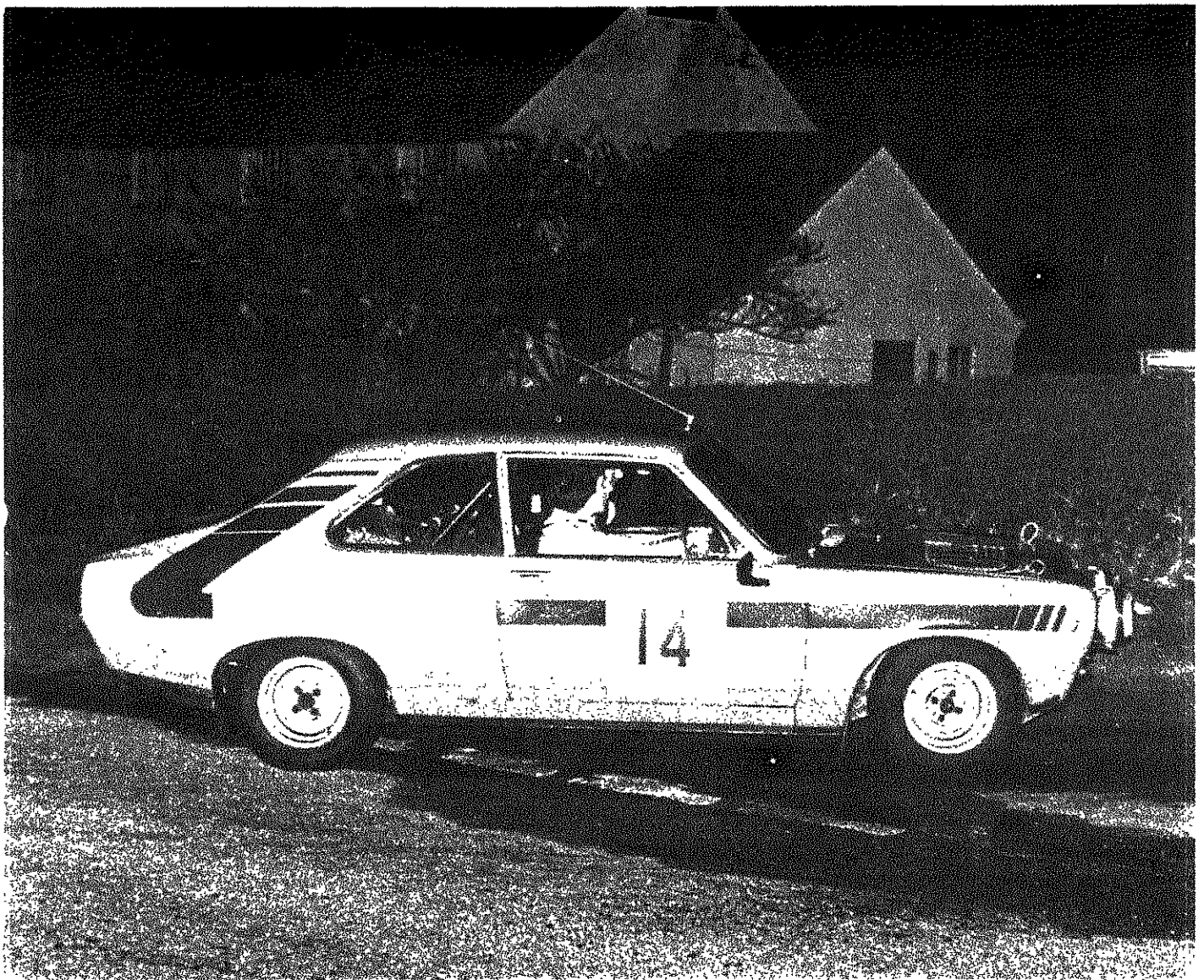


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EDITORIAL

Following last month's slimline affair, this month's magazine offers something for all. Once again, I offer no apologies for two reports about the same event, especially as one gives an insight into one of Rallying's more unusual vehicles. Also included this month is an up-to-date trophy points list.

The promised Open Forum finally took place on 18th May, and an open and fruitful discussion took place. For the benefit of the 100 or so members who didn't attend, a report is included in the Magazine by Derek Lee.

Following my comments about the Social Committee last month I begin to wonder about our members. To date, no offers of help for the Social Committee have been received. Give it a thought, as indications are that following the next A.G.M. many more nominations for committee places may be needed.

On the same lines, our constant appeals for event organisers seem to fall on deaf ears once again. True, some of the club's "stalwarts" have once again offered to help out, but what of the newcomers to the Club. Remember those forms you completed for membership? - Well, I'd hate to publish names, but several did indicate a willingness to help organise events ... but when it comes to the crunch??

