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EDITORIAL

Having just returned from holiday I find myself somewhat out of touch with club happenings. I can only assume, for instance, that the Lookout Rally was the resounding success it deserved to be, which should of course, apply to all our events. We recently cancelled, due to lack of entries, a PCT which was organised by Andrew Roddy and in view of the venue difficulty we experience with this type of event, one wonders whether we should promote any more at all, apart from our ANCC event once a year!!! However, Brian Wainwright is to have another shot at organising one such event, though this is to be our clubnight affair (see future events competitive) let us see how many turn up for that!! Do any of our members have any views on the promotion of our events?????? please try to support those who are prepared to put in the necessary effort.

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FUTURE EVENTS COMPETITIVE

- 8th June, 1980 - Lancs. & Cheshire C.C. ANCC Autotest at the Birch Service Area on the M62 Eastbound. Regs on notice board.
- 14th/15th June, 1980 - Reckitts M.C. Cossack Rally, Maps 100/101/106/107 road/stages (2) ANCC event. (at the time of writing the date was correct but it may change)
- 15th June, 1980 - De Lacy M.C. ANCC Autotest - regs should be out by the time you read this.
- 17th June, 1980 - Round 3 of the Treasure Hunt Championship by Mike Robson, Start and finish at the Castle, Spofforth. Map 104 required. starting between 7.00 and 8.00 pm.
- 21st/22nd June, 1980 - Sheffield & Hallmshire M.C. Rally of the Dams. Maps 110 and 111.
- 22nd June, 1980 - Ilkley & D.M.C. PCT (R) Regs in due course.
- 28th/29th June, 1980 - Morecambe C.C. Road Rally ANCC qualifier.
- 29th June, 1980 - Trackrod M.C. June Jesters Autotest, sponsored by Monroe Shock Absorbers at Acaster airfield. Shell League and ANCC.
- 8th July, 1980 - Trackrod clubnight PCT at Stubbings Farm, Otley Chevin, Organiser Brian Wainwright watch the notice board forregs. Pub to be advised.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

June 10th.....Waternoggin night. If you want to join in the fun report to the river Wharfe at Otley at Wharfemeadows Park at 7.00 o'clock. If you really want to get into the spirit of the thing bring along your swimwear and a towel. Afterwards we all congregate at the Lawnswood Arms to quench our thirst!

June 17th.....A treasure hunt which starts and finishes at the Castle at Spofforth. Be there early so that you'll be sure to have time to find all the clues. Start between 7.00 and 8.00 pm Map 104 required.

June 24th.....A normal noggin and natter at the Shoulder of Mutton at Kirkby Overblow.

July 1st.....Square and Compass, North Rigton

July 8th.....Trackrod PCT at Stubbings Farm, pub venue to be given later, see next months mag and the notice board.

July 15th.....Another treasure hunt, organised by Team Shoestring They'll tell you where it starts and it finishes at the Sun Inn up near Fewston. MR to follow next month.

July 22nd.....Sportnoggin organised by Team MacKinnon at the Fox and Grapes on the A 64.

July 29th.....Economy run organised by Derek Lee, more details to follow.

August 5th.....Square and Compass, North Rigton.

August 12th.....Ladies Autotest at the Fox and Grapes organised by David Taylor.

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AN INVITATION TO YOU.....

We would like to invite about 50 members of Trackrod Motor Club out for lunch. We are doing this to show our appreciation to you for your help, and assistance, as a marshal or an official. It does not matter whether you are male, female, young or old, married or single, you will still qualify. Why not bring a friend or relation, they will be most welcome. Invitations will be accepted on a basis of first come, first served, so get your name in quick. The date for your lunch on us is Sunday 29th June, 1980 and the venue for your lunch on us is at Acaster Malbis near York. To confirm your lunch on us, please contact your hosts for the day, they are:- John Westmoreland Tel. Tadcaster 833064 and Hugh Mantle Tel. Boston Spa 842367. Give either of them a ring at home or see them at any club night, they will both look forward to the pleasure of your company.

