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Ronnie Moore
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EDITORIAL

I feel I must apologise to our devoted readers this month for the lack of content of the June issue. The whole thing was produced in less than a week and in the rush a few contributors were, unfortunately, omitted. To those contributors I sincerely apologise - your handiwork appears this month along with further material which, I hope, will restore the content of the magazine to it's former glory. To those of you who don't/Can't read the written word you won't even tell the difference!!!

Perhaps the time is opportune to remind our membership that the magazine is distributed/available for personal collection, on the first Tuesday meeting of every month and those not collected are distributed via the good offices of the G.P.O. I remind you of this should you feel you wish to help keep down the level of club expenditure on postage - the fact that it will probably cost you a couple of quid in petrol and beer is totally irrelevant - just think of the magnificent company you will be in - you might even get the chance of road testing one of the ultra rapid bar stools at the Square and Compass!!!

Finally this month, the Annual General Meeting is looming on the horizon and with this issue is a Committee nomination form which should be completed and returned to the Secretary, Ron Mackinnon, by 15th July, (21 days before the A.G.M. on the 5th August, 1980 at the Square and Compass 8.00 pm)

There have been requests for an open forum, but as the A.G.M. is so near it would seem better to combine the two events - the A.G.M. - the A.G.M. has that well known subject on the agenda A.O.B. and you are free to air your views under this heading, and you can have a go at everybody - the new Committee and the old one.??!!

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FUTURE EVENTS (COMPETITIVE)

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| 8th July, 1980 | - TRACKROD clubnight P.C.T. at Stubbings Farm Otley Chevin to be organised by Brian Wainwright, regs out soon so watch the notice board. Afterwards for results & pints at the Black Horse, Askwith. |
| 12th/13th July, 1980 | - Slaithwaite M.C. Summer Wine Novice Rally, Map 110, 110 miles starting from Rockwood Garage, Lepton, Huddersfield 23.30 hrs. |
| 13th July, 1980 | - Airedale & Pennine M.C. ANCC/RAC/BTRDA Mintex Autotest at Hartshead Moor Services M.62, first test 10.30 am - should be good. |
| 15th July, 1980 | - Treasure Hunt organised by Team Shoestring, starting ASDA car park, Holt Park, Adel, Leeds 16 and finishing at the Sun Inn, Norwood Edge |

FUTURE EVENTS COMPETITIVE contd.

- 20th July, 1980 - Wakefield & DMC ANCC Autotest regs should be available by the time you read this.
- 22nd July, 1980 - Trackrod Sportonoggin at the Fox and Grapes, York Road.
- 26th/27th July, 1980 - Wakefield & DMC Calderford Trophy Rally, ANCC Motoring News/BTRDA event.
- 29th July, 1980 - Trackrod Economy Run organised by Derek Lee and starting from Leafield Filling Station, Yeadon (104 - 1984411)
- 2nd/3rd August, 1980 - Ripon MSC St. Wilfred's Rally Novice event on map 99.
- 9th/10th August, 1980 - Kirby Lonsdale M.C. Devil's Own, Rally, ANCC regs soon watch the notice board.
- 10th August, 1980 - York MC Shell League ANCC Autotest, team of 5 required, regs from John Renny in due course.
- 17th August, 1980 - Trackrod M.C. Wharfedale PCT at Stump Cross Caverns also the Grand Trackrod Picnic, it will be fine then!
- 24th August, 1980 - Huddersfield M.C. Restricted Autotest regs soon maybe??
- 6th/7th September, 1980 - 62 CC Sunrise Rally - Trackrod co-promoting. Maps 94 and 107.
- 7th September, 1980 - Slaithwaite M.C. Restricted Autotest, regs soon.
- 7th September, 1980 - Knutsford M.C. ANCC PCT Ronnie Moore will have details soon.
- 13th/14th September, 1980 - Bridlington & DMC C.J. Novice Rally Maps 100, 101, 106, 107.
- 27th/28th September, 1980 - Bolton Midnight Rally, Maps 90, 91, 97, 98, 102, 103 and 108 ANCC and Motoring News event.
- 27th/28th September, 1980 - B.A.R.C. Scarborough Weekend Autotest.
- 28th Septmber, 1980 - Matlock & DMC ANCC P.C.T.

