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Special General Meeting. To be held at the Mechanical Engineering building of the University. The subject to be discussed is the Government Green Paper "Consultative Document on Motor Events Utilising The Public Highway" A brief precis of which will be found later in the Newsletter.

The meeting will commence at 8.00pm prompt. If anyone would like a full copy of the Green paper to read and digest before the meeting, or even after, please contact one of the names on the front page of this issue and we will arrange for you to be sent a copy.

MARCH 12th

Round two of the Ford Indoor Rally series again probably to be held at the University unless a pub with suitable tables can be found. Any ideas?

MARCH 17th

Autotests at John Gaunt's Car Auctions at Rothwell. a 1.30pm start on what we hope will be a Gay Day And with Steve Lloyd organising..... Pags. will be available from the latter middle of Feb.

MARCH 19th

Committee Meeting same time and place as Feb 20th.

MARCH 26th

Third and final round of THE Ford Sport Indoor Rally series. The venue will in all probability be the University. The Club Champions of the three rounds will go forward to the regional competition, details of which will be given at a later date.

APRIL 9th

Film show at the Clapgate. Films so far booked are; "Race craft" and "A Dash of the Irish" from Castrol. And "Something Special" from not Cadbury's but B.M.C. Special Tuning.

EVERY UNMENTIONED TUESDAY there will be an unofficial noggin at the Shoulder of Mutton Kirkby Overblow.

Quote: " No two snowflakes are the same, so isn't it inspiring the way they work together on joint projects - such as block-ading a highway?" Bill Vaughn.

SMX Pot

It definitely seems that the period of inactivity is coming to an end. The general opinion is, that for off the road events, a start will be made on resuming competition from the 1st March. 'Our' first event will therefore be a P.C.T. as you will see in the front of this newsletter. Its co-promoted with Ilkley, so brush off those cobwebs and lets be having you. We will run an Autotest later in March, on the 24th at John O' Gaunts Rothwell. This is the venue we would have used in November if the Sheikhs hadn't intervened. Rallies are still NOT on, so our off the road events should be well supported th compensate. 12 car events could legally be run except that the waiver of permits might take a long time to come through. There are always ways of banning a sport, short of official action!

Socially of course, we have the Dinner Dance for which you all have tickets, no doubt, and all your friends, and your sisters, and your aunts! Seriously this must be a great 'do' so dont miss it, handily placed too. Club rally men must note February 26th in their memory banks, your first chance towards the title of "Idoor Rally Champion". The first of the Ford rally series; two categories, so a chance for all. The second round should arrive in time for the 26th March. I guarantee that no-one other than Hon. Sec. has seen these Questions yet, so we expect a full entry, keen competition, a lot of fun (and Hon. Sec. to win).

I do have some competition licence forms and the Club has renewed its entrants licence, so when we do get going, we are prepared. The R.A.C. have been given a bit of a shaking due to their attitude to the ban and it is hoped that some good will result. The talk of 'splinter' groups is well intentioned but the problems are enormous. The R.A.C. has the organization and the experience. They can do the job and now it is up to them to prove that they are capable of doing it well. It is rallying that causes the problems, with routes, complaints, black spots etc. The green paper says it all really, and after the first impassioned outbursts, it can be seen to contain a lot of sense. Road rallying has been carrying on in an atmosphere of "nudge nudge wink wink" for far too long. The blind eye routine has been overworked. We've all it, all bent the regs just a little bit, then a little bit more, then a lot more, and we're onto little more than thinly disguised road races, and before a real Biggy puts a complete end to the sport, let's put our house in order. It can be done, and retain the essence of the sport. The Chesson report in 1966 was widely believed to be the death blow, but here we still are, and with a bit of common sense, will be in 1980 too; in our electric RS's but still here. Adapt or die you might say.

Cheers,

Steve Lloyd.

How do you open a Monastery? With a monkey!

Did you here about the Irishman on the Generation Game?
Wen a conveyor belt and a pair of sliding doors!

Many congratulations to our tame Kiwi, Andy (Good on yer Sport) Pearce, who wed Margaret on January 18th. A guard of honour waving dipsticks (no madam, dipsticks) greeted them and their photo appeared in the Evening Post (Front page news no less) Great stuff. They're off to that great rugby pitch and racing driver school down under about now, sad to say, because I'm sure they will be greatly missed by all their Trackrod freinds. Keep in touch though, both of you, and we all wish you the very best of luck for the future.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

"Once more into the breach dear friends once more." Somewhat of a cliché but quite appropriate at a time when we are getting back into the sport. March the third we have a co-promoted Production Car Trial with Ilkley and District M.C. and on the seventeenth we run our own autotest at John O' Gaunt's Car Auctions, this in fact being the event cancelled at the start of the fuel crisis.

