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EDITORIAL

I am sure the greater proportion of you went to school and learnt to write!

Well why don't you put this knowledge into practice and use a pen to write an article (or two) for your magazine.

If it wasn't for the odd one or two regular contributors there just would not be a magazine at all, in fact if I receive the same response next month there won't be!!!

It is no good me naming the members who have promised articles this month and haven't produced them because you are all as bad. What happened to the Sec's Piece, Mr. Silberberg???

On the competition side, I am sure some of you could take a bit more interest it always seems to be the same few members who go out and have a go, be it competing, marshalling or otherwise. After all this is a Motor Club and if you are not interested in the sport, what the hell are you doing in it? It is a pity when a club our size can't even field a team of five on a Shell League round P.C.T..

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FUTURE EVENTS (SOCIAL)

- November 4th - Square & Compass, North Rigton.
- November 11th - Beehive, Thorner (Indoor Rally).
- November 18th - The Crown, Boston Spa.
- November 25th - Shoulder of Mutton, Kirkby Overblow.
- December 2nd - Square & Compass, North Rigton.
- December 9th - The Crown, Boston Spa.
- December 13th - Annual Christmas Party, Cookridge Village Hall, 8.00 until midnight.
- December 16th - Duke of Wellington, East Keswick, Indoor Rally.
- December 23rd - The Castle, Spofforth.
- December 30th - Shoulder of Mutton, Kirkby Overblow.

FUTURE EVENTS (COMPETITIVE)

November, 9th	-	Mazlock & D.M.C. ANCC Autotest.
November, 16th	-	RAC International Rally. We are doing Boltby stage. (see article later).
November, 29th/30th	-	Clitheroe M.C. Hall Trophy. Final round of ANCC Rally Championship.
December, 7th	-	Ilkley & D.M.C. PCT ANCC event.
26th December	-	Trackrod M.C. Boxing Day Autotest.

SUNRISE RALLY

Personal Report by Barry Dove.

After a bad start and almost missing noise check - we arrived at Ganton Service Station on the A64 to find the top seeds were 1. P. Billam/C. Billam 2. R. Jackson/R. Close, 3. C. Penfold/C. Penfold, 4. E. Ward/R. Hull, 5. M. Kent/D. A. Carnforth.

Our start No. was 10 and the first time out with Richard Moran was to prove eventful if not fruitful.

A short run out to SS1 just outside Weaverthorpe began our first undoing. The road book said 'extreme care' at 101/961663 as we were pulled by a man in blue who informed us (via his camera) that we were exceeding the speed limit and to back off somewhat - which incidentally did little for our time on Selective 1!

SS2 began just outside Snainton which skirted Wykeham Forest and saw the demise of Car 5 and the Mini of S. Clarke and S. Coates.

SS3 ran through Broxa Forest to the not as map junction at 965945 which had several crews touring the car park. We found the quickest route by chance but John Mason and Judith Flavell retired in Broxa with exhaust problems. We proved to be 7th fastest having assumed he had a puncture, only to find it was an extremely loose surface and too much power. Roger Jackson and Roger Close found this selective to be an absolute handful, getting hopelessly lost, but were to improve later.

Back on to the A71 and TC4 and into the halfway at the Flask Inn which was welcome to most crews and included a quick chat with John Richardson who seemed as optimistic as ever and explained the junction in Broxa Forest with great delight.

Lateness being pulled back, the second half began with a quick thrash over Fyling Park where most crews dropped three or four minutes, giving rise to a suspect clock. A wrong slot towards TC8 after the navigator had ignored the plotted route and the driver had ignored the spectators! on a tighter than 90 left at 94/8921064 then along run down the A64 towards Goathland Moor and in to SS4. The fastest time again taken by car no. 1 but which

included the long yellow over High Moor down to the hairpins and back out over Wheeldale to finish on the white in Cropton. SS5 started south of Staipe to a not as map junction and tricky white 94/799911½ through towards Cropton village and on to a white 6ft deep in grass to SS6 skirting Cropton Forest and over Glaisdale Moor which proved not as map.

