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Editorial.

Not a lot to say this month, once again our esteemed Chairman has put pen to paper and said it all (well, nearly all!) I would like to reinforce his pleas for event organisers, and to point out that I have the technology to assist with the paperwork, production of Regs etc. Rod doesn't mention it, but we have a PCT (Production Car Trial, that is) scheduled for 15th May 1983, and our events co-ordinators, Dave Turnbull and Graeme Kellet are keen to see this event run. Any prospective event organisers could do worse than start here, especially as venues ARE available, and there is a PCT organised by Ilkley M/C on 24th April 1983 to 'Observe' if guidance is necessary.

Derek Lee informs me that the LOOKOUT Novice rally has now been postponed, the new date being 30/31st July 1983. I can assure you that steps are being taken to ensure that the event does take place on those dates.

Keep writing !!

John Bean.  
Editor.

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Cover Picture.

Don't say you weren't warned! This month.. Your's Truly with Chris Rolls on the 1978 Y Ddraig Goch (Red Dragon) M/News event.

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Chairman's Chat.

At last months Committee meeting we reflected upon the lack of events we managed to organise last year. Regrettably, it has to be said that some did not 'happen' because the organisers did not do enough, quickly enough. In fact it's no good saying you will, then not doing, and then blaming someone else! - e.g. no entries, no money, no venue, no thanks!! Of course, your committee is guilty of this too - we should be making things happen but, given enough chance, we could probably add to the list of excuses. However, we do try - honestly, and although some members do more than others, because of other commitments, work etc, it is we, as a committee who should be encouraging, cajoling and training. Interestingly enough, it was this last point ie training, that we have been attempting to do for some time. Most of our 'experienced' organisers seem to have left the active side of the club and although they still keep in touch, are not there to help at clubnights. So whoever is left will have to do it, won't they? Now, the only thing thats left is someone to train, and despite offers at open forums, in this magazine, etc, not many of you have indicated much enthusiasm. Remember the offer last month re Radio Operating - one reply only! there must be more interest than that or we may all as well pack it in!

So you're nervous, shy, lazy, introvert, know it all! What! Please, please, please, please tell us what you are interested in

and do something about it - ask questions, make yourself known, stand up and say something, write to the editor, write to your club secretary - attend a committee meeting, burst into flames if you have to, you have made the effort to be a member - now progress. There are plenty of things needing doing - organise or enter a PCT - ANYONE CAN DO IT IN ANY CAR, organise or enter an autotest - it's EASY - find us a venue for either of these. What about time keeping? - on the Mintex this year three members did jobs for the first time and will know how to do it on their own next time. If more people don't "get trained" then there will be no-one to do it in the future, will there?

Think about it NOW and come and talk to us, make us tell you what it's all about, make us organise events etc. IT IS YOUR CLUB; not mine, not the committee's, YOURS! Stand for the committee next time (August) there will definitely be places available and, if you organise yourself properly now, you will know all about it by August and could be formulating the Club's policies and progression this time next year.

You've probably read enough by now but please think about it, it all can't be left to someone else and remember SAY YOU WILL AND THEN DO IT, no-one will thank you if you don't!

On a more pleasing note, the Dinner Dance really seems to have been a success, so much so we have booked it for January 27th next year.

In the near future we have a football match against Alwoodley Motor Club, on the 25th March, why not come along and support your team?.

Rod Parkin  
Chairman

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MINTEX THANKS

Our stage ran very well thanks to ALL of you who came out and braved the fog, snow and ice. Many thanks to you all, whatever you did.

