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Social Calendar.

- 10th. Jan. Noggin at the Chamber of Commerce-which is in Junior Chamber House, No.4-6 Mill Hill; off Boar Lane;(past the Griffin Hotel)
- 17th. Jan. Indoor Rally;8.00p.m. at the Duke of Wellington, East Keswick.
- 24th Jan. Noggin at the Barleycorn, Collingham.
- 31st Jan. Noggin at the Shoulder of Mutton.
- 7th Feb. Noggin at the Square and Compass.
- 14th Feb. Indoor Rally at the Duke of Wellington
- 21st Feb. Film Show at the Peacock, Yeadon-in association with Central Tyres.
- 28th Feb. Noggin at the Shoulder of Mutton.

Competition Calendar..

- N.B. Both the Alpine Novice Rally (7/8th Jan) and the Opelwess Rally (21/22 Jan) have been postponed.
- 8th Jan. Our Janus Autotest at Tockwith-all further info. from Sue Broadbelt or Steve Mills.
- 14/15th Jan. Knowl Dale C.C.'s Mini Miglia on maps 90,91,98,103
- 22nd Jan. David Brown-Nostell Priory Stages Rally.
- 28/29th Jan. Selby D.M.C. 3 Swans Rally. Closed Joint.
- 19th Feb. Slaithwaite M.C. Shell League Autotest.
- 25/26 Feb. De Lacy M.C. Mintex International.
- 4/5th March. Wakefield D.M.C. Waddington Trophy Novice Rally.
- 12 March. P.C.T. Closed Joint-and we're organising it!
- 19th March. David Brown M.C. Shell League Stages Rally.
- 26th March. Our restricted Autotest. T.M.C. strike again.
- 2nd April. And lots more helpers needed for our Leeds Crest Stages Rally!

Chairman's Chat.

Happy New Year to you all! That's another Trackrod year consigned to the memory bank, and for some of us it's perhaps as well. While clubwise it's been a good year, with the Shellsport Costa in Motoring News and the birth of the Crest Stages, and a very full and active club calendar as usual; individually for perhaps too many of us it's been a succession of bumps, blowups, rebuilds and even total write-offs!

Hopefully this year will be less disasterous motor-wise; because having seen the Shellsport League list in last month's magazine, it should suit us down to the ground. Get your machinery fettled, let Captain Ineson know, and let's win the championship this year-it must surely be our turn now!

You may have seen that the Costa is not included in the M.N. Championship this year. This is obviously a great disappointment to all concerned, but it is in no way a criticism of the event. Sadly it is purely a victim of the very crowded calendar at that time of year; it's just unfortunate that it was our event that was left out.

However, motoring being such a strange occupation, throwing up all sorts of anomalies, the Leeds Crest Stages is now included in the Central Tyres Stage Championship this year. This is a further recognition of our ability to produce quality events.

The Christmas festivities started off very well with a splendid party out at Follifoot. It seemed that you were all there, so on your behalf a very big thank you to D.J. Jess Waters, Compere Ron Mackinnon, and of course to the girls of the Social Committee who made it all possible. Our next big social event is the Annual Dinner Dance, to be held at the Post House, Bramhope on Friday, February 3rd. Tickets (at £5.50ea) are available now from any committee member, or from Rod Parkin. It may sound expensive, but for what you get, and at to-day's prices, it's really very reasonable-so get yours early to avoid disappointment. Half price accomodation is available at the Post House that evening to anyone attending the function, prices being £9.75 for a double room, and £6.50 for a single. These bookings should be made direct with the hotel.

Just a final reminder about subscriptions. If you havn't paid yet, (that can't be you can it?) the final date for payment is the 31st. of this month. We don't want to lose you, so do it now, and guarentee yourself a further twelve months of Trackrod Magazine and motoring.

Here's hoping you all have a very good and successful motoring year.

J.H.R.

"Wrongsplot strikes again!"

'Twas a chilly night on the third and fourth,  
 And Beverley did proclaim  
 A novice event in Humberside  
 Of some ice-skating fame.

Among the crews from Trackrod,  
 Old "Wrongsplot" here was there,  
 To pit his wits against the road,  
 Along with "Super Bear."

The Bear and I we hit the road,  
 The timing was precise;  
 But with all the slipping and sliding about,  
 It could have been Snow White on ice!

Some said the bends were not as map,  
 And on that I must agree;  
 While spinning gaily on a ninety left  
 We nearly hit a tree.

Yes, we really had our moments,  
 You really should have been there,  
 The day "Wrongsplot" hit Humberside,  
 Along with "Super Bear."

Editorial.

A happy New Year to youse all! As you can see from the above, our phantom poet has struck again. Maybe if he provides some more we can have a regular culture spot. However, apart from J.H.R.'s Chat, an Indoor rally report (ta Ron) and an advert scribbled down on the back of an envelope, this was the only contribution I received for this month's newsletter. Come on everybody! O.K, going by the national average about 20% of you are totally illiterate, but that stills leaves a lot of members who can write. It's not difficult, so make a New Year's Resolution to write something for the newsletter-who knows, it could be a Resolution that's actually carried out for once!

