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EDITORIAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS.

Following last month's issue I have received comment that the written matter within these pages is becoming something akin to the Beano!! Well I suppose that must mean something, even if it's only that you actually read what is written - I wish we could boast the same circulation figures as the Beano - then it could be safely said that the magazine had "arrived".

It is more than likely that, if you are not intending to rejoin our membership ranks during 1980, this issue will be the last you receive until you and your cash can be separated, so don't come asking for your February issue if you ain't paid your subs!

I imagine that now the effects of the festive season have dwindled a little you can start contemplating your coming season of motorsport, getting on with the preparation of that demon machine that is going to sweep all before it - yes it's a vacuum cleaner! how about dropping us a line about your plans so that your progress throughout the season can be followed by all our readers?

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FUTURE EVENTS - COMPETITIVE

- 6th January - Trackrod MC (that's us) - Closed joint Autotest organised by Brian Wainwright - see him or Notice Board for regs etc. Venue: The Red Brek Motel, Crofton Nr. Wakefield.
- 18th/19th January- Ripon Rally - Ripon M.S.C. Round 1 A.N.C.C. 1980
- 26th/27th January- Selby & D.M.S.C. Three Swans Rally - Regs. from John Renny if you ain't got them yet. Round 1 of 1980 Shell League - FULL TEAM OF 5 REQUIRED.
- 2nd /3rd February- Mini Miglia Rally - Knowldeale C.C. Round 2 A .N.C.C.
- 9th/10th February- Beverley & D.M.C. Night Owl Rally, Regs available on the Notice Board
- 21st/23rd February Mintex International - De Lacy M.C. Trackrod running an as yet undecided stage - see next month for details.

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REFLECTIONS - JANUARY 1970

Still no sign of confirmation of our R.A.C. affiliation. The 26th of the month saw the first A .G.M. - Yes January - in those days not much thought was given to the appropriate names appearing in the Blue Book! At the meeting I see that a dashing young pen-pusher named Steve Lloyd was elected as Editor and laid the foundations of our current magazine. Still no sign of any active competition in the calendar

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

- January 8th..... Film show at the Lawnswood 'Winning Ain't Easy'  
Appointment at Penham'  
a small charge will be demanded as you enter, and remember its  
always more for none-members.
- January 15th.....Indoor Rally at the Duke of Wellington
- January 22nd.....Noggin at the Castle Inn ,Spofforth.
- January 25th.....Trackrod Annual Dinner Dance at the Mercury Motor Inn.
- January 29th.....Shoulder of Mutton, Kirkby Overblow.
- February 5th .....Film show at the Square and Compass, North Ripton.
- February 12th.....Another of those super Scalextric evenings at the Lawnswood.

## SAC'S PIECE

Happy New Year to all club members, their families and friends, as we have now entered a new decade, the 1980's and lets all hope that Trackrod M.C. Ltd. continues to go from strength to strength in the next ten years. Whilst on this happy note, may I just inform you all for the last time that subscriptions are now due and this will be the last magazine you will receive unless you have renewed your membership, so to save missing one of these important issues please contact Julie C.P. A.S.A.P. with your 'application membership form' and the appropriate fee. There should be a form on the back of this magazine and also there was one on the December issue but if you have lost both there are still plenty more (see Julie) so there's no excuse (even Mr. Parkin and I have filled one in - should make interesting reading)

So into some of the past events, starting where I left off last month, the results of the Slaithwaite PCT - the event was cancelled due to the soggy conditions I believe. On to the 24/25th November Lindholme Rally which I know nothing about and no info seems forthcoming. The Hall Trophy ANCC Rally, Beaver Rally and Bullough Trophy Rally were all run on the same night 1/2nd December. On the Hall Trophy, Ken Goodall managed a creditable 3rd overall and Mike Watkins, ably navigated by Nick Leuchars an equally creditable 5th overall. The Beaver Rally also saw Trackrod crews out in action in the form of Roger Jackson who finished a great 5th overall and Chris Miller 20th, but John Bean had an off and I don't think he finished in time. I think you will agree with me that with results like these on rallies we're still a club to be reckoned with. Lets see some more new faces and keep up this good work in the 80's. The Bullough Trophy Rally - I have no reports for this.

