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EDITORIAL

As you will no doubt be aware, a new committee has been elected to serve you for the next 12 months. Most of the members will be familiar to you, but I would like to extend a warm welcome to Stuart Marsh, who has joined us from the now defunct Postal Motor Club. Other new members include our Secretary, Keith Bowen. Keith admits to being an "administrator", and that is precisely what the club needs as a secretary. Last, but not least of the new committee, is Nigel Latimer. Nigel will be using some of his financial expertise to push our club merchandise, so it's about time you re-stocked with badges etc. I will include a full price list etc. next month.

Talking of prices, can I point out that the AGM approved a small rise in the cost of membership, to £5 for an individual, or £7 for family membership. Membership can be renewed from 1st October yearly, and to do this, simply see Mick Ogden at any club night or drop him a line at his home address (see front cover) enclosing the requisite amount. The important thing is to confirm that Mick has your correct address.

At the time of writing (30.8.81) it appears that an unfortunate delay at the printers (with the covers) may mean the magazine will not be available for collection on 1st September. Should that situation arise - do not despair - magazines will continue to be available from the venue of our first meeting of each month. This brings me to a further point - the cost of postage is a considerable burden upon club funds. As many of you living in Leeds 6, 16 or 17 will know, I do my best to keep costs down, but if you can attend the first meeting of the month and collect your mag, or have a friend collect it - it all helps. Don't forget to "tick" the book.

On the events front, our PCT scheduled for 16.8.81 had to be cancelled, due to a lack of entries. In view of this, it has been decided that the Otley PCT (backed by Coleman's Tyres) to be held on 27.9.81 will be a round of the Trackrod's own PCT championship.

May I now draw your attention to our club's own rallies. September 19/20th sees the "Lookout" Novice Road Rally, which starts at Garforth Cliff. The chief marshal, Derek Lee, needs plenty of marshals, especially as due to the nature of the route, it will be difficult to allocate two controls to one team. Our other forthcoming event, the prestigious Rawling's North Ridings Stages Rally on 24th October needs even more helpers, particularly to liaise with other clubs entrusted to run stages. See Rod Parkin for details. Let's make an effort and ensure that each event is the success that the organisers deserve, from the hard work they have put in so far.

Finally, we are once again putting on a disco, this time at the Crown, Boston Spa, on Friday 25th September 1981. Tickets from the Social Committee - 50p members, £1 otherwise.

John Bean Editor

FUTURE EVENTS

SOCIAL DIARY.

- 8.9.81 Noggin, Crown Hotel, Boston Spa.
- 16.9.81 Film Show, Dalesman Public House, Butcher Hill, Leeds 16. (Private room).
- Directions - Use the Ring Road, Leeds 16, from the Seacroft end, travel towards Horsforth, after passing the A660 Otley Road (large roundabout), turn 2nd left into Spen lane - then as below.
- From the Bradford, Horsforth end, use the Ring Road from Horsforth towards Lawnswood, turn right 200 yds after Tatecars showrooms onto Spen lane. Travel along Spen lane for 1/3 mile, then turn right onto Butcher Hill at shops. Dalesman is a further 200 yds on right.
- 22.9.81 Noggin, Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
- 25.9.81 (Friday) Disco to the sounds of "Jez Waters" at the Crown, Boston Spa.
- 29.9.81 Scalextric Evening, Crown Hotel; Boston Spa.
- 6.10.81 Noggin, Square & Compass, North Rigton.
- 13.10.81 To be advised.
- 20.10.81 To be advised.
- 27.10.81 Noggin, Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
- 3.11.81 Noggin, Square & Compass, North Rigton.
- 7.11.81 Bonfire and Autotest - venue to be advised.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

- 5/6.9.81 Morecambe Car Club's Illuminations Rally, (ANCC/ANECC) Empire Car Park. Morecambe 23.30 hrs. Maps 97, 98, 102, 103. (R).
- 6.9.81 Knutsford Motor Club PCT (ANCC).
- 6.9.81 Slaithwaite Motor Club Autotest (ANCC).
- 13.9.81 High Moor Motor Club Autotest (ANCC).
- 19/20.9.81 Trackrod's own Lookout Rally. Maps 105/100. Starts midnight from Garforth Cliff Garden Centre (105/419318).
- 20.9.81 Norkin Aluminium Stages Rally (Lindholme Motor Club) (R) Starts Doncaster. Marshals wanted - ring Malcolm Atkins on Rotherham 862280.