On a different vein, if any astute person has noticed a change in type face, spacing and typing quality, etc, worry not-this is being typed down South, on a different type-writer from normal. Next month should see a return to normality;-and who knows, maybe a newsletter Bulging with contributions?  
 Happy writing!

The Editor.

Relax, everybody. I know you've been breathless over Christmas with anticipation, but now all can be revealed, (could prove interesting!)-because here are the answers to last month's Trackrod Christmas Crossword. (What do you mean, you've gone and lost it?)

ACROSS.

- 1. Trackrod
- 5. Verini
- 9. Egg-yokes
- 11. Helix
- 12. Costa
- 16. Ate
- 18. Macpherson Strut
- 19. I.T.N.
- 20. Flood
- 24. Visor
- 25. Electors
- 27. Yule
- 28. Reindeer

DOWN.

- 1. Toe-in
- 2. Angel
- 3. Knock
- 4. One
- 6. Emphasise
- 7. Isolators
- 8. Inexperts
- 10. Short stroke
- 13. Improvise
- 14. Accessory
- 15. A Half-roll
- 16. Ari
- 17. Eon.
- 21. Bacon
- 22. Choke
- 23. Miser
- 26. Lie

And, once again, many thanks to Bob Chapman for thinking the whole thing out in the first place..

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### Rallying down in deepest Derbyshire.

In last month's newsletter, Jack Coulthard described the delights of rallying in Lancashire, and ended with a plea that all Yorkshire-entrenched Trackrod members should try their hand in a different area. This article is written with a similar idea in mind; although in this case the area is not Lancashire, but the Derbyshire Peak District. Towards the end of 1977, Ian Brown and myself, (both of us regarding the Peak District as something of a home area), tackled two rallies in the peaks in Ian's Viva G.T.; both rallies using some very interesting roads.

Two things (at least) separate Derbyshire rallying from Yorkshire events. Firstly, selectives are hardly used in Derbyshire. The roads are tight and twisty enough to make them unnecessary, and if you like four-minute Targa sections, (i.e. proper road rallying) then Derbyshire is the place to go. Secondly, (although stories are often grossly exaggerated) many of the whites, (and some of the yellows!) can be rough, rutted and rocky, and anyone brought up on smooth Yorkshire roads will be faced with something rather different.

However, this was not the case on the first rally we tackled, which was South Derbyshire M.C.'s 'Southbound'. A round of the 'Motoring News' championship, it packed 200 miles of route into map II9, with start, halfway, and finish at the Newhaven Inn, ideally situated in the middle of the map. The compact route wound north then east, and almost immediately we hit the rough stuff, with rocky whites at Chelmorton and Priestcliffe (ugh.) However, apart from a couple of short tracks, that was the only rough there was, and the rest of the route was nearly all tarmac, and quite excellent. Something underneath the Viva started sparking over the rougher boulders, but it disappeared with a big flash after a yump, so we put it down as a trapped stone. Actually, it was a gearbox mounting bolt!

Although the roads were good, we made a bit of a mess of the first half. We W.D!d. into a P.C., (wrong-plotted on a triangle-no excuses!) and then, eight miles before the end of the 100 mile long first half, it happened-we ran out of petrol! No words in our combined vocabulary seemed adequate to express our disgust. A marshal gave me a lift to half-way, where John Palmer kindly ferried some petrol.

However, dismay disappeared when we handed in our time-cards, as the secretary nonchalantly informed us that we couldn't be O.T.L. at half-way as they don't have M.T.C.'s in Derbyshire, and we had five minutes to get to the restart. Quick panic, but we made it, and then set off to the south-western half of II9, and the best 100 miles rallying I've ever done. Fast tarmac and twisting whites in targa sections that just went on and on. One section was forty miles long, with 13 P.C.s This principle, using long sections with P.C.s instead of selectives, sidesteps the restrictions imposed on selectives, and allows the organisers more freedom in

choosing roads. One part of the competitive route twisted through the middle of a village! We picked up another fail, on a controversial code-board, and ended up 46th or something, but we certainly enjoyed it!

The other event we tackled down in Derbyshire, Ecurie Royal Oak M.C.'s 'Oaks Trophy Rally', was rather different. A closed event, with a 120 mile route on maps II8 and II9, it included such delights as a five minute petrol halt, quiet zones on competitive sections, and relaxed sections instead of neutrals; so the pressure was on all the time. Frost was widespread, and was joined by thick fog on the top of the moors. Surprisingly few cars went right off, but there were an awful lot of bent panels at the finish! The route, (again all-Targa), was very competitive, but included some really rough and muddy whites, (one of which was impassable), and a horrible thing called Ludburn Ford, which makes Caydale Mill look like a goldfish pond. Problems we encountered this time included that blocked white, a wrong-slot and a generally off-form navigator, and we ended up 19th o/a and 4th in class-just out of the awards again! Trackrod club-mate Bob Mansfield did rather better, finishing 4th o/a.