On the same Sunday was Ilkley & DMC ANCC PCT - a well organised event as usual for this club. Ronnie Moore lost the Newcomers trophy to A.N. Other but only by a small margin, and I have been told Harry Tregonza blew his Diff (not surprising with the amount of lead he carries). So, on to the De Lacy MC ANCC Seven Dales Rally which I have been told was a complete fiasco from start to finish due to timing. On the same Saturday was Trackrods Christmas party at Cookridge which I was unable to attend and by the sound of it so did a lot of other Club members as it was very poorly attended. Moving quickly on to the Boxing day autotest at the Crest for which 11 competitors turned out. Graeme Bradford took his first FTD of the season leaving Ed to a 1st in class due to a washout on test 4. Sue Broadbelt, the only lady competitor was out collecting points and enjoying herself to boot. Ken Goodall took 1st in class 2, Paul Glover 2nd and Alan Powell 3rd on his new mount. J. Mason in Alan's old mount was certainly getting to grips with his Diff, and watch out all the other big Escorts as he will soon be a force to be reckoned with.

So winding up, I wish you all luck in the 80's and if anyone wishes to buy my N.S. 2000, she's for sale, just contact me and you never know - she could be yours for the 80's

Ron Mac (Hon Soc)



R.A.C. RALLY 1979  
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by Alex Jackson

I spent this season competing in the Group One section of the Castrol Autosport National Rally Championship in Kadett GTE after a 6 year lay off!! This was the first time I had ever tackled a rally championship seriously and also been prepared to drive on the pace without actually approaching 'the brains out' attitude required to win, the season finished with the winning of the Opel Goodyear Trade Awards and fifth place, (also worth a cash award) secured and could not be improved upon before the last round the Bovis. Unfortunately it is disappointing to admit that the first round the Gwynedd was the most satisfying result! We beat all those that finished ahead of us in the Championship except Ivor Clark - beginners luck!!

There was no point in risking the Bovis with nothing to be gained or lost so the entry was withdrawn to concentrate on the R.A.C.

A.G.J. Motors for Opel had a trade team of three entries. Group 1 Opel Kadetts for John Gill at 112 myself and Dave Orrick at 124 and a group 2 car for the Managing Director of Tong Park Automotive (home of Dealer Opel Team) John Handley (A video film of these exploits is available by popular request produced by Vintage T.V. at Halifax).

The tactics were to get the three team cars to the finish in respectable time without taking silly chances. Unfortunately John Gill, whilst travelling at a competitive speed left the road in Keilder and was unable to regain the track before going OTL. A pity really as the only other team, Withers of Winsford, although more competitive lost George Hill with a serious mechanical failure. (this trade team award had been there for the taking)!

I had tackled the 'Stately Homes' and Yorkshire stages perhaps a little too slowly, Keilder came up in the early day light hours of Monday and it was again a question of taking it steady. I was selecting as higher gear as possible to avoid the wash boarding effect, in fact speeds of 40 and 50 mph were being driven in 5th gear. I would liked to have been on 'Hackers' for the batch of ice and snow Keilder stages, but we tried them on the Southern Scottish stages and did we see any snow?

The Lake district came up next and unfortunately it took 22 minutes to go through the 9 minute stage of Comb. The car had spluttered to a halt 400 yards from the stage start line from what was originally thought to be a broken throttle cable, next a terminal for injection fault, till finally I found a loose wire which turned out to be the earth lead on the fuel injection. It wasn't until later that we realised there were no stage maximum times and as a result of a slow special craft road penalties could also be incurred. The R.A.C. promised to provide maximum times to the National Press after the event but these failed to materialise.

