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EDITORIAL

Just a few words this month; at last mine is not a lone voice from the committee, Rod has finally put pen to paper!

Just to prove how wrong I can be, my obituary to LMB 6L in last month's magazine hopefully provided just the spur needed for Dave Turnbull to apply major surgery techniques - read all about the "resurrection" in this issue.

Also in the same vein - I got it "wrong" about the membership, see last month. Mike Ogden has been obliged to withdraw from that position, which newcomer Mark Dawes has volunteered to fulfill. Mark is attending every club night at present, so introduce yourself with a fiver.

Finally, may I wish all my readers a merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

John Bean
Editor

Chairman's Chat

Remember the title? Yes, it's a long time since I put pen to paper, a fact for which I must apologise but, amongst the many things I find it difficult to get round to, writing is fairly near the top of the list.

However, the magazine is the lifeblood of the club, especially for those members who cannot make club nights, and it really isn't fair for me not to contribute occasionally (if not every month!). So here goes:-

Your committee, as I'm sure you know, meets every month (3rd Monday) and any member is welcome to attend, by giving prior notice to the secretary, in order to express their views in person. Ronnie Mackinnon did just that last month and suggested that we run separate Autotests for the ANCC/Shell League and BTRDA round (June Jesters). This was readily agreed to and we thank Ronnie for his interest. Do you have any ideas to help promote the Club or for improvements? - If so don't keep it to yourself - let us know - especially if you're going to help organise it!

Last month's committee meeting also saw us paying a warm thank you to Mick Ogden who has, because of other pressures, resigned from the position of Membership Secretary. Once again, many thanks Mick for all your work and, because of the need for continuity, a warm welcome to Mark Dawes, who was co-opted on to the committee under article 32 of the 'Articles of Association'. Mark volunteered to take over from Mick and I am sure he will do a good job for us. Please help him by renewing

your membership as soon as possible. Mark can be contacted on Leeds 671088 or, in writing, to Sadler Hall, Adel, Leeds 16, or of course, at any clubnight.

Talking of Clubnights, many of you will know that we have changed our first Tuesday of the month meeting venue - for the time being it will be at the Crown, Boston Spa, where, incidentally, there will be a Darts & Dominos match between TRACKROD and Alwoodley Motor Club, on Tuesday, 4th January 1983.

If you know of any private room (Preferably no charge!) available on any Tuesday Evening, please let any committee member know. WE STILL NEED PRIVATE VENUES.

John Westmoreland already does a tremendous amount of work for the club, and his efforts are always appreciated. This Christmas John has devised a bumper Indoor Rally for you to do at home, instead of watching the usual repeats on TV.

Another John, Renny this time, has agreed to be Shell League Captain again this next year, and HE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT! We collected £60 for the teams' efforts this year (We were 6th overall). If we can get teams of 5 for every event we can and WILL do much better - remember, only 3 finishers are needed to compete for maximum points. A lot of events, PCT's & Autotests, can be done in 'Normal' cars, you will certainly enjoy yourselves and will be helping to club also. Contact John at any clubnight, or telephone Leeds 671408. Don't be shy - DO IT NOW!!

What else have we coming up? - well, there's the Christmas Party on Friday, 17th December, only 50p and I'm sure it will be a good evening - see Caroline Nutter & buy a few tickets for your friends (Non-members £1.). If you fancy providing some food, Caroline will tell you of a fabulous free offer! (Probably you get to wash up as well) Then on Friday, 28th January, the Annual Dinner/Dance and Prize presentation (Menu still to be decided but approx cost £8.50p) at the Parkway Hotel, Otley Road, Leeds 16, please see myself or Keith Bowen. Then there's the Mintex, 24-26th February, more details next month, but if you wish to help, in any capacity, let me know NOW and I'll try to arrange it, or at least if you're not sure of what to do, arrange suitable training.

