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A SEASONAL SHOT TAKEN ON THE 1978 SWEDISH RALLY

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DECEMBER.

SOCIAL CALENDER.

- December 5th. Square & Compass.
December 12th. The Castle. (Spofforth)
- DECEMBER 16!!! CHRISTMAS PARTY! THIS IS SOMETHING
YOU CANNOT MISS! IT'S AT COOKRIDGE
VILLAGE HALL. (DON'T MISS IT)
- December 19th. Crest At Culton.
- December 26th. Shoulder Of Mutton. (Kirby Overblow)
January 2nd. Square & Compass.
- January 9th. Indoor Rally. Junior Chamber of Commerce.
Organising it is Nigel Latimer. And it's
On Map 105. (Nothing like Nick Leuchars's
devious planning!)
- January 16th. Royal Boston Spa. (Film Night!)
- January 23rd. The Castle.
January 30th. Shoulder Of Mutton. (Kirby Overblow)

IMPORTANT FACTS ETC.....

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TROPHIES.

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OR PHONE ME AT RAWDON 567780 AND MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

RON. MOORE. (TROPHY POINTS
SEC.)

WANTED.

MGB ENGINE!! RING RONNIE MOORE ON RAWDON 507780

NOTICE (VERY IMPORTANT.)

R.A.C. BARS ARE NOT AVAILABLE
UNTIL JANUARY.

SUE BROADBELT.
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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT.

What a splendid day the Bonfire autotest (and other attractions) turned out to be. We were blessed with very good weather, who would believe Tee-shirts in November, and a very good days sport was enjoyed. Trust Richard Ineson to pick Bonfire night, to emerge Phoenix Phoenix like from the ashes and produce FTD. Nice to see you back in action again Richard, it's been far too long.

The competition was followed by a superb bonfire and fireworks display and was appreciated by all concerned. It's surprising how many kids can be produced by Trackrod members these days!!

Thanks must go to Sue Broadbelt and Steve Mills for the comp competition, and Frank-Stuart-Brown, Ron Mackinnon and various helpers for the fire and the fireworks. Finally of course to Steve Malby and his staff at the Crest for putting up with us for the day.

Now that the busy period of Trackrod is over, your committee have been taking stock of the current situation within the club. In assessing the workload of running the club, we are somewhat disappointed to find that a relatively small number of club members are prepared to help out when work needs to be done. It may be that you are very willing but don't get asked to do things. If that is so then please either talk to me, or to any committee member, and tell us what you are prepared to do! If you would like to do a job of which there are things you don't know about, we would be more than pleased to help. I can assure you there is nothing difficult about organising a P.C.T. or an Autotest. The biggest problem seems to be the time factor but if you start early, it's very simple!

As a group, the committee are going to make a point of involving more people in the running of events, and indeed in the general matters that come up within the club. We hope that this way we can reduce the workload on the faithful few and increase your interest in the active side of motorsport. Believe me, there is more to motor club life than meeting in the pub on a Tuesday night!

Our next competitive events are the Boxing day autotests and then another one on January. We hope to see you both at both events and if you are not competing, grab a watch and marshal a test. If you haven't done it before we will show you how. It's really really very easy.

SEE YOU THERE.

RAC RALLY.

J.H.R.

This year we were entrusted with the Wykeham stage and it proved to be its usual eventful self, especially when run downhill using the infamous tarmac section. It's old hat now that we had an accident resulting in injured spectators, but this must surely reinforce the fact that you cannot be too careful when spectating in the forests. These spectators were standing behind trees, some twenty feet above road level, but the Porsche still got in amongst them, felling three trees some nine to twelve inches in diameter and over forty feet long. It could obviously have been worse but only one spectator was injured. Kevin Bullimore Bullimore (who ironically lives in Boston Spa) sustained fractures to his shoulder, knee, and ankle, together with multiple abrasions and bruises. He is now in St. Thomas's Hospital in Scarborough, and is well on the way to recovery. Many of you assisted at the scene of the accident and I thank you all for the very responsible way in which you handled the situation. You particular people have now witnessed at first hand how our

voluntary medical staff react to these situations and I am sure that you will agree with me that their presence on the stage is very desirable.

Many of you assisted in various ways in the smooth running of the stage several of you ended up doing jobs for which you were unprepared and indeed, you all dealt with your various tasks admirably. I have already had approving noises from rally H.V. and I pass on their thanks and add my own for the way in which the stage was operated.

The top ten competitors on the stage were as follows.

Mikkola:	2.32
Pond)	2.36
Rohl)	
Brookes)	
Taylor)	2.38
Airikkala)	
Waldegard)	
Munari.	2.42.
Alen)	2.43.
Clark)	

EDITORIAL.