Trackrod crews still in the running were R. Jackson/R. Close, R. Moran/B. Dove, Sutcliffe brothers (who went OTL on this selective) G. Tumber/M. Robson, P May /M. Swallow, J. McNichol/I. Bostock.

Into the final selective over Danby High Moor where a wrong slot again cost us several minutes but also included PC's just south of Dibble Bridge? on a triangle which most crews failed to get. Although easily seen on the maps was very difficult to find and resulted in fails for most crews including ourselves. Fastest time again taken by Car 1 with T. Shields and S. Morton as second fastest - and lastly to a quick thrash over Moorsholm Moor to TC10 and on to the A171 through a second noise check and on to the finish at Scaling Dam.

After an attempt to eliminate PC8 for direction discrepancy, final results were posted as:-

1st overall	Car 1.	Billam/Billam
2nd	Car	Shields/Morton
3rd	Car	Corner/Corner
4th	Car 2.	Jackson/Close

Richard and Barry finished a disappointing 19th overall mainly due to navigator trouble!!! Tumber and Robson were 29th overall, May and Swallow 23rd, McNichol and Bostock 30th, but there was some consolation in the fact that we took the team award with Roger Jackson and John McNichol.

A very enjoyable event with an excellent route and some silly mistakes on my behalf. Cheers Richard.

Barry Dove.

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MULL 1980

Much has been written and said about the Island of Mull but for those of you who do not know, Mull is a beautiful Hebridean Island just off the West coast of Scotland, near Oban.

I paid my first visit in 1971 with Nigel Drayton, travelling overnight on the Friday and returning early Monday morning and was immediately hooked. In those days we stayed in bed and breakfast accommodation, knew few people and were thrown out of a local Inn at 10 p.m. by the very effective method of turning out all the lights and opening the doors.

Subsequent visits allowed us to meet some of the locals. On one occasion we were given a bottle of Whisky (in a Bells bottle but the contents were unmistakably pure malt!!!) whilst being drenched manning the TC in Dervaig.

In 1974 we met up with some Trackrod members and were invited to a party. - those of you who were there will doubtless remember the Whisky in the milk - great on cornflakes the morning after and cries of Arsenal from behind the couch.

The following year, after acquiring a Mexico engined Mk I Cortina, Richard Spurdens and I decided to tackle the event and, although we nearly wrecked the car managed to finish 28th without the benefit of the, new near obligatory pace notes. The wrecking of the car brought us in contact with Duncan McGilp in Tobermory who worked for several hours with us on the Saturday evening and provided welding and other facilities (much required since both front struts had decided to part company with the shell) for the princely sum of £1 - I have been indebted to him ever since.

By this time, having joined Trackrod M.C. and been landed with the job of Secretary, accommodation for more and more people was required and in 1976 we took over the Rock Hotel in Salen - the owner having fled the premises preferring to live in the adjacent caravan. Subsequent years saw two 'chalets' built on the pier in Salen, these and three other cottages were immediately earmarked for us and together with a farmhouse and annex just outside Salen accommodated over 70 members and friends in 1979. Our sign 'TRACKRODSVILLE' hung under the official Salen sign remained for some nine months before the wind and weather finally tore it off the post and although broken was still visible this year.

Brian's bend, Graeme's gate, Ronnies rock and I suppose after this year - Rod's Rum! will all mean something to somebody - full suitably exaggerated details may be obtained from the author by taking the appropriate measures from the optic.

Well, what of this years rally - rather fewer people (only fifty) exceedingly wet weather and high winds did not spoil our enjoyment, the Glenforsa Hotel, now our headquarters opened its door from 11. a.m. till 7. a.m. the following morning and those who stayed the course were treated to the now traditional ice bucket toasted sandwiches and suitable entertainment.

The rally itself - remember the rally - well for the first time in many a year the organisers used the 'glen' road from Salen to Dervaig and used both directions on the 'mountain road' to Torloisk, the hairpins (all 22 of them) between Dervaig and Tobermory being utilised 4 times in all. Some 240 miles of twisting mountainous terrain formed the route and speeds were certainly increased even in wet conditions. The worthy winner, local Neil Mackinnon was on hand cut Kleibers and the speeds achieved by him and other top ten who were mostly on A2's had to be seen to be believed.