COMPETITION CALENDAR (contd)

- 26/27.9.81 Bolton le Moors Car Club Bolton Midnight Rally (M/News, ANCC). Starts Norwich. Maps 109, 102, 103, 97, 98, 90, 91.
- 27.9.81 Otley Motor Club Coleman Tyres PCT. We co-promote. Starts 104/200481. Regs on notice board.
- 27.9.81 Glossop Motor Club Autotest (ANCC).
- 27.9.81 Crystal Stages Rally (R).
- 3.10.81 Elcar Stages Rally - David Brown Motor Club. Maps 100/105.
- 4.10.81 Sheffield & Hallamshire Motor Club PCT (ANCC).
- 9/10/11.10.81 Tour of Mull. (M/News, ANCC).
- 11.10.81 Wakefield Motor Club Autotest - Shell League.
- 11.10.81 Ripon Motor Club PCT (ANCC).
- 17.10.81 62 Car Club Stages Rally (including Olivers Mount). Marshals wanted. Contact H.C. Rogers, 10 Chantry Road, East Ayton, Scarborough, YO13 9EP.
- 24.10.81 TRACKROD's Rawlings Fruit Juices North Riding Stages Rally (National). Starts Scarborough. Marshals/helpers wanted - see Rod Parkin.
- 24/25.10.81 E.S.M.A. Highwayman Rally (ANCC). Maps 98, 99, and 104. Start and finish at Leeming Bar. Marshals wanted - ring Martin Contrill on Leeds 691431. (Please note, Martin & co ARE doing a stage on our rally - so let's get the pro-plus out and give them a hand).
- 31.10-1.11.81 Alwoodley Motor Club's Larkspeed Pennine Rally. (ANCC). Maps 94, 99, 100, 101, 105 and 106. Starts York and finishes at Leeming Bar. Trackrod member Alan Larkin has put up an award for the best placed Trackrod member (not winning another award) of a £25 Larkspeed voucher - very generous, and deserves support.
- 1.11.81 Trackrod Motor Club PCT. Details later.
- 22.11.81 RAC Rally. Our stage will be BOLTBY. First car due 17.30 hrs. Details later.

Hunters Trophy Treasure Hunt Championship 1981

Round 5, August 18th

Tuesday, 18th August saw the 5th and final round of the 1981 Hunters Trophy Treasure Hunt Championship. This round was organised by Mike Robson with assistance from Gerald Tumber, the event starting and finishing at the "Crown Hotel" Boston Spa. The event was contested by the average number of seven crews, consisting of the top four crews trying to better their positions, two crews out to cause trouble among the top four and one crew out for the first time.

The method of finding the route was a new and very interesting system, photographs of road junctions (not necessarily taken from the direction you were travelling). This method proved very enjoyable and was liked by all the competitors except for one problem, it got dark half way round the route. The view of a road junction at night by headlamps bears no resemblance to a daylight photo of the same spot. Local knowledge of the area by three crews paid dividends, as they readily admitted that many of the junctions photographed they recognised instantly and could plot the route remaining in the pitch dark, as the results will verify. Had this event been held in June/July, it would have been better for all the crews giving all an equal chance. Nevertheless, the event was original and well organised, passing through a very historical part of Yorkshire. Well done Mike and a special pat on the head for Gerald, who spent most of the evening at the side of the road at Askham Richard to hand out lists of treasure to be collected. I personally, would like to see this system of route finding used again, but under more favourable conditions daylightwise.

Results

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
Shoestring	101	5th
Ine-Tomo	85	6th
Crabs	136	1st
BMW	107	4th
Robson (York)	123	3rd
Taddy Bootleggers	125	2nd
Bowness	Retired	7th

HUNTERS TROPHY TREASURE HUNT CHAMPIONSHIP 1981

FINAL POSITIONS

Now that all the scores are in, we can tabulate the FINAL positions. Remember, it is the teams' best 3 scores which count, so for teams who have competed in four or more rounds, their lowest scores are underlined. Round five has not made any alteration to the overall leader, but has shuffled the next five places about as you will see from the tables overleaf. The figures in brackets were the overall positions after round 4.

