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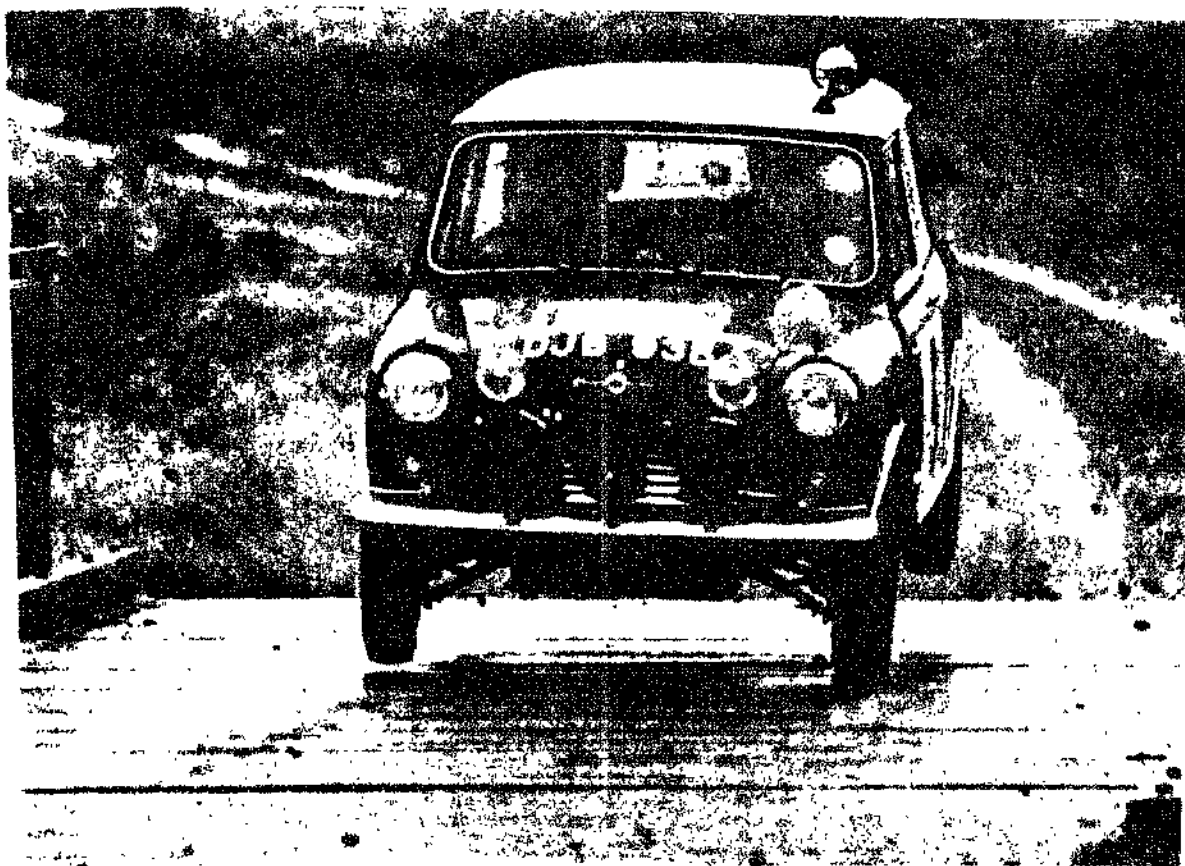
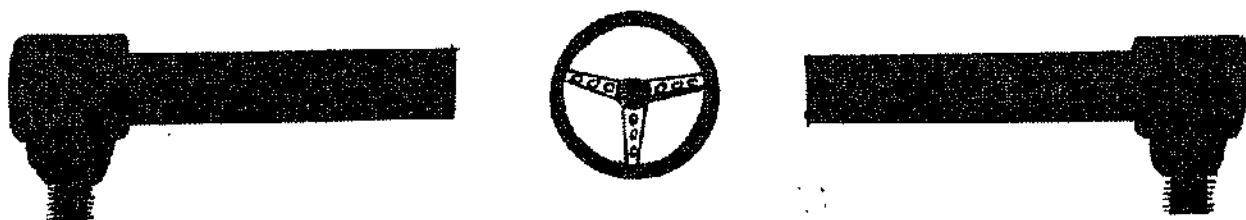


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12 MONTHS AGO WE FEATURED IN THIS SPOT THE MAKINEN HEALEY 3000 ON THE 1965 R.A.C. - NOW WE FEATURE THE ONLY CAR THAT BEAT IT ON THAT EVENT - THE AALTONEN COOPER S

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O F F I C E R S

1975/76

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- Steve Mills, 37 Hilton Road, Harehills, Leeds 8.
- Ron Mackinnon, 39 The Avenue, Roundhay, Leeds 8.
- Steve Rathbone, 38 Fitzroy Drive, Leeds 8.
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- Richard Spurdens, 10 Beech Spinney, Patridge Wood Hill,
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- Jack Coulthard, 49 Willowgarth Avenue, Leeds 14.