IS THAT ENOUGH TO KEEP YOU ALL GOING !!??

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ON THE COVER

I even forgot this section last month when Keith Bowen/Ronnie Moore featured on our front cover. They were pictured on that famous Safari Rally at Knowsley.

This month we have John Fairweather/Ronnie Moore at Full Sutton on the 1977 Crest Stages Rally (Trackrod's first stage event) The car is an ex-works 1000 cc Clubman which is now owned by club member Tony Longstaff.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- July 8th.....The Black Horse Inn, Askwith, near Otley.
- July 15th.....The Treasure Hunt should lead you to the Sun Inn M.R.104/207538
- July 22nd.....Sportonoggin at the Fox and Grapes, on the York Road.
- July 29th.....After the Economy Run you should go to the Station pub at
M.R. 104/ 205405 between Yeadon and Guiseley
- August 5th.....Its the A.G.M. at the Square and Compass
- August 12th.....Its the Ladies Autotest and its at the Fox and Grapes on the
York Road.
- August 19th.....The Treasure Hunt should bring you to the Black Horse at Askwith
- August 26th.....Shoulder of Mutton Kirkby Overblow.
- September 2nd.....Square and Compass North Ripton
- September 9th.....Beehive at Thorner
- September 16th....Perhaps a Barbeque, details later.

SEC'S PIECE

Well here we are after a pause of 3 months. Hope you all missed me with all the info that's usually available. Firstly I would like to draw to the attention of ALL Trackrod Motor Club members that you will find on the reverse side of this Magazine a nomination form for the nomination of Officers and Committee for the year 1980-81. Please note that only current members may become candidates and only current members may complete the forms and vote. The Annual General Meeting for the Club this year will be held at the Square and Compass, North Ripton on August 5th at 8.00 PROMPT. Some members have shown an interest in having an open Forum, so for those members who wish to make themselves heard there will be an 'Any other Business' at the end of the meeting, so you can ask your questions, say how you like or dislike the way the Club is being run, followed up by how you would change it, and any other Constructive comments. PLEASE NOTE that all A.O.B. items for this meeting must be put into writing and given to me Ron MacKinnon, at least 7 days prior to the A.G.M. This also applies to the nomination forms for all candidates.

Now that we have all the business out of the way I must say that over the past 3 months we haven't had a lot of your support on our own events. Some very disappointing turnouts on Autotests, PCT's (Shell League events too). How do YOU expect to become a winner if you don't practise? I wouldn't pick you for the Shell League team if you had no past form. How does anyone know how good you are unless you show them. Remember PRACTISE MAKES PERFECT. On the same note, has no-one any brains or fun about them any more. Three treasure hunts have been run. Two had only 4 entrants. If you can't drive competitively, then at least have a go at a Treasure Hunt. If you haven't any brains and you can't drive, then why are you paying £4.00 membership to a Motor Club, in fact what are you doing on the public roads?

Moving on to some future events, a grand chance to have a go at a FUN event, July 8th Stubbings Farm, our closed to club PCT, organised by Brian Wainwright. Please lets have a good turnout and not all spectators. The 15th July sees another Treasure Hunt, a round of the MacKinnon Trophy, organised by Team Shoestring and starts at the Asda car park at Adel. See John Renny for further details. July 22nd Lindsay and I organise the Sportonoggin at the Fox and Grapes, 50p to enter. start at 8.30-8.00 July 29th Economy Run organised by Derek Lee. If you're afraid of speed see what M.P.G. your car can do on a 30 mile route. and don't forget the Ladies Autotest on August 12th, That's it for this month, hope all this has sunk in and you'll all be out on more events.

Ron Mac

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR contd.

6. I have consulted professional Motor Car Engineers who tell me that this fault is not as uncommon as your GOSSIP COLUMN tends to imply. Apparently it happens mostly when electrical systems are called upon to deliver more than the manufacturers rate them at and mostly on bumpy roads and bridges which tend to flex the car's body, dislodging insecure or producing high resistance contacts.