There is just one tiny qualification that you will need to have and that is to marshal on the Monroe June Jesters Autotest '80' before and after.

SHELL LEAGUE AUTOTEST 11th MAY, 1980

BINGLEY CAR PARK

The day was sunny, the ground dry and for only the second time this year I had a choice for the team. Six members in all had entrys and they were Graeme Bradford and Derek Lee in class 1, Glen Cox in class 2, myself in class 3 and Brian Wainwright and Ronnie Mackinnon in class 5. The choice was between Derek Lee and Brian Wainwright, Derek had come straight from the finish of the Barratt Oak Rally and Brian is growing keener on Autotests and improving all the time. The choice was finally made in Derek's favour in that his was the larger class and there was a good chance of more points.

There were three lots of four tests in the morning and three lots of four in the afternoon with one long one as a tie decider, which made 25 in all. The very first round in the morning saw disaster strike with half the team hitting bollards and at plus 10 a time things looked black. On the second lot of tests the same happened, Graeme had lost 30 seconds Derek 30, Glen 20 and Ronnie 10 and myself 10, so it was going to be an uphill effort. Graeme started to get in to the swing and started fighting back from 11th as did Derek who was in 15th place, Glen was in 5th place. I was in 2nd place and Brian was the only one going well having not had a bollard and was lying very respectably in 4th in a very competitive class and Ronnie was in 4th so the fight was on.

The tests were all very good and the tarmac very sticky, in fact a light weight mini fell over and only lost 10 seconds as the marshalls were very quick in putting him right.

By the end of the day Graeme had pulled back up to 5th in class beating Mr. Goodlad on the very last test out of 6th place. Derek had moved up to 13th in class, Glen finished 4th, Brian had slipped to 7th and Ronnie was still in 4th after an all out effort in the afternoon having dropped 20 seconds in the morning with the winner only being 12 seconds in front, I finished up 2nd only 83 seconds behind Chris Cotton the ex Dawson Datsun machine really moving, but I was one minute in front of the next man!!

League Points

G. Bradford	71.6
D. Lee	18.3
G. Cox	38.3
R. Mackinnon	55.00
J. Renny	86.8

My thanks to Brian Wainwright and the team for turning out for an excellent days sport.

SHELL LEAGUE P.C.T. 18th May

This P.C.T. was organised by Sheffield & Hallamshire and once again Trackrod had a magnificent turn out to help in the Shell League Championship. I know it was the Lookout the previous night but two members in total. I give in!!! both of whom were out marshalling on the afore mentioned event.

Anyway it was an excellent event and apart from two mistakes by Ronnie Moore and myself I think we put up a good show for ourselves. Ronnie finished 5th in class and I finished 10th in class in a class of 28.