On Wednesday February the sixth we have the first round Of this year's Castrol Quiz. The opposition is Y.S.C.C. and their team consists of two of last years B.A.R.C. team which defeated us. The point is they are not allowed to compete again for B.A.R.C. as they got to the area finals so they are representing Y.S.C.C. Still we are not defeated yet and our team of Richard Ineson, Dave Taylor and Richard Jackson would appreciate your support at the Wharfedale Arthington at 8pm. on Wednesday the 6th of February. See you there.

There has been a lot of discussion on the R.A.C. green paper. We are having a special general meeting on March 5th at the University to consider same. A resume of the paper is enclosed for your consideration and we ask you then to come to the meeting fully informed and with your ideas clear on the subject.

Subscriptions are due for renewal and I would ask you to remit your £1.50p to Richard Ashcroft the treasurer. Your past support is appreciated and we look forward to your future co-operation.

C.R.Jackson.

Quote The moral of the story is,
Do not allow your kids to quiz,
The marvels of your motor car,
Until they are too big by far,
To catch in carbs of any type,
Or pass down the induction pipe!

Ronald Barker.

Quote Accidents must happen, that is the gift of fate;
That they happen continually with the same man -
The penalty of ignorance.

Sir Henry Birkin Bart
"Full Throttle" 1932.

After youve heard two eye-witness accounts of a car accident, you begin to wonder about history!

The Irish Digest.

The four-stroke cycle can summarised in four words;
Suck, Squeeze, Bang, Blow.....

BBC. Broadcast to schools.

1973 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

F.S.B. Trophy. Driver.

(Best driver in other Clubs' events)

1st	C.R. Jackson.	167 pts
2nd	M.S. Kemp.	61 "
3rd	A. Jackson.	46 "

F.S.B. Trophy. Navigator.

(Best navigator in other Clubs' events)

1st	D.Dickinson.	130 pts
2nd	I.Buchanan	61 "
3rd	J.Richardson	28 "

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Club Rally Championship (ANCC)

Driver

1st	A. Jackson	252.30 pts
2nd	M.S. Kemp	200.41 "
3rd	C.R. Jackson	170.71 "

Navigator

1st	I. Buchanan	200.41
2nd	D. Dickinson	170.71
3rd	P. Courtney	122.42

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All Rounders Trophy

1st	C.R. Jackson	106 pts
2nd	R.A. Stevens	94 "
3rd	S. Lloyd	91 "

Autotests.

1st	R. Ineson	26 pts
	R. McKinnon	26 "
3rd	C. Davies	19 "

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P.O.T.

1st	D.R. Lawton	36 pts
	P. Adelman	36 "
3rd	J.R. Spencer	23 "

Marshalls Trophy

1st	R.A. Dickinson	40 pts
2nd	R.A. Stevens	35 "
3rd	S. Lloyd	30 "
	M. Swan	30 "

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Off Road Events.

1st	R. Ineson	418.40
2nd	D.W. Taylor	368.63
3rd	P. Adelman	193.47

Service Award.

1st	D.Place	50 pts
2nd	S.J. Holden	40 "
3rd	Sue Waddington	35 "

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Shell League

1st	C.R. Jackson	309.60
2nd	P. Adelman	294.50
3rd	R. Ineson	203.60

Ladies Award

Mrs. J.M. Thirsk.

Novice Award

A driver competing in 60% of all competitions and not winning an award.

S. Lloyd.

These results have been passed by the committee and are now final.

Congratulations to all our winners and more power to your wheels to those who aren't.

SUMMARY OF THE THIRTEEN PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE
R.A.C. "GREEN PAPER".

- 1) That the law requires all events to be specifically authorized.
- 2) That authorization of an event be more thorough and should enable more practical control to be retained over an event.
- 3) That the authorization agency will have to approve the organizational ability of an applicant.
- 4) That there be a greater time limit between events on the public highway.
- 5) That each authorized event has a graded permitted maximum mileage.
- 6) That the number of competitors on any such event be restricted.
- 7) All events to be timed on straight BBC. time.
- 8) That the timing of an event require that no benefit be given to a competitor who makes up lost time or arrives early at a control.
- 9) There should be mandatory light and noise checks both at the start and en route.
- 10) The legal penalties for promoting or competing in "illegal" events be increased.
- 11) That consideration be given to the possibility of clubs organizing only one road rally per year.
- 12) That clubs consider the introduction of more "Regularity" events.
- 13) Commercial Championships to be prohibited on the public highway.

So there we are, the thirteen proposals. If you wish to discuss these with the rest of the club, then join us on the 5th March at the University.

I'm sorry that the newsletter is so short this month but as almost nothing has happened just recently I have no articles to print, maybe better next month eh?

I would just like to leave you with one more quote, which seems to be very appropriate at the present time, but don't let it depress you!.... Cheerio. Ed.

If the average man had it to do all over again,
he probably couldn't afford it!

TRACKROD. Dwain A. Bass. ENDS.