Finally, a note about the July issue. Due to the editorial holidays, the July issue will appear on 13th July 1982, a week later than normal. The latest date for copy will be 6th July - I will be present to receive the avalanche of articles, photos etc.

John Bean
Editor

Forthcoming Events

Social Diary

- 8.6.82 Autotest Practice/Training Evening, Tockwith.
Ron Mackinnon/Richard Ineson will be giving valuable tuition/tips. Afterwards at the Crown Hotel, Boston Spa.
- 15.6.82 Round 2 of the Hunters Trophy, Treasure Hunt. See report for details. Starts and finishes at the Beehive, Thorner.
- 22.6.82 Noggin - NEW VENUE. The Horsforth Club, New Road Side, Horsforth. Map Ref 104/234374 (Approx). Entrance will be arrowed.
- 29.6.82 Noggin, Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.

- 6.7.82 Sportonoggin, Music Hire Group Car Park, Harper Lane, Yeadon. Come and have a laugh, all that's needed is a car and a sense of humour. Afterwards at the Square & Compass, North Rigton. (N.B. - Come early, starts around 7.30 p.m.).
- 13.7.82 Clubnight P.C.T. Stubbins Farm, Otley Chevin. Organiser Derek Lee - Afterwards - The Wharfedale, Arthington.
- 20.7.82 Treasure Hunt. Organiser needed. Crown Hotel, Boston Spa.
- 27.7.82 Trackrod Economy Run. Starts at Leaffield Garage (A65) Guiseley. Organiser Ronnie Moore. Afterwards at the Station Hotel, Yeadon.
- 3.8.82 Noggin - Square & Compass.

Competition Calendar

- 6.6.82 Ilkley M.C. P.C.T. ANCC & Shell League. Ilkley Moor Rose Farm.
- 12/13.6.82 Leeds M.C. Midnight Rally. Maps 105 and 100. Starts at Tricentrol Garage, Wetherby. Marshals wanted.
- 13.6.82 Glossop M.C. P.C.T. ANCC.
- 19/20.6.82 Shipley D.M.C. White Rose Rally. Shell League. Maps 99, 100, 104. Marshals wanted.
- 27.6.82 Trackrod M.C. June Jesters Autotest. Shell League & NACC.
- 27.6.82 Ilkley D.M.C. P.C.T. ANCC.
- 27.6.82 Reckitts M.C. Cossack Stages Rally. Map 107.
- 4.7.82 Trackrod M.C. Wharfedale P.C.T. ANCC. Thorpe Farm
- 4.7.82 Slaitwaite M.C. Autotest (Rest. - Trackrod invited)
- 11.7.82 Airedale & Pennine M.C. Autotest. ANCC & BTRDA.
- 13.7.82 Trackrod M.C. Club night PCT. Stubbins Farm, Otley Chevin.
- 17.7.82 Border Counties M.C. Stage Rally. BTRDA.
- 18.7.82 Shipley D.M.C. Autotest. ANCC.
- 25.7.82 Ripon M.C. Autotest. ANCC.
- 25.7.82 Wakefield Motor Club. Diplomat Novice Rally. Maps 104 & 111. 100 miles. Trackrod invited.
- 27.7.82 Trackrod M.C. Economy Run. Leaffield Garage, Guiseley.
- 7/8.8.82 Ripon M.C. St. Wilfred's Rally. Maps 92, 98, 99.
- 7/8.8;82 Kirby Lonsdale M.C. Devil's Own Rally. ANCC.
- 14/8.82 Halewood Stages Rally. BTRDA.

- 22.8.82 Ripon M.C. PCT. ANCC.
- 4/5.9.82 Morecambe M.C. Illuminations Rally. ANCC.
- 5.9.82 Knutsford M.C. PCT. ANCC.
- 11.9.82 Telford Stages Rally. BTRDA.
- 12.9.82 Lancashire & Cheshire M.C. PCT. ANCC.
- 18/19.9.82 Trackrod M.C. Lookout Novice Rally. Maps 105 and 100.
- 19.9.82 Lindholme M.C. Stages Rally. Shell Leage. WE NEED ENTRIES.
- 19.9.82 Otley M.C. PCT. ANCC.
- 19.9.82 High Moor M.C. Autotest ANCC.
- 25/26.9.82 Bolton Le Moors. Midnight Rally. ANCC.
- 26.9.82 Glossop M.C. Autotest. ANCC.
- 23.10.82 Trackrod M.C. North Riding Stages Rally. BTRDA. BASE AT SCARBOROUGH.

Friday 25th June. Rothman's Film Show at the Norfolk Gardens Hotel, Bradford. Start 7.30 p.m. for 8.0 p.m.

