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EDITORIAL

Have you ever noticed how expensive it can be to compete in motor sport? A few of our regular competitors have recently found out the hard way that the quicker you travel, the more expensive it becomes to carry on competing. John Renny on the Ridings Rally, and Gaz Waters on the Ribble both badly damaged their cars, and both had entered a rally the following week-end! Obviously they enter these events being fully aware of the pitfalls, but any assistance or support that can be given to members who actively compete in Motor Sport is always welcome. Do not forget, that the purpose of being a member of a motor club is to act in furtherance of our Sport. The assistance or support, by the way, can come in many different ways, one of the easiest of which is to turn out and marshal on events - that way, you are actively involved in the Sport.

I have been asked to offer an apology for the non-appearance of the Open Forum on 13th April last. Due to a combination of factors, several people were either not aware of the date or could not attend. Needless to say, efforts are being made to arrange a further date.

Our Club's Social Committee perform a very valuable contribution to the running of social events, and the planning of future noggins etc. This function is presently being carried out by three ladies, whose dedication to the task in hand is exemplary. However, the committee is designed for many more people, and to help ease their burden somewhat, volunteers, male or female, are now needed for that post. All we ask for is dedication - no other qualifications are necessary.

Continuing the theme, the question of film shows has been raised once more. The answer is, yes, we can hold film shows as long as members appreciate that there must be an entry charge on the night. To keep this charge to a minimum, anyone with access to a projector (F.O.C.) is asked to contact any committee member.

Finally, in this issue you will find a letter from John Westmoreland. Whilst, I personally agree with some aspects of his "Campaign", I definitely disagree with some of the points he has raised. All I ask is that he, and everyone else, should bear in mind that the Committee is made up of human beings, who can and do make human errors. Correspondence on this subject is now closed.

John Bean
Editor

Cover Picture

This month shows Hannu Mikkola in the Audi Quattro en route to some fast times on this year's Mintex Rally.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.Social Diary.

- 11.5.82 Castle, Spofforth.. Noggin.
- 18.5.82 Crown Hotel, Boston Spa. Open Forum. Hopefully it will get off the ground this time. My apologies in advance (Night Duty!)
- 25.5.82 Shoulder of mutton, Kirby Overblow... Noggin.
- 1.6.82 Square & Compass, North Rington.... Noggin.
- 8.6.82 Crown Hotel, Boston Spa. ALSO Autotest Practice night, Tockwith Airfield. See Ron. Mackinnon or Richard Ineson for details.
- 15.6.82 Beehive, Thorner. Round 2 treasure Hunt. See Page 4 for Details.
- 22.6.82 The Horsforth Club, New Road Side, Horsforth. (Full details next month & Map Ref.).. Noggin.
- 29.6.82 Shoulder Of Mutton, Kirby Overblow,.... Noggin.

Competition Calendar.

- 15.5.82 BARC Hillclimb, Harewood. Classes for Rally Cars & Novices.
- 16.5.82 Ilkley & Dist. Autotest, ANCC.
- 16.5.82 Sheffield & Hallamshire Autotest. ANCC (?)
- 23.5.82 Poachers M/Club, Uniband Trophy Stages Rally.
- 29/30.5.82 Delacy M/Club, Sandal Motors Rally (C3) TRACKROD are an invited club.
- 19/20.6.82 Shipley M/Club Road Rally. Shell League.
- 27.6.82 TRACKROD M/Club JUNE JESTERS Autotest (National) ANCC & Shell League.
- 4.7.82 TRACKROD M/Club P.C.T. Wharfedale Trophy, (R).

SEE THE METRO BEING BUILT.

B.L. Have offered us the opportunity to visit the Metro assembly lines at Longbridge. If enough people are interested a coach could be arranged. (If enough interest is shown a stripper could be arranged!!)

See Ian Dixon (Tel Leeds 852109) or Stuart Marsh (Tel Leeds 644674)

No date arranged yet, but please indicate your interest A.S.A.P.

ED.

46, Hillcrest
Tadcaster

The Editor, Trackrod

Dear Sir,

Having read the Committee's reply to my letter, which appeared in the March edition of our magazine, there are a couple of points I would like to clear up, for the benefit of members who are personally interested, before allowing the matter of the incorrectly awarded J & B Trophy to sink into the sunset.

Firstly, the reply was an attack against me personally, despite speaking on behalf of other organisers who were equally angry at having their award snatched from under their noses.

Secondly, the correct channels of reaching the committee as pointed out by our Chairman were used on two separate occasions, first when the election was put to club members, and again on the night of the presentation, when members of the committee were informed. On the first occasion it was pointed out that rallies were not eligible, and the voting should be null and void. This was obviously either not heeded by the members concerned, or the committee as a whole. On the second occasion, members were warned that the award was contrary to the rules and a breach of etiquette imminent. Again, no action was taken with the consequent result. Withdrawal of the award would have been the correct action and honour would have been maintained abroad.

In view of the excellent reputation our Club has at present, in the world of motor sport, any further action on the matter has been decided against, as this would only damage the Club and spoil the success we have had in 1981 and will have again in 1982, and in our hearts we love our Club.

Your most loyal members,

John Westmoreland and all other organisers.

NEWS FLASH..... NEWS FLASH.....NEWS FLASH.....

Following the success of the Costa di Pienti Rally and the Forest Stages Rally in 1981:-

"TIP-TOP JUNE JESTERS AUTOTEST 82" GOES NATIONAL

Although not a qualifying round this year in the national championship, "Tip-Top June Jesters 82" will be hosting members of the BT & RDA for the event in late June.