The foggy run back to the overnight halt at Chester was not improved by the fact that our exhaust was breaking by the join with the manifold. There was no chance of fixing this in the dark, so it was scheduled to be fixed straight after the restart.

An escort through Chester town centre to the local Opel Dealers S.G. Love was planned and despite ideal facilities in a workshop it took one hour and ten minutes to do a job which should have taken twenty minutes, the specially made down pipe would not fit! We must have been nearly OTL but some driving through fog at speeds not far short of the car's maximum meant we arrived at Weston Park only 20 minutes late, with ten in hand before penalties.

We got within  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile of Ceri to find the route blocked by cars parked on the left and spectators attempting to leave against rally traffic, all on a single track road. But for the help of Chris Moss (formerly of Rally Sport) controlling this traffic we may never have got through. Certainly some unpredictable words were shouted by me at the spectators attempting to leave. The Tuesday night through Wales was a rally in itself. The road sections being extremely icy and visibility considerably impaired by fog. A delay in excess of 15 minutes caused by a mistake in the road book added to the excitement, culminating in an AutoBianchi leaving the road on a tight 90 left and nearly rolling down a bank just in front of us. He was obviously going too quickly as I felt we were just safe with Dave reading the bends off the O.S. map. According to Brian Culcheth a Toyota had actually rolled at the same spot. Incidentally the only damage Brian's car sustained was a result of having to brake on a road section and to quote him:-

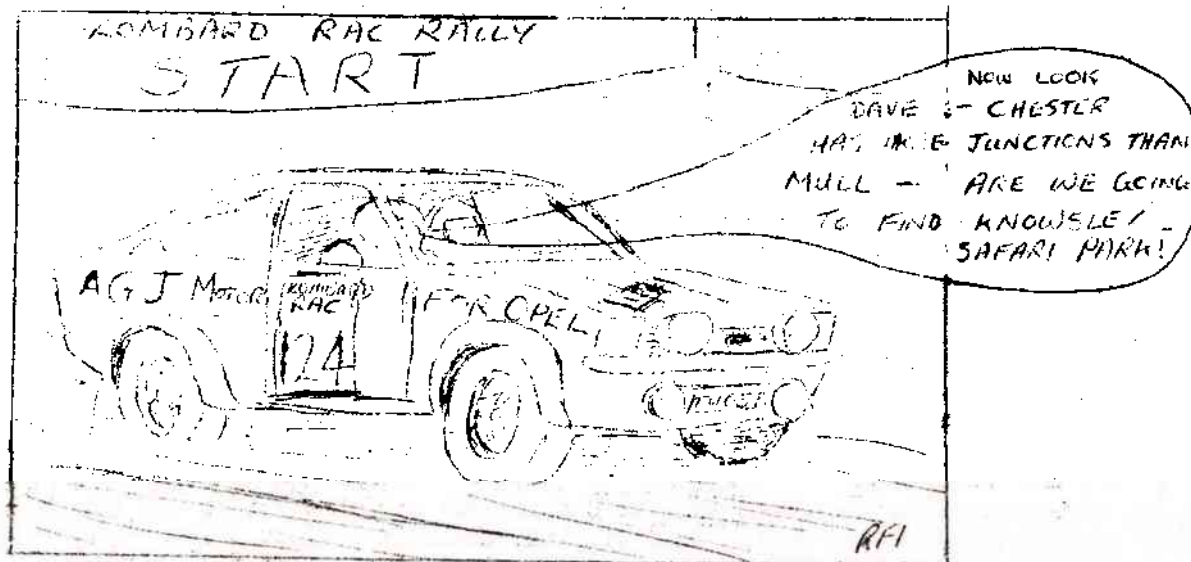
"Graham Elsmore travelling behind with his brain in neutral ran into the back"

On the opposite side to the Devils Staircase the road was blocked by the spectators cars, the only route being through a lay-by and along a grass verge. The road was almost all sheet ice and once again despite the early hours of Wednesday spectators cars were once again holding up proceedings.