What about all you Rally lads - how about supporting the BTRDA who, with support from ESSO promote the Gold Star Championship, of which our National Forest Rally (October 22nd 1983) will once again be the final round. This series will, for 1983, have two new championships - the Astra Challenge, with exceptionally good prize money and support from Vauxhall, AND a Ford Turbo Challenge, with Valuble (I.E. Start Money) support from Ford, and whilst no rallying is cheap, the overall concept is to give value for money, and from my experience I can assure you that this series does just that.

Anyway, if you've read this far - congratulations - I'll try not to write so much next month (next month - what am I saying??), Oh yes - Happy Christmas & best wishes for 1983.

Rod Parkin.
Chairman.

Cover Picture.

This month shows Dave Harrison / Poul Noon at speed on a single venue event at Hemsworth.

Furthcoming Events

Social Diary

- 14.12.82 Noggin, Old Starr Inn, Collingham.
- 17.12.82 (Friday) TRACKROD XMAS PARTY. (See separate item.)
- 21.12.82 Indoor Rally Round 2. At the Horsforth Club, New Road Side, Horsforth. Organised by Jean and Derek Lee, map 101 required.
- 28.12.82 Noggin, at the Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
- 4.1.83 Darts/Dominoes evening, TRACKROD vs Alwoodley Motor Club. At the Crown Hotel, Boston Spa. Anyone wishing to compete, see Ronnie Moore.
- 11.1.83 Noggin & Video Show, Old Starr Inn, Collingham.
- 18.1.83 Noggin, Horsforth Club, New Road Side, Horsforth.
- 25.1.83 Noggin, Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
- 28.1.83(Friday) Dinner/Dance and Awards Presentation, Parkway Hotel, Otley Road Leeds 16.
- 1.2.83 Noggin, Crown Hotel, Boston Spa.

Competition Calendar

- 5.12.82 Ilkley D.M.C. P.C.T. ANCC 1st Round 1983 Championship.
- 11.12.82 High Moore Car Club. Gulton Park Stages Rally.
- 11/12.12.82 111 Car Club. Stowaway Shovel Rally (last round)
- 2.1.83 Shipley D.M.C. Autotest. Restricted.
- 8/9.1.83 Knowldale M.C. Mini Miglia. Restricted. Maps 91,98 and 103.
- 9.1.83 Alwoodley M.C. Autotest. Closed/Joint. Trackrod invited. Venue - Wellington Car Park, Dewsbury. Map ref. 104/243218.
- 22/23.1.83 Kirby Lonsdale M.C. Road Rally. Maps 97,98.
- 22/23.1.83 Selby M.C. 3 Swans Rally. Restricted. Maps 100,101, 105 and 106. Shell League & ANCC.
- 6/7.2.83 Beverley D.M.C. Road Rally. Restricted. Maps 101, 106 and 107.
- 12/13.2.83 Lincolnshire & Louth M.C. Lincolnshire Rally. Trackrod invited. Club team of 4 cars. Best 3 finishers get awards for first 3 clubs.



TRACKROD

XMAS PARTY

GAMES - DISCO - FOOD - PRIZES

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 1982

LOWER WORTLEY COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION HALL

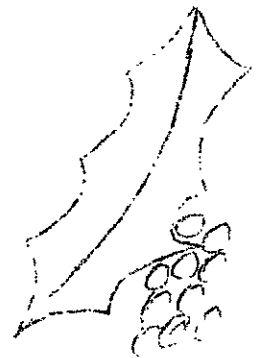
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12/12.2.83 Ripon D.M.C. Road Rally. Restricted. Maps 99,100,92,93 and 94.

24/27.2.83 DeLacy M.C. Mintex. International. Tour of Yorkshire.