Firstly, my sincere apologies for those who have not received their "NEWS LETTERS" on time, but due to a few minor set-backs and a bit of confusion (namely, both the editor and his assistant, are very new to the job) things have been somewhat retarded. However, I hope that progress will show for the better, and both posting and quality will be much more in evidence. Talking of assistant's, Ian Brown of this "n" That fame has taken over that position, so, wishing you a very good Christmas, and the very best of a new year, HAPPY READING.

P.S. After the past Knowlsley Safari Rally (you will find details further on in the news letter) George Mathie/Ian Watt, despite blowing the gear box up, managed on the first three stages to be in the first 50/60, and then managed to pull themselves up by the boot laces to be 16-10-6 fastest at lunch time. And what is more-George is selling six M&S Mk 2 tyres and 6 six SRR 3's at a bargain price of £12 each!! These tyres are worn in slightly, and George will take £12 OR nearest offer!!

COMPETITION CALENDER:

DECEMBER 16/17. De Lacy M.C. Are running their Seven Dales Rally. It starts at the Hull Crest (and finishes the same way) And it's a round of the North Humberside MSG championship. 150 miles on maps 100 and 106 are of red.

DECEMBER 16/17. Ecurie Royal Oak M.C. are running their Oaks Trophy Rally. It is a round of the High Moor Championship. 130 miles are offered on maps: 118/119

(It is a shame these two good events clash with the disco, BUT you've no excuse for being bored on that weekend!)

TRACKROD: IN FOCUS.

JACK COULTHARD.

BIRTHDAY. 28th. JANUARY.

OCCUPATION. COMPUTER PROGRAMMER.

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FAVORITE CAR. BRISTOL #12 TVR TURBO.

FAVORITE T.V. PERSONALITY. FELICITY KENDALL.

FAVORITE FILM PERSONALITY. JAMES COBURN.

FAVORITE FILMS. THE MAGNIFICENT "7", THE STING, STAR WARS.

FAVORITE T.V. PROGRAMME. HORIZON.

OWN CAR. MARINA 1800 COUPE.

AMBITION. TO BE MOTORING NEWS CHAMPION.

PET HATES. BEING OFF FORM, WHATEVER I'M DOING.

BEST RALLY. 1972 CYTAX. 1974 CIRCUIT OF IRELAND.

WORST RALLY. 1974 Vincent FERRARD, MY MISTAKE COST US A WIN.

FORECAST. TO KEEP ON RALLYING, DESPITE RUMOURS OF RETIREMENT.
FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE.

FAVORITE MOTOR SPORT DRIVERS. SIMO LAMPINEN. MICHELE MOUTON.

I started rallying in 1966 as a marshall and spectator and eventually graduating to a navigators job, in April 1969, after which I was permanently booked! After two years at club level I was lucky enough to fall in with someone who was not only good but wanted to compete at all levels, experience which can only be good for any navigator.

The last few months have only been moderately successful however, something I can only put down as a feeling of being unsettled, due to being short of a regular partner. Hopefully this will be put to rights in the coming year, a year in which I hope to gain even more experience by competing in most of the Irish Tarmac rally series, beginning with the Galway in February. Whatever happens, I plan to be around as long as rallying is!

JACK COULTHARD.

