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FUTURE EVENTS.

8th September.

Production Car Trial, organised by the 'Two Jays' Mr. and Mrs. J. Thirsk. The Venue is Stump Cross Caverns, M.R. 90/087636.

10th September

Noggin at our usual, the Shoulder of Mutton, Kirkby Overblow, M.R. (105) 96/325½495.

12th September

The 'Costa Di Plenti' Awards presentation. The start will be at the Clap Gate Inn, Kearby, Nr. Wetherby, at approx. 8.00pm. M.Ref. (105)96/345474. There will be NO ADMISSION FEE! Please be early as we expect to present the awards at about 8.30.

17th September

Noggin at the Shoulder of Mutton.

21st September

Armstrong Stages Rally. This is a daylight stage event in the North Yorkshire Forests, organised by York M.C. Further details are printed later in the newsletter; - come and join us.

22nd September

Co-Promoted Autotests The venue is now at Acaster Malbis, Nr York (M.R. 97/576432). We are applying for upgrading of this event, so the R.A.C. Observers will be there, hope you will be too, either competing, marshalling or just spectating. Please support this event in the best way you can. Begg are available now from Steve Lloyd.

24th September

Noggin at the Fox and Hounds, Horsforth. M.R. 96/24539½.

28th September

Dukeries Rally. A daylight stage event. For those who are wondering about a Trackrod organised stage on this event, -forget it! It would appear that there are only two or three forest stages included this year, more's the pity, so our services are not required.

1st October

Noggin at our usual Shoulder of Mutton.

8th October

Car Beetle Drive The last time we ran one of these events it was very successful and enjoyable. Come along to the Duke of Wellington, East Keswick, M.R. 96/363443½ for 8.00pm.

13th October

North Humberside M.C. Crystal Stages Rally. A B.T.R.D.A. Round. The Start is at Crystal of Hull, M.R. 99/086287. Further details later in the newsletter.

15th October

Noggin at our local, Shoulder of Mutton (96/325½495)

20th October

Lindholme Stages Rally. All I can say about this one at the moment is that we are organising a stage, but as to details, alas we have none, yet. See Rick Stevens, or myself later into September.

22nd October.

Noggin at the Dyneley Arms, Poole Bank. M.R. 96/242440.

27th October

Shell League Production Car Trial. Stubbings Farm. M.R. 96/223447. Rags out later this month.

3rd November

This year we are copromoting the Scarborough Stages Rally. Watch this space for details.

5th November

Bonfire Party. Probably on the same format as last years at the Clap-Gate. M.R. 96/345474.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Over sixty members attended this, our fifth A.G.M. which proved to be a quiet, by previous years affairs, but constructive evening. After the minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated and approved, the retiring treasurer, Richard Ashcroft, gave his report. A balance sheet for the period 22.8.73. to 28.8.74. was circulated, but as this balance sheet did not take into account the Club's premier event, the Costa di Plenti, the report was taken as a statement only, and a new, full balance sheet will be printed when the Rally's accounts have been finalized. It is unlikely that the club will be able to recover the £30.32 from K.B. Marr, although efforts are being made to this effect by the R.A.C.

Part two of the report dealt with the Membership Fees. It was recommended that with the caravan almost falling apart in front of our eyes, that membership be increased to £2.00 per annum, 50p of which to go into a caravan fund to enable us to replace the caravan in the near future. This resolution was voted on and passed, to take effect from January 1st 1974.

The Chairmans report followed. Richard gave an interesting, and at times amusing summing up of the years activities, once again relating the story on last years' Tour of Mull, when although the 'milk waggon' may roll, he still arrived with the milk!

We then went on to the election of the Club's Officers and committee. The Officers nominated and unanimously elected were:-

Chairman	S.Lloyd
Secretary	R.A.Stevens
Treasurer	M.S.Kemp.

There were nine nominations for committee for seven places. The voting was as follows:-

Steve Holden	47	votes
Richard Ineson	46	"
Steve Rathbone	43	"
Jack Coulthard	40	"
Ian Gurnett	40	"
John Wilson	39	"
Steve Mills	37	"
David Taylor	35	"
Ron MacKinnon	23	"

The first seven, were duly elected to the committee.

We then went on to Resolutions and Proposals. The first of these was a proposal to abolish "open" committee meetings as a monthly event and to substitute a quarterly "Open Forum" or similar discussion. Richard Jackson and Steve Lloyd spoke for this motion, which, when voted upon was carried with only one vote cast against.

Clarification and Delineation of the position and duties of the President of the Club was the second item in this section. It was resolved

put the proposals to our present President, Ray Dickinson, and after agreement, the Club Constitution would be ammended.

The last propasal was an ammendment to the newsletter to prevent inaccurate information regarding venues for noggins etc. It was stated that these inaccuracies were mainly due to Landlords/Publicans giving backward on bookings after the newsletter had gone to press. It was resolved that if a venue had to be changed at the last moment, a notice or similar would be left at the original venue to tell members where to go.

