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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THIS MONTH

21st September - Down as a P.C.T. on the fixture card, BUT due to the difficulty in finding a venue, will, regrettably, not be run. HOWEVER, the Otley Woolpack M.C. are running some Autotests at Cocker Hill Farm, Adel, M.R. 96/258414 starting at 10.30 a.m. So here's an event you can support instead, as we are an invited club. Lets show Woolpack that we are worth inviting, and put in a goodly entry list. (And please, please ask around for venues for P.C.T's and Autotests. We are desperately short, particularly for P.C.T's) Regs from Steve Macey.

11th September - As mentioned last week, a social event to rival all those Beetle Drives, a Car Drive to help swell the Club. Its just a simple competition to draw a car by numbers. Everyone come, funds and the organisation is in the capable hands of Rosemary Ashcroft. The venue is M.R. 96/361443 enter as no artistic skill is needed. The time for dice to roll is 8.00 p.m. with frequent breaks for the noggin and natter. (Duke of Wellington, East Keswick - 96/361443)

18th September - Yorkshire Post Visit - Away from motoring, but well worth a visit to see the presses roll. The tour starts at 10.00 p.m. so Tom Porter's Wine Lodge under the corn Exchange is the meeting place to get refreshments beforehand, from 8.30 p.m. Parking will be in the Yorkshire Post car park at 9.45 p.m. Anybody interested please contact Jennifer Taylor at Leeds 681165.

25th September - Open Forum - This evening is intended as a chance for all club members to come along and voice their views on the club. The officers of the club will be 'on display' and Richard will be Chairman of the meeting. It is also intended to replace the any other business part of the A.G.M., which was not discussed on that evening due to the antiquated licensing laws of our fair country. It will start at 8.00 p.m. and be held at the Clapgate (but we'll bring our own light bulbs this time!) so please turn up and have your say. ITS YOUR CLUB.

NEXT MONTH

2nd October - *Central Quiz Section - Clapgate.*

9th October - Indoor Rally - This is in the capable hands of Marsh Newman and Claire Lockonby who have some new twists and yumps to this less damaging form of rallying. The venue is as yet unknown for details see Marsh Newman.

Starts at 8.00p.m. so find out if you could have won all those rallies if your driver had gone where he was directed.

14th October - Autotests - Knaresborough, regs from Marsh Newman or Claire Lockonby from mid September. At last, an Autotest. 2 cancelled this year due to insufficient entries! Lets make up for them now. Practice for Shell League, too, on grass, so non damaging. (Note change of date).

23rd October - Noggin - a visit to the Black Horse at Askwith M.R. 96/168483. A chance for a drink at a new venue without any mind sending occupation this time.

4th November - Restricted Production Car Trials - Shell League Event - Whin Park - Yes, our first Restricted event. And it will be a cracker. We will have refreshments on sale, and, with a full field of Shell League entrants, a good days sport for all. An all day event, and we want, yes, you've guessed it, Marshals, plenty of 'em too. Names please to Steve Lloyd or Richard Ashcroft. Entries later.

13th November - Film Show - The Clapgate - no need for lightbulbs this time. Films expected are 'From Harrogate it started' (at last), 'Our Man Clark' the Kleber Monte Film, and a couple of others. None of which I've seen anyway, so it sounds good to me.

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SHELL LEAGUE EVENTS

After the fiasco of the Hillclimb regs., resulting in our solitary entrant, Roy Gibbs, in Class 1, we hope to do better in the remaining events. But, please, if you really want to do the events, tell C.R. Jackson about it. It makes team selection that bit easier.

23rd September - Sprint, Curborough - which is, wait for it, 2½ miles north of Lichfield, Staffs., just off the A38. An A.A.A. book is more use than an O.S. map for this one. Best way is down the M1 to the A52 to Derby, then round Derby, and off on the A38 past Burton (where the beer comes from). Its about 2 hours run, all good roads, so how about it, you speed merchants?

7th October - Autocross - Huddersfield M.C. Anybody want to join Steve Wren and Ron McKinnon for this one? Come on, you rally men, its just like a stage, but you don't have that bloke sat next to you with his feet in the radiator! Usually there's a special class for road cars.

21st October - Autotest - Ill Car Club - much to our disgust, replacing the road rally, for which they couldn't get a date. So lets have a strong team out to get maximum points from this instead.

4th November - P.C.T. - US! (say no more, nudge, nudge!)

