Ken Goodall.

Steve Wren offered to keep a Register of event organisers and marshalls, this offer was willingly accepted.

The last but not least item on the Agenda was the question of membership fees. THESE ARE NOW DUE. The proposals which were passed by the meeting are as follows:

- a) Members renewing their membership and paying their fees before the end of March will pay £1.50 only.
- b) New members and existing members who have not paid by the end of March will pay £1.50 subs. plus 25p. joining or re-joining fee.

It is hoped that this resolution will encourage existing members to pay their subs. early so that the Club will know how much money is available.

The meeting was then formally closed.

D. W. Taylor
Hon. Secretary

RAVE 1972 : 16th January, 1972

Trackrod was represented in this navigational event by three crews. There were 52 competitors at the start of the 150 mile route and despite a relatively easy first half, three competitors encountered the proverbial straight on at T.

The second half was very tight both on time and navigation, the route being given by Tulips, Herringbones, Cross Bearings and road functions. All was going well in the Trackrod camp until a split tyre followed immediately by a herd of cows made Keith Mann and John Kitchell lose a considerable amount of time and consequently pushed them down to 13th place at the finish. Both Peter Mann/Theo Lightowler and Elvin Garnett/Peter Yates had an excellent run to finish a very good 7th and 8th respectively.

Another successful showing of the Trackrod banner.

Keith Marr

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Unfortunately the venue for the P.C.T. on 5th March is still unknown. This will be published in next months newsletter.