The last day was spent driving at 7 tenths but concentrating on reading the bends for future reference when they are tackled at 10 tenths. The remainder of the route was undertaken without incident and it was a great relief to get back to Chester having completed another RAC Rally.

Champagne was ordered by the Service Crew and my Tea total stint since 13th July 1978 was aptly broken.

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ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

This year's Dinner Dance is to be held on Friday 25th January at the Mercury Inn, Garferth.

Tickets are on sale from any Committee member at a price of £6.50, tickets cannot be given before money is received. Please purchase as soon as possible to ensure your place.

## TROPHY POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

You must have full membership of Trackrod Motor Club Ltd., to qualify for any Trackrod award.

For claiming points results must be in to the trophy points secretary within one month of their publication.

### Rally & Speed Shop Trophy, Autotests      Donor Mr. & Mrs. White

Only Trackrod events to count for this trophy.

Scoring as follows:

Fastest time of the day	11	points
1st in each class	10	"
Down to 5th in class	6	"
All other finishers	5	"
All none finishers	3	"

### P.C.T. Trophy      Donor Mr. & Mrs. Dickinson

#### Driver Only

Only Trackrod events to count for this trophy.

Scoring same as Rally & Speed Autotest trophy system.

#### Marshals Trophy

Every event you marshal on, rallies, autotests, P.C.T.'s etc. you score 5 points.

#### Service Crew Award

Servicing on any rally scores 5 points for each rally whether restricted, national or international.

### Trackrod Trophy      All Round Club Member      Donor Mr. J. Wilson

Only Trackrod Motor Club organised events to count for this award.

These score as follows:

Autotests      Driver 5 points for every event.

P.C.T.      Driver and passenger 5 points for each event

Marshaling      5 points every event for all including Clerk of the Course, Secretary of the Meeting and Chief Marshal.

Organising events      15 points for all events.

Rallies      Just Trackrod events to count.  
Scoring the same as F.B.B. Trophy system.

Other Events.      i.e. Sportonoggins, Economy Run, Treasure Hunts and Indoor Rallies, driver and passenger both score 5 points each and all non finishers of any event 3 points.

### F.S.B. Rally Driver      Donor Frank Stuart-Brown F.S.B. Rally Navigator

Both score equal points within their relevant sections. All road and stage rallies score for these trophies, the best 8 scores to count which may include maximum of 2 nationals or 1 international.

### Eligibility

To claim points competitors must enter under Trackrod Motor Club or entrant Team Trackrod.

### Closed/Joint or Restricted Rallies

Scores as follows:

Overall position if in top 5  
1st overall 20 points  
down to 5th overall 16 points  
After this scores go on class position.  
1st in class 15 points  
down to 10th in class 6 points  
all other finishers 5 points  
all none finishers 3 points

### National Rallies

Scores as follows:

1st overall 25 points  
down to 5th overall 21 points  
1st inclass 20 points  
down to 10th in class 11 points.  
all other finishers 10 points  
all none finishers 5 points.

### International Rallies

Scores as follows:

1st overall 35 points  
down to 5th overall 31 points  
1st in class 30 points  
down to 10th in class 16 points  
all other finishers 15 points  
all none finishers 10 points

Arnold G. Wilson  
Rally Navigator

A.N.C.C. Rally Driver  
A.M.C.C. RallyNavigator

Donor J. W. Wilson  
Donor R. A. Dickinson

Both score equal points within their relevant sections, only ANCC Rally Championship events to count, best 6 scores to go forward for relevant trophy.

Classes will be stated i.e. Expert/Semi Expert or Novice and not capacity unless CC classes are stated.

Eligibility To claim points competitors must enter under Trackrod Motor Club or Team Trackrod.