ROLL ON NEXT YEAR! Here here.

Rod Parkin

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TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB 'INDOOR RALLY SERIES' 1980/81

Through the winter season we will once again be running an Indoor Rally Series. This will consist of 5 rounds, (2 in 1980 and 3 in 1981) your BEST THREE SCORES will count for the award at the end of the series.

Round 1 will be on November 11th, at the Beehive Thorner.
Round 2 will be on December 16th at the Duke of Wellington, East Keswick.
Rounds 3 and 4 and 5 will be announced as soon as venues have been fixed.

I would like to apologise for the late start, and in particular for the postponed round 1 originally fixed for 14th October. This was due to an unexpected incapacitation on my part a few days before the fixture. I hope that you were not greatly inconvenienced by this.

On behalf of the organisers of each individual round, we look forward to, and thank you in anticipation of your support.

John Westmoreland

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INDOOR RALLY ROUND 1.

11th November, 1980 Beehive, Thorner.

O/S sheet 100 second series.

Organiser John Westmoreland.

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NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following:-

Roy Fox
Don Edwards

We hope their association with us will be both successful and enjoyable.

Total membership now stands at 210.

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NORTH HUMBERSIDE M.C. AUTOTESTS 26th October, 1980
A.N.C.C. AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP - ROUND 10

It dawned an exceedingly wet/windy morning, conditions that improved only slightly throughout the day. North Humberside M.C. undaunted by the weather laid on an excellent event consisting of 24 tests at the M.F.I. car park in Hull.

Things got underway at 11.00 am when Mick Penrose stamped his authority on the small Mini class while our own Graeme Bradford got off to a low start which was emphasized when, on the second run at the first six tests, he improved by some 20 seconds!!! The big Minis, totalling 3 were merged with the sports cars and Ron Mackinnon set about repeating his FTD at Wakefield the week before. Richard Ineson was 5 seconds adrift at halfway closely followed by David Sowman and Gerlad Taylor.

The small saloon class saw another attempt by John Renny to keep up with the 1979 champion, Chris Cotton but to no avail - the gap just kept on increasing - Chris whose 'shopping' Datsun does not even have an LSD reckoned it was all down to the tyres - he was on good ones and JR was on baldies. In the other class, Mike Elliott of High Moor was having things his own way in his RS2000 but even his times could not match those of Chris Cotton in the other class.

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R.A.C. RALLY - SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER, 1980

This year our stage is Boltby (ref. 100/502872) and as many marshals as possible are required as usual.

PLEASE BE READY TO GO INTO THE STAGE BY 6.30 p.m., so arrive before then, SIGN ON and join the convoy of cars facing UP Sneck Yale Bank. Please park on the side of the road so that other traffic can pass.

Please bring the usual goodies - torch, pen, fire extinguisher, warm clothing. etc. etc. etc.

We shall be setting up the stage on the Sunday afternoon all helpers welcome and shall be dining at the Whitestone Cliffe Hotel at approx. 5.00 p.m. anyone wishing to join us for the meal please let me know as soon as possible.

Marshals names to Nigel Drayton please.

Rod Parkin
Deputy Stage Commander

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SHELL LEAGUE - JCT 600 ANCC P.C.T. 12th October, 1980

Ripon M.C. were at the helm for this round of the Shell League Championship held at Hutton Conyers near Ripon.

There were eight hills laid-out which were attempted twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon. The entry of 56 competitors, these being 10 in class 1., 10 in class 2, 25 in class 3, 5 in class 4, and 6 in class 5.

Trackrod had four entries, Richard Moannin class 1 in a 127 Fiat, Brian Scoreby in a Mini in class 2 and John Renny and Ronnie Moore in class 3 in an Escort and an Escort Estate, but John was a none starter having gear box trouble the day before. So we had three for our team and after the first two rounds we were doing very well with Richard 3rd in class, *Brian = 9th, and Ronnie = 2nd.