EDITORIAL

Well, this issue finally brings to a close the current term of office for the present Committee. I think it only fair to say that it hasn't been a particularly startling performance but would add that it was in fact, the choice of Club members and it is unfortunate that the 'team' didn't seem to get it together on sufficient occasions to draw any attention, the only attention attracted was, alas, when the performance was distinctly lacking in certain departments and this does, as always, reflect on the rest of the Committee.

It is not without mixed feelings that I turn over the Editorial duties to an as yet (at time of writing) unknown successor. For me it has been a year of last minute rushes to gather all the latest information together for typing, etc. and it would be untrue to say that a break wouldn't be welcome. However, there are certain persons who have eased the passage and no greater debt could be owed to anyone than Jennifer Taylor, who, for the last 12 months, has meticulously typed my often very scrappy handwriting into this wonderfully presented document, and not once has there been a mistake that I hadn't previously written! - (Thanks a million Jen). May we take this opportunity to wish Jennifer all the best for the future as she too is 'retiring' pending an important event in the Taylor household in approx. 8 weeks!

Early in the year we had articles from the Chairman and Hon. Sec., the first promising not to write any more after his initial blurb and ending up just about writing 60% of the copy for the magazine! - such is the enthusiasm of the man! and the latter, Hon. Sec., who promised to write a regular column and the stream of Quink promptly dried up!! However, all contributions, however small have been gratefully received in an effort to swell the content of the Magazine (even my early insistence has waned and I am now resigned to the term 'Newsletter' which seems to cling like ivy to the majority of members!).

When taking up the Editorial reins last September it was my intention to produce a readable magazine rather than just a fixture list of Club events and to this end we included photographs to add a little more appeal and whilst it has proved perhaps a little more expensive I feel the results have been worth it. Another prime aim was to be on time with publication each month and over the past year I think the record has been one of which many similar organisations can be justifiably envious. A Club is held together by it's magazine and there is nothing more infuriating than finding out when an event was rather than when it will be.

Having said that, it is easy for members to be critical, but please remember your Committee comprises of volunteers and by the same token those who do volunteer should be aware of what they are volunteering for and be prepared to fulfil their duties to the best of their abilities. If they encounter difficulties they should ask for help, which ought to be readily available from the ordinary members, after all, we are all into this motor sport thing together, let's help one another to make it work.

On that note I am quite prepared to offer whatever assistance I can (short of actually doing it!) in the production of the forthcoming issues should the need arise. Doubtless I shall still find time to put pen to paper to write the odd cryptic letter to the Editor' so until then put down your glasses and pick up your steering wheel and keep the Club on the right road.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2nd September - Noggin at the Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
5th September - Grand Disco at the Follifoot Village Hall. Tickets 75p each (including supper) from Sue Broadbelt. Tel. Harrogate 81425. Start at 8.00 p.m.
6th September - Marina Holidays Stages Rally. Trackrod will be running the Staindale Stage - volunteers of help to stage commander Steve Mills.
7th September - Closed to Club Production Car Trial. To be held at Stump Cross Caverns, regs. from Richard Ineson. Start at 1.00p.m. - Marshalls wanted please!!
9th September - Noggin at the Square and Compass, North Ripton.
16th September - Glanfield Lawrence Film Show at the Albany Inn, Wakefield (just off the M1) - Start at 8.00 p.m. The promoters, being local D.T.V. agents, will have a full range of Vauxhalls on display and Tony Drummond MAY be present.
21st September - Gymkhana at the Royalty, Otley Chevin. Start at 1.30 p.m. Bring along the family and all join in the fun!! Enter on the day.
23rd September - Noggin at the Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
28th September - Moores Stages Rally. We will be running an as yet unknown stage on this event. Volunteers of help to stage commander, Rod Parkin.
30th September - Noggin at the Square and Compass, North Ripton.
5th October - Restricted Autotest at Glanfield Lawrence's premises in Wakefield. Regs. in due course from Steve Lloyd.
9th/10th October - Scarborough Stages Rally - we will probably be running the Marine Drive Stage again - volunteers to stage commander, Rick Stevens.
9th November - Restricted P.C.T. - A.M.C.C. Championship qualifier. A large venue is required URGENTLY together with an organiser(s). Ideas to the new Committee please!!