Scoring will be as follows: As a percentage of the number of competitors you have beaten in your individual class e.g. 4th in class and 30 starters in class, therefore you have beaten 26 competitors, so your score is

$$\frac{26}{30} \times \frac{100}{1} = 86.6\% + 5 \text{ for starting} = 91.6\%$$

All none finishers score 3 points.

### Shell League Trophy

All Shell League events to count, scoring is the same system as ANCC rallies on percentage in class.

### OFF Road Events Trophy

Events to count for this trophy are autotests, PCT's, Hill Climbs, Sprints and Rally Cross. These events have to be organised by clubs other than Trackrod M.C.



Off road events contd.

Scoring same system as ANCC Rallies on percentage in class.

Lloys Special Stage Rally Trophy      Donor Mr. & Mrs. S. Lloyd

Only Special Stage Rally events to count.

Awarded to the driver who scores highest number of points on special stage events. Best 8 events to count. Points score same as ANCC Rallies system.

SPY 44 Trophy      Donor Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Jackson

All round competitor.

Eligibility: Competitors must be entered under Trackrod M.C. or Team Trackrod. All events to count except ones organised by Trackrod M.C.

Events to count: Autotest (Driver) Rally Cross (Driver) Sprints (Driver) P.C.T. (Driver) Hill Climbs (Driver) Rallies (Driver/Navigator).

Best 5 events to count with minimum of 3 types of motorsport (as above). Competitions to be organised by clubs other than Trackrod.

Scores based on ANCC Rallies system.

Mrs. Newman Trophy      Donor Mrs. Newman

All round lady member

Highest scoring lady member in the Trackrod Trophy.

Ladies Challenge Cup      Donor C. J. & D. W. Taylor

Best lady competitor

To be awarded to the best lady competitor. All events to count. P.C.T. Rallies both driver and navigator, autotests etc.

Myers Memorial Trophy      Donor Philip Myers

Best Novice Award

Awarded to the most successful competitive newcomer to Motor Sport over the year. All nominees will be looked at through the year and the Committee will decide who will have the award.

Ronnie Moore

Trophy Points Secretary

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Well, what can one say— ?????!!!!

The Cookridge Village Hall heating boiler had a heart attack the day before our event and couldn't be repaired for our "do".

Gez Water's disco (hired for the night) proved to have a major malfunction, which was overcome in part (only one deck playing) and was quite satisfactory.

The main ingredient, people (YOU) were largely missing - where were you all?? You can't all have been out on the 7 Dales.

All the ingredients were there and after a few proverbial bombs were dropped behind those who did attend it actually got going, once on the move you couldn't tell the heating wasn't on. The food was plentiful and good and all the activity was interspersed with some good games and an abortive attempt to publicly de-bag the Chairman.

In all a good do that could easily have been terrific had you all turned up!!!

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NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members, we trust that their association with the club will be one which is long and happy:-

- Miss N. S. Firth, The Boct & Shree Inn, Tockwith, York
- Mr. Ian Milburn, 30 Rakehill Road, Scholes, Leeds
- Mr. John Mason, 1 Nook Road, Scholes, Leeds
- Mrs. M. E. Roughton, 46 Plantation Gardens, Leeds LS17 8SX
- Mr. Nick Reynolds, 5 The Avenue, Harewood, Leeds

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INDOOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1

The first round was held on 18th December at the Duke of Wellington, East Keswick. The results were as follows:

1st	Mick Robson & Gerald Tumber	31
2nd	John Bean and Jim Thirsk	28
3rd	Gez Waters & Vince Fletcher	10
4th	John Westmoreland	5
5th	Dave & Denise Sayers	-3

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INDOOR RALLY

The following persons are involved in the organisation of our Indoor Rally Championship rounds - please note the maps to be used for each event:

- 15th January - Tony Longstaff Map 99
- 19th February - Nick Leuchars Map 100
- 18th March - Jack Coulthard T.B.A.