Most people adjourned to Ripon M.C. clubhouse at lunch time for a hot lunch (only 50 pence) and liquid refreshment then returned for the afternoon sections, with such a nice warm sunny day the ground was drying out very much so the morning marks were very high compared with the afternoon total. Results were very quick and showed us 6th on the day, results as follows:-

YSCC	374.8		
Slaithwaite	337.8		
York	314.8	Richard Moran	7th in class
Ilkley	301.4	Brian Scoreby	9th in class
Ripon	228.3	Ronnie Moore	2nd in class
Trackrod	162.4		
Sheffield	150.0		
Selby	138.8		
Wakefield	105.6		
Huddersfield	78.8		

Ronnie Moore

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Trophy Points November 1980.

P.C.T. Trophy.

R.Moore.	19
M.Tierney.	15
N.Masterman.	10
G.Cox.	10
J.Renny.	9
J.Westmoreland	9
G.Bradford.	9

Service Crew Trophy.

G.Kellet.	65
N.Gledhill.	50
P.Silberburg.	15
G.Ellingworth.	5
S.Bramham.	5
R.Parkin.	5
N.Brownridge.	5

SPY 44 Trophy.

R.Moore.	395.2
D.Lee.	283.8

S.Lloyd. Special Stage

<u>Rally Driver.</u>		<u>Events.</u>
D.Ashford.	712.6	(8)
G.Mathie.	372.7	(6)
K.Bowen.	99.5	(2)
M.Callaghan.	86.6	(1)
G.kellet.	62.1	(1)
D.Lightfoot.	62.1	(1)

Off Road Events.

R.Moore.	785.7
R.Mackinnon.	578.8
R.Ineson.	419.4
G.Bradford.	389.7
D.Lee.	100.3
G.Cox.	47.8

All Round Member

D.Lee.	150
V.Spurdons.	145
R.Moore.	144
J.Westmoreland	110
B.Wainwright.	105
R.Mackinnon.	105
J.Renny.	100
R.Ineson.	75
J.Thompson.	75

A.N.C.C. Rally Driver.

R.Moran.	194.9	(3)
T.Whittaker.	180.4	(3)
R.Sutcliffe.	97.3	(1)
G.Waters.	85.0	(1)
J.Bean.	78.5	(1)
R.Jackson.	78.3	(1)

Shell League Trophy.

J.Renny.	448.2
R.Moore.	357.7
R.Mackinnon.	284.5
G.Bradford.	216.0
R.Ineson.	213.7
I.Gurnett.	104.6
J.Coulthard.	104.6

All Round Lady Member.

V.Spurdons.	145
J.Ashford.	89
J.Thompson.	75
A.Hunn.	60
E.Longhorne.	60
S.Broadbelt.	50
D.Waters.	35
Y.Moore.	25
A.Wainwright.	25

A.N.C.C. Rally Navigator.

R.Moore.	203.3	(3)
D.Lee.	177.5	(2)
A.Sutcliffe.	97.3	(1)
V.Fletcher.	88.0	(2)
J.Thirsk.	78.5	(1)
R.Close.	78.3	(1)

Autotest Trophy.

R.Ineson.	49
R.Mackinnon.	49
G.Bradford.	46
J.Renny.	37
B.Wainwright.	25
R.Stoker.	22
G.Cox.	21

Lady Challenge Cup.

Best Lady Competitor.

J.Ashford.	89
V.Surdons.	22
L.Mackinnon.	17
S.Broadbelt.	16
J.Flavell.	10

F.S.B. Rally Driver.

D.Ashford.	99.0	(8)
I.Gurnett.	52.6	(6)
R.Sutcliffe.	50.0	(5)
G.Mathie.	47.0	(8)
D.Lightfoot.	39.0	(4)
T.Whittaker.	33.0	(5)

Marshall Trophy.

