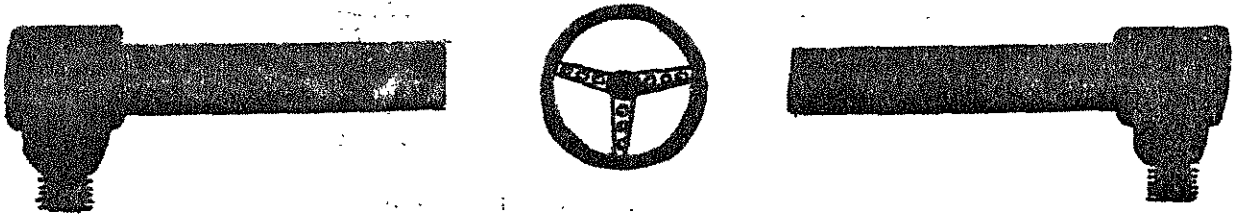


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EDITORIAL

May we take this opportunity of again reminding you all that subscriptions are now due, and if you intend competing in any events you will need a club membership card so please see the Treasurer with your £2.00 before the end of March (preferably sooner) in order to avoid paying another enrolment fee. Whilst on this topic you may only wish to renew your membership to ensure that you receive your copy of "Trackrod" if this is the case, it's circulation will cease after the April issue to those who have not had a meeting or communication with the Treasurer involving the transfer of the required sum into Club funds!

Mention of circulation and Club funds brings to mind another point (yes, another). As from 1st April increased charges come into operation for the postal service and we would again make the suggestion that, in order to become better known within your Club, you come along on the last Tuesday of the month and collect your copy. Still on Club funds, the Committee have resolved that the entry fee for all Club events be raised to £1.50. It has been at its former level of £1.00 for two years now and like everything else has had to be increased (actually the Chairman's house needs its exterior painting!).

Now its apology time, to all of you who read the last issue and are now going to see the Mintex Dales on 15th/16th February, please, please, don't - it's the wrong date!! - humble editorial apologies all round! The correct date appears within this issue together with the request for many, many marshalls, please go if you can, it will be well worth the effort and after making representations to the organisers we have now been relieved of the Sherburn Stage and have been allocated Langdale, albeit at 4.00 in the morning!!

Finally, all being well, you will find a rather substantial advertisement on the back page and we would only ask that if you require the services of Messrs. Autoglass please pop along and mention "Trackrod".

ED

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 4th February - Official Noggin - Darts and Dominoes Match, against Leeds University M.C. at the Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow (M.R. 96/3251495)
- 5th February - Committee Meeting
- 11th February - Official Noggin - Ken's Mum's Pub - The Bull's Head at Gomersal. (M.R. 96/209254).
- 15th February - 12 car rally. Start at 11.30 p.m. from Pennine Motors at Spacey Houses, Nr. Harrogate, finish at the Windmill Cafe on the A1. Maps 91 and 96 (1" series), approx. 80 to 100 miles of straightforward navigation (no plot and bash, etc), no sumpguard necessary. Regs. from/entries to: Richard Spurdens, Rod Parkin Tel. Leeds 671918 (home) Pudsey 77731 (work) or Nigel Drayton Tel. Leeds 684395 (work), who are also wanting marshalls.

- 18th February - Unofficial Noggin at the Shoulder of Mutton Kirby Overblow (Map. Ref.: 96/325,495).
- 21st/22nd February - Mintex Dales Rally - see elsewhere in this issue for all the details of our stage(s).
- 25th February - Official Noggin at the Barleycorn, Collingham Metric Map. Ref. 104/391461.
- 4th March - Unofficial Noggin at the Shoulder of Mutton Kirby Overblow (Map. Ref.: 96/325,495).
- 9th March - P.C.T. - Organiser(s) and a venue required, volunteers to Martin Kemp as soon as possible please.
- 11th March - Indoor Rally at the Duke of Wellington, East Keswick.
- 18th March - Unofficial Noggin at the Shoulder of Mutton Kirby Overblow (Map. Ref.: 96/325,495).
- 25th March - Official Noggin at the Square and Compass, North Rigton. Metric Map. Ref. 104/281493.
- 22nd April - Film Show to include: Rally to Win, 73 Avon Motor Tour of Britain; Mario Andretti and a film on stunt driving.

AROUND THE CLUBS

- 8th/9th February - "Demdyke Rally" - A.N.C.C. Round organised by Lancs. A.C.C.
- 21st/22nd February - Mintex Dales Rally, start from Selby Fork Motel 18.00 hrs. Lots of marshalls needed for our stages - see elsewhere in this issue for fullest details.
- 8th March - Daylight S.S. Rally organised by South Shore M.C. (Blackpool). Regs. will be to hand soon, with any luck.
- March (unknown date) - Lindholme M.C. are promoting a road rally. It's format is "no nonsense" (excluding the results (joke)), and approx. 130 miles in length. Should prove to be very good. Regs. in due course.
- 23rd March - Shell Sport League S.S. Rally to be organised by David Brown M.S.C. and from what I've heard it should be good. This is our chance (so I've heard - ED) to take Trackrod to the place it should be in the Shell Sport League - First! So, don't forget - a strong team of 5 is required. Regs. in due course and David Taylor will be organising the Team.