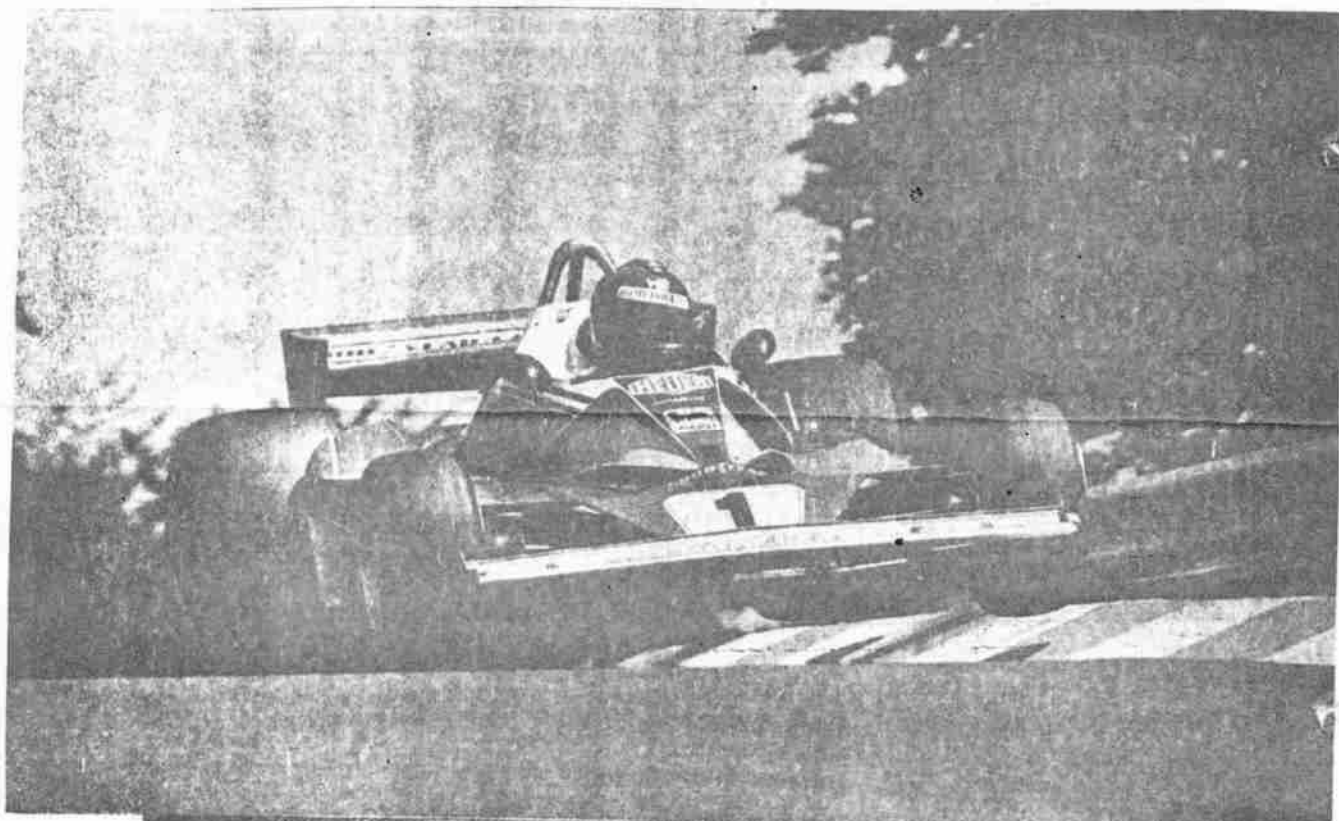
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ON SAFARI WITH TRACKROD. (IN DEEPEST LIVERPOOL.)

Have you ever had one of those days when you wished you had never got out of bed? Well, Saturday the 4th of November was such a day for me. It started with no problems, Ronnie Moore and I headed along the M62 in the direction of Liverpool to do battle in the KNOWSLEY SAFARI RALLY with high hopes.

With a large number of Yorkshire crews on the start list and Trackrod boasting Charlie Payne/Hugh Edwards at 14, Keith Bowem Ron Moore at 31, George Mathie/Ian Watt at 61, Graham Kellet/R. Plummer 67 and at 82 D. Marshall/G. Johnson we all looked forward to a good days sport.

It was at this point that things started to go a little off. The scrutineer decided to take off my "TRACKROD M.O." wind screen sticker and then an hour long wait for petrol put us in a wrong frame of mind.

Stage 1 was a mini Eppynt in the Safari Park and was a classic. It had blind brows with bends on the other side ups and downs followed by wire mesh fences and big gates. Ronnie was not his usual self (calm) as we had an agreement that the first puncture would be his to change, and he kept looking for lions!! Fortunately there were no animals and the tyres stayed up!

This first stage saw many crews with severe damage due to their initial enthusiasm and Bill French planted his Opel dead centre of a tree putting his co-driver in hospital for a check-up.

Moving out of the park entailed a 2 mile round trip for a ridiculous 1 mile track full of bricks and pot holes. A complete waste of time and effort.

Stages 3/4/5 were at Aintree race course where we had a plug changing session as the car was running a bit off song and these stages were a mixture of grass and tarmac and quite fast. Several slight incidents here, with Bradley clouting a wall and Lawless a fence.

Another longish trip to Burton Wood took crews to stage six which boasted a bogey of 30 secs!! But the next stage was cancelled meaning more wasted mileage.

Meanwhile, back at the Safari Park there was the mornings stage reversed, and this made up stage 9. If the mornings stage was a classic, in reverse it was even better.

