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EDITORIAL

A new season starts here. Now is the time to shake off the festive blues and prepare to excel in your chosen sport. Whatever branch of motor sport takes your fancy, to actually compete is of paramount importance, so let's see you out, and flying the "TRACKROD" colours. (Stickers available from Nigel Latimer.)

The annual dinner dance is now confirmed for Friday, 19th February 1982, at the Mercury Motel, Garforth. The menu is not yet finalised, but the cost is expected to be in the region of £7.50. A final list of trophy points is in this issue, trophies to be awarded at the dinner dance.

And now for the bad news. Unless you renew your membership, by contacting Mick Ogden with your old card and a fiver, then this is your last TRACKROD magazine. Pull your fingers out, and join the ranks of the best informed, most successful motor club in the North of England.

To continue the theme of success, TRACKROD received the accolade of having the Rawlings Fruit Juices North Ridings Stages Rally voted as the best round of the ESSO/BTRDA Stage Rally Championship. High praise indeed, when you consider the standing of the opposition!

Another snippet of information to reach the editorial ears was news of the appointment to the Trials and Autotest Committee of the RAC MSA of Richard Ineson. RFI has been a club stalwart in this field for a number of years, and this appointment is richly deserved.

John Bean
Editor

COVER PICTURE

Pete Germaine and Ronnie Moore on the Burton field Stage of the 1976 Elcar Stages (Photo - Phil Staton).

FUTURE EVENTS

Social Diary

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| 12.1.82 | Scalextric evening (Top 10 run off and finals.)
Crown Hotel, Boston Spa. |
| 19.1.82 | Indoor Rally, Round 3. Duke of Wellington, East
Keswick. Organised by Mike Robson/Gerald Tumber.
O/S map 100 required. Starts 7.30 p.m. |
| 26.1.82 | Noggin, Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow. |
| 2.2.82 | Noggin, Square & Compass, North Rigton. |
| 9.2.82 | Indoor Rally, Round 4. Crown Hotel, Boston Spa.
Organised by Derek Lee, O/S maps 99/100 required.
Starts 7.30 p.m. |

Social Diary (contd)

16.2.82 Noggin, The Castle, Spofforth.
19.2.82 (Friday) Annual Dinner/Dance. Mercury Motel, Garforth. More details next month.
23.2.82 Noggin, Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
2.3.82 Noggin, Square & Compass, North Rigton.

Competition Calendar

9/10.1.82 Mini Miglia Rally, Knowledale Car Club. Starts Rebay Services, M6 (M/News, ANCC) Maps 97,98,103.
9/10.1.82 Morning Star Trophy Rally (R), Border Motor Club of Finningley. Maps 111,112, 120 and 121.
16/17.1.82 Riponian Rally (R) Ripon, Motor Club. Maps 99/100.
23/24.1.82 3 Swans Rally, Selby M/Club. (ANCC & SHELL LEAGUE). Maps 100, 101, 105, 106. Marshals needed!! - come and support our Shell League effort.
24-26.2.82 Mintex International Rally. De-Lacy Motor Club.

ESSO BTRDA Rally Championship 1982

Dukeries	6th March
Lakeland	20th March
Plains	3rd April
Hadrian	15th May
Border Counties	17th July
Halewood	14th August
Telford	11th September
Trackrod North Riding Stages	23rd October

Shell League Rounds for 1982

Selby	3 Swans Road Rally	23/24.1.82
YSCC	Hill Climb	4.4.82
Ilkley & DMC	PCT	25.4.82
Shipley	White Rose Road Rally	19/20.6.82
Trackrod Motor Club	June Jesters Autotest	27.6.82
Lindholme Motor Club	Stage rally	19.9.82
Wakefield MC	Autotest	10.10.82
Sheffield & Hllamshire MC	Stage Rally	17.10.82
Alwoodley MC	Road Rally (Pennine)	30/31.10.82

"WILLIE WONKA TROPHY"

INDOOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 1981/82

Round 3

JANUARY 19TH 1982. DUKE OF WELLINGTON, EAST KESWICK.

This round will be organised by Mike Robson and Gerald Tumber.
O/S map 100 required. Commencing 7.30/8.00.

Round 4

FEBRUARY 9TH 1982. CROWN HOTEL, BOSTON SPA.

This round will be organised by Derek Lee and will use O/S map 99/100.
Start 7.30/8.00 p.m.