Those who wish to go, please see Keith Bowen. Admission by ticket only.

MINI-PEDAL-CAR-RALLY

We have been invited to enter a team in the forthcoming MINI PEDAL CAR RALLY, which will be held on Sunday 5th September 1982 at the YORK COLLEGE OF ARTS, starting at 10 a.m.

The event calls for a team of 6 drivers (riders) to compete in a pedal car of their own construction over the 8 hours of the event. The whole affair being in aid of Dr. BARNADO'S CHILDRENS HOMES.

Anyone who is interested can contact me and as I have a garage full of racing bike bits and wheels etc. we could put together a super. lightweight machine with a little effort.

Drivers would, of course, have to be fit and anyone who cares to join me on Tuesday and Thursday training evenings is welcome.

Anyone who is interested as driver, mechanic, team manager etc. please contact me and let's see what we can do.

Keith Bowen.

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Shell League

Well, the 2nd round of the Shell league has been and gone and I'm not too sure whether any more than 10 or 15 people knew it, or were even bothered by it. At one point before the event I thought I might have the task of actually being able to pick a team, but when it came to it Trackrod Motor Club could only raise two entries. The event, by the way, for those of you who are still interested, was YSCC's Hill Climb held at Castle Howard, on 28th March 1982.

The weather was perfect on the day, and practice started virtually on time. Trackrod's two entries were Mr Watson, a new member and new to hillclimbing, entered in the Mini's class, and was up against some very tough opposition, with 11 in his class, and yours truly JR in a 1300 escort with a newly built engine but still, at that time, totally standard. Ronnie Mackinnon came out for the ride and ended up marshalling all day, waving obscenities on the flying finish.

The timed runs went without a hitch and I spent my time changing my rear tyres to try and get the most from a lost cause with no real success, but managed to look entertaining if nothing else. Mr Watson (sorry I don't know your first name, please introduce yourself at the next club night) was finding out how competitive Hillclimbing was.

The timed runs started on time in the afternoon and things ran very smoothly, the rally car class being made to run last as the single seaters thought we were making too much mess on the track, which was a bit of a laugh. They should have watched Tony Drummond and Richard Jackson up. Both very quick, but they did as much corner cutting as the next man. Richard Jackson by the way was running under YSCC's banner for those who remember him when he was a regular competitor for Trackrod and proud of it. (Gone are those days.)

Final results were Mr Watson 9th in a class of 11, earning 28.20 points, JR 4th in a class of 6 earning 43.30 points, which saw us finish 12th on the day, 13 clubs scoring. This now leaves us in the unusual position of 8th Overall, 19 clubs having scored to date, but some 300 points behind leaders, Ilkley. Positions are as follows :-

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| 1. Ilkley | 559.40 |
| 2. YSCC | 530.70 |
| 3. Shipley | 421.10 |
| 4. Slaithwaite | 391.30 |
| 5. Selby | 375.50 |
| 6. York | 348.90 |
| 7. Alwoodley | 343.40 |
| 8. Trackrod | 251.60 |
| 9. Bridlington | 248.00 |
| 10. Leeds | 238.00 |

My thanks to Mr Watson for turning out and I hope you enjoyed the day. My thanks also to all who came out to watch and support, its nice to see friendly faces on any event.

The next event is Ilkley's PCT on the 6th June, followed by Shipley's Road Rally, The White Rose, on 19/20th June, and then the event of the year, so I've been told, Trackrod's June Jester Autotest, so lets field a strong team on each event and get back on terms with the championship.

John Renny,
Shell League Captain.

OPEN FORUM, 18TH MAY 1982

Held at the Crown Hotel, Boston Spa, 40 members turned out to question 8 Committee members. The meeting began at 9pm, and was very fruitful on both sides.

The first point, raised by Nigel Drayton, was on Film Nights. The Chairman informed the members that to put on a film show cost the club about £40. (About £15 for hire of projector, £6-7 for each film + carriage) and without charging an entry fee of £1 the club stood to lose money, but agreed to do more film shows if the members wanted them. The opinion was that most did!

John Westmoreland mentioned a company he had dealt with in the past, who supplied films without charge. This is being looked into by the Committee. John Richardson said he would attempt to get the film of this years Safari Rally, for August. The point of Video films was raised, as an alternative to films. This well could come to fruition if we could obtain the equipment. (Anyone have a 40" colour TV we could borrow!)

Then Rob Buchan, on the eve of his motor sport quiz, suggested a forum basis discussion with either Rally Drivers or Navigators on different aspects of Rallying, if we could get some to come along - we do have some.

Nigel Drayton, back on the subject of films, asked about company promotional films. The Chairman said that due to the economic climate many firms are not making such films, but if anyone knows of any, could they let the Committee know?