I hope you will find it convenient to print some form of apology for any inuendo your 'GOSSIP' may have caused.

Yours faithfully,

J. F. Midgley

(Father and friend of the two who went to the Dales for the weekend)

(Well, er, um, what can one say ???? It is certainly no inconvenience to apologise for any innuendo contained in last month's column and I must offer my sympathies to the car's owner (Mick Ogden) for getting his car damaged whilst on his sick bed and then to the Driver (Martin Midgley) for being the victim of 'Gremlin lights' also to both for suffering the point of my pen!!

The light 'thing' is something other readers must, then, have experienced, there being many cars within the ranks of the club prepared to similar standards. Please let me hear about them, then I, too, will perhaps drive with caution in the dark, always prepared for when my lights go out!!??

Ed).

GOSSIP COLUMN
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The 7th June was a day to remember, Martin Kemp and Rebecca Stoker became Mr. and Mrs. as did former member Steve Rathbone and Jill Naden. The 14th wasn't quite so busy but just as significant - Ian Gurnett and Pauline Phillips also became Mr. & Mrs. (after literally years of planning). Hearty congratulations to all three couples and every best for the future.

The grapevine tells me that Steve and Andrea Mills are going to have an'appy event in early '81 - now you let her get her feet up whenever possible Steve,;

Ken Goodall is again the proud owner of a mint RS2000 which is probably for sale or sold by the time you read this. This marks a temporary (we're told) halt to Ken's competition activities - unless we can coax him out in his new MK1V Cortina.

Your Editor has been spring cleaning and is giving away back issues (to mid 1978) of Trackrod magazine which will be in the vicinity of the notice board at clubnights - will somebody take some please.

Whilst on the subject of waste paper, if anyone is discarding any old motor magazines please contact Ed who will probably take them/some off your hands.

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SLAITHWAITE M.C. AUTOTEST 1st June, 1980

Slaithwaite laid on a superb event at Marshall's (concrete block manufacturers) of Sothowram near Halifax which offered a multitude of test sites/surfaces within the confines of one venue - really superb from both the competitor and spectator view points.

Slaithwaite M.C. Autotest contd.

It was a great pity that only 10, yes 10 entries reported on the day 3 of these being Trackrod in Ed., Graeme Bradford and Mark Tierney (still sporting those treasured 'L' plates).

Things soon got underway and test 2 saw the demise of the Editorial clubman GT with a broken drive shaft - even the local wrecker's could not produce one for us in time - then there were 9.

Graeme was turning in a spectacular performance which was marred by a wrong test, but then one of the remaining hot competition, Peter Iredale (1275 GT) also collected some penalties to make them level pegging again.

Mark also collected a 'wrong test' when his brain suddenly jumped out of gear - exit Mark somewhat baffled!! however, he was not deterred and continued to display the famous enthusiasm and enjoyed himself no end.

Things were getting pretty close, with Gerald Taylor (1275 GT) way out in front but yet another differential breakage on the last test robbed him of a possible best performance award. - as it was, this went to our own Graeme Bradford who pulverised the rest of his class and collected the premiere award on a figure of merit basis - Peter Iredale and Gerald finished just 2/10ths apart after the latter's wash out time on the last test.

Well done G.B.!!!

Many thanks to Slaithwaite M.C. - only sorry the entry was so disappointing - however, we will no doubt be returning to that superb venue at a later date.

ED.

P.S. Since writing this report the 'official' results have been received and it seems the organisers changed their minds and awarded the major award to F.T.D. man Gerald Taylor - tough on G.B. - small consolation to G.T.

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THE LOOKOUT RALLY

Firstly let me apologise for the lateness of this report which was due to circumstances beyond my control.

On 17th May Trackrod M.C. and Postel M.C. ran their annual novice event on maps 105 and 111 and a very good route was the result. The route used sections from the 1978 and 79 routes.

A large number of Trackrod crews turned out, some 11 in all for what promised (and turned out to be) a dry clear night and some fast and furious driving.