Coming soon -

The best road rally of the year "The Costa di Plenti" - remember not to spend all your money, there's plenty more to follow. Now, in order to compete in all

these events you need a valid Trackrod membership card. Have you got one yet??
If not, please see me with your £2.00.

Martin Kemp

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MINTEX DALES, 1975 - 21st/22nd February

Following the hiccup in the 'Stop Press' of last month's issue the above date is confirmed as correct!

Now for the information. Our stage is to be Langdale and will be run twice but before you all mutter "but we've done that before" take notice that this time it is being done with a difference which shows considerably more potential for action.

After the good news must come the bad news. Point 1 - it is an overnight stage(s) Point 2 - as the schedule of the rally is extremely tight the stage will be more or less open again after the last car has finished it's first run.

Hopefully there will be enough time to move you all round. Those of you who have marshalled on this stage before will know that it will require a lot of marshalls to cover its length effectively so please make a special effort to see the next best stage rally (locally anyway) to the R.A.C. and come along to lend a hand, after all, we did manage to avoid running the Mintex proving ground stage again.

Please give your names to Ron White who is Chief Marshall or Rick Stevens or myself.

M. S. Kemp
Stage Commander

26th December - AUTOTESTS

It appears unlikely at this late stage that anyone else is ever likely to give a written account of the proceedings so here goes!

Well, Boxing Day is a wonderful day for autotasts (and hangovers, as demonstrated by one or two) and organisers Steve Rathbone and Ian Gurnett rustled up 12 entries by various means to have 2 runs at the 5 straightforward tests. What was planned as an autotest gradually developed into something more reminiscent of a wet East African Safari - the mud got absolutely everywhere!! The competitors were divided into 2 classes and to the delight of all present, the Editor was

beaten in Class 1 by Howard White whose black Cooper 'S' didn't show the dirt as much as the other cars - perhaps he was going too quick for the mud to settle on it! (or was it 'cos it's black?).

Class 2 saw David Taylor beat the Escorts in his Midget by some 40 secs. (the winning margin in Class 1 was 4 secs) from Dave Lawton. The morning's proceedings were rounded off by a 10p "thrash" and here again Howard White took the loot by 1½ secs from Dave Lawton.

So slick was the organisation that we were all on our way home at approx. 12.30 after a most enjoyable, if somewhat wet, mornings sport and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the organisers and the ever important marshalls for making the event possible and bringing a little motor sport into our Christmas.

ED

CLOSED JOINT AUTOTESTS - 12th January, 1975

Airedale and Pennine Motor Club's closed joint autotest, held at Central Motor Auctions, Rothwell, attracted an entry of 40 competitors to tackle the proposed 4 tests, each to be run twice with the best times to count for the results. However, the weather had other ideas and the event was reduced to the best of 2 runs on 2 of the tests and 1 run at the other 2.

Class 1, for the up to 1000 cc FWD cars (except Coopers) produced the closest result possible at this level of competition. David Naylor (Riley Elf) beat Paul Harmer (Mini 1000) by one tenth of a second after Harmer did a demon time on Test 3 to beat the rest of the entire entry by over a second. The Trackrod contingent in this class comprised Elvin Garnett and Steve Hills, both driving Elvin's Mini to 4th and 5th in class respectively, Elvin trailing the class winner by 19.7 secs.

Class 2 for Coopers, Cooper S's, 1275 GTs and Sports Cars, etc. contained 3 entries from Trackrod, these being the Editorial Cooper 998, Howard White's 1328 cc Cooper S and David Taylor's 1275 cc Midget. It was clear that Howard was determined to continue his wins over the Editorial machine but his determination, though keen, was not quite keen enough and I managed to beat him by 2.9 secs (Phew! that was close) for overall FTD which left Howard to take the Class from Gerald Taylor's Clubman GT which was 1.5 secs behind him. David Taylor had been going quite smoothly though he did confess to getting himself into a knot on one of the tests but his major hiccup came on the final test when he clobbered a pylon which dropped him from 6th to 9th in class in the final results.

Class 3, for RWD cars up to 1300 cc had two Trackrod men within the ranks: Ken Goodall (Mexico) and James Smith (Viva GT). Unfortunately for them, Bernard Shaw (Viva 2300 Blydenstein) was right on form and proved to be uncatchable although Ken did beat him on one test by 1 sec., however, he couldn't maintain the pace and finally finished 3rd in class behind Ray Carr (Mk. 1 Cortina GT). James Smith's Viva GT simply did not appear to have the power to emulate Bernard Shaw's example but he nevertheless soldiered on to finish 9th in class and appeared to enjoy himself enormously and is to be congratulated for his efforts.

The conditions didn't allow for fast, accurate positioning but there were remarkably few bollards knocked over, however, one or two competitors had difficulty in remembering the relatively straightforward tests and consequently collected washouts.