11th November - Autotest - Final Event - Y.S.C.C. Probably in Melifax.

AND The Ford Sport Day is on 7th October at Croft (busy day, that innit?) Reactions in the motoring press have been 'mixed' to these do's, but we can still have a bash. If we've got anyone left not competing elsewhere. Names please to Steve Lloyd, from now on. The events, all on the day are - Table Top Rally (J.M.C. to the fore) Motoring Quiz (R.F.I.?), Pit Stop Competition (D.W.T., S.M.), Rally Control Point (?), Autotest - (in Mexico - K.J.G.?) (all initials are only suggestions, not facts).

AND Just before you put away your diary, we have been asked to marshal two special stages in September.

15th - Moss Tyres Rally - York M.C.

29th - Dukeries Rally - Dukeries M.C.

Location of both unknown at present, but both are fine events, and last years Dukeries was great, even the weather being superb. You all know whits to do with these stages by now, so names, please, for both, to Steve Lloyd, your friendly neighbourhood 'seespot'.

As Steve Mills has been taking a well earned rest from feeding 'Hadleigh', 'The Flaxton Boys', 'Pollifoot' and others, this edition of 'Trackrod' is put together by Hon. Sec. (who now realizes just why he would rather be Hon. Sec. than Hon. Ed.)

Hurry back Steve

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Another Motor Club year has passed and so we begin another. Let us all hope that 1973/4 is a fruitful year both for Trackrod Motor Club and its Members.

The past year has had its successful moments and its disappointments. Let us try and avoid the disappointments and continue with a succession of achievements.

I would like to thank all those who stood on the Committee over the last year, Martin Cantrill, Denis Dickinson, Frank Stewart-Brown, Keith Marr, David Taylor and Rick Stevens. The work these people have done for the club has been invaluable, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them on behalf of myself and the club for all that they have done for us. Let us hope that they all continue to support Trackrod Motor Club in the same vein as they have done in the past.

One point I would like to raise from my report at the Annual General Meeting and that is as follows: It is essential that for event entries your entry forms completed together with the correct remittance must be in on or before the closing date in no way will entries be accepted after the closing date. It is essential that we stick to the letter on this point and follow the R.M.C. ruling.

Due to the shortage of time at the end of the Annual General Meeting any other business had to be postponed and there will be an open forum for all club members in due course, to discuss any matters they have regarding motor club affairs and problems, details of this special open forum appear later. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend this special meeting. In the meantime or if you are unable to attend this meeting secretary Steven Lloyd or myself would be pleased to receive notification of any other problems you would like raising.

When you receive this newsletter the September issue of Cars & Car Conversions should have been published and if you have not already seen a copy then if you can manage to get hold of one you will find that Trackrod Motor Club features in the 'around the club' sport.

Hoping that the forth coming month and the forth coming year will be a successful and happy one for you all.

Yours sincerely

C. Richard Jackson

SECS. POT

Well, here we go again, on another 'Trackrod' year. Yes, fans I am proud to say, that, having been returned to office for a further year, I shall endeavour to be worthy of your trust and, indeed, to make Trackrod the best motor club in Yorkshire 'at a stroke'. Now, you may ask, does this affect the pound in your pocket? But I wish you wouldn't. Enough of this electioneering.

The A.G.M. is over, you have the same officers as before, but a substantially new committee. See first page. We shall do our best for the club, we shall sometimes fail, sometimes succeed, but we will be trying. Always think on that before you cast us into the 'PIT' and remember, we were elected by you. If you have any comments to make, make them to us. It is YOUR club, so don't worry about it, go ahead and speak. A trouble shared is as good an excuse for a pint as any other so lets be having you.

One pint which has been brought up a lot recently is that of invitations to events. We got a lot, (I'd better make it clear that I mean all events but Rallies) which means that other clubs reckon us worth inviting. BUT if we don't respond to the invites, they will quickly lose interest. And I firmly believe that its only by seeing how the other fellow does it that we can improve our own performance (motor sport wise, down boys) I'm not saying you should rush out and enter these events just to bolster the club. But at least give it more thought. Its very lonely for our one or two entrants at these 'do's'. And they do fill in the calendar.

Now, something you will have to take to heart. We can no longer accept entries on the day. You must enter by the closing date on the regs. A local club has been fined £100 and banned from organising for 12 months for taking late entries. We can't afford it. Even if you just phone the organiser to say you will be there, it helps. But those forms and money must be in, Really. The R.A.C. are not kidding. So neither are we. Please remember.