With regard to the poor quality of this year's Dinner/Dance, Richard Ineson asked if the Committee had considered a new venue. The Committee had looked at other hotels, etc, and have decided to use the facilities at the Square & Compass, the date being booked for 28th January 1983. Richard also suggested that we get a local guest speaker, possibly with no connection with motor sport?

F.S.B. queried the point of training evenings, which the Committee promised to do and as yet none had materialised. The Chairman said that apart from the ford films we showed earlier in the year that we had been unable to do any because we had no-one available to organise any, apart from Ronnie MacKinnon and RFI who were arranging an Autotest training evening on 8th June at Tockwith. Another point was raised in connection with training in the use of watches. This will be looked into A.S.A.P.

Nigel Drayton offered his services in training in the use of radio and fire-fighting techniques. In connection with this he queried the use of venues with split rooms, for training, indoor rallies, and refreshments.

Ronnie Mac said he would organise a "Watertest" (the mind boggles) on 17th August, at Otley.

J.Renny asked the chairman if it would be possible to have official meetings on a similar basis as this forum, regularly as this meeting seemed to be a success. The chairman said that the Committee would try to have one a month for about half an hour at private venues.

Stuart Marsh pointed out that he was attempting to arrange a trip to B.L. at Longbridge, to see the Metro being built. This would probably be in Aug/Sept.

The meeting closed at 10pm, and the Chairman thanked those who attended for giving their points of view, and making the evening a success.

Derek LEE.

"HUNTERS" TROPHY" TREASURE HUNT CHAMPIONSHIP 1982Round 1. Tuesday 4th May 1982.

The evening was beautiful and peaceful, following the wild and woolley Bank Holiday, and with 11 crews turning out, this years championship got away to an excellant start.

The first round was organised by reigning champions "Taddy Bootleggers" and required a keen eye and alert brain as the questions were in the main of the crossword type. The route was in three parts, the first being common to all, then split at the Clapgate Inn. Competitors were given the choice of which of the two routes they wanted to tackle, and if they had time, could return to the split point and do the other bit. Thus they were given the choice of going steady and getting all the questions in the two parts or tramming on and try the whole lot but having to skimp a little.

Only three crews went for the whole lot, and it paid dividends for Nigel Latimer and Linda as they won, albeit by only 4 points.

It was a pleasure to see many old faces, and a few new, out for the fun with interesting new team names. Notable changes of name were Team Crabs 82 who finally have stopped doing it sideways at last, Team Bitser (or Bitza) alias Inetomo of last year with ex-Shoestring member Graham Bradford joining the Ineson-Thompson crew. Obviously, Graham is or was the brains of Shoestring as they couldn't get it together without him, in fact they needed CB radiò aid to find the car park in Wetherby. Roger and Rosemary Close, having come so and made it legal since last year were running under the name of Team RR (not in one I hasten to add). Another new team was the topical Team Falklands who started off with three occupants in the car and nearly ended up with four (little Sayer may have arrived by the time you read this).

To all who took part, thanks for your support, let's see you on the remaining 4 rounds. Remember that out of the five rounds it is your best 3 scores which count for the championship.

Results Round 1

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>Championship Pts.</u> | <u>Championship Pos.</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Latimer | 77 | 27 | 1 |
| 2 | Crabs 82 | 73 | 21 | =2 |
| =2 | Bitser(Bitza) | 73 | 21 | =2 |
| 4 | Dixon | 61 | 12 | 4 |
| 5 | Back Trackers | 54 | 9 | 5 |
| 6 | Falklands | 53 | 7 | =6 |
| =6 | Shoestring | 53 | 7 | =6 |
| 8 | Robson (York) | 46 | 5 | 8 |
| 9 | RR | 44 | 4 | 9 |
| 10 | Nutters | 27 | 3 | 10 |
| 11 | YAK Rolling | 24 | 2 | 11 |

Round 2 Tuesday June 15th 1982

Organisers: Team Crabs 82 Start & finish: The Beehive, Thorner.

6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Maps 104/105 may be required (!!!).

John Westmoreland

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URGENT

ORGANISERS REQUIRED FOR TREASURE HUNTS IN JULY AND AUGUST
TUESDAY EVENINGS.

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URGENT

ANSWERS TO ROUND 1 OF THE TMC HUNTERS TROPHY

Route A

1. (a) Squirrel (b) Ings Lodge. 2. Robin Hill.
3. (a) Bends (b) 1½ miles. 4. (a) Lions Head (b) Old Gas Lamps.
5. The Vinery (Grapes gained 1 point). 6. 8 Poles.
7. 5-81-H. 8. (a) Shutters (b) 24. 9. Dairy Farm Riding Stables.
10. Village Pond - No Damage. 11. Wesleyan Chapel (b) 1822.
12. (a) Coal Bunker (b) Old Stud Farm. 13. Engineers & Barns.
14. (a) Cattle (b) The Pinfold. 15. (a) Gas Main (b) 36".