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Martyn Collins, 51 Victoria Crescent, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4PT.
Raymond Sutcliffe, 6, Ghyllbeck Drive, Rawdon, Leeds, LS19 6RB.
John England, address awaited.

We trust their association with Trackrod will be a long and happy one.

Apologies to John D. Purchon and Geoffrey M. Sheldon who were incorrectly announced in the last issue! They are, of course, the proprietors of the Square and Compass.

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TROPHY POINTS SYSTEM

Autotest - donated by H. E. White

80% of total eligible events to count.

Where 1 driver enters 2 cars he must nominate before start of first car which car is to count for trophy points.

Organisers (2)	- 15 pts.	Competitors - 1st class	- 10 pts.
Chief Marshal	- 10 pts.	2nd class	- 9 pts.
Timekeeper	- 10 pts.	3rd class	- 8 pts.
Scrutineer	- 7 pts.	4th class	- 7 pts.
Marshall	- 5 pts.	5th class	- 6 pts.
		A/O finishers	- 5 pts.
		All non-finishers	- 3 pts.

Production Car Trial - donated by D. G. Dickinson

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Rally Driver - donated by J. W. Wilson

Navigator - donated by R. A. Dickinson

Both score equal points within their relative sections. These trophies are for ANCC Championship events only. Only the best 5 scores count.

The scoring in these trophies depends on the number of competitors you have beaten within your own class, e.g. 3rd in class - 42 starters in class - you have beaten 39 competitors so you score 39/42% which is 92.86% which is 92.86 pts. + 5 for entering.

F.S.B. Rally. Driver and Navigator - donated by Frank Stuart Brown.

Both score equal points within their relative sections. Any rallies organised by clubs other than Trackrod are eligible. All points to count.

C.J. or R. Rallies	Nat. Rallies	Int. Rallies
1st class - 15 pts.	1st class - 20 pts.	1st class - 30 pts.
down to 10th class - 6 pts.	down to 10th class - 11 pts.	down to 15th class - 16 pts.
A/O finishers - 5 pts.	A/O finishers - 10 pts.	A/O finishers - 15 pts.
All non-finishers - 2 pts.	All non-finishers - 5 pts.	All non-finishers - 10 pts.

The above rally trophies are eligible to any persons entering under the name of Trackrod or where this is not possible, i.e. outside ANCC or uninvited club, entered as "Entrant Trackrod M.C." using the entrants licence held by the club.

Off Road Events Trophy - donated by Trackrod M.C.

Any event other than rallies count towards this trophy. The scoring based on the Shell League System as outlined in the ANCC Rally Trophies.

The eligibility being entered as Trackrod or "Entrant Trackrod M.C.".

Service Crew Trophy - donated by K. B. Marr

Only servicing for crews entered under Trackrod or "Entrant Trackrod" qualifies for points.

C.J. or R.	- 5 pts.
Nat.	- 10 pts.
Int.	- 15 pts.

Marshall Trophy - donated by J.M. and L. Cantrill

5 points are scored for marshalling on any Trackrod organised events and also any official special stages being organised by Trackrod.

All Round Trophy - donated by J. C. Wilson

80% of total eligible events to count. Points are scored as per Autotest and P.C.T. trophies for those two events and also rallies (12 car only) on O/A basis. Where a passenger is mandatory, i.e. P.C.T., he/she scores the same number of points. Points are also scored for attending or organising any other official function.

1. Treasure Hunts	Organisers (2)	15 pts.
	Attend	3 pts.
2. Sportonoggins	Organisers (2)	15 pts.
	Attend	3 pts.
3. Indoor Rally	Organisers (2)	10 pts.
	Attend	3 pts.
4. Films, Talks.	Organiser (1)	10 pts.
	Attend	3 pts.
*5. Special stages	Organisers (2)	15 pts.
	Chief Marshall (1)	10 pts.
	Timekeeper (1)	10 pts.
	Attend	5 pts.
6. Hoggins	Attend	3 pts.