## A.N.C.C. AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP 1980

For those of you that are interested in this branch of our sport, the A.N.C.C. Autotest Championship for 1980 is again to be supported by the Yorkshire Bank.

The calendar has been finalised as follows:

27th April	- Bolton Le Moors C.C.	(Also BTRDA event)
11th May	- Y.S.C.C.	(Also Shell League event)
18th May	- Ilkley & D.M.C.	
8th June	- Lancashire & Cheshire C.C.	
15th June	- De Lacy M.C.	
29th June	- Trackrod M.C.	(Also Shell League event)
6th July	- Airedale & Pennine M.C.	(Also B.T.R.D.A. event)
20th July	- Wakefield & D.M.S.C.	
10th August	- York M.C.	(Also Shell League event)
14th Sept.	- High Moor M.C.	
26th October	- North Humberside M.C.	
Nov.	- Matlock & D.M.C.	

Only 12 events this year, the best 8 results counting towards the Championship. There have been a couple of other significant changes in that scoring is now on the same basis as the Shell League and that sports cars are now in a separate class, not in with the big Minis.

Anyone requiring regulations for the Championship should find a copy on the Club Notice Board, or from myself.

### RICHARD INESON

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### GOSSIP COLUMN

No sooner had I declared that Nick Leuchars had acquired an MG Midget than I find he now has a Triumph 1500 (front wheel drive variety) - now there is a funny car!! and the Midget is now for sale - at a price.

15th December it was publicly announced that Ian Gurnett and Pauline Phillips have become engaged!! It was also the lovely lady's birthday, so congratulations to you both and a belated Happy Birthday Pauline. Maybe on the big day they'll blow a Magnum of one sort or another!

John Henry, one time 1000 Lakes Rally Driver, recently went out on the town to the Draganara Hotel in Leeds to attend an Xmas bunfight for local building firms. On sale were raffle tickets at £1.00 each and John actually bought 1 - now and behold, he won first prize which was nothing less than a 10 day trip to the U.S. of A for one, can't be bad. Some people fall in the s...t and come up smelling of roses!!

Another lucky fella is Ronnie Moore who lost his wallet whilst marshalling on the R.A.C. stage at Boltby - Ronnie with long face went home and returned the next day and found it, exit Ronnie, this time all smiles!

Ronnie Mackinnon has been expressing an interest in Nick Leuchars Midget for his autotest car in 1980, though at the time of writing the only thing stopped the deal being clinched was the variance in the Offer and asking price!!

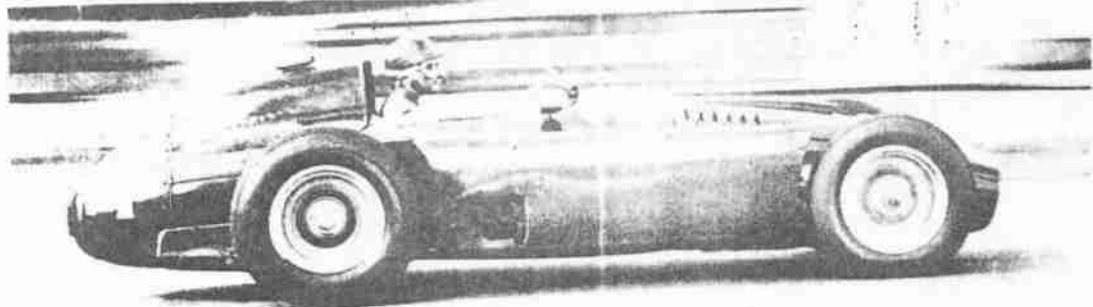
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↑ YES, WE'VE ALL SEEN IT BEFORE, BUT IT IS A SUPERB ACTION SHOT OF WALDEGARD ISN'T IT!

↓ 5 TIMES WORLD CHAMPION, FANGIO IN A SUPERSQUALO FERRARI



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