Route B.

1. (a) Gas Lamps. (b) Cherry Tree Farm. 2. Guildcrepe.
3. Foxley Hening. 4. (a) T. Wray. (b) Cliffe House Farm.
5. 452 Oakhill Road, Rookcliffe Ottawa, Canada. 6. (a) Old Barn Cott.
(b) Town Crier. 7. (a) Stag (b) Old Barn Cott.
8. White Gates Fishery. 9. Manure. 10. Those who honour me - I
will honour. 11. On Weather vane in Garden. 12. 27 roof vents.
13. Travellers for appointment. 14. English Barns. 15. Meadow Brook.
16. Weeton Post Office. 17. The Old School House. 18. 20 Gold
leaves on Gates. 19. (a) Horses (b) Hunters Lodge. 20. (a)
Hon Sec. (b) Weeton & Huby Cricket Club. 21. Langmead (Acorns on
name). 22. £2, £1 and £4 (Day rover ticket). 23. Old Post Cottage.
24. Dr. E.W.L. White. 25. (White Swan) Ashfields. 26. Kellwell
Cottage.

Route C.

1. (a) Horse Shoes (b) Pub Wall 2. Gable end pub wall
3. Whin Bank 4. Rev. N. Pugh. 5. 173 years old. 6. Barrowby Riding
Centre. 7. (Horses Head on sign) Lund Head. 8. (a) Chimneys (6)
(b) On houses (5). 9. Honi soit qui mal y pense. 10. Caravan Club.
11. The Orchard. 12. Owl Alarms. 13. All Saints School.
14. (a) Brigg Hall (b) Cannon. 15. Kirby Overblow Cemetery.
16. Players Starting. 17. Cleveland House. 18. Marton Croft.
19. (a) Free House. (b) Platform 1 20. (Findus Products) K. Walker
(Shop). 21. (Findus Products) Central Stores (Shop). 22. Burn Bridge
Transformer. 23. Main Street. 24. Bridge House Farm. 25. Harrogate
Equestrian Centre. 26. Two White Lions.

John Westmoreland

Two newlyweds spent their wedding night at an hotel. "I hope your
mother gave you the usual advice," the groom said. "Of course," the bride
answered. "but don't worry, I won't pay any attention to it. All that
must have changed a lot since her time.

Motorcraft Motormind. 82

Following my fluke victory in the Trackrod heat of the Mastermind 82 competition, Steve Sanderson and myself set off the other Wednesday for the next traumatic stage - The Area Finals at Quickco, Manchester.

Problems immediately started with the traffic jams for the League Cup replay final at Elland Road, and after being stuck for 15 minutes, looking round to ensure that Mr. Bean or colleagues were not in the area, we hastily crossed the central reservation and made a large detour around the area. After a necessarily rapid trip over the M62 came problem number 2 - Steve said "I'm sure we must cut off onto the M62". "No"; says I, a local native guide had told me to stay on the M62. We, therefore, disappeared off into the wilds of Cheshire. My trusty native guide, on my return, is now hanging by his g...lies from the end of a pointed stick.

Again, a rather rapid detour got us to Quickco with about 5 minutes to spare. Quickco turned out to be the main Ford warehouse for Manchester, with the chairs set out between Cortina Shells and great racks of engine parts. Sanderson had to be physically restrained from filling his pockets with spare struts etc. (the bulge showed!)

Somewhere between 150 - 200 people turned up with just over 20 of us representing our clubs and one or two Yorkshire faces were recognised (John Brown MC.)

Events started with a new Ford history film; rather uninspiring as it was largely bits of films seen before. The highlight was a publicity film of 1939 Ford Pops and V8 Pilots doing "daring" autotests - couldn't recognise R. Ineson driving in this, but I understand he was there !

The initial round of the Motormind Quiz followed with 50 questions (written answers - not a la Mastermind) general, audio and visual and they were flaming difficult, especially the audio ones. Examples:-

1. Exact mileage of Silverstone?
2. Who was in the back seat of Rohl's Fiat in the 1979 (?) RAC ?
3. Who was champion lady driver in Europe in 1977 (careful) ?