FINAL RESULTS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Rd 1</u>	<u>Rd 2</u>	<u>Rd 3</u>	<u>Rd 4</u>	<u>Rd 5</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Taddy Boot Leggers	0	186	145	188	125	519(519)	1 (1)
Crabs Do-It-Sideways	<u>76</u>	156	<u>132</u>	208	136	500(496)	2 (3)
Ine-Tomo	0	182	136	190	<u>85</u>	498(498)	3 (2)
BMW	0	0	157	196	107	460(353)	4 (6)
Shoestring	111	172	154	0	<u>101</u>	437(437)	5 (4)
Lilley White	<u>76</u>	160	79	144	0	383(383)	6 (5)
Robson (York)	<u>50</u>	0	111	128	123	362(298)	7 (7)
Editors Solo	75	0	108	0	0	183	8
Close	0	0	0	164	0	164	9
Sayer	0	148	0	0	0	148	10
Miller	0	0	140	0	0	140	11
Richards	0	0	120	0	0	120	12
Withnell	0	82	0	0	0	82	13
Varey	0	52	0	0	0	52	14
Redgrave	0	0	0	48	0	48	15
Kellet	22	0	0	0	0	22	16
Bownass			R E T I R E D				= 17
Brear			R E T I R E D				= 17

For the second year running the HUNTERS TROPHY goes to that brewery town foursome the "Taddy Boot Leggers" and our congratulations for an excellent result. Our sincerest commiserations go to the two runners up for an excellent fight to such a close finish, only 21 points separating the three. To all teams that took part a sincere thank you for supporting this annual event, we look forward to seeing you out again next year. There have been some good scores from teams who have only done one round, thus proving that the top can be beaten, so let's see some new names at the top next year - YOU CAN DO IT.

Lastly, and most important of all, a very sincere thanks to the organisers of each individual round, without you chaps there would not have been a championship at all.

MOITO FOR 1982 "THE TADDY BOOT LEGGERS WILL BE BEATEN".

See you next year.

John Westmoreland.

Inccor Rally Championship 1981/2

As we are now heading into the dark evenings and winter months, it is time for you rally drivers, navigators, marshals and anyone else who likes messing about with O/S maps, to get your pencils sharpened, and your romers dusted. Further details for this winter's series will appear in the October issue of this magazine, and anyone who is interested in organising a round, if they would contact me during September we can get things organised.

John Westmoreland.

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Devil's Lwn Rally - 8/9th August 1981

This Kirby Lonsdale organised event has a reputation for toughness, and this year added to that reputation, to some tune !! Three hopeful Trackrod crews met at the excellent start venue in an illuminated, covered, multi-storey car park (and nearby hotel). They were Tony Mitchell/Jack Coulthard, Jez Waters/John Bean, and Dave Kelsall/John Bownass. A short run-out led the first of 13 selectives, with 2 petrol halts.

At S51, John and Jez were waiting for their minute when Jack Coulthard tapped on their window!! Jack assured Jez and John that he was alright - and told them to take it easy - the roads were treacherous. 200 yards down the road Tony had lost it in a big way, with the car a sorry sight. Jez heeded the warning, but 3 minutes later came Dave Kelsall. Dave came across a 'T' junction some 200 yards after Tony's off - and didn't quite make it, badly damaging his front inside corner!! Trackrod's misfortunes continued on the 2nd selective which used the infamous Sandbeds White. This road is bad in damp weather - and it had rained for the previous 24 hours. Not only that, but you can't drive around the rocks if they are submerged and you can't see them! Jez/John not only damaged their exhaust here, but ripped off an anti-tramp bar from the rear axle.

The first petrol halt saw a lot of hectic repair work, with Jez/John also re-starting with a big time loss.

Heavy fog in the second section of the rally saw navigators having to make a decision. John Bownass opted for cutting and completing their rally with a finish, but 30-odd fails. Still - they finished and weren't last!! John Bean took Jez all the way around this middle section, including a fog-bound Tan Hill and muddy white. This was done in the hope that OTL would be extended (as on the Coleman Tyres) - but to no avail. After getting stuck in ruts on a white, only 1 mile from the second petrol, they were out of the event.

This demanding event saw only 12 out of 50 experts classed as finishers, plus a handful of semis and novices

The total bill for Trackrod members was horrifying - Tony's car a write-off, Jez's car needing a lot of work to the exhaust and axle, Dave's car a new front corner. To add insult to injury, Dave split an oil line and did untold damage to his engine and needed a tow back to Leeds from the Penrith finish. Roll on the Illuminations - another classic in the same area!

"Navi - Ed"



COVER PICTURE

This shows Alan Powell/ Ronnie MacKinnon 'letting it all hang out' on an airfield stage on the Elcar Stages Rally, Circa 1970.

Keep the photos coming, and thanks to those who have supplied some to date.

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PICTURE PAGE.

This month I have managed an odd number of pages, so you get the bonus pic. This month shows Chris Lord on the 1976 Welsh Rally, and below is Ronnie McCartney on a Circuit of Ireland Rally in the late '70s.

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At the time of writing this page (7.9.01) it appears that the Disco scheduled for 25.9.01 may be brought forward by a week. Whatever the case, see members of the Social Committee for tickets or if you can't actually see one, ring any one of the Social Committee for details.

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