Ther being no other business the meeting closed at approx. 10.15, and with time for a last pint, the very constructive evening came to a close.

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### AROUND THE COTES.

Sept. 14/15 Greenwich M.C. Jake Robson Trophy Rally.

A 180 mile route on maps 77, 78, 84, 85.

Also Gloosop and D.M.C. Burgess Bowl Rally Start 110 (Metric)

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21st Sept.

Armstrong Stages Rally See next text.

Sept. 28/29

LIMNET DIGITUS An A.N.C.C. round. Start at 102(M) 728414 23.00hrs

Sept. 28th

Dukeries Rally. I'm afraid that details on this event are very sparse. If you want to do anything on this event may we suggest you contact the dukeries M.C.?

Oct. 5/6

Morecambe C.C. ILLIMINATIONS Rally. An A.N.C.C. event run in the Lake District. Start 89/ 4274634 22.31.

Oct. 13/14.

2300 Car Club Tour of Mull. Rather a long way to go for an overnight Rally you may think.. However if you're not going, you dont know what you've missed!

Oct. 15th.

North Humberside M.C. Crystal Stages Rally. B.T.R.D.A. Gold Star event. We have a stage on this event, so please support us yet again. Start, Crystal of Hull 99/086287.

For further information on these events please contact me at work or home, and I will be only too pleased to help you.

Bye for now

Martin S. Kemp.

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### ARMSTRONG FOREST STAGES RALLY 21st September

As you may or may not know, York M.C. has given us the opportunity of running LANGDALE 1. which we have, of course, accepted (Anyone seen a one-handed Rally organiser?). The stage is just under seven miles in length, with a target time of somewhat under seven minutes. A very fast stage indeed. From previos experience of marshalling on this stage it can be rather spectacular to say the least.

This is the first time we have been offered a stage in the

rallying country,

It is IMPERATIVE that we have at least 30 marshalls, so those who are interested please contact RON WHITE as soon as possible at home or at a club night.

Do It Now!

Officials.

M.S. KEMP	1 I/C
S.HOLDEN	2 I/C
R.STEVENS	No 1 Timekeeper
P. RICHIES	No 2 "

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SECS POT

I hope you wont mind me continuing under this title, but in spite of some thought I can't come up with an improvement, so at least for the moment, this presumptuous adage will have to remain. I would like to outline my plans and aims for this year. Firstly, I want to succeed in the difficult job of managing the secretarial affairs as well as our new Chairman has done; his experience in motor sport matters is far in excess of my own, I hope you will bear with me if such situations arise that require it.

This Motor Club, like all others, has a large percentage of its members who do not participate in events either as competitors, marshals, or organisers; I am sure they are missing out on a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction. As past results have shown, putting a form in the newsletter to ascertain members requirements and individual interests, is almost fruitless. This, I feel, is a very poor state of affairs but the facts are plain. In order to ensure that the thoughts of ALL members are known, I shall undertake to, if at all possible, see EVERY member to ask him or her exactly the things that they want from their motor club. I will be grateful or any constructive comments, whether they be detrimental to myself or not.

In four years the club has grown from strength to strength, obviously progress has been considerably accelerated by the success of the "Costa di Plenti" Rally, the time is now, to change to 2nd gear" and really capitalise on the situation.

Two eminent Rally organisers, Jack Coulthard and John Richardson have taken the responsibilities of starting things moving for next year's big event( This has been recommended to be of restricted status), I would like to wish them every success in their endeavours, no doubt we will be hearing from them as arrangements progress. I hope the club will give them the support that was enjoyed by last years Rally Committee.

The Co-Promoted Autotest which is to be held at Heaster Malbis on 22nd September, is another important event, I have never seen too many marshals or spectators, so if your not competing, come along, don't forget, we have a reputation to keep up. Details from Steve Lloyd or Richard Ashcroft

September 8th brings the P.C.T. of Jim and Janet Thirsk, to be held at Stump Cross. Our last P.C.T. was well supported by competitors but marshals were in short supply, please make the effort. I know Jim and Janet are keen to get a full entry, so much so that the've lent me their car! (I'll try not to break it!).

Finally, I would like to stress that any member with a moan about the way the club is being run, should tell ME or A NY COMMITTEE MEMBER about it; something can then be done to rectify the situation,complaining

to another member is absolutely useless. Satisfaction among club members will do a great deal to make Trackrod Motor Club a bigger and better organisation to be part of. The members of the committee are only your representatives, the future very much rests with you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Rick Stevens.

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### COSTA DI PLENTI RALLY

The first Trackrod Closed Joint Rally was successfully organised on the 25/26th August. The start being on Full Sutton Airfield at 11.01. Scrutineering was the most efficient that I have seen for some time, and consequently came across a few problems. One competitor was turned away with an out of date excise license, three weeks out to be precise. One well known member of our club spent quite some time trying to bolt back the driving seat when it came adrift during checking! Scrutineering certainly earned its keep that night.