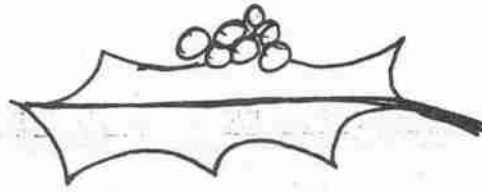
We blasted off and were still on knobblies and caught Bob Strange, our minute man. We flew passed him only to suffer brain fade over a crest which resulted in a backwards spin allowing him to pass. With honour now at stake it was eyeballs out and we passed him again (Ford power rules OK) and we were happily charging along when a sudden rattle of bolts required a quick switch off. A large hole had appeared in the side of the block and one conrod was missing meaning a DNF for the first time in five years! (Shame)

We returned to the service area where Charlie Payne was running out of tyres fast. George Mathie could not get over the Knowsley Stages and was waiting for dark to really frighten Ian. Sadly the Mini crew had retired when the pulley came adrift.

For us, that was it but George went on to blow the gear box and Ian lived to fight another day. Charlie Payne kept the clubs name well to the fore with 4th place, and Geoff Fielding took the overall winners place.

A sad day maybe, but just wait until next year, it was that sort of event!

(FROM OUR WILDLIFE CORRESPONDANT. K BOWEN.)



TRACKROD XMAS PARTY.

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

8 ~ 12 p.m.

BUFFET!

AT

RAFFLE!

COOKRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

MEMBERS : 50p

NON MEMBERS £1.00

MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST
BE SHOWN.

DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE PRIZES
PLEASE.

SHELL SPORT LEAGUE 1978.

Round 9, the York M.C. autotests were held at Acomb airfield in York, on the 29th October '78. and our team of David Taylor and Chris Miller (Mini's) John Renny (1300 Escort) Ken Goodall (RS 2-000) and Howard White (Midget) did their best to keep us in touch with York and Ilkley. Not suprisingly, York won on the day, but Ilkley took a dive and could only manage 5th. Dice of the day must go to Howard Whit, who was under pressure from Phil Cooper in his 1500 Midget. First in class eventually went to the favour of De Lacy, but only by a tenth of a second. And that was 'nt final until the dust had settled on the last test!!

ROUND 9.	SCORES.	RESULTS.	O/A. POSITION.
D.Taylor.	4th. 91.8	York. 428.7	York. 3229.0
C.Miller.	9th. 69.1	De Lacy. 377.7	Ilkley. 3181.0
J.Renny.	6th. 63.8	Trackrod. 374.2	Trackrod. 2757.0
K.Goodall.	5th. 65.5	Y.S.C.C. 293.4	S/Waite. 2156.4
H.White.	2nd. 85.0	Ilkley. 229.0	N.Humberside 2070.0

ROUND 10.

Round 10, the Leeds M.C.'S "Midnight Rally" on the 4/5 of November gave us an outside chance (very outside!!) of hauling in Ilkley, but it was obvious we were going to finish 3rd overall. We needed 500 points without Ilkley scoring at all. But, as Ilkley got 10 pts. Each just for starting our task was just about impossible! However, we fielded a team of five, but due to reasons various we were reduced to a team of only four runners. Namely, John Renny/F.B.R. Ken Goodall/Mike Tempest, John Bean/Chris Rolls, and Brian Wainwright/T.Ward. Our hopes of a high placing went west when K.Goodall decided to modify his front end, so we took a literal nose-dive early on in the rally. This happened on the second selective, and so Ken and Mike remained nose down in a ditch for the duration of the event. Messrs. Renny/Stuart-Brown missed a passage control (Unmanned it is rumoured) signing, and suffered the resultant fail in results. John Bean turned in a good drive to finish 12th in class, as did Brian Wainwright who finished 20th. in his class. All in all, it was not one of our better performances as a team, only managing a lowly tenth overall on the day.

Round 10.

SCORES.	RESULTS.	O/A? POSITIONS.
J.Renny/FSB. 22nd 55.0	Wakefield. 358.9.	York. 3555.7 & 240
K.Goodall/M.Tempest. NF. 10.	York. 326.7.	Ilkley. 3461.0 & 155.
J.Bean/C.Rolls. 12. 77.5	S/Waite. 319.8	Trackrod. 2959.5 & 105
B.Wainwright/T.Ward. 20th. 60.0	Leeds. 302.8.	S/Waite. 276.2 & 50.

As can be seen, our efforts over the season have netted us £105 and a cheque for this amount was presented to me at the Shell League dance, which was a right good do at the Wakefield Post House on the 17th of November, unfortunately only six people associated with the club were present, which is a sad reflection. (but it has to be appreciated that there was another "do" on elsewhere) The series has been a very closely fought battle and one can only hope that we will do better next year, hopefully the calender of events will be published in January and I sincerely hope we see some new faces taking part rather than leaving all the efforts up to the regular six or seven members!!

Finally, I would like to thank Shell for their continued support of local club's events and hope that at the club's involved in the "league" continue to give the events that they so rightly deserve!!

RICHARD INESON. (TEAM CAPTAIN)