Well folks - now the result - total failure I'm afraid as I failed to make the last 6 for the Mastermind type final stage. Scores were kept secret (thank God), so I don't know how badly I did. The questions for this last stage seemed even worse. The 6 finalists were, in reverse order of finishing:-

| | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 6th | Dave Edge of St. Helens M.C. | - 41 out of 70 maximum |
| 5th | Brian Matckin - Triumph Sport Owners- | 44 |
| 4th | Chris Allen, Stockport M.C. | - 45 |
| 3rd | Geoff Cantrell, Ecurie Royal Oak | - 46 |
| 2nd | The Nigel Raeburn, Knutsford M.C. | - 48 |
| 1st | Mike Heyhurst, Longton M.C. | - 49 |

Close wasn't it? The winner got a CB set (cowboy!)

Interspersed with this was the Miss Motor Club Contest which was greatly appreciated, although the tone of the conversation did sink to rather

base levels!

Results:-

3rd = Sue Ashbury of Huddersfield M.C.
 Ros. Hicks of Lancs & Sheshire M.C.
2nd Margaret Cummings of Garstang M.C.
1st Josephine Hopkins of Clitharoe M.C. (She got our vote!)

But why no entrant from Trackrod - we expect better next year, Ladies!

Anyway, a good evening was had by the Trackrod team and supporter (what happened to the bus load) and grovellingly sorry for not winning!

Rob Buchan

Harewood Hillclimb 1982

Now that we are well into this season (Trackwise that is), may I draw our marshalling fraternity's attention to Leeds only permanent motor sport facility - Harewood Hillclimb at the former Stockton Farm on Harewood Avenue.

You may be aware that a company is being formed to purchase the Climb and that, with luck, the facilities there may become even better.

What Harewood is always short of is marshals - the BARC seem to have plenty of competitors but not many marshals.

Just in case anybody is not aware what happens here, the track has a tarmac finish, and cars run against the clock, singly (but not at minute intervals). A wide variety of vehicles are used, from standard road cars, rally cars, sports cars, rallycross cars to racing cars of all shapes and sizes. There are awards for class wins, run offs and an F.T.D. award. Also you get a free pint on Saturdays and there is a marshals draw (usually booze). In addition, there are several end of season binges!

If you fancy a good day out, why not have a try at marshalling at Harewood. I'd be pleased to give anybody further details at any Club night and if you want a reference, ask Nigel Drayton or Alan Nutter, both of whom seem to have enjoyed their days there.

Remaining meetings are:-

Sat. July 10th) RAC Hillclimb Championship
Sun July 11th)
Sat. Aug. 21st)
Sun Aug. 22nd) Montague Burton Trophy
Sat. Sep. 18th)
Sun. Sep. 19th) Championship Finals

Details or volunteer to Rob Buchan - Leeds 730881 or direct to Harewood Chief Marshal, David Dalrymple - 98-609810.

Tip-Top June Jesters Autotest 82

In the May edition of our magazine, I stated that the "June Jesters Autotest goes National". Due to our overworked editor mis-reading this, I would like to point out that the event is still a RESTRICTED PERMIT EVENT, but is National in respect of being "open" to BT and RDA members nationwide, and not just to the Association of Northern Car Clubs.

Things are really warming up in Autotest fields for TIP-TOP June Jesters, as we have been informed by the RAC MSA that they are sending up an observer since we have been nominated for inclusion in the 1983 RAC Autotest Championship.

We now NEED YOUR HELP more than ever as the event is now "GO-GO-GO" for the top two British National Championships in 1983, BT and RDA and RAC. HELP, HELP, HELP. All you have to do is come to Thorp Arch Estate on Sunday June, 27th 1982 and MARSHAL.

Entries are now coming in for the event from near and far, it will be an absolute spectacle of car control and manoeuvrability of the very highest degree.

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OR ANY CLUB NIGHT.

WE NEED YOU - WE NEED YOU - WE NEED YOU - WE NEED YOU

John Westmoreland.

ANCC AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP 1982

I have to hand the first issue of a new magazine, "Autotest News", produced in conjunction with the Yorkshire Bank Sponsored ANCC Autotest Championship, and Edited by Richard Ineson. This worthy mag. gives not only up-to-date results of championship events, but also a round-by round report. Trackrod members registered so far number only 3 : RFI himself, Ronnie Mackinnon, and Ian Burn. However, the best 8 scores count, and there are 11 rounds still to go, so come, all you Autotesters, get registered.

Ed.

Staring sternly at the defendant, The Judge said " After breaking all the furniture in the cafe, you knocked down the owner and two waiters, and broke the arms of two customers. What do you have to say in your defence?" The accused replied " I acted in a moment of weakness. "

COLEMAN TYRES RALLY.

