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EDITORIAL

I must start this month in the apology department. Firstly, to Ronnie Moore and all who took part in the darts and dominoes evening on 25th May at the Shoulder of Mutton. I DID receive an article from Ronnie, containing the only copy of the results, BUT .... it got "held over" from the June issue .... and my filing system appears to have let me down somewhat. Secondly, an apology to you all for a gross mis-print in last month's Social Diary - now corrected this month. (What do you mean - "what mis-print"!!).

This year's North Riding Stages Rally is now in its final stages of planning. The event will be centred on Scarborough, with start and finish facilities at the "Southlands" Hotel. An excellent, compact route has been devised, of approximately 50 prime forest stage miles, and less than 60 road miles. Finally, considerable backing has been secured for the event, which will now be known as the "Quip Forest Stages Rally", in association with Cobra Seats and Sachs Suspension. Many responsible jobs need filling, so please contact Nigel Drayton or Rod Parkin, and make a note in your diary - 23rd October 1982.

No doubt by the time most members read this magazine, the AGM will be history. Whatever the outcome, and whoever is elected to the committee, one thing is certain, they will need YOUR SUPPORT. During the past 12 months, that has been sadly lacking, particularly as regards event organisers. Without the dedicated few, no events AT ALL would have run this year. So if you do nothing else, and many of you do NOTHING ALL YEAR, have a go at organising SOMETHING. I'd hate to become a name-dropper!!

Finally, I have in my possession a number of back issues of TRACKROD MAGAZINES. Over the next few weeks they will be in a box by the notice-board on club nights, so help yourself - they're F.O.C., and they may bring back memories of our former glory!

John Bean  
Editor

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COVER PICTURE

This month shows an Opel Ascona on a dusty stage in the South of France.  
(Photo : John Renny.)

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Forthcoming Events

Social Diary

10.8.82      Round 4, Hunters Trophy. Organisers TEAM BITZA.  
Starts at The Wharfedale, Arthington, 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.  
Finishes at the Crown Hotel, Boston Spa.  
Maps 104/105 useful but not essential.

- 17.8.82 Watersport on noggin. On the riverside at Otley (just over the bridge). Bring a towel (etc.). Afterwards at the Wharfedale, Arthington.
- 24.8.82 Noggin - Old Star Inn, Collingham.
- 31.8.82 Noggin - Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
- 7.9.82 Noggin - Square & Compass, North Ripton.

Competition Calendar

- 7/8.8.82 Ripon M.C. St. Wilfred's Rally. Maps 92,98,99. Marshals wanted. If you can assist PHONE MELMERBY 546 AFTER 6 P.M.
- 7/8.8.82 Kirby Lonsdale M.C. Devil's Own Rally. M/News & ANCC. Maps 90,91,97,98. Starts centre of Kendal.
- 14.8.82 Halewood Stages Rally. BTRDA.
- 22.8.82 Ripon M.C. PCT. ANCC.
- 22.8.82 North Humberside M.C. Holderness Trophy Rally.
- 28.8.82 Dunfirmline Car Club. Ali's Shuffle Rally. (M/News) (NOW CANCELLED.)
- 29.8.82 Ilkley & D.M.C. Autotest. Trackrod invited. More like a mini stage event.
- 4/5.9.82 Morecambe M.C. Illuminations Rally. ANCC
- 4/5.9.82 62 Car Club. Sunrise Rally. MARSHALS NEEDED.
- 5.9.82 Knutsford M.C. PCT. ANCC.
- 5.9.82 Slaithwaite M.C. Autotest. Shell League.
- 11.9.82 Telford Stages Rally. BTRDA.
- 12.9.82 Lancashire & Cheshire M.C. PCT. ANCC.
- 19.9.82 Lindholme M.C. Working Alcan Stages Rally. Shell League. 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.
- 2.10.82 David Brown M.C. Elcar Forest Rally. Trackrod invited to help.
- 3.10.82 Bridlington M.C. Single Venue Stages at Ulrome. Trackrod invited.
- 9/10/11.10.82 2300 Car Club Tour of Mull Rally. (M/News, ANCC).
- 10.10.82 Wakefield M.C. Autotest ANCC. Shell League.
- 17.10.82 Sheffield & Hallamshire. Stage Rally. Shell League.

"Hunters Trophy" Treasure Hunt Championship

Round 3

Tuesday, July 20th saw the third round of the treasure hunt championship. This round was organised by Chris Watson and Graham Staggles, and started from the Coronation Service Station just past the Leeds Ring Road on the A58. Eight crews turned out to do battle, the usual protagonists plus two new teams, one of which were brand new members.

The route took us via Red Hall Lane and through Thorner to Bramham, with a "neutral" section in Thorner where the route was the same as last month's event. From Bramham we went via the old mill (wind) down "willow" lane to Clifford past the old mill (water) and into the main street. The full length of the main street was used, then right along the top road to Boston and the finish at the Crown Hotel. The second half of the route caused no problems, other than keen observation, being straight forward. But the first half caused much cursing and swearing amongst competitors and placed great doubt upon the parentage of the organisers until it was realised by competitors (but not the organisers) that 10 of the questions had been placed in reverse order.