RAC RALLY POEM DECEMBER MAGAZINE

Following the excellent poem that appeared in the December issue of our magazine, I would like to make it clear that the poets concerned were guilty of "poetic licence" with regard to the language I used over the radio when reporting the fallen pine tree. The word F*?ing was not used by me, in fact it was "BL*?ing great" pine tree!!

J. Westmoreland
Lombard RAC Rally Information Team.

ILKLEY MC BOLTON ABBEY PCT

Sunday, 6th December 1981 saw the first round of the 1982 ANCC PCT Championship. An entry of 21 included 3 Trackrod members, these being Andrew Roddy (mini), Brian Scoreby (mini), and Ronnie Moore (escort estate). There was also a closed status event running in conjunction with the main restricted event. The closed event having 5 entries.

There were 10 hills, run twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon, making a total of 40 tests, which is very good value. The competitors sponsored a draw for the marshals, contributions being rewarded with sponsored hills (this resulted in tests named like IMP possible, Ronnie's romp, Scouse rule OK etc. etc.). A total of £13 was collected for the marshals, drawn just after lunch, which gave them a just reward for their efforts.

As usual, the event was very good, apart from the very slippery conditions due to all the rain we had had over the weeks before the event. The ANCC has now put sports cars and rear wheel drive saloons in the same class (tough luck Ronnie - Ed).

The results were put up very quickly, showing the Waddington family to have walked over everyone, Ian Waddington 1st OA, his father Ken, taking 1st in class 1 and Stephen Waddington taking 1st O/A in the closed status event.

Results were as follows:-			<u>Total</u>
1st O/A	Ian Waddington	Mini 1000	101
1st Class 1	Ken Waddington	Fiat 127	124
1st O/A Closed	Steve Waddington	Fiat 127	150
1st Class 2	G.D. Harrison	Mini 1275GT	115
1st Class 3	A. Tate	Escort 1300	185
1st Class 4	J.M. Smith	IMP	240
Andy Roddy	Mini 1000	5th in Class 2	169
Brian Scoreby	Mini 1000	6th in Class 2	287
Ronnie Moore	Escort Est.	3rd in Class 3	236

Ronnie Moore.

Boxing Day Autotest

Yes it did actually take place, though the title "Autotest" could be doubted somewhat.

The ground conditions at Great Clowes Trade Warehouse were not ideal for any form of accurate car control. However six "tests" on sheet ice/6 inches of snow were completed by most without assistance, though the final instructions did permit outside assistance to competitors, i.e. pushers, without incurring penalties. Ken Goodall and Mark Tierney both needed this facility - Mark's attempt at a demon test (suggested by the Sec. of Meeting!) did nothing but ruin his chances of F.T.D. - the Mini sitting on a ridge of ice with all 4 off the ground!!

However, the 8 (yes as many as that!) competitors all enjoyed the "event" and we would like to thank them for turning up in such conditions. Also thanks to the marshals, Messrs. Hunn, Longhorn and Ruddick for their services on the day.

Finally, an apology, to all of you who may have gone to Tockwith to witness the activities and saw nothing! Due to problems with the landowner we had to have a late change of venue which meant we couldn't include it in the last magazine. However, a notice was put on the notice board at the last 3 club nights. So if you missed out - we're very sorry.

<u>Results</u>			<u>Total</u>
F.T.D.	Clive Baty	Escort 1600	271.4
1st Class 1/3	Mark Tierney	Mini 1000	284.8
1st Class 2/4	J. Westmoreland	Escort 1100 Mk3	280.0

The rest:-

J. Renny	1300 Escort	291.0	4th O/A
K. Goodall	RS2000	322.2	6th O/A
R. Moore	Escort Estate	381.6	7th O/A
A. Mitchell	RS2000	302.0	5th O/A
S. Dobson	Opel Kadett 1100	384.1	8th O/A

R.F. Ineson
Ron Mackinnon

1981 Trackrod Scalextric Championship

The final round of the 1981 Series takes place at the Crown, Boston Spa on 12th January 1982.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, I am unable to include the results of the first 2 rounds, which seem to have been lost, reputedly in transit between P. Silberberg and R. Parkin!!

However, in order to arrive at a top ten from the last two events, scores have been added together, those who only took part in one event but finished in the top 10 have been given a washout (fastest + 10 secs.) time for the event they missed. As can be seen, two additional competitors are listed who will be reserves should any of the top ten not turn up.