As you all realize from our future events the period from now to the back end of November is somewhat busy, clubwise. August is always a bit flat due to holidays, but the next months are fair bursting at the seams. Plenty for everyone, if you can stand the pace. But save a bit of energy for our 'big two' the Shell P.C.T. and the Markol.

Cheers

Steve Lloyd.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 22nd AUGUST, 1973

44 paid up members attended this, the fourth Trackrod A.G.M. The Treasurer was able to show a healthy balance sheet, the Club having cash in hand of £219.62. plus assets such as equipment, the caravan and stop watches. The Chairman's report emphasized the good progress made by the club over the past year, and referred to the hopes for the future.

After a short break, the new officers and committee were elected. The officers remained as before, the committee now comprises J.C. Wilson, S. Mills, R.F. Ineson, I. Buchanan, M.S. Kemp, and S. Holden. The Chairman thanked the outgoing members of committee for their work over the past year. The resolutions and proposals were then dealt with.

Briefly they were :

- i) 'That the total number of officers and committee be increased to ten' This was carried, and will be put into effect by the new committee, by co-opting a further member.
- ii) 'In the event of the resignation of the Chairman during his term of office, a Deputy may be elected from within the committee, and a Special General Meeting be convened within one month for the club to elect a new Chairman' This was carried.
- iii) 'The President shall be elected by the members of the club' This was carried.
- iv) 'The Ladies social committee shall be elected by the members at an A.G.M.' After discussion, the proposer Mrs. E.M. Lloyd, withdrew the proposal, and a vote of confidence was passed in the Ladies Committee in its present form.
- v) There shall be a husband and wife subscription of £2.00. This was rejected.

The Secretary then proposed, as the Clapgate was closing, that the A.O.B. section be held over until the Club Forum, to be convened within one month. Reluctantly, this was agreed.

The meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

S. Lloyd.

THE RALLY AND SPEED SHOP AUTOTESTS

Due to be run on the 12th August, at Full Sutton, this event had to be cancelled on the closing date for entries, due to there only being ten definite entries received. We had intended it to be a first class event, and had made arrangements accordingly. It was not feasible to run with so few entries. We had also arranged for an observer to be present with the hope of upgrading it to Restricted status. We had given the event a lot of publicity with this in mind. All those who had shown a definite interest were informed of the cancellation. We apologize to anyone who went to Full Sutton on the day, and had a wasted journey. It is to be hoped that this situation will not arise again.

H.E. White
D.W. Taylor
S. Lloyd

CO-PROMOTION AUTOTESTS - 12th AUGUST

Sunday the 12th August dawned as a bright and sunny day with my wife busy making sandwiches, etc., and the children looking forward to seeing the lads doing their thing at the tests.

It meant them giving up their swimming session, but, like most children they enjoy a day in the country. A drive out through York amongst the fumes of modern day motoring via the odd crawl here and there brought us to Full Sutton Airfield at approx 1.00 p.m.

A more peaceful and quiet area you couldn't wish to find, strange we thought, however being new to the venue we assumed we were perhaps at the wrong part of the airfield. We then proceeded to do a tour of the airfield only to find it equally quiet and deserted as the entrance we had arrived through.

We were then joined by a further Trackrod member who looked equally bewildered and after passing the usual greetings etc., said "well if they cancel the events they usually put a note on the gate or something, I'll go and telephone someone". After following them to a telephone box in Full Sutton we found out of course that the event had in fact been cancelled.

It could be that I am unlucky, but this is to my knowledge the third event in the last few months that has been either cancelled or postponed without any form of notification to the membership at large.

In a number of places in both last months and the current newsletter various members of the committee are complaining bitterly about the lack of support and the lack of entries at various events. I would think this continual postponement or cancellation of events could be a very real reason for the lack of support. The number of families swarming about at Full Sutton between 1.00p.m. and 2.15p.m. certainly won't have taken kindly to driving 80 odd miles for nothing.

If I may make a constructive suggestion to the committee having had considerable experience in other clubs organising rallies, auto-tests and production car trials etc., is that before Trackrod attempt to "run" by having events upgraded to restricted status, that they go back to the most important Rule in any motor club. That is of course to keep ALL the membership informed of what is going on and not the few who are able to attend all the noggins. I feel a greater effort is needed to ensure that the calendar as printed in advance in the newsletter be adhered too, as members with families have often to plan ahead. If it is impossible to run the event published ALL members should be informed as soon as possible, to prevent a recurrence of last Sunday the "BIG" event that never was.