So if anyone's getting bored with Yorkshire power races, why not try the Peak District? For a driver, the roads are of a totally different character, while the navigator will work far harder than he will in Yorkshire. Thanks to the M.I. the area is really very close, and anybody doing a rally down there will certainly have the satisfaction of doing something different.

Nick Leuchars.

### Indoor Rally Championship.

Full results of round two, held way back in November.

	<u>Penalties.</u>	<u>Points.</u>
1. N. Leuchars/T. Ginn	39	20
2. R. Moore/D. Lee	50	19
3. N. Masterman/B. Wainwright	60	18
4. S. Broadbelt/P. Phillips	62½	17
5. S. Sanderson/R. Buchan	68	16
6. J. Thirsk/J. Thirsk	70	15
7. R. Dobney/T. Ward	80	14
8. G. Tumber/M. Robson	80	14
9. J. Lock	85	12
10. P. Silberberg/C. Holdsworth	85	12
11. M. Giradier/E. Baker	89	10
12. P. Bagley/I. Gurnett	100	9

The round was organised by Tony Longstaff on map 99.



Indoor Rally, Round Three.

As usual, a real mind-bender, which had all the crews scratching their heads for a while until organiser Nick Leuchars came round to give you some idea of where the route went, then you were on your way. A very good rally, my thanks to Nick for a fine event; well excellent really, because we came first!

Ronnie Moore.

Results.

	<u>Score.</u>	<u>Points.</u>
1. R.Moore/D.Lee	225	20
2. P.Silberberg/C.Holdsworth	195	19
3. N.Masterman/B.Wainwright	186	18
4. J.Thirsk/J.Thirsk	183	17
5. R.Dobney/T.Ward	170	16
6. G.Turnber/M.Robson	160	15
7. S.Sanderson/R.Buchan	103	14
8. J.Moulson/C.Palmer	101	13

Next month's newsletter will have a table of all the points scored so far, so all can see how the championship is going. Remember, only the best four results will count, so some people will have to start dropping scores soon. The next round will be on January 17th. at the Duke of Wellington. I havn't been told which map it's on, or who's organising it ; but Richard Spurdens should know.

TROPHY POINTS.

All award winners are printed in CAPITALS.

ANCC Rally Drivers.

S.RATHBONE.	314.7
R.G.Chapman	263.1
J.Renny	227.9
S.Wood	187.4
D.R.Lawton	184.8

ANCC Navigators.

F.STUART-BROWN	314.7
T.Longstaff	263.1
R.A.Spensley	187.4
R.Parkin	182.1
S.A.Campbell	179.3

F.S.B. Rally Driver

J.RENNY	114
A.Powell	110
D.R.Lawton	106
C.R.Jackson	104
M.Kemp	45

F.S.B. Navigator.

S.LLOYD	104
R.Parkin	70
S.Holden	68
F.Stuart-Brown	63
R.Mackinnon	53

Special Stage Rally Driver

A.POWELL	728.0
C.R.Jackson	620.7
J.Renny	388.4
D.R.Lawton	309.9
M.Schofield	165.3

Service Crew.

J.WILSON	45
S.Mills	10
S.Holden	10
M.Kemp	10
L.Sutton	10

Autotest Trophy.

(Boxing Day Autotest to come)

D. Taylor	38
H. White	36
K. Goodall	25
J. Renny	20
G. Taylor	19

Shell League Trophy.

H. WHITE	336.1
C. R. Jackson	262.1
A. Powell	199.0
K. Goodall	193.0
D. R. Lawton	117.0

Off Road Events Trophy

H. WHITE	241.4
D. Taylor	189.6
K. Goodall	188.0
R. F. Ineson	86.8
S. Mills	82.5

P.C.T. Trophy

I. WADDINGTON	30
M. Ogden	28
S. Lloyd	19
J. M. Whitehead	12

Marshall Trophy

R. MOORE	50
N. Drayton	40
C. P. Staton	35
P. Noon	30
E. Baker	30

All Rounders Trophy

S. MILLS	101
R. Moore	98
S. Rathbone	92
H. White	70
J. Renny	70

Lady All Rounders Trophy

V. SPURDENS	42
S. Broadbelt	38
J. Lee	29
L. Sutton	25
M. Lloyd	23
D. White	8
J. Thirsk	6

SPY 44 Trophy

C. R. Jackson
J. Renny

Ladies Challenge Cup

S. BROADBELT	15
D. White	8

Best Novice- J. RENNYBest TMC Awards on rallies with 7 or more TMC crews entered

3 Swans Rally, 29/30 Jan.	M. KEMP/S. HOLDEN
Waddington Trophy Rally, 5/6 March.	T. LONGSTAFF/J. FENTON
Ridings Rally, 26/27 March	I. BROWN/N. LEUCHARS
Opelwass Rally, 11/12 June	S. RATHBONE/F. STUART-BROWN
Cossack Rally, 25/26 June	I. GURNETT/R. PARKIN
Tour of Mull, 15/16 Oct.	S. RATHBONE/F. STUART-BROWN
Pennine Rally, 22/23 Oct.	S. WOOD/R. SPENSLFY

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