* Also counts in Marshall Trophy 5 pts. for all.

Lady Trophy - donated by C.J. and D. W. Taylor

80% of total eligible events to count. Presented to the lady scoring the highest total of points on Autotest, P.C.T. and 12 car rallies as outlined before.

N.B. Ladies - to be eligible you must hold full membership and not social only.

Novice Trophy - donated by P. Myers

This award is presented to the person finishing highest in the All Round Trophy who has competed in at least 60% of all eligible events and has not won any other award in the year.

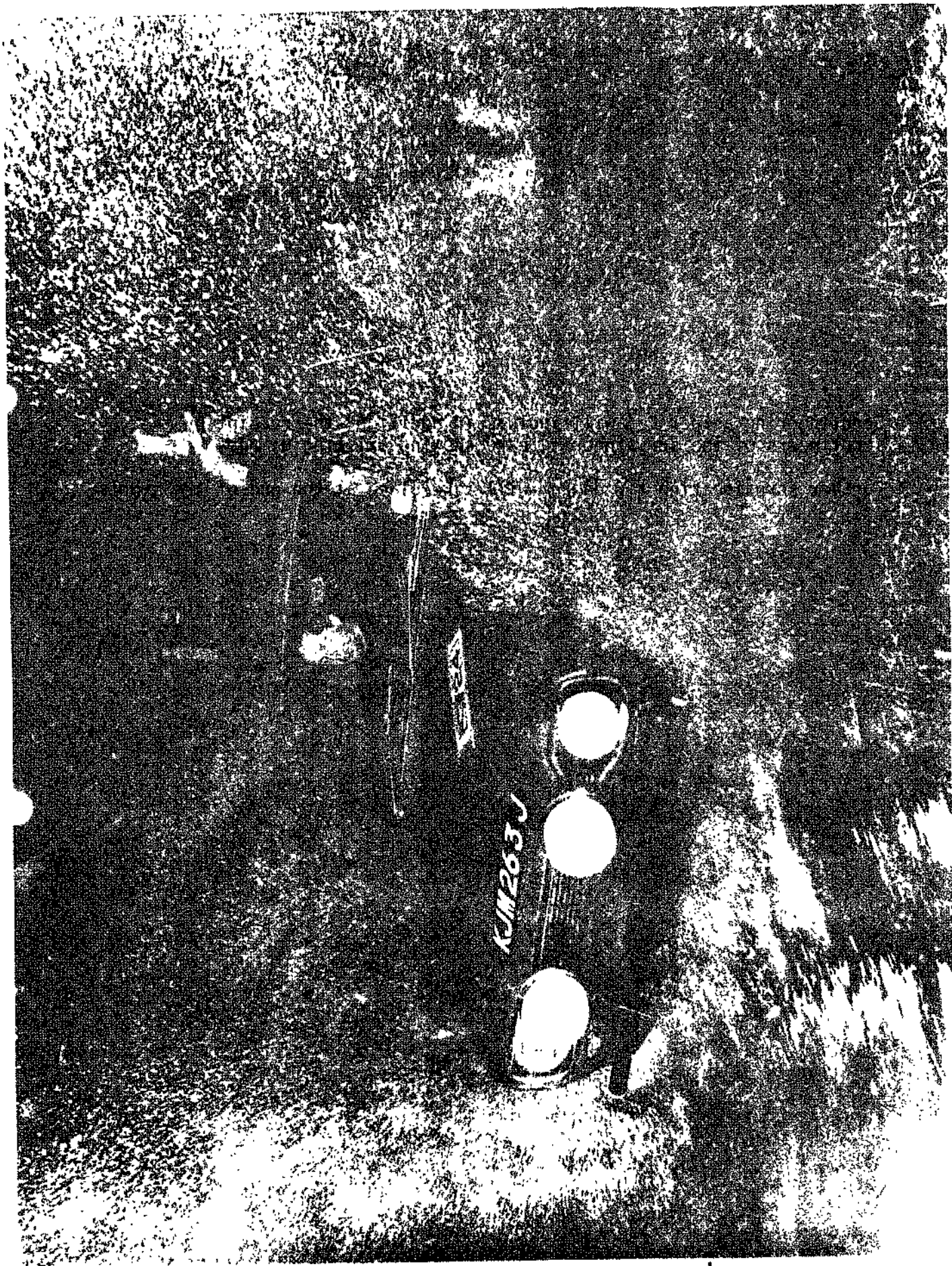
To qualify for points for any external club events, you must be entered under Trackrod M.C. or Entrant Team Trackrod using our entrants licence where the former is not possible. Also a copy of the starting list and final results must reach me within one month of the final results being published, however I will relax this ruling until the end of September to give you all a chance to send in any back results you may be holding and have not claimed points for. Will organisers of Club events also make sure I am given a copy of results, etc. and especially marshalls sheets. I appear to be rather short on these.