Lets get one thing straight before we start. That red 100E that Philip Jordan drives and I navigate in does not have the original sidevalve unit under the bonnett! If we've been asked once, we've been asked a thousand times, what lies at the heart of the little 'beastie'? The answer is really quite ordinary, a stage II 1500 GT, pre-crossflow with a 28/36 weber breathing. After rolling the car on black ice on the three swans earlier in the year and driving the car without water for quite a distance, the liner in cylinder No4 finally cried enough two weeks prior to the Coleman Tyres. The engine rebuild, with a new block, was only completed 3 days prior to the rally, so as we started the event the engine had only completed about 50 miles. Imagine our surprise at the finish, having driven fairly steadily all night, to find we had won the first Novice Award!

What a superb event the Coleman Tyres Rally was, quite befitting its status as a Motoring News Qualifying Round. It certainly was the best event we have competed on. The timing on the event was such that we never had to wait longer than 4 minutes at any control, and the petrol halt just allowed enough time to re-fuel and complete a small amount of fettling on the car, and we were off again. The 150 mile route was completed in about 5 hours.

Pre-event formalities passed without any problems, although we always have a laugh when the car is presented at scruteneering, looking at the faces of people stood around, watching. "What sort of cars that, Dad?" "You wouldn't know, son, but I had one of those 20 years ago!!"

Otley Cattle Market was crowded with people, most of them around the pizza bus, and a wagon with the whole route displayed on it for spectators to note down their particular viewing points for the night, a welcome sight for the long suffering Road Rally spectator. By the time we left the start at 1.22am(Number82) there weren't many people left, never mind, we haven't got any sponsors anyway!

MTC 1 was just outside Farnley. We only had a 2 minute wait and we were away, around Lindley, Jack Hill and Fewston to TC 4, very steady stuff as the engine was reluctant to pull due to the rebuild. The first selective had two dodgy passage controls, one in a layby and the other on a grass triangle. These caught out some of the Motoring News contenders so we were quite pleased to get them right. The route then went over Brimham Roeks and Pately Moor, making its way via Bagwith House White (A good spectator point as the entrance is blind) eventually to just outside Masham, nine consecutive competitive TC's. The B6267 was used to complete the 1st half near Middleton Quernhow and a run up the A1 to petrol at Leeming Bar. We had just enough time to fill up with petrol, oil and coffee, and we were off again. So far the only moment was attempting to handbrake into the afore mentioned Bagwith white. The handbrake just didn't work and we ended up on the bank!

The 2nd half, which was all selective, started just south of Catterick. The first one, a long affair over Hauxwell Moor finished on a white near leyburn, having driven through a field with arrows everywhere to point out the route! The next one looped over Grinton Moor and briefly onto map 98 finishing the other side of Leyburn. Middleham Low Moor was next and the twisty but fast road from Coverham to East Witton. A Loop around Jervaulx Abbey and then over the moors to Lofthouse. By the time we reached Gouthwaite Reservoir we were on the same minute as 3 other cars, things were going to get interesting! We survived Gouthwaite, oncoming traffic and all, as it was by now light, and proceeded to Heyshaw Moor for the last, long selective back to Otley. As we moved onto map 104 we actually passed an Escort,

SPRING HILL CAR CLUB RIBBLE RALLY.

The third round of the ANCC Championship was the Ribble Rally on 24/25th April 1982. Trackrod had a few crews out, these being John Renny/ Ronnie Moore at 15 in the experts, Gez Waters/ John Bean at 40 in the Semis (?) and Andy Munnis navigating for one C.Foster in a Saab 96 at 89 in the novices.

The event started at the Renault dealers, Nightingales of Great Harwood, near Accrington, and it was a bit of a shambles, with cars parked all over. First away, at 23.10hrs, was Clive Sissons & Ken Savage in their trusty Kadette, a new Chevette not yet being ready. There was a long run out to the first of 16 selectives, this being Gisburn forest, running north onto map 98 to finish near High Bentham. Ex Trackrod member Bob Chapman running at No 8, navigating for Henry Thompson, had a big off on this selective, retiring after only 5 miles.

The second selective used the Melling White, rougher now than in past years, and the third selective was a twisty affair, running between maps 97 and 98. A short run to selective 4, starting at Halton Park and finishing north of Whillington saw John/Ronnie hit trouble when the throttle stuck open and John had to drive on the key for some 3 miles then John decided to investigate. The carb throttle linkage had dropped off, the lever operating the 2nd choke having disappeared. The repair meant that only the first choke could be used for the rest of the event, and also the time spent on repairs cost some 12 minutes. MTC 2 and petrol at Kirby Lonsdale followed, although some 14 crews were caught out with Wrong Approaches! At petrol John/Gez were leading the Semi's, until Selective 5 when they had a puncture and lost 4 or 5 minutes. This left them with an 'Odd' sized tyre at the back.