An otherwise excellent event was spoiled by this unfortunate clerical error, much time being wasted until we (the competitors) got our heads together and sussed out the problem. On the plus side, we must remember that this was the first time that Chris and Graham had organised an event, and were new even to competing. So anyone who harshly criticises the event, let's hear from you, as I need an organiser for round 5 to run in September.

Well done lads, don't give in, better luck next time.

Results Round 5 Possible Total 176

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>C'ship Points</u>
Whitlock	73	5	9
Bitza	99	3	16
Robson (York)	50	8	5
Crabs 82	115	2	21
Dixon	93	4	12
Taddy Bootleggers	122	1	27
Nutters	65	6	7
Roundhill	63½	7	6

Championship Position after 3 Rounds

<u>Team</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Position</u>
Taddy Bootleggers	0	27	27	54	1
*Bitza	21	16	16	53	2
Crabs 82	21	0	21	42	3

Shoestring	7	21	0	28	4
Latimer	27	0	0	27	5
Dixon	12	0	12	24	6
Backtrackers	9	9	0	18	7
*Nutters	3	7	7	17	8
Mini Watson	0	12	0	12	9
Robson (York)	5	0	5	10	10
Whitlock	0	0	9	9	11
Falklands	7	0	0	7	12
Steggles	0	6	0	6	=13
Roundhill	0	0	6	6	=13
R.R.	4	0	0	4	15
Yak Rolling	2	0	0	2	16

\* Teams who have now completed 3 events, from now onwards they will discard their worst score. REMEMBER it is your BEST THREE scores that count.

John Westmoreland

#### Round 4

ORGANISERS TEAM BITZA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

START: The Wharfedale, Arthington  
6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

FINISH: The Crown Hotel, Boston Spa.

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#### Shell League

Well, since I last put pen to paper another 3 rounds of the Shell League have been and gone and we have a break now until 5th September, when Slaithwaite put on an Autotest instead of their Rally.

The first round was Ilkley & District Motor Club's P.C.T. - always a good event. Unfortunately, Trackrod were unable to even field a team, but thankfully, Andy Ruddy made a timely comeback to P.C.T.ing for Trackrod and got a very creditable class finish. I believe he is doing the ANCC PCT Championship this season, so wish him luck. Ronnie Moore was our only other competitor and did his usual impeccable job, earning more points on behalf of the club. Unfortunately, I can't tell you the number, as they seem to be misplaced at the moment.

The next round - round 4 - was Shipley's Road Rally. We had 4 crews out on this event, which was a record for this year, and these were:-

T. Conway/J. McNichol; S. Muscroft/A. Mekwinski; P. Jordan/P. Crompton and A. Sunley/D. Harrison.

Unfortunately, at the finish, after a very fast and competitive route, only 2 survived to tell the tale - S. Muscroft/A. Mekwinski in their 1300 Fiesta in Leeds Tyre Services' colours finished 2nd in class and well up in the top ten, an excellent finish and obviously a man to watch for on future events. The other crew were P. Jordan/P. Crompton finishing 10th in a class of 18 and earning 54 points.

Points on Round 4

T. Conway/J. McNichol	NF/30	5.0
S. Muscroft/A. Mekwinski	2/18	98.9
P. Jordan/P. Crompton	10/18	54.0
A. Sunley/D. Harrison	NF/36	<u>-5.0</u>
only best 3 count		<u>158.0</u>

On the night, Trackrod finished 11th in the Shell League, leaving Trackrod 8th overall - more than 500 points down on Ilkley.

Round 5. Trackrod's Tip-Top Autotest

Another fine round - we managed a team of 3 - R. Moore, R. Ineson and J. Renny. You will all have read the reports in last month's magazine, so I will just give the points tally:-

R. Moore	11/14	31.4
R. Ineson	2/6	76.6
J. Renny	4/14	81.4
		<u>189.4</u>

Trackrod finished 5th on the day and moved up to 7th overall. Another concerted effort on Slaithwaite's Autotest on September 5th, could see us move up 2 places to 5th, as Alwoodley and Shipley are within striking distance.

Overall Position - Top Ten

1. Ilkley	1383.7
2. Y.S.C.C.	1238.7
3. Selby	995.2
4. York	882.6
5. Alwoodley	797.4
6. Shipley	785.4

7. Trackrod	735.9
8. Slaithwaite	708.6
9. Ripon	489.3
10. Sheffield	379.2

21 clubs have now scored in the Championship.

John Renny  
Shell League Captain.

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#### Merchandise

Trackrod Motor Club ties are available. They are 100% polyester, black with repeat diagonal red stripe and Trackrod logo, designed to appear under the knot.

Price: £3.30.

If you want to buy or to view, contact Nigel Latimer any club night. There is only a limited supply.

P.S. If you can't make a club meeting, send your order and money (preferably a cheque) by post (plus 20p P&P).

Nigel Latimer.

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#### Trackrod Economy Run '82

On the evening of Tuesday, 27th July 1982, eight crews reported to Leafield Garage, Guiseley, for this year's economy run.