The Championship will be decided on the lowest cumulative time for the 3 events and the format for the final will be as follows:-

Each of the top 10 will be allowed 10 minutes running time in exchange for 50p. During this period, which can be spread throughout the evening (however the competitors desire) but the last individuals session will commence no later than 10.30pm. A qualifying time will be a persons fastest 3 lap run achieved during his 10 minute allowance. Hopefully the fastest to date will set the early pace.

Top 10 to date :-

	<u>29.9.81</u>	<u>15.12.81</u>	<u>total</u>
1. T.Longstaff	36.4	25.0	61.4
2. J.Renny	37.2	27.6	64.8
R.Mackinnon	38.4	26.4	64.8
4. J.Westmoreland	40.8	29.0	69.8
5. I.Gurnett	43.0	28.4	71.4
6. M.Ogden	41.2	31.4	72.6
7. M.Robson	37.8	35.0 w/o	72.8
8. C.Gomarsal	39.0	35.0 w/o	74.0
9. F.Stuart-Brown	46.4 w/o	28.6	75.0
10. R.Moore	46.4 w/o	29.8	76.2
(11) R.Dobney	41.2	35.0 w/o	76.2
(12) N.Drayton	46.4 w/o	31.2	77.6

PS. We'll try and make the track for the final the longest yet !!

R.F.Ineson.

BOXING DAY AUTOTEST (Part II)

The usual Boxing Day event, but with a difference: Snow and Ice! The event had a change of venue, this being the Great Clowes warehouse car park. I would like to praise Ronnie Mac. & Co for running the event in such conditions as the car park had not been cleared of snow. I think a lot of organisers would have cancelled the event, but not Ronnie. He put on a great event but sadly did not receive the support he deserved, with only 8 entries. (Where were you all??)

There were 2 classes, F.W.D cars up to 1100cc and R.W.D up to 1300cc, the other being F.W.D Cars over 1100cc & the big RWD class. The small class had had Mark Tierney (Mini), John Renny (Escort), Ronnie Moore (Escort Estate) and Steve Dobson (Kadette). The larger class had Ken Goodall (RS2000), Tony Mitchell (Escort RS), Clive Baty (Mexico) and John Westmoreland (Escort FWD Van).

The first test was on ice, some cars showing 70-90mph on their speedos, whilst only doing 10-15mph. The next 4 tests used part of the car park still covered in up to 4" of snow. This was not too bad on the first two tests as you just had to drive through it with no change of direction being necessary. The next two tests caused the problems, as you had to do a 360 degree circuit around two pylons. Even cars fitted with an LSD got stuck (DIDN'T THEY, KEN??). Ronnie Moore & Steve Dobson (No LSD's) had marshals in various places to help them through the snow. Clive Baty stalled his car on the first test and had the slowest time, but after that he sprouted horns and took FTD, just beating the FWD cars of Mark Tierney & John Westmoreland. Tony Mitchel would have had a better placing if only the pylons would not attack his car.

A good time was had by all, if only to laugh at John Renny when he slipped getting into his car. Thanks to Ronnie Mac, RFI, and all the marshalls for a fine event.

Ronnie Moore.

FINAL TROPHY POINTS LIST AND AWARD WINNERS 1981.

Shell League Trophy

<u>Ronnie Moore</u>	407.5
R.F. Ineson	406.9
J. Renny	366.5
G. Waters	263.6
J. McNichol	162.7
D. Kelsall	147.5
K. Goodall	135.7

Off Road Events Trophy

<u>Richard Ineson</u>	609.1
R. Moore	461.9
J. Renny	219.3
K. Goodall	132.6
A. Lilley	65.1
R. Mackinnon	65.0

Dickinson PCT Trophy

<u>Andrew Roddy</u>	14
S. Kemp	8
R. Moore	8

Spy 44 Trophy

<u>Ronnie Moore</u>	416.6
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Ray Dickinson ANCC Rally Navigators Trophy

<u>John Bean</u>	454.9	6 events
J. McNichol	279.1	3 "
J. Coulthard	214.3	3 "
R. Moore	149.8	2 "
J. Bownass	109.4	4 "
N. Latimer	86.1	3 "

Arnold G Wilson ANCC Rally Driver's Trophy

<u>Gez Waters</u>	443.8	6 events
R. Fox	162.8	2 "
C. Gomersall	143.9	3 "
T. Mitchel	143.1	2 "
D. Kelsall	109.4	4 "
J. Cope	100.0	1 "

S & M. Lloyd Special Stage Rally Driver Trophy.