5.3.83 Dukeries M.C. Dukeries Rally. National. Maps 112, 113, 120, 121, 130 and 119.

19.3.83 Kirby Lonsdale & Morecambe & Workington Motor Clubs. Lakeland Stages Rally. National. Maps 85,86,89,90 and 97.

20.3.83 Trackrod Motor Club. Autotest. Closed Joint.

26.3.83 York Motor Club. National Rally. Maps 99,100 and 101

26/27.3.83 Trackrod Motor Club. Lookout Rally. Closed Joint. Maps 100, 105 and 106.

Lombard RAC Rally 1982

Another RAC Rally has now passed, leaving us all with memories of standing out in all the usual mixtures of brilliant sunshine, torrential rain and bitter cold that are so familiar during the November classic.

Trackrod organised and ran our usual stage at Boltby (where we walk into the forest, snap our finers and all the stakes with arrows affixed rise up out of the ground!)... if only it were so easy. The stage ran as usual without any serious problems and I thank each and everyone of you who turned out to assist either during the night or during the daytime beforehand to ensure that everything was as required. It isn't everyone's idea of fun to stand out in a forest from before midnight to after three in the morning on a late November day, just for the sake of other people driving through in nice warm motor cars. I can assure you that your efforts are much appreciated both by the Yorkshire Area and RAC organisations.

If anyone missed seeing Sue Stuart-Brown on the night for the Yorkshire Area badges and year bars, a phone call to Sue on Harrogate 863776 will rectify the problem.

For your interest, the topstage times were:-

Mouton 4.23; Alen 4.29; Blomquist 4.30; Mikkola & Toivonen 4.32; Eklund & Brookes 4.33; Waldegard 4.34; Wilson & Buffum 4.36.

Thank you all once again for your presence, keep November 19/24th free next year!

John Richardson
Stage Commander.

Lombard RAC Rally 1982

I would just like to thank all the members who turned out at Boltby and those who turned up at Bramham Park on Sunday and Monday to help marshal. I hope you have dried out after all the rain and if any member still has a marshal's tabard, could you please let me have those back as we

need them for other events and we can't use them when they are in the boot of your car, so please return them as soon as possible.

Ronnie Moore
Chief Marshal for Trackrod, RAC.

ANNUAL AWARDS.

Could all holders of Annual Awards please let me have them back before 25th December 1982, so that they can be engraved in time for the Annual Dinner Dance.

Members who have awards are :-

David Ashford,	Gez Waters,
Jennifer Ashford,	John McNichol,
Mark Tierney,	Carl Gomersal,
Andrew Roddy,	Rod Parkin,
Richard Ineson,	Nigel Drayton,
John Renny,	Andrea Hunn,
John Bean,	Elaine Loughorn.

Ronnie Moore,
Trophy Sec.

MID CHESHIRE CAR CLUB, SINGLE VENUE RALLY,
OULTON PARK.

May I thank the Editor for his obituary on my hack LMB 6 L, which died nose down in a ditch on the Larkspeed Trophy Rally on October 30/31st. HOWEVER, a new LMB 6 L has now risen from the remains of this departed car in the form of (Eventually) a group 4 Escort MkII, and its maiden rally was the single venue rally held at Oulton Park on 27th November 1982.

After the 'off' on October 30th, Graeme Kallett and myself decided that providing a shell could be obtained the same week, it was just possible we may be able to build a car to make this event, which was already booked, and we both wanted to do. A frantic search unearthed a not bad shell from Jeff Williamson at Retford. It was in the form of a bare shell to Group 4 specification, but needed a bit of tidying to make it right. We got the shell and started the task of rebuilding on Monday, 8th November.

After a period of 19days of continuous hard slog, working all evening and weekends and stopping for only the odd takeaway and pint of Tetleys, the car finally rolled its first two miles at 9pm on the Friday night before the rally, and we were ready to go.

Upon arrival at Oulton Park at 7.45am the following morning, we cleared scruteneering etc without problems, and in the time before first car decided to have a walk onto the racing circuit that was to provide much of the mileage for the event. It was covered in black ice making walking hazardous enough.