Selective 6 saw Ronnie drop a bo....k at the triangle junction at 97/540 1/2 913, when he completely missed the passage check and gained a fail, the first since 1976! Selective 7 started on the infamous Sandbeds white, which again seemed rougher than ever but was mercifully dry following the recent good weather. Selective 8 started south of the A 684 and ran around Killington, Selective 9 running down the whites east of the A 683 to finish at the junction with the A road. Selective 10 started south of Casterton, over Barbon Fell to finish on map 98 before Gowthorpe. Selective 11 ran alongside the river Dee and finished at Spice Gill.

Selective 11 ran south down Kingsdale, to finish above Ingleton and 2nd Petrol. Also finished here was Gez/John, who had a heart-stopping moment when they took off over a brow, and the road went 60 right! They went off on the left first, struck a marker post, then shot across and into a banking and dry stone wall. The car was extensively damaged, although after the application of 'a big ammer' they managed to drive home. Also to go off here was Andy Munnis, who had the bruises to prove it.

Selective 13 was unlucky for some, this time the organisers, as the start control never turned up. Selectives 14 and 15 ran south onto map 103, to the final selective around Paythorne, which was shrouded in thick mist. The finish was at the Palmers arms, Paythorne, where breakfast and ale were to hand, but the results weren't. Eventually they appeared (Like the final instructions; some didn't arrive until the Monday!) and results were :-

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| 1. C.Sissons/K.Savage | Opel Kadette | 29.53 | 1st o/a |
| 14 J.Howarth/A Whittle | Escort 1300 | 36.23 | 2nd o/a |
| 15 J.Renny/R,Moore | Escort 1300 | 1F 55.50 | 28th o/a |
| 40 G.Waters/ J.Bean | Escort RS 2000 | Retired | |
| 98 C Foster/A.Munnis | Saab 96 | Retired | |

Ronnie(Fail) Moore.

but 2 miles later we two-wheeled it around a bend and overshot the next junction, so they repassed us. We took it a bit steadier after that to get another finish under our belts, especially round the Snowden Crags loop on Asquith Moor, and we made it. The two time recovery sections, one in each half, definitely kept us in the rally, we were 2 minutes from OTL at the first.

At the finish we couldn't believe it, 2 big 'pots' and £20. Andy Munnis, who is also a Trackrod Member, picked up the 1st Semi award as well, so all in all it was a good night for Trackrod Motor Club Members.

Peter Crompton.

While driving one day, a hand-printed sign caught my eye: YOU ARE NOT WATCHING THE ROAD.

Otley Motor Club, Coleman Tyres Rally, May 1st-2nd 82

Since this was a Motoring News and ANCC round, there was a very good entry list headed by last year's winner Ron Beecroft/John Millington in the new Mini Sport Escort RS and first time out for the car. Trackrod had a few entries, these being John Brogden with Ronnie Moore at no. 34 in the newly-built Cooper S. Next was John Renny/Rod Parkin at no. 39, after being on the reserve list. No. 43 should have been Gez Waters/John Bean, but the car was not ready after the "off" on the Ribble the previous week. In the Semis at no. 69 was Andy Munnis navigating for Kevin Crighton in a Saab 99, and Glen Hogg was navigating for Steve Kemp in an Escort at no. 74. The last crew was in the Novices at no. 82 - Philip Jordan/Peter Crompton with a Ford 100E.

With 2 hours to plot the route, there was time to go through it again and watch a few cars set off. The first car left the start at 12.01 hrs. There was a short run out to Farnley to the start of competitive motoring, which went via Leathley, Dob Park, Fewston to finish at the A59. The start of selective 1 ran from the North of the A59, taking in 2 passage checks on the way to the finish on map 99 to the south of Dacre Bank. At the start of this selective, car 14 burst into flames and was badly damaged and it took 2 extinguishers to put it out. On selective 1 Beecroft was fastest on 1.17 and 24th fastest was Brogden/Ronnie Moore on 1.32.

The next string of controls ran over Brimham Rocks, Patley Moor, north of Grantley and looped round to Bagwith White, and Swinton Ford, taking in the short but very rough Fearby white to finish west of Masham. There was a time recovery control to the east of Masham on the B6267 and a secret noise check, which 3 or 4 crews missed completely. The next string of controls ran down the A6267, looping round Sutton Howgrave to finish just before the A1. Petrol at Leeming Bar showed Beecroft leading on 16.17 from Hutchinson on 17.23. However John Brogden and Ronnie Moore had managed to climb up to 8th O/A on 20.32, but were having trouble with the engine smoking badly, but decided to carry on.

The restart was up the A1, just to the south of Catterick to the 2nd selective, which had 6 passage checks on route to the finish at Harmby Moor white.