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EDITORIAL

As most of you will be aware, there have been several severe problems in the production, distribution, and content of the magazine over the past few months. With this in mind, someone said "How about putting your money (and time) where your mouth is?" The net result is that you have a new, untried, Editor. However I can promise a few new ideas, not to mention some tried and tested features. The most important thing is that communications are restored. As some would-be film goers found out the other week, there's nothing worse than poor communications.

Continuing the theme of communication, I heard a rumour that some Trackrod members actually compete in Motorsport. If YOU do, why not let others know about it through these pages? After all, we can't all make the front page of Motoring News, but when you want to buy tyres, bits, or talk to a potential sponsor, it does help if they/he have heard of you. You'd be surprised who reads this mag. Conversely, if you are already one of the fortunate few, I'm sure that a sponsor wouldn't mind a free mention.

To change the subject slightly, you may have noticed a certain Public House featuring strongly in the social calendar. These premises are highly suitable, in that we get a large room, good service, etc, FREE. However, we are still seeking venues with similar facilities, and perhaps Tetleys beers. Do you know of any? Perhaps a word in the ear of your local licensee?. Just speak to any committee member.

Enough of the waffle. Please remember to keep the contributions coming in, and perhaps we can return the mag to some of its former glory.

John Bean.
EDITOR.

SOCIAL DIARY.

7.4.81	Square and Compass, North Rigton. Treasure Hunt. Come Early.
14.4.81	Crown, at Boston Spa. Film Show - Definitely!!
21.4.81	Crown, at Boston Spa. Indoor Rally.
28.4.81	Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow. Noggin.
5.5.81	Square and Compass, North Rigton.

COMPETITION CALENDAR.

- 4.4.81 York National Rally. (We're doing a stage. See Pete Silberberg)
- 12.4.81 Hill Climb, Castle Howard. Organised by Yorkshire S.C.C., this is a shell league round. Put an oil catch tank on your rally car and have a go! See John Renny for details.
- 25.4.81 Crest Tour of Lincs. Lincolnshire/Louth M.C. (R)
- 25/26.4.81 Ribble Rally. ANCC round. Spring Hill C.C. Maps 103/97/98. (R)
- 25/26.4.81 Ridings Rally. Alwoodley M.C. Maps 99/100. (CJ)
- 26.4.81 P.C.T. - Ilkley & District M.C. Shell League round. at Rose Farm, Burley Woodhead (104/1 50454½)
We need entries. See John Renny.
- 9/10.5.81 Coleman Tyres Otley Rally. Maps 98/99/104 M/News ETC. (Entry already oversubscribed!!)
- 16/17 May Lookout. Trackrods own novice event.

INDOOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 1980/81

ROUND 4 17th MARCH 1981

This round was organised by Mike Knowles and held at the Crown Hotel, Boston Spa. This was Mike's first event, and was tackled by seven teams. A quick, but tricky, route round sheet 106 (No Humber-side Police about) was just 'on' in the hour. Some crews had a little trouble with part of the route but others overcame the problem without difficulty. Simon Richards was forging on at a cracking pace with a broad grin on his face and smoke drifting from his pencil. He finished the route bang on the hour, then decided to gamble by handing in his time sheet with no time penalties, but with no route questions answered. The sad spot of the evening went to Keith Hunn, Keith's map was so old, it must have been the first ever metric 106, with missing and incorrect markings, so that the job was hopeless and Keith retired 'Mal de Navi' or in this case, 'Mal de Parrot' Well done Mike, a most enjoyable event, especially as it was your first try.

1st	Simon Richards	60 pts	Max 100
2nd	Roger Close	54 pts	
3rd	Mike Robson	51pts	
4th	Alan Lilley	30 pts	
5th	Sanderson Brothers	23 pts	
6th	Keith Hunn	7 pts	
7th	Carl Gomersall	OTL	

As I stated in last month's magazine, the old scoring system was pointed out to be unfair due to the differing score potentials of different rounds. Thus a points per finishing position system was suggested. The points system as printed last month are now official, for this year's championship. To refresh your memories, the system was :-
1st, 27pts. 2nd 21pts. 3rd 16pts. 4th, 12pts. 5th 9pts. 6th, 7pts.
7th onwards reducing by one point per place to 13th or lower on 0 pts.