K.Hunn.	60
A.Hunn. (Mrs.)	60
E.Longhorne. (Mrs)	60
B.Dove.	55
T.Whittaker.	50
J.Thompson. (Miss)	50
V.Spurdons. (Miss)	50

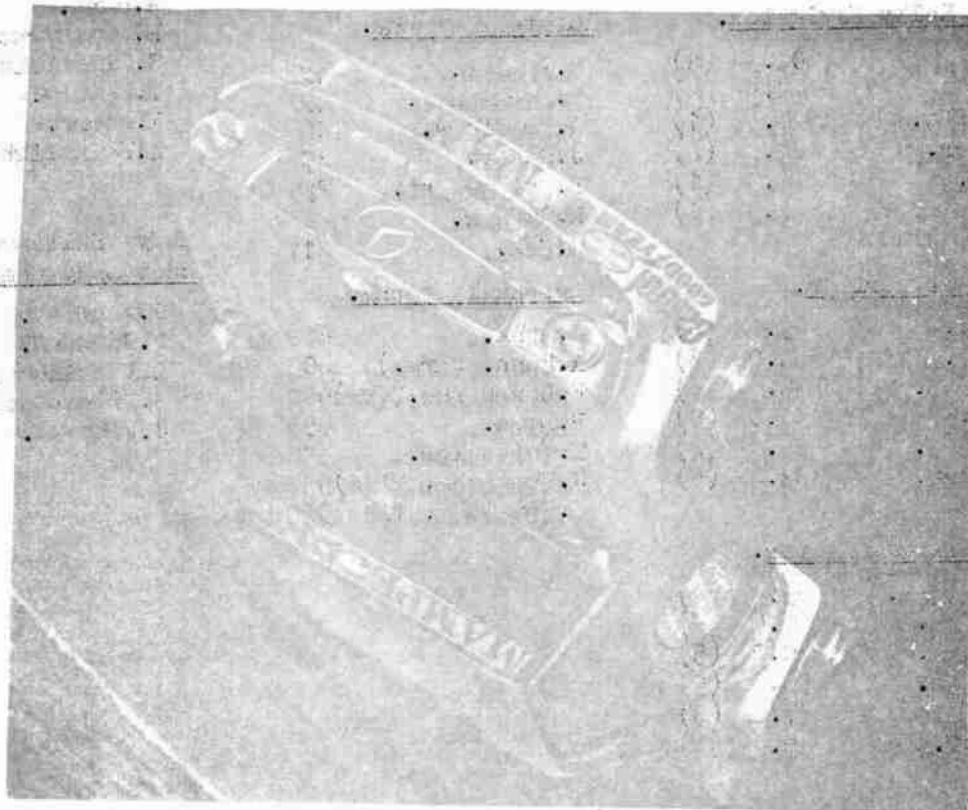
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Mrs.J.Ashford.	89.0	(8)
N.Masterman.	67.0	(6)
J.Coulthard.	60.0	(5)
A.Sutcliffe.	50.0	(5)
I.Watt.	47.0	(8)
V.Fletcher.	35.0	(6)

Ronnie Moore.

Trophy Points Secretary.

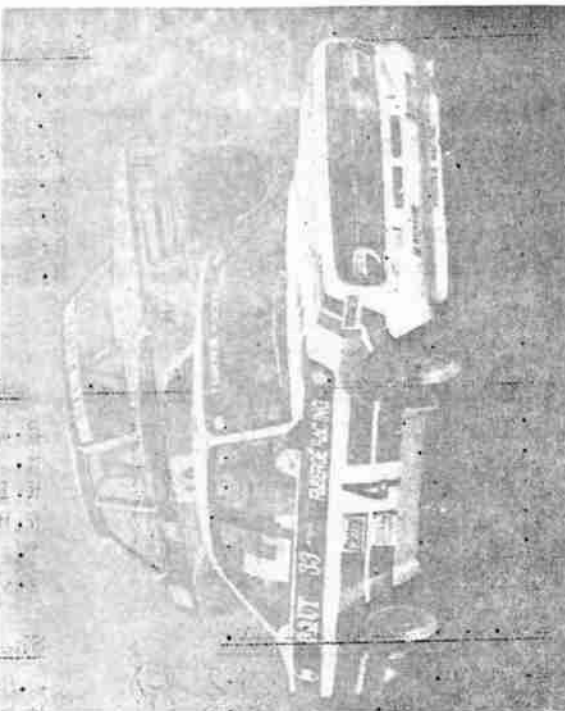
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