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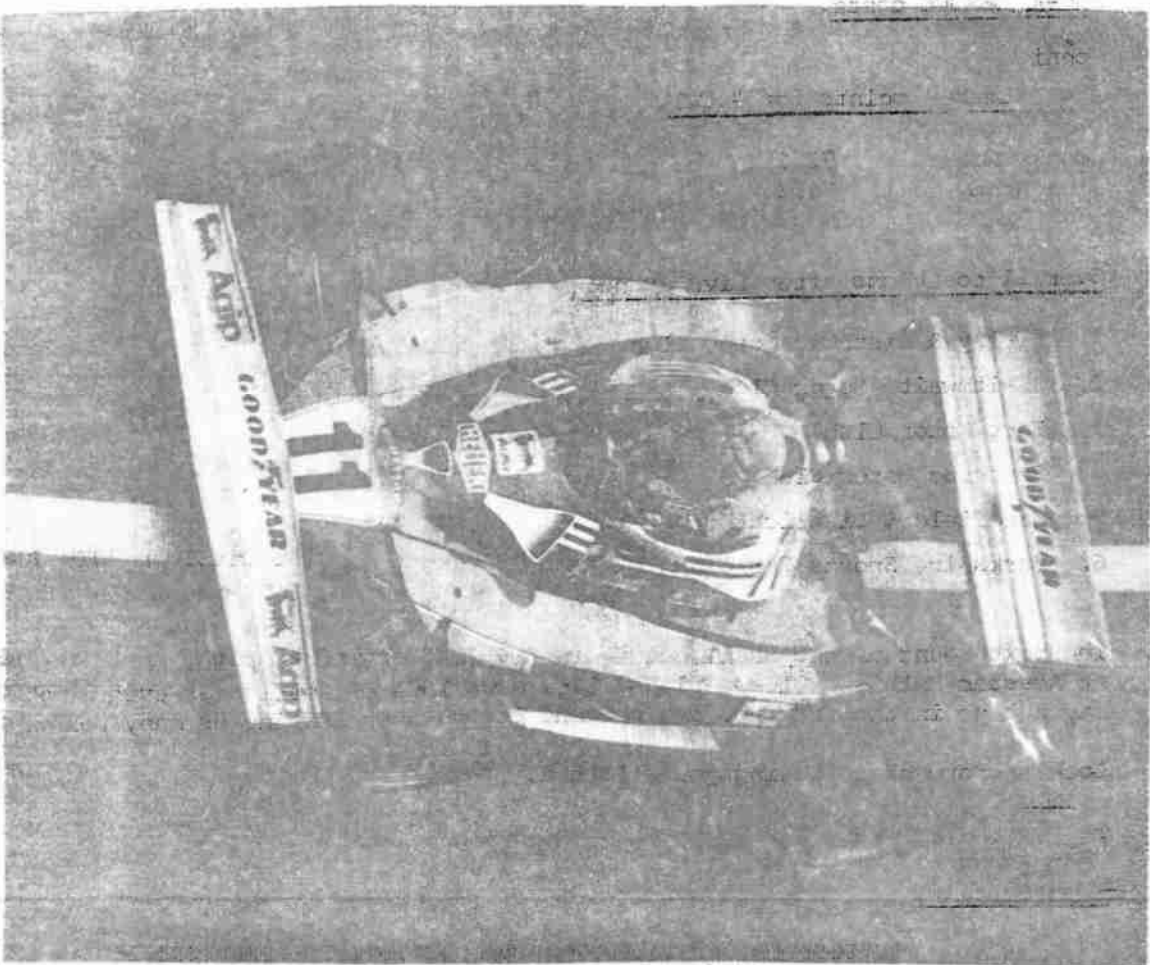
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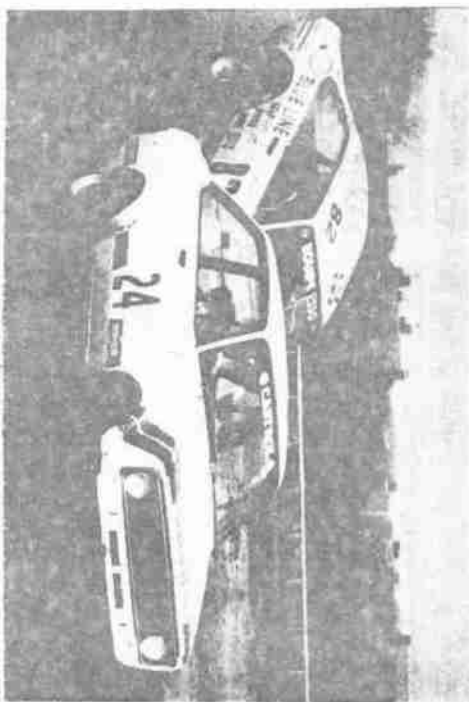
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↑ NIKI LAUDA AT HIS BEST - IN A FERRARI



↑ CAN ANY OF YOU RALLY MEN TELL THE EDITOR WHO THIS IS AND WHICH EVENT? - NO PRIZES IF YOU'RE RIGHT!!



↑ 6-WHEELED ESCORT THAT BENDS IN THE MIDDLE!! - DON'T THEY ALL???

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