OVERALL POSITIONS AFTER 4 ROUNDS

NAME	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	TOT	POS
J. Westmorelands / M. Knowles	-	27	21=	-	48	4th
Roger Close	7	16	21=	21	58	2nd
K. Hunn/M. Holmes	-	4	9	7	20	8th
John Bean	-	7	-	-	7	11th
Don Edwards	6	6	-	-	12	10th
M. Robson /G. Tumber	16	21	12	16	53	3rd
Sanderson Brothers	-	9	-	9	18	9th
Simon Richards	12	-	27	27	66	1st *
Allan Lilley	9	12	7=	12	33	6th
P. Pease/N. Duckett	-	5	-	-	5	12th
D. Lee/R. Moore	27	-	-	6	27	7th

REMEMBER its your BEST THREE SCORES that count, so don't miss the final round which will be on Tuesday 21st April at the Crown Hotel, Boston Spa. The round will be organised by F.S.B., and is on sheet 111. DO NOT MISS IT.

J.W.

SNOWDROP RALLY 6/7th DECEMBER 1980

On the night of 6/7th December 1980, Airedale and Pennine Motor Club put on a Restricted Road Rally, The Snowdrop, resurrected after a three year absence from the calendar. The event started from the premises of Menston Garage Ltd, who also sponsored the event. A poor turnout of only 50 crews was not helped when the first three seeds failed to appear at the start. Local crews included John Brogden/ Dave Lambourne in their mini at 6, Alan Larkin/Grahen Whittaker at 10, in a 2100cc(?) Escort, and Roy Fox/John Bean in their new RS 2000 - the only crew from Trackrod. Obviously other events in the area had taken their toll of entries.

The event started with a run out to Huby, and then an 8 mile selective through the Lindley triangle, Farnley, and up Norwood Edge. This saw the way the event was to go, with car 5, Andrew Smalley/Steve Kemp in a 1600 Escort setting the pace. The weather played a hand here, because despite a dry night, roads were very icy, with patches of snow on higher land.

The route passed through Blubberhouses towards Pateley, using the Washburn hairpins, and Greenhow. After Pateley came the third selective, using the fast yellows above Pateley. Car 28, a very nice Golf GTI rolled several times here at Skell Gill. The next Selective, SS4, used Fountains Earth. The tricky bridge on the yellow leading onto Fountains Earth saw plenty of action, due to a blind brow followed by a patch of snow. Smalley and Kemp were over a minute faster than their main rivals here, although Fox/Bean managed 4th fastest.

Petrol was taken at Leyburn (With no objections), although the rest halt was in a lay-by outside Leyburn. The rest halt was quite lengthy, even for slower crews, and on a cold night the promised chuck wagon failed to appear. The first selective in the second half saw Fox/Bean throw away a certain good result due to a wrongly plotted direction of approach to a passage control, and by now the field was somewhat depleted, only 35 crews starting the second half.

The route wound its way through the yellows around Mashan, towards Ripon, with a few welcome T.C's. (Selectives are alright if you don't mind spending half the night stationary). Then followed more T.C's between Ripon and Boroughbridge, and a run down towards Tadcaster using the old Roman Road, very nice, but cleanable by all crews. There only followed a final short selective south of Tadcaster where a new rail link is being built, which was somewhat confusing due to extensive roadworks, before the finish at the Buckles Inn, on the A 64.

Results were very prompt, showing Smalley and Kemp winners on 18.39, six minutes clear of 2nd placed car 7, Dave Slaney/James Kitson. Roy Fox/John Bean managed 20th, on 1F, 37.28.

J.D.B./R.F.

TROPHY POINTS 1981.

SHELL LEAGUE TROPHY

G.Waters	159.7
J.McNichol	159.7
J.Bowness	100.4
D.Kelsall	100.4
D.Ashford	91.6
P.Croft	91.6

FSB RALLY NAVIGATORS TROPHY

Mrs J. Ashford	26	2	Events
J.McNichol	19	2	"
J.Stephenson	17	1	"
J.Bowness	15	1	"
P.Croft	12	1	"
P.Noon	6	1	"

RALLY & SPEED AUTOTEST TROPHY

G.Bradford	22
J.Renny	19
M.Tierny	18
S.Dobson	16
M.Perkins	9
A.Lilley	9
S.Muscroft	9

SPECIAL STAGE RALLY DRIVER TROPHY

D.Ashford	258.6	3	Events
G.Waters	82.7	1	"

MARSHALS TROPHY

K.Hunn	35
Mrs A.Hunn	35
Miss A.Ruddick	35
Miss E.Longhorn	30
M.Holmes	30
D.Lee	15
R.Moore	15

ANCC RALLY DRIVER TROPHY

G.Waters	151.7	2	Events
D.Kelsall	100.4	1	"
C.Gomersall	57.0	1	"
T.Whittaker	44.1	1	"
D.Harrison	23.1	1	"

SERVICE CREW TROPHY

N.Gledhill	5
K.Bowen	5

ANCC RALLY NAVIGATORS TROPHY

J.Bowness	100.4
J.McNichol	77.0
J.Coulthard	74.7
R.Moore	57.0
D.Lee	44.1
N.Latiner	23.1

BEST LADY COMPETITOR TROPHY.