Mindful of this and the previous few weeks of hard labour, it was a rather cautious DT/GK who ventured out onto stage 1. In fact, the ice had by that time long gone, leaving the surface damp and slippery.

Stages 1 & 2 were the same, each was 2 laps of the racing circuit taken in reverse to the normal racing direction. Our times were not

bad and the car did not seem as if it was going to fall apart, although the handling was strange, and the tyres were not providing much grip. However, thoughts of a top 10 place were coming to mind. On stage 3, the situation changed for the worse. It was $\frac{1}{3}$ grass/mud, and $\frac{2}{3}$ tarmac. It was quickly obvious that we had bopped in not bringing M & S tyres, as we slithered about on the mud, in places barely finding enough grip to maintain forward progress. Stages 4, 5 & 6, were the same format and although it dried slightly as the day wore on, we were hopelessly adrift for a decent placing. Stages 7 & 8 were the same as 1 & 2, but in the reverse direction which brought reasonable times even though the surface had a liberal coating of mud on it by then.

at the end we were, we think, about joint 21st with another TRACKROD crew, Sean Muscroft/Tony Mekwinski, in the Leeds Tyre Services Fiesta 1300. The rate of carnage had been tremendous, many cars had sustained fairly serious damage from attacks on the armco barrier, whilst other cars had hit trees or even other competitors, so we were thankful to finish without either mechanical failure or panel damage.

My thanks (And Graeme's) go to those who gave us support and help during the past few weeks including D. Marshall, D. Woodward, S. Grant, R. Plummer, K. Bowen, and last, but not least, Ian Watt of ATS Road car services, Leeds, without whose help and assistance it would not have been possible.

Dave Turnbull.

INDOOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 1982/3.

"WILLIE WONKA" TROPHY.

Round 1.

The 1982/83 series of indoor rallies for the above championship got under way on Tuesday 16th November at the 'Horsforth Club', Horsforth. This first round was organised by Graham Steggles, ably assisted by Jackie Smyth. There was a very encouraging entry for this first round with 9 crews taking part, I only hope that the enthusiasm carries through to the end, thus making the championship more than a two horse fight, as in past years.

First team away was yours truly, unfortunately without my usual partner of Mike Knowles, who had to dash up to Tyneside on business, and I decided that Indoor Rallying is definitely NOT a one-man job! As Mike and I are the oldest (In terms of years) taking part, our team-name will be "Old Timers", or as the police call-sign, OSCAR-TANGO. Next away was Team Whitlock, with Nigel Whitlock and Peter Keighley working hard. Next followed Chris Watson and Dawn Ingham, "Team Backtrackers" of Alan Lilley and Nigel Cuddy, "Crabs 82" with Chris & Steve Sanderson, "Team Champs" the reigning champions of Mike Robsen and Gerald Tumber. Following close on their heels was team "Papa Sierra" of Phil Sykes and Peter Stanhope (No connection with Ford), then ex-stalwarts of the late Postel Motor Club, Andy Munnis and Stuart Marsh, and bringing up the rear, that decidedly dodgy duo of Ronnie Moore and "Sarge" Bean. (I'm glad you regard us as a threat, John, you should !! - Ed.)

Graham and Jackie put on an excellent evenings sport, especially so as this was their first attempt at organising, and had only competed in last years series, very well done to you both. It really

was a first class event setting a high standard for the next 4 rounds, and with no harsh challenges or protests from any crew, the pattern is set for a really hard fought championship.

The usual gamble of going OTL and do it all, or stop on time, was played by many, the winners stopping on time, without penalty, and those going for time suffered dearly in consequence. Team Champs were certainly on form, working with split-second timing to gain victory, and Team Backtracks dropping 3 mins to come second.

Once again, a great evenings sport and a sincere thanks to Graham and Jackie from all contestants.