Consequently we shall require many MARSHALS - MARSHALS for this now prestigious event to ensure maintaining the honour that has been bestowed upon us by this national association.

DATE : Sunday, June 27th 1982, Venue: Tip-Top Stores Ltd., Thorpe Arch Trading Estate, Wetherby.

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Or any of the three on any club night.

WE NEED YOU

John Westmoreland
Secretary

"Hunters Trophy" Treasure Hunt Championship 1982

Round 2 Tuesday June 15th

Organisers: Team Crabs Do It Sideways

Start Beehive Hotel, Thorne
6.30-7.30 p.m. Maps 104/105 may be required (nudge, nudge)

Finish Beehive Hotel, Thorne

John Westmoreland

Border Stages Rally

The YAK team arrived at Lindholme airfield at 6.00 a.m. approx feeling worse for wear and cursing Phil for bad timing and arriving before any officials, including Charles Hill. We unloaded the car and surprisingly enough it started on the trailer, which strangely enough it never seems to want to do. We had the service area set up and along came Charles Hill and told us to move. I wouldn't mind but it was only a couple of feet.

Yet again we managed to be parked next to a Trackrod member, George Mathie, who arrived with a full complement of tyres - slicks or slicks, could be fun on wet Tarmac.

Scrutineering was performed differently, the scrutineer came round to us!

The first stage was run and Tony came in complaining of rubbing tyres on the rear inner arches. This was time for Jez to apply a size 3 hammer to the arch. This attracted a lot of attention, people wondered what the hell we were doing so early in the day.

The next stage boiled our tyres and also we had a near major problem - we nearly rolled. So during Service, we changed from Rostyle rims to Weller, which had a 40 mm offset. However, now the tyres were catching

on the outside of the arches! We decided all that could be done was to keep changing rims around all day.

At this point we were lying 7th overall, keeping a keen eye on the team "next door" (George Mathie) and how his slicks performed on the incredibly smooth tarmac.

Stage three was run the same as two with yet another almost roll on one of the tight 90 degree right-handers. We were also experiencing problems with the rear brakes, causing all four rims to be bent due to the handbrake not performing its task. Service therefore was taken up with changing the rear shoes for a different material and re-shaping rims.

By this stage (no pun intended) of the day we were virtually praying for rain as our tarmac intermediates were looking decidedly worse for wear.

The next two stages were just about the same as the preceeding ones with a split in the middle. The flying finish of stage four was smack on the apex of a ninety right and was unfortunately completely missed! Luckily, whilst Tony was heading straight for the start of stage five at full speed, Phil's shouts of "stop!" were heeded and, running shoes donned, the sprint back to stage finish was started. "Look out Seb Coe!"

Stage six brought more rim bending experiences and one hairpin was cocked up due to rear shoes in need of adjustment. At the end of this stage we were still lying 7th. Servicing was not needed apart from routine checks. We visited the Poyner Tent expecting to gorge ourselves, but due to extortionate rates - no such luck, the food was good though and it was another good point of the event.

Stages seven and eight had an additional section which was covered in gravel. This gave a feeling of driving on marbles. After these two runs, one of our team mates had shoved his car into a tree - Chris Pearson in an identical car to ours. We had now jumped up to 4th place.

Stage 10 was one final blast around the whole airfield which proved to be very tiring, we reached the finish line satisfied we had not had the misfortune to bend any panels. The car was loaded and then we retired to the marquee, where hot food and drink had been served throughout the day, for the final results and award presentations. It turned out we had managed a fifth overall and a second in class.

On summing up the event was one of the best single-venue rallies we have attended. This can be attributed to super-smooth tarmac, fine weather and darn-good organisation by Charles Hill & Co.

YAK TRANSPORT RALLY TEAM

Tony Hanson, Phil Pease, Jez Draper, Martin Armitage, Ian Glendenning, Gaz Helliwell and Nig Duckett.

AND NOW..... THE " THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN PARKIN CAPTION COMPETITION."

THE WINNING CAPTION.....

(Thinks) ONLY ANOTHER $\frac{3}{4}$ OF A MILLION GREEN SHIELD STAMPS AND I'LL HAVE ONE OF MY VERY OWN.....

THE WINNER MARK MIDDLETON (Leeds 2)...

AND THE PICK OF THE REST.....

"I must have a word with Vicky - Can't have her talking to the co-drivers like that! " (Richard Ineson)

"I don't know, he's a top Rally Diver and he can't get his bloody helmet off! " (Mark Middleton)

"I wonder if he'll swap it for my BMW? " (Phil Sykes)

" Oh! To hell with the June Jesters, my event's going to win. " (Name & Address Supplied)

" I wonder if Arne Hertz would rent me a Quattro for this years Lookout rally?" (Clive Baty.

" Well, well, well, what have we here - A Quattro. Don't know what all the fuss is about. " (Ron Mackinnon)

Many thanks for the entries, including those which were amusing, but unprintable.

Ed.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Committee would like to extend a welcome to the following new members. We hope that your stay with TRACKROD will be both long and fruitful..

David Turnbull, Bardsey.
Corinne B. Pitts, Leeds 8.
Jonathan North, Leeds 8.
Paul Atkinson, Scholes.

Michael & Mary Watson Leeds 8
Daniel Forshaw, Leeds 6.
Alan & Caroline Nutter, Leeds 12.

M. Ogden.
Membership Sec.