So my friends, there you are, it's up to you. I'm waiting for work to do.
SEND THOSE RESULTS IN.

Best of luck.

Steve Mills

ANDY MCKAY/IAN BUCHANAN GIVING THE TWIN CAM H
BATH (AND THE PHOTOGRAPHER!) ON THE 1975 "DEMDYKE"



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TROPHY POINTS POSITIONS SO FAR

(R.A. Dickinson) Rally Navigator A.N.C.C. events only

John Richardson	288.08
Rick Spurdens	116.49
Steve Hazeldine	95.71
13 members gained points so far	

F.S.B. Trophy - Navigator All rallies except 12 car

John Richardson	25
Marcel Girardier	19
Steve Hazeldine	17
Steve Mills	
Frank Stuart-Brown	14
32 members gained points so far	

Off Road Events

H. White	171.50
R. Ineson	152.30
S. Lloyd	97.80
A. Roddy	85.76

Please send in more results.
I'm very short on these.

Service Crew

Ian Gurnett	5
Miss P. Phillips	5

(J.C. Wilson) Rally Driver A.N.C.C. events only

Roger Blamey	200.86
Vincent Girardier	170.10
Rod Parkin	116.49
14 members gained points so far	

F.S.B. Trophy - Driver All rallies except 12 car

Ken Goodall	24
Steve Rathbone	19
Vincent Girardier	18
J. C. Birch	17
28 members gained points so far	

All Rounders Trophy

R. Parkin	58
R. Spurdens	57
R. McKinnon	55
S. Mills	53
R. Ineson	52
Miss L. V. Sutton	49

And many, many more. Individual scores
given on application to Trophy Points Sec.

Marshall's Trophy (2 events yet to be entered)

S. Lloyd	10
M. S. Kemp	10
E. S. Garnett	10
S. Mills	10
P. Germaine	10

Autotest Trophy

Howard White	10
S. Lloyd	10
D. Taylor	9
A. Powell	9

The following points may be of interest to Rally competitors, they are included within the recently agreed A.N.C.C. Rally Code - should anyone require a complete copy of the 'code' please contact the Secretary.

4. To ensure that information is received about damage caused during the event, the following procedures should be followed:

- Scrutineering as per C93 will include in addition, the receipt by the scrutineers of the scrutineering card showing existing damage.
- Further scrutineering for damage will take place at the end of the events.

- c) A 'Damage Declaration Form' will be issued to all competitors.
- d) To be classified as a finisher, competitors must complete the Damage Declaration Form and have it agreed by the Scrutineer at final scrutineering.
- f) This does not absolve the competitor from his responsibilities to report damage under the Road Traffic Act.

5. Noise checks as per SSR S34b will be established on Closed as well as Restricted events.

A noise Meter check will be instituted at the start of each event. Cars exceeding 78 dBA will not be allowed to start.

The Association suggest that noise checks at points on the route should not be conducted solely by a noise meter. Noise marshalls shall be named Judges of Fact.

12. No auxiliary lights shall be used in neutral sections.

15. A number of 'standing' Give Way signs should be marshalled by Judges of Fact. Competitors failing to stop will automatically retire at that point.

SHELL SPORT LEAGUE

There have been various alterations to the 1975 calendar, the rest of which now reads as follows:

24th August	- Speed Hill Climb, Cadwell Park, Sheffield and Hallamshire M.C.
14th September	- Speed Hill Climb, Scammonden, Huddersfield M.C.
28th September	- Autotest, York Motor Club.
12th October	- Autotest, North Humberside Motor Club.
9th November	- Autotest Final, Y.S.C.C.