Yours faithfully

G. P. Dickinson

RIPON M.S.C.. ST. WILFRIDS RALLY

The Ripon Motor Sports Club Moss Tyres, St. Wilfrids Rally was held on August 11th/12th, an all selective event. Eight Trackrod crews were entered (how's that for showing the flag!) but this was reduced to seven starters owing to Ricky's wrong slot up a tree on the Calderford two weeks earlier.

The starters lined up as follows :-

No.6	Alex Jackson	Derek Brader	Ascona
20	Ken Goodall	Hugh Edwards	Mexico
24	Martin Kemp	Ian Buchanan	Cortina V6
35	Ron White	?	Cooper
39	Steve Rathbone	Marsh Newman	Mini
42	Roger Blamcy	John Richardson	Mini 850
106	Alan Ford	S. M. Sayer	Cooper

The field was led away by Phil Cooper in his ex works Mini and Jack Tordeoff in the Porsche Carrera, very distinguished company.

The start of Selective 1, near Grantley Hall, had many people in trouble looking for the white on the left near the bonds..... of course, the council men have moved the bonds and made the road straight without telling the Ordnance Survey havn't they!!! Ken Goodall went tearing off into the countryside here and lost five or 6 minutes which must have cost him a higher position at the finish.

Having found the white, the route led through a farmyard and then up a very muddy track across a field. We hear that Martin Kemp did a complete tour of the field looking for the way out, but perhaps he was doing a recco. for an autocross!!!

We turned the wrong way at the end of the white but realised this and made a very hurried stop. The engine stalled and would not re-start and it took a fifteen minute spanner session to eventually trace water in the carburettor. This rectified we did a quick turn & went chasing of the way we should have gone.

The selective led across Sawley Moor, through a route control at North Owl and then round the loop south of Fountains Abbey to finish at Watergate. Many cars were to be excluded here for showing excessive lighting, but all Trackrod crews were obviously above this sort of thing with no penalties all evening for lighting or noise.

The route then went onto 96 for Selective 2, a tight affair on the yellows near the radio station on Menwith Hill. We were in trouble now with a slipping fan belt and our lights were getting quite dim. We had a slight "off" between the two route controls on this selective, spinning on a junction and hanging a rear wheel over a ditch. We heaved the car back onto the road and then had to push start to get going again (It really is quite amazing what a navigator is expected to do on a rally. Before I started computing I was under the impression that one sat in the car and was chauffeured on a tour of the prettier parts of this island of ours making odd comments about which direction one should be pointing at a given time and keeping one eye on the watch for opening time, or something. Its suprising what one learns. However, I digress, back to the event.)

A quiet run through Blubberhouses brought us to Selective 3. This went to the west of Thruscross reservoir, back onto 91 and then towards Pateley Bridge and T.C.1 near Yorke's Folly. Selective 4 started on the north side of Midderdale and went over Dallow Moor to the eastern end of Fountains Earth. Here was the hard luck story of the evening because Alex Jackson missed the route control on this selective and collected a fail. But for this we think he may have beaten Bob Bean for fourth place overall.

Selective 5 went over Fountains Earth and by this time we were in thick fog. The stone bridge at 159729 claimed several victims but we passed gently through and proceeded on our way.

Have you ever tried Fountains Earth on a dark night, in thick fog, without wipers, without lights!!? and then of course we had to stop quickly at the T by the standing stone to avoid going straight on....., and we stalled. So its out of the car again and another push start, but backwards this time just to prove that we are versatile.

Martin Kemp had to retire on this selective due to bumps and clatters underneath. Although it apparently sounded expensive it was only a gearbox mounting broken, but this meant an early retirement for this powerful motor car.

By this time we were running very late and afraid of going O.T.L. Selective 6 was a loop through the ford at Gollinglith Foot so we cut this out and went to Selective 7, from Healey to High Sutton via Ellingstring and then to T.C.2 at Kilgram Grange. We were 20 minutes late here so were just in, but with nothing to spare more cuts were needed. Selective 8 was a straight affair north of Cowling but 9 included a long loop near Thirn from Snape. We accepted a fail here and went to T.C.3 and then petrol at Londonderry.

David Place and Steve Meldon and crew were waiting and we soon had the offending belt good and tight and the Mini charging like mad again, and we could see where we were going which made a very welcome change.