A short run out took crews to the first string of controls at Allerton Bywater thus using the yellows via Ledsham with a string of 6 controls to Sherburn in Elmet. After a short respite the action started again north of Sherburn winding back to the B road, then using the yellows down towards Selby then heading north round the back of Wistow to Cawood and home ground for some of us; with a string of 7 controls. By this time most crews had dropped about 7 minutes and P. Halstead and M. Callaghan started to collect a string of fails which was to drop them right down the field.

The first selective start north of Cawood using the B road up to Stilling Fleet with most crews dropping a minute. Selective 2 started north of Stilling Fleet and turning right at Naburn down a very twisty road to Deighton. The next

The Lookout Rally contd.

string of time controls started on the yellow east of Crockey Hill towards Wheldrake, Eskrick and down to Skipwith. TC16 saw G. Tumber and myself drop a minute when the door jammed open and the lower hinge broke. A very long relaxed section took us through Selby to start competitive again east of Selby with loops each side of the main road finishing at Camblesforth. The Sutcliffes us and another crew started this lot together and due to pushing each other hard the Sutcliffes and ourselves missed a ninety right with the other crew just making it, we regained the road very quickly and therefore lost very little time.

Selective 3 started at Camblesforth and ran round to Drax. Gremlins again struck us with the door jamming open again, but was very quickly fixed (must get a safety strap put on) losing us very little time. Selective 4 took us round the yellows to Carlton, where a short run in to halfway and a rest.

Positions at halfway showed that Trackrod crews were well split:

Car 5 R. Jackson/R. Close at 5th
Car 33 G. Tumber/M. Robson at 9th
Car 17 J. Stephenson/J. Bownass at 11th
Car 38 R. Sutcliffe/A. Sutcliffe at 13th
Car 8 G. Waters/V. Fletcher at 20th
Car 40 S. Hofmann/I. Hofmann at 24th
Car 13 G. Mathie/I. Watt at 29th due to retire
Car 6 J. McNichol/R. Hart at 32nd
Car 26 I. Williams/R. Newton at 42nd
Car 19 P. Halstead/M. Callaghan at 44th

A short run out took crews to the start of the second half just south of Rawcliffe on the yellow and with a string of 16 time controls to the finish it promised to be a fast second half. This took us south on Map 111 on the yellows to Fishlake then east to Askern and a short rest. A diversion road closed sign had a few crews guessing and with daylight fast approaching a bit more care was going to be needed. Also by this time the police were out in force and a number of crews dropped time due to being kept to a 30 mph maximum. The route continued to head east towards the A1 then north towards Darrington on map 105. By this time there was 2 of us running on the same minute and due to be joined by another two crews west of Darrington.

The route then crossed from map 105-111 and heading east took us to the last control at Pollington, and with 4 crews running on the same minute the marshals were kept very busy. A quiet run in took us to breakfast at Gyne Country Club, where in due course the results were posted.

Final positions showed that the event had been won by D. Moore/L. Walker Car 22 who dropped a total of 21m 49 sec. 2nd and a member of the team award were the Trackrod crew of R. Jackson/R. Close at 5 on 23m 34 sec.

Other Trackrod positions were:

G. Tumber/M. Robson 8th overall Best Trackrod Award
J. Stephenson/J. Bownass 9th Overall Best Team Award
G. Waters/V. Fletcher 12th Overall Best Team Award
R. Sutcliffe/A. Sutcliffe 14th Overall
S. Hoffmann/I. Hoffmann 19th Overall
J. McNichol/R. Hart 28th Overall
I. Williams/R. Newton 41st Overall
P. Halstead/M. Callaghan 43rd Overall
G. Mathie/I. Watt Retired at halfway

On behalf of the competitors I would like to thank the organisers, marshalls etc. for a good nights sport and the last minute sponsor G. Mathie for making the event possible.

Mike Robson

EQUIPMENT PLEA

The club has recently acquired rented premises for the storage of equipment in order that it is all kept in one place for use by all budding event organisers.

Will anybody who has any item of club equipment please contact me as soon as possible to arrange collection. We need to know urgently what equipment we have, or rather, have not!!! So please check your wardrobes, garages, cars boats, trailers caravans etc. and let me know what you have at any club night or by phone at home Guiseley 75231.