The first of 79 starters away, and the first retirement was Cleary/Stern, who couldn't find the exit off the airfield and subsequently retired. The route began with a series of time controls through Flaxton and Stillington where all the crews lost time at TC3. The route then headed North to Brandsby via the whites of Crayke Lodge and Holly Hill. The left 90 at Bogg Hall caught out the Escort Tank of Lawton and Gill, which, although built like a tank, did not have the necessary 'Tracks' to extricate them from the shrubbery for some considerable time.

The next section was a neutral through Yearsley to selective 1 over Yearsley Moor. Jones/Roeback were fastest on 25 with the next four crews within 8 secs behind. Selective 2 used the infamous Caydale Ford, which had had the treatment by the local gremlins, and had "grown" somewhat by the time we got there. Jackson/Longstaff launched the Spy, much to the disgust of the engine, and refused to continue for some minutes. Due to braking problems, a certain VW shot into the ford at approx. 50mph. and though the spectators tried to get out of the way of the spray, many had their attitude dampened if not their spirits. However the ford did not turn out to be the worst section on this selective as 12 cars attacked the rather solid bank on the downhill, adverse cambered, righthander at 542 1/2 891. The damage was considerable, including Danny Churchill's 240z, which had its nose altered to the 'boxer' style. Five of the damaged cars were still there at 10am the following morning! Jones/Roeback were fastest on 12, with Goodall/Tempest on 35 and Beecroft/Millington only 7. The penalties on this section graduated from 12 secs to 736!

Selective 3 & 4 was the Cockayne Loop, which saw the unfortunate demise of Carr/Collins, who collided with a drunk Moskovitch

Selective 5 saw the retirement of Jackson/Longstaff after a WD at the finish control.

Selective 6 over Danby used the high impossible hairpin at Ivy Hall. Apparently this was a good spectator point, with dozens of different ways employed of trying to get round in one. Jones/Roeback was fastest, this time clean, with Mathew/Mathew on 8 and Goodall/Tempest on 14.

Selective 7 led to halfway halt at Scaling Dam. Beecroft/Millington had a spot of bother here when the throttle linkage came adrift, so they idled into the halfway, passing Beresford/viles in their TC Cortina parked in the bushes, and unable to continue with battery damage.

At the Halfway the leaders were Jones/Roeback with 157 penalties with Goodall/Tempest 40 behind

The next two selectives, over Lealholm moor and Glaisdale Moor, was where the 'Flying Butcher' really put on a surt and

and demolished Jones lead, and put himself into the lead by 9 secs. The dangerous crossroads at 808038 was cautioned, but the Mini of Harness/Needham decided enough was enough, and promptly parked himself in the wall!

The route proceeded via Egton Bridge Ford and on to the last selective over Pickering Moor which unfortunately had to be scrubbed due to a few timing discrepancies. The final time controls through Nunnington, Hovingham and Castle Howard, led to the Finish at the Four Mills Inn.

The route proved to be demanding for both driver and navigator with the timing being spot on. Congratulations to the organisers, and everyone else connected with the rally in producing a first class event worthy of the restricted status given for next year.

### Results.

Trackrod Trophy	K.Goodall.	M.Tempest	289 pts
Nationwide Award	G.D.Jones	M.Roebuck	318 "
2nd Expert Award	I.Pickup	R.Bailey	542 "
3rd Expert Award	S.Edwards	D.Bamber	684 "
1st Novice Award	K.Pursglove	K.Gledhill	881 "
2nd Novice Award	A.Grgory	D.G.Pope	1152 "
3rd Novice Award	N.Callaghan	C.Kushforth	1221 "
4th Novice Award	D.Staker	Mrs.B.Mounty	1268 "
Tate Trophy	A.Mackay	M.Stones	823 "
Cooper of Culton Trophy	R.Blamey	J.Richardson	1080 "
V.P.F. Trophy	P.Moulson	P.Halkyard	748 "
Best Expert N/F to $\frac{1}{2}$ way	P. Wise	D.Sykes	
Best Novice N/F to $\frac{1}{2}$ way	M.Kilbride	Miss B.Hudson	
Best Mixed Crew	D.Staker	Mrs. B.Mounty	
Best Team (Selby)	J.Kilmartin	D.Millington	
	J.Coulson	P.Clarke	
	R.F.Morgan	J.Heslop	
Last Finishers award	J. Dixon	M.Walmsley	
Fincher Wood Trophy (Leeds M.C.)	R.W.Moss	J.Pritchard	
Best Lindholme M.S.C.	P.Moulson	P.Halkyard.	

See you all next Thursday at the Clap Gate?

K.Goodall & M.Tempest.

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### NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to the following new members.

John R. Walker  
Nigel Drayton  
Ian Tweedale

May we wish you every success in your motor sport activities.

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### Editors Chat

As this is the last newsletter that I will be producing I would just like to thank all those who have helped me during the last twelve months or so, and hope that the support will continue with our new editor Richard Ineson.

T.T.F.N.

Steve Mills.

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