We noticed that Ron White had bashed something and had retired with a bent front wing and we heard that Alan Ford was having radiator problems which we assume caused his retirement.

The second half saw Selective 10, a road loop north of Great Langton and T.C.5 near Yafforth. A neutral through Northallerton found a spectators Imp rolled into a ditch but help was on hand so we pressed on. Selective 11 was for us probably the best of the event. Going from High Thornborough round Coteliffe Wood with a lovely yump over Od Beck and then on the white through Foxton caravan site, (with all the residents out cheering every car at 4.00 a.m.). We caught and passed the Mexico which started one minute ahead of us and were then caught by a fast Mini which had started after us. We went through the caravan park in tandem & from the reaction of the spectators, they loved it.

Selective 12 went past Harsley Castle and then 13 went from Over Stilton to Upsall. We chased Steve Rathbone here but he was five seconds quicker, which is probably the reason we didn't catch him.

T.C.7 took us through Thirsk and then the last selective was south of Topcliffe Airfield. T.C.8 was near Dishforth and the finish at Ripon racecourse where a film show was laid on showing how the experts go rallying. Jack Tordeoff won the event and our finishers were :-

Ken Goodall	Hugh Edwards	10th overall	10th in class
Steve Rathbone	Marsh Newman	28th overall	22nd in class
Alex Jackson	Derek Brader	39th overall	25th in class
Roger Blamey	John Richardson	44th overall	26th in class

We feel that we would have done much better but for our mechanical bothers, but then, all events are won in the discussions afterwards aren't they, and finally our very grateful thanks to David Place and company for their assistance at halfway. Where would we be without them.

John Richardson

R.A.S.T. EVENTS

Gymkhana, 5th August

Was it going to pour with rain all afternoon? But no, the weather stayed fine although the wind was a bit blustery, to set the scene for the Gymkhana. There was, however, an open barn handy in the field in case the elements changed.

By the time the Graven Arms at Appletoncewick opened, quite a few people had arrived and all elected to try the ale outside - somebody had forgotten the Trackrod signs. Lunchtime passed very quickly and so it was almost time to start before the tests were set out. The first test involved reversing into a space between two posts, sited the shortest possible distance apart.

Test 2 was a course between pylons with the driver blindfolded and the passenger navigating! Test 3 was forward and reverse drives along a line of buckets finding cards in numerical order, most people being able to count from 1 to 5. Test 4 was a bit nasty, changing a wheel as quickly as possible (I don't even know where to jack it up). Test 5 was a test of throwing skill by hurling balls into a bucket. The last test was a fast test around a slippery circuit finishing up by removing the ignition keys. Have you ever tried stopping on a hill without a handbrake.

There were 18 entries, good by recent standards but these included most of the ladies who organised the event. Even so we really enjoyed the day out and hope to repeat it next year.

Results	Test 1	T. Morgel
	Test 2	D. Taylor
	Test 3	S. Waddington
	Test 4	K. Marr
	Test 5	M. Newman R. Ashcroft
	Test 6	J. Wilson

DARTS MATCH - 21st AUGUST

26 people showed the strength of their drinking arms to enter a knockout darts match organised by Sue Waddington at the Jester. The first round produced some unexpected results but true experience showed through when Steve Lloyd narrowly beat Steve Holden in the final. (Nonsense, it was pure skill. S.L.)

R....C. RALLY, 1973

We have again been asked to run Stang East on this event, which will be on Tuesday 20th November, in the morning, i.e. Daylight, can't be bad, can it. Get that diary out again. Ray Dickinson is C. in C. for this one.

STOP PRESS

Moss Tyres - 15th September - war stage will be Full Sutton(!) run at about 11.00 a.m. Steve Mills is in charge, so names to him rapidly, please. This is a very fast airfield stage, very spectacular, and not far away. Well worth a visit (M.R. 97/744553½).

FOR SALE

Only mini workshop manual - 50p

New wiper blades, holder & rubber, mini - 50p each

S. Lloyd

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EXTR. ITEM

2nd October - Clapgate, Kearby - Castrol Quiz Team Selection Evening. Complete with actual quiz equipment and questions. Volunteers please to Richard Ineson.

WANTED

Navigator for Vincent Ferrand Rally (A.N.C.C.) Championship). Should be a Novice i.e. NOT finished in the first 30 of a National Rally, or first 10 Co-promoted Rally, or first 15 of a Restricted Rally. 6th/7th October. Please contact Richard Ovenden at Garforth 4058.