Round 1 results.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Champ. Pts.</u>
1. Champs.	0	53	27
2. Backtracks	3	41	21
3. Moore/Bean	0	35	16
4. Oscar Tango	17	34	12
=5. Crabs 82	4	24	9
=5. Munnis/Marsh	30	24	9
7. Papa Sierra	8	19	6
8. Whitlock	6	15	5
9. Watson/Ingham	23	1	4

John Westmoreland.
Series Organiser.

Round 2.

Tuesday 21st December 1982, at The Horsforth Club, New Road Side, Horsforth, 7.30pm - 8pm, Organised by Derek & Jean Lee. J/S map 101 (Scarborough) required, bring your Forest Tyres!!

THE WILLIE WONKA DO IT YOURSELF AT HOME CHRISTMAS SPECIAL.

John Westmoreland has decided to contribute 'something different' this Christmas, in the form of a super Indoor Rally. So come on, all you prospective Rallymen, when the kids are getting you down, or you can't face another night in the pub, have a go at this easy to enter indoor rally.

An entry fee of 50p will be charged, and entries can be made in person to John on 7th, 14th or 21st December 1982. Routecards will be issued to competitors on the 21st, or delivered after that date to anyone who cannot attend on the night. Completed entries should be returned to John by TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY, and results + Prizegiving will be at the Horsforth Club on 18th January 1983.

ED.

TROPHY POINTS 1982.

Ladies Challenge Cup.

J. Ashford. 8

PCT Trophy

A. Roddy 5

Rally & Speed Shop Autotest Trophy.

R. Ineson 10

J. Renny 7

R. Moore 5

(Boxing Day Autotest still to count)

TROPHY POINTS 1982SPY 44 Trophy

J. Renny	339.7
R. Moore	335.5

Off Road Events Trophy

R. Mackinnon	878.2
R. Moore	194.2
R. Ineson	120.0
J. Renny	93.3
A. Roddy	71.6
A. Watson	23.1
H. Mantle	13.0

Shell League Trophy

J. Renny	285.3
R. Moore	209.5
R. Mackinnon	186.6
S. Muscroft	152.0
A. Mekwinski	152.0
R. Ineson	136.6

Arnold G. WilsonANCC Rally Driver

J. Renny	405.6	6 events
G. Waters	222.9	6 events
P. Jordan	110.3	5 events
M. Brown	98.3	1 event
I. Gurnett	90.3	2 events
S. Crighton	55.0	1 event
S. Muscroft	53.7	1 event

ANCC Rally Navigator Trophy

R. Moore	330.3	6 events
A. Munnis	258.2	5 events
J. Bean	176.9	5 events
R. Mackinnon	147.9	2 events
P. Compton	110.3	5 events
J. Coulthard	93.3	3 events

F.S.B. Rally Driver Trophy

J. Renny	48	8 events
S. Muscroft	39	5 events
P. Jordan	32	6 events
G. Waters	32	5 events
D. Turnbull	28	6 events
K. Goodall	19	1 event
I. Gurnett	19	2 events

F.S.B. Rally Navigator Trophy

A. Munnis	43	6 events
R. Moore	38	5 events
A. Mekwinski	34	4 events
J. Compton	33	5 events
N. Gledhill	33	2 events
		national
G. Kellett	28	6 events
J. Bean	27	5 events

S & M Lloyd Stage Rally Driver

D. Harrison	167.6	4 events
D. Turnbull	115.3	2 events
A. Hanson	57.0	1 event
S. Muscroft	53.0	1 event

Stage Co Driver

G. Kullett	329.0	5 events
P. Pease	185.9	4 events
G. Whittaker	93.0	1 event
A. Mekwinski	53.0	1 event
P. Nuon	50.1	1 event

Single Venue Stage Rally Driver

D. Turnbull	213.7	3 events
S. Roundhill	125.0	3 events
D. Ashford	101.7	2 events
A. Hanson	87.0	3 events
D. Marshall	31.8	2 events
D. Harrison	3.0	1 event