To the uninitiated, the economy run is decided by a complicated formula (engine size, mph per 1000 rpm in top, and kerb weight) which computes a forecast "Bogey" fuel consumption. This is then compared with the actual mpg and the resulting percentage figure is the one that counts. Thus any car can be used, not just the new "Super Efficient" cars of today.

After signing-on, and supplying the relevant information ("rounded down" if of doubtful origin), a sheet giving route directions (very straightforward) was issued. Briefly, the route ran over Ilkley Moor, into and out of Ilkley, via Langbar to the A59, thence to Blubberhouses. Then it was back to Otley over Snowden Moor, along to Pool-in-Wharfedale and back past the airport to Guiseley.

It was clear that Ronnie Moore had chosen the route for its hills, but fortunately what goes up must come down. Strangely, it was on these downhill sections where most people had problems. John Westmoreland, in his "Shop" Escort van nearly came to grief near Langbar, at a "J" junction after a blind brow, when he found out his servo only works when the engine runs.... A good spectator point would have been on the

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road leading into Otley, just below the Spite Pub. By the time yours truly passed, the skid marks told all!!

A good indication of various driving techniques came to the fore on Pool Bank. I was quite happily following a truck at about 15 mph, when Mike Robson (the eventual winner) steamed past in his Cavalier. That's one out of the way I thought - until I watched him fill up at the finish - One lives and learns.

Many thanks to Ronnie Moore and Derek Lee for a fine event (once again), and to all who took part.

The results were:-

		<u>%</u>	<u>m.p.g</u>
1st	M. Robson	137.04	51.28
2nd	J. Westmoreland	121.25	52.94
3rd	N. Drayton	117.99	41.37
4th	C. Sanderson	110.30	50.00
5th	J. Bean	100.59	36.00
6th	D. Dixon	96.92	42.6
7th	S. Roundhill	87.05	53.73
8th	I. Dixon	73.78	30.00

John Bean

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#### NEW MEMBERS.

The below listed persons have joined our club in the past few months. The Committee wish to extend a welcome and wish that their association with TRACKROD is both long and successful. :-

Richard Fretwell, Whitkirk.	Anthony Conway, Knottingley.
Neil Wetherall, Scholes.	Malcolm Davey, Shelf, Halifax.
Raymond Plummer, Farsley.	Robert Leeming, Yeadon.
Carl Bullivant, Halton Moor.	

Michael Ogden,  
Membership Sec.

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Hillman Imp, 'N' reg, 24,000 miles, M.O.T. & Taxed until Oct.  
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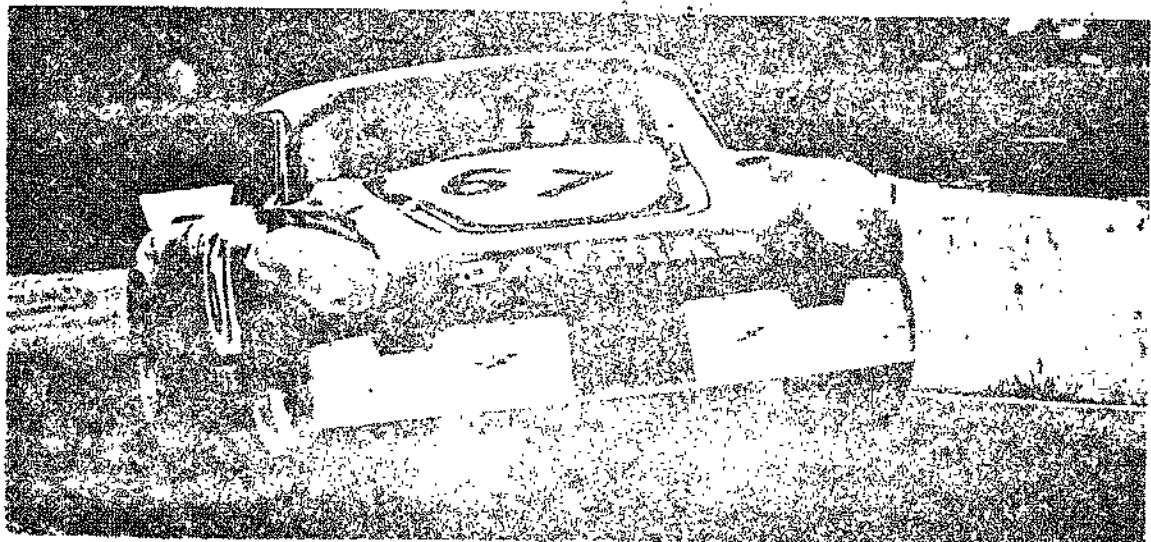
Escort Estate, Mk I. Ex Adrian Tate PCT car. Requires some work.  
Open to offers.

For any of the above please contact Ronnie Moore on Leeds 507780.

# PHOTO PAGE



↑ ROGER CLARK 1970 SCOTTISH RALLY



↑ AN UNKNOWN DARRIN EXPONENT ROUNDED THE CROFT CHALLENGE RECENTLY LOST FOREVER TO MOTOR FORT