Derek Lee
Equipment Officer

ALL THE FUN OF THE RALLY

The Lookout was, even though only a novice event, better acknowledged than the Costa Di Plenti due mainly I think to less disturbance from the locals and the men in blue.

The weather was with us and most of the 60 crews completed the 150 mile route - all in all a good event.

With our control P.C.4. all crews had a cheery 'good morning' with the exception of the occasional wrong-slot. Car 58 developed a reluctance to re-start after stalling within the confines of our control but a push to somewhere safer until the control had closed allowed repairs to be effected. Usual comment would be harsh and abrupt with local language, but with help and a piece of wire, a happy song and no care for finishing the event in the top 50 the comment came from car 58 that 'It's all the fun of the rally'. He seemed to enjoy it and so did we.

Keith Hunn and Co.

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SHELLSPORT COSTA DI PLENTI RALLY

I would like to offer a belated (whoops - sorry - Ed) thanks to all of you concerned with making this year's Costa a hearty success, for both the Club and the competitors. The event proved that Motoring News rallies can be run, effectively, north of Wales.

The feedback from the competitors about marshaling was very complimentary and encouraging which proves that we have good marshals when they can be dragged from their firesides.

The marshals with whom I have spoken all said how much they enjoyed the event and once again, thanks to you all.

Derek Lee
Chief Marshal

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DINNER DANCE 1980

I still have many photographs from the above. For anyone who would like to compliment their display of awards with a piccy please see me at any clubnight.

Derek Lee.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new/not so new members and trust their association with Trackrod will be one which is long and happy:

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| Peter Collinson | Graham and Julie Balmforth |
| Victor Meek | Ian Williams |
| David Shepherd | Roy Newton |
| Michael Hudson | Ian Bostock |
| Anthony Mitchell | Anthony Cox |
| Stephen Brear | Mick Watkins |
| Steven and Angela Ward | Stephen McKinlay |
| Andrew and Judith Ward | Rodney Mason |
| Ian Fletcher | |

The membership of the club now totals 200

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'HOT GOSSIP'

Just heard the news that there is an engagement bug going round the club. Four couples have announced their engagements within the last couple of weeks. Congratulations and best wishes to you all:

- Martin Midgeley and Caroline
- Bob Stoker and Jane
- Peter Silberberg and Kim
- Martin Miller and Sheila

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TROPHY POINTS 1980

Shell League Trophy

- R. Moore 138.5
- J. Renny 102.7
- D. Lightfoot 102.7
- N. Masterman 102.7
- I. Gurnett 101.6
- J. Coulthard 101.6

Off Road Events

- R. Moore 138.5
- J. Renny 102.7
- R. Mackinnon 55.0
- R. Ineson 45.0
- D. Lee 28.0

Rally & Speed Autotest Trophy

- G. Bradford 31
- R. Ineson 31
- R. Mackinnon 30
- A. Powell 20
- J. Renny 19
- L. Mackinnon 17
- B. Stoker 17

Marshals Trophy

- V. Spurdens 25
- B. Wainwright 20
- B. Dove 20
- 10 members on 15 points
- 70 members on 10 or under

Service Crews Award

- R. Parkin 5
- P. Silberberg 5
- G. Kellett 5
- N. Gledhill 5

P.C.T. Award

No event run yet.

SPY 44 Award

No member qualified as yet.

ANCC Rally Driver

- R. Moran 114.5 2 events
- T. Whittaker 104.1 2 events
- R. Sutcliffe 97.3 1 event
- J. Bean 78.5 1 event
- P. Halstead 47.8 1 event
- A. Larkin 43.2 1 event

ANCC Rally Navigator

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PHOTO PAGE



↑ HEGARTY SEEMS LIKE A GOOD OLD IRISH NAME! — ARI VATANEN LEAPING HIS WAY ROUND GALWAY



← CHRIS FISHWICK OF YORK M.C. ABOUT TO CRASH LAND AND ROLL INTO A BALL DURING A 1960'S AUTOCROSS

↓ GERRY MARSHALL DESTROYING HIS DOLLY SPRINT AT SILVERSTONE 1979 GP MEETING



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