CLUBNIGHT P.C.T. - 22nd July, 1975 - (The Day of the Rain)

After six continuous weeks of hot, dry weather, this particular Tuesday dawned wet and cloudy. Wet surfaces tend to make P.C.T.s rather more interesting but are far more pleasant if it is sunny and dry rather than raining and getting wetter. Seventeen cars arrived to attempt the hills of Stubbings Farm, along with a goodly complement of marshalls and spectators, some prepared for the conditions wearing 'Arctic Suits' and some for the noggin afterwards, wearing lounge suits. Five Ilkley orientated members arrived first, all to finish in the first two positions in class. Perhaps that is what we are doing wrong!

Stan Peel and Norman Milligan were obviously the favourites, and organisers obviously look to their performances to see if the tests were hard enough or too hard. Stan achieved a 1 on the first two tests so things looked about right. But then Norman cleaned the first four! "Too easy, Norman, isn't it", he did not agree. It was not a front wheel drive day, particularly as many tests had a steep rise in the first half of the distance. But they managed, and Vincent's "Flying Frog" finished up only two points away from an award.

Class 2 was dominated by Stan, and the remaining five were fighting for the second and third places. As there were three retirements (none resulting from mechanical difficulties) it was between Peter Germaine and John Hewston, and Peter finally triumphed. That must be a ShellSport P.C.T. car!

The event ran pretty well to timetable, and my thanks go to all concerned for coming along on this very miserable evening, and particularly to the marshalls for cleaning up the equipment at the finish. This made the job very easy.

I am told that various members did not come along as they thought the bad weather would cause the event to be scrubbed. Cancel an event? I wonder where they got that idea from!

Rick Stevens

RESULTS

<u>Class 1</u>		Total	Class Post.	O/A Post.
K. Waddington	Renault 5	69	1st - Award	5th
J. Spencer	Mini	83	2nd - Award	6th
V. Girardier	Citroen Dyane	84	3rd	7th=
A. Roddy	Mini Clubman	87	4th	9th
A. Marshall	Mini 1275 GT	88	5th	10th
S. Broadbelt	Mini 1000	98	6th	12th
P. Davies	Mini Countryman	99	7th	13th

Class 2

S. Peel	Anglia	20	1st Award	2nd
P. Germaine	Mexico	93	2nd Award	11th
J. Hewston	Escort	107	3rd	14th
B. Chapman	Anglia		Retired	
B. Chapman	Mexico		Retired	
J. Fairweather	Mexico		Retired	

Class 3 & 4 Merged

N. Milligan	Imp Sport	15	1st Award	1st
J. England	VW Beetle	43	2nd	3rd
S. Lloyd	MGB GT	68	3rd	4th
M. Lloyd	MGB GT	84	4th	7th=

As the A.G.M. will have confirmed, I am retiring from the position of Secretary with effect from that meeting. After having served on the Committee for what appears to have been a considerable time, I no longer have the available hours for the job, or either the interest to ensure that such time is laid aside. When such a situation exists the tendency is to try and fit the work in when it is convenient. Such occasions have been unfortunately too few and far between, and the recent laxity has been the result.

This attitude of mind prevailing has also prompted the declination to continue with the Stages Rally for 1976. I know Steve Lloyd does not like this decision one bit, and has done his best to change my mind. However, Martin Kemp and I came to the same conclusions independently within half an hour of each other, and we feel that to continue at this time could too easily result in another cancellation, and in any event a rally of sub-standard quality. A lot of work has been done already, and for a team with more enthusiasm, a first class event should be quite possible. We, however, cannot guarantee the time to do this, and feel we would be wrong to take the job on.

I have enjoyed my time as an official of the Club, and when I have kept up to the job, it certainly has its rewards. But Trackrod is no longer the foremost thing in my mind, and so for me that's the time to call it a day as an official. I intend to continue as an ordinary member and hope that I will be able to support the Club well. This is a job that every member can do.

The Club has seen many changes over the past five years, some good, some not so good. The membership fluctuates, and is probably on the low side at the moment. However, we have never had so many members competing and doing well. And never before had such a good name with other rallying clubs.

We are entering a new session, the sixth year in the Club's history, with a very changed and enthusiastic committee, and a Chairman who will 'wield the big stick' if necessary. To do well, they must have support from the members. I'll start by wishing them the best of luck for the coming year.

Rick Stevens

{The comment about other "Rally Clubs" infers that ours is one which brings a funny taste into my mouth. And I sincerely hope that our new Chairman doesn't come in my area with his big stick or I'll bring out my big hammer!! - ED).