<u>David Ashford</u>	619.7	8 events
J. Burnell	439.4	5 "
G. Waters	133.0	2 "
T. Wood	100.0	2 "
M. Davey	70.9	1 "
D. Harrison	41.0	1 "

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Rally & Speed Autosest Trophy

John Renny	37
M.Tierney	28
S.Dobson	23
G.Bradford	22
R.Moore	15
A.Lilley	14
C.Baty	11
K.Goodall	11
J.Westmoreland	10

Marshal Trophy

Keith Hunn	115
Andrea Hunn	115
Elaine Longhorn	115
Heather Ruddick	115
M.Holmes	70
J.Westmoreland	60
D.A.Lee	55
R.Moore	50

Mr & Mrs Newman Trophy -
All round lady member.

Andrea Hunn	124
Elaine Longhorn	124
H.Ruddick	121
V.Spurdens	59
J.Lee	51
S.Broadbelt	41
J.Thompson	33
J.Ashford	33

Service Crew Award

Carl Gomersall	20
P.Womack	15
T.Mitchel	15
N.Gledhill	10
K.Bowen	10
C.Thorley	5
J.Renny	5

Ronnie Moore.
Trophy Points Sec.

FSB Rally Drivers Trophy

David Ashford	93	8	events
G.Waters	70	8	"
J.Burnell	69	6	"
D.Kelsall	47	6	"
C.Gomersall	35	6	"
D.Marshall	26	4	"
D.Harrison	25	6	"
R.Fox	23	2	"
I.Gurnett	23	3	"

FSB Rally Navigators Trophy

John McNichol	92	8	events
Mrs J.Ashford	78	6	"
J.Bean	72	8	"
N.Gledhill	51	6	"
J.Bownass	47	7	"
J.Coulthard	38	5	"
C.Thorley	30	5	"
R.Moore	25	3	"

Trackrod Trophy - All round club member.

Ronnie Moore	199
D.A.Lee	186
J.Westmoreland	180
K.Hunn	134
A.Hunn	124
E.Longhorn	124
H.Ruddick	121
M.Holmes	80
B.Dove	70
J.Stephenson	70
R.Makinnon	68
J.Renny	64

Ladies Challenge Cup, best Lady Competitor

Jennifer Ashford	30
V.Spurdens	5

New Members

The Committee would like to extend a welcome to the following new members :-

Linda P.Ford, Leeds 16
Graham Steggle, Leeds 8
Mark Middleton, Leeds 2.

Alan J.Sunley, Yeadon,
Christopher Watson, Leeds 8.
Ian Dixon, Bradford 11 (Ex Postal)

We hope your association with TRACKROD will be both long and successful.

ED.

I'll leave the last words to our worthy chairman. The theory is that if you ignore the editorial waffle, then you might read the chairman's views, if they are 8 pages apart !!

Chairman's chat.

Well, another new year is with us, so I'd like to wish you all the very best for 1982.

December certainly caught us out with the winter weather which probably accounted for the low attendance at the Christmas party, nevertheless it was a successful evening and our thanks must go to the Social Committee (& Santa !) for the hard work they put in. The Raffle, drawn that night, will have contributed about £100 to club funds, a total of £240 worth of tickets being sold.

If anyone doesn't know, we won the trophy for the best round of the 1981 Esso-BTRDA Gold Star Rally Championship - well done everyone, let's see if we can keep it up this year, 23rd October is the date!

Please make a note in your diaries NOW for the Dinner/Dance at the Mercury Motel, Garforth, Friday, 19th February - it's always a superb evening, & very cheap accommodation can be booked. Tickets available from any committee member at around £7.50p each.

And finally, we shall be running a stage on the Mintex sometime between the 25th & 27th of February, more details next month.

Rod Parkin.

Finally, an apology for the late appearance of this months mag. I'm afraid a slight crisis has stricken the editorial household, and without going into details, well, I've learned how to change nappies, feed a 2 yr old, and do my own washing!!

For those who are interested, my wife & secretary is in Roundhay Hall hospital, flowers & food parcels gratefully accepted!!

ED.

PS. - She's now home. Perhaps now I can print this damn mag !!