All Round Lady Member

A. Hunn	110
E. Loughorn	100
J. Lee	55
J. Thompson	35
J. Limber	30
P. Gurnett	20

All Round Club Member

R. Moore	165
J. Westmoreland	150
K. Hunn	130
D. Lee	115
A. Hunn	110
R. Leeming	110
E. Loughorn	100
R. Parkin	90
C. Sanderson	85

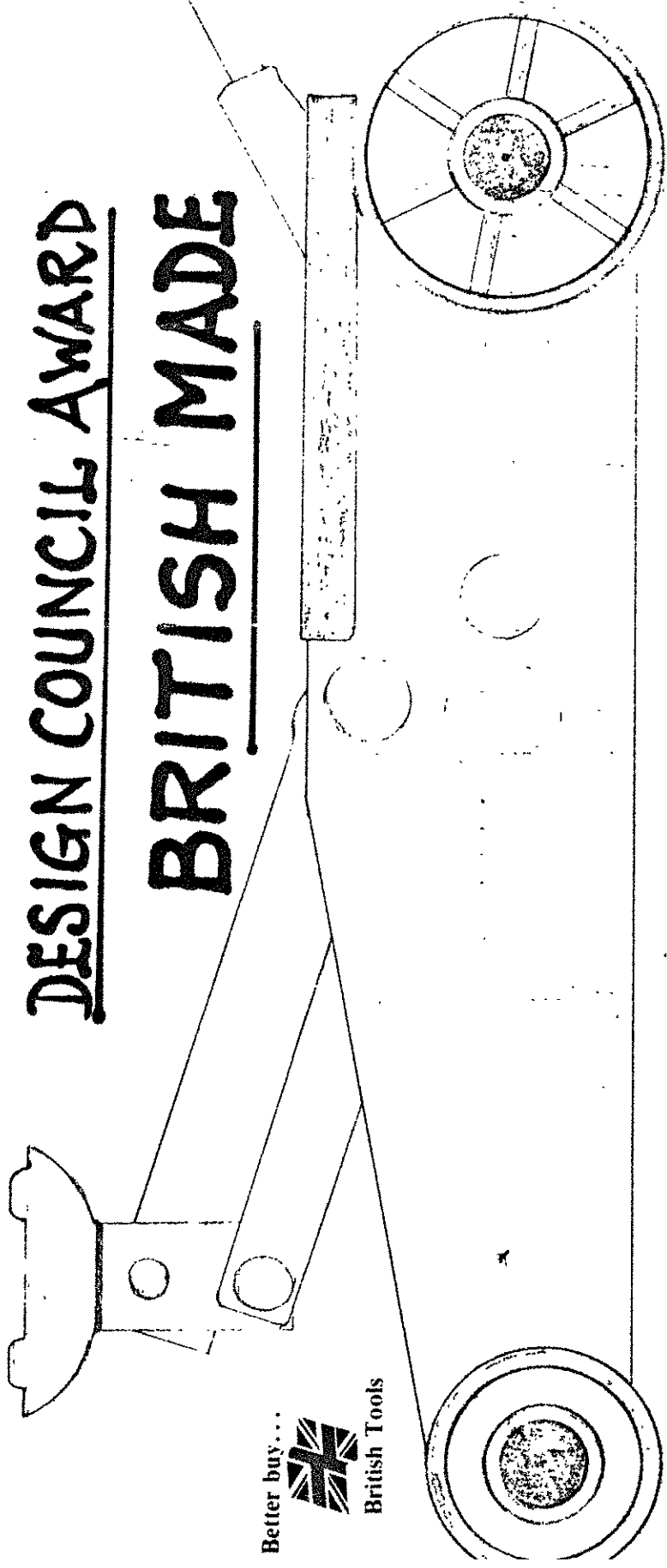
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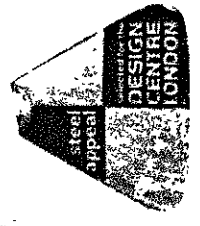
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