Mrs J.Ashford	10
Miss V.Spurdens	5

TROPHY POINTS 1981 (CONT.)

F.S.B. RALLY DRIVER TROPHY.

D.Ashford	38	3	Events
G.Waters	24	3	"
B.Dove	17	1	"
D.Kelsall	15	1	"
D.Harrison	11	3	"
C.Gomersall	10	2	"

ALL ROUND LADY MEMBER TROPHY

A.Hunn	35
H.Ruddick	35
E.Longhorn	30
J.Lee	15
J.Ashford	10
V.Spurdens	5

ALL ROUND CLUB MEMBER TROPHY.

D.Lee	70
R.Moore	65
K.Hunn	45
M.Holmes	40
A.Hunn	35
H.Ruddick	35
E.Longhorn	30
B.Dove	30
J.Stephenson	30

No events have been run yet for the following Trophies :-

Spy 44 Trophy
P.C.T. Trophy
Off Road Events Trophy.

These are the trophy points so far, and if you wish to claim points I must have your results within 1 month of publication. After this time period they cannot be counted. I look forward to receiving your results.

Ronnie Moore.
Trophy Points Secretary.

SCALEXTRIC CHALLENGE.

24th March 1981.

Organised by Yorkshire Bank Motor Club and held at their superb sports/social club house at Moortown, the event consisted of a three-way club challenge between the host club, NatWest Bank M.C., and ourselves. The object of the exercise being for each member of a six-man (Sorry, Person) team to record as many laps as possible in a two minute period on each of the lanes of the four-lane track!

Needless to say there was much bickering and harrassment with marshals/competitors with interchanging roles allowing the execution of personal 'vendettas' for marshalling 'fouls'. However, these noisy sessions were interspersed with long periods of silence which indicated intense concentration by all concerned - all serious stuff this scalextric!!

The Trackrod team of Ron MacKinnon, John Renny, Ian Gurnett, Steve Richards, Pete Phillips and Richard Ineson, all displayed their outstanding talent on the track to emerge as the winning team by some 2½ laps in total. The best individual score went to Tony Langstaff of the host club, he organised everything and obviously had been practising all afternoon!, but it was a close thing, Tony's total of 44½ laps was just ½ of a lap ahead of our Richard Ineson. A superb evening which will, I understand, result in a return match, possibly including another club. We'll keep you posted then we can have plenty of supporters/hangers on etc, to sabotage the opposition!!
Many thanks to Tony Langstaff and the Yorkshire Bank.

MEMBERS.

The committee would like to welcome the following new members to Trackrod.:-

Colin Davidson
John Buckley,
Jeremy Gill
Duncan Teasdale,
Peter Wonack,
Philip Burnitt,

Terry Appleby,
Paul Lindley,
Andrew Brook-Smith,
Jonathan H. Carr,
Sean Muscroft,
Jackie Stone.

Total Membership now stands at 165.

M. Ogden.
Membership Secretary.

FOR SALE

2 BCF Extinguishers (Unused). 2.5 kg £15.
3.2 Kg Gordon Spice £17.
3 Point Britax Harness £7.
Opel Kadett 1.2S Cylinder Head, Polished, Enlarged ports, skinned, etc.
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Griffin Helmet, Fireproof lining, Life support system, Heatproof visor.
Large size, £45.
For any of above ring Phil Pease, Leeds 638573 (Day)
574226 (Night)

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1981 ANCC Autotest For Yorkshire Bank Trophy.
ROUND 1 SOUTH SHORE (BLACKPOOL) M.C. 22nd MARCH 1981

As a result of a date clash, only one Trackrod member took part in this event which was blessed with brilliant sunshine for its duration despite heavy falls of snow first thing. Gerald Taylor non-started because of the weather prospects, but Richard Ineson (1275GT) captured FTD, The Crossley Trophy, and £15.00!!!

COSTA DI PLENTI 1981.

Headlines only : Full report next month.

Splendid event, well marshalled. Ron Beecroft won, only needed John Millington to call out petrol halt.... Gwynne came second, & used a set of Tyres (What price power?)..... Where were the Police? Perhaps they heard that a certain V8 wasn't out?..... Roy Fox/ John Bean uphold Trackrod honour, 22 o/a, 1st Novice.