It was a pity the weather spoiled it but they have some hardy marshalls in A. and P.M.C. who are to be congratulated for their diligence. Many thanks to A. and P.M.C. for the event and for adding Trackrod to the list of co-promoting clubs at the last minute, following the cancellation of our own event through being let down by the owner of the proposed venue.

Results (T.M.C. members)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Class Position</u>	<u>No. in Class</u>
4	S. Mills	998 Mini	1	165.2	5	8
6	E. Garnett	998 Mini	1	161.1	4	8
10	H.E. White	1328 Cooper S	2	133.6	1 (award)	13
17	D.W. Taylor	1275 Midget	2	167.2	9	13
18	R.F. Ineson	993 Cooper	2	130.7	FTD (award)	13
32	K. Goodall	Mexico	4	161.1	3	9
37	J. Smith	Viva GT	4	235.7	9	9

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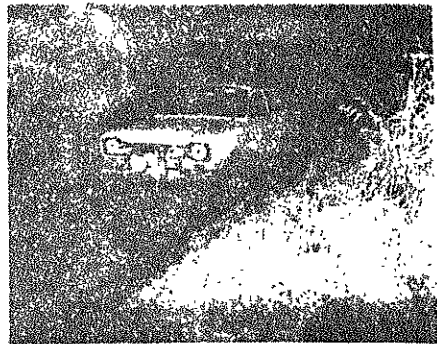
COMMITTEE MEETING - 15th January, 1975

- Road Rally - Route virtually finalised - date confirmed at 31st May/1st June. To be our contribution to the Shell Sport League. R.A.C. approval expected in near future.
- Stages Rally - Progressing - 3 definite stages, 7 probables with other "irons" in the fire.
- A.O.B. - (a) Raising of entry fee on Club events to £1.50 - unanimous.
 (b) Club insignia is available on the inner window type of badge - 10p each from J.C. Wilson if anyone is interested.

A.N.C.C. RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 1975

Following the brief details of the first 2 rounds (held in January) contained in last month's issue, here is the complete list of qualifiers which, it should be noted, are all road rallies, as for the time being they wish to keep away from stages:

5th January	Rally of the Dams	Sheffield and Hallamshire
18th/19th January	Riponian	Ripon M.S.C.
8th/9th February	Demdike	Lancs. A.C.
5th/6th April	D.F.S. Rally	Matlock and District
3rd/4th May	Devil's Own	Kirkby Lonsdale
26th/27th July	Calderford Trophy	Wakefield and District
23rd/24th August	Breadwinners	De Lacy M.C.
6th/7th September	R.L. Brown	Furness and District
20th/21st September	Burgess Bowl	Glossop and District
4th/5th October	Illuminations	Morecambe C.C.
29th/30th November	Hall Trophy	Clitheroe M.C.



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These dates are of course provisional and subject to R.A.C. confirmation. No registration is necessary, only the entry form of the rally concerned. The points scoring system is quite straightforward, i.e. 15 for 1st A.N.C.C. down to 1 point.

M. S. Kemp

B.T.R.D.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the past a number of you have contested certain championships that the B.T.R.D.A. promote. I have also heard that some of you wish to take part in some during 1975. I have, therefore, acquired the necessary forms for membership of the B.T.R.D.A. and also for registration in the various championships. If any of you are interested please contact me and I will be glad to give you the necessary gen. Below is a list of events in three of the championships.

1. "Gold Star" consisting of special stage events

22nd February	Gwynedd	Caernarvonshire and Anglesey M.C.
16th March	South West Stages	Taunton
26th April	Bass Charrington Tour of Lincs.	Lincs A.C.
18th May	Evening News Shell	Cumbria M.S.G.
20th July	Lancier Pointer	S.C.C. of Norfolk
27th July	Arkeil	Cirencester C.C.
30th August	Lakeland Stages	Morecambe C.C. and Kirkby Lonsdale
6th September	Armstrong	York M.C.
27th/28th September	Dukeries	Dukeries M.C.
5th October	Ouse Valley	Cambridge C.C.
25th October	Mercock Simpson	Soar Valley

2. "Silver Star" Road rallies - provisional and subject to confirmation

12th April	Border Uniflo	Welsh Border C.C.
3rd May	Devil's Own	Kirkby Lonsdale
19th July	Nutcracker	Aberdare M.C.
30th August	Stocktonian	Stockton
6th September	Cilwendeg	Teif Valley
30th September	Illuminations	Morecambe C.C.
18th October	Plains	Knutsford
1st November	Cytax	High Moor
29th November	Red Dragon	Port Talbot M.C.

3. Autotests (especially for the Editor)

9th February	Eastbourne and D.M.C.
2nd March	Sevenoaks and D.M.C.
9th March	Southsea M.C.
23rd March	Harrow C.C.
6th April	Magleg and D.L.C.C.
20th April	Chichester M.C.
27th April	Bolton Le Moors
4th May	S.C.C. of Norfolk
18th May	Eastern Counties
1st June	Southampton M.C.
22nd June	Cumberland S.C.C.