Rod Parkin

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Forthcoming Events

Social Diary

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| 8.3.83  | Indoor Rally, Round 4. Horsforth Club, New Road Side, Horsforth. Map O/S 111 Metric. Organisers - Oscar Tango 90. Start 8.0 - 8.30 p.m. |
| 15.3.83 | Noggin, The Wharfedale, Arthington.   |
| 22.3.83 | Noggin, The Beehive, Thorner.   |

- 25.3.83 (Friday) Football Match. Fearnville Sports Centre (ref 104/352369). Trackrod Motor Club vs Alwoodley. Kick-Off 8 p.m. Support and service crew needed!
- 29.3.83 Noggin, Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
- 5.4.83 Noggin, Crown, Boston Spa.
- 12.4.83 Horsforth Club - Indoor Rally, Round 5.
- 19.4.83 Old Starr, Collingham.
- 26.4.83 Noggin, Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
- 3.5.83 Noggin, Crown, Boston Spa.

Competition Calendar

- 20.3.83 Lancs & Cheshire M/Club. Autotest (RAC/BTRDA/ANCC)
- 26.3.83 York National Rally (N) (Shell National Championship).
- 3.4.83 Kirby Lonsdale M/Club. Autotest. (RAC/BTRDA/ANCC).
- 9/10.4.83 Alwoodley M/Club. Alwoodley Lawn Mowers Ridings Rally, (CJ) Maps 99,100. Starts Motel Leeming. Regs from Ruth Wilkinson, 23, The Fairway, Leeds 17. Trackrod invited.
- 10.4.83 Wakefield M/Club Single Venue Stages Rally. Trackrod invited.
- 9/10.4.83 111 M/Club Nocturnal Trophy Rally (r).
- 16.4.83 Knutsford M/Club Plains Rally (N) (BTRDA)
- 17.4.84 Trackrod Autotest (r) Shell League. Venue Wellington Street Car Park, Leeds. Regs out soon. MARSHALS needed.
- 23.4.83 Lincs/Louth M/Club. Tour of Lincs Rally. Trackrod invited.
- 23/24.4.83 62 Car Club. Anniversary Rally. Maps 99,100, 104,105. Trackrod invited.
- 24.4.83 Bolton le Moors Car Club Autotest. (RAC/BTRDA/ANCC)
- 24.4.83 Ilkley & District M/Club Production Car Trial. 3rd Round of Shell League. Trackrod entries required.
- 23/24.4.83 Springhill Car Club Ribble Rally. Maps 97,98, 103 (R) (ANCC).
- 30.4.83 Coleman Tyres Rally, Utley M/Club. (R) (ANCC/Motoring News).
- 8.5.83 Slaithwaite M/Club Single Venue Stages Rally, at Lindholme Aerodrome, Nr Finningley. Trackrod invited.

8.5.83 Airedale & Pennine MC Autotest. Shell League.  
 8.5.83 Sheffield & Hallamshire Autotest. (ANCC)  
 15.5.83 TRACKROD PCT (CJ)  
 15.5.83 Ilkley MC Autotest (ANCC)  
 22.5.83 South Shore MC Autotest (RAC/BTRDA/ANCC)  
 5.6.83 Bolton Le Moors MC P.C.T. (ANCC)  
 5.6.83 Y.S.C.C. Hillclimb, (Shell League)  
 5.6.83 Slaithwaite MC Autotest (ANCC)  
 14.6.83 TRACKROD MC Clubnight P.C.T. ORGANISOR WANTED.  
 18/19.6.83 Leeds MC Midnight Rally. Maps 99,100,105,106,  
 TRACKROD INVITED.  
 26.6.83 TRACKROD June Jesters Autotest. (RAC/BTRDA).  
 25/26.6.83 Shipley MC Road Rally (Shell League)

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Rally & Speed Shop Autotest Trophy.

Events to count for this trophy are :-

17.4.83	Restricted	Trackrod MC	Shell League
8.5.83	"	Airedale & Pennine	"
26.6.83	"	Trackrod	RAC/BTRDA
25.7.83	"	Ripon MC	Shell League
7.8.83	"	York MC	"
4.9.83	"	Slaithwaite MC	"
6.11.83	Closed/Joint	Trackrod	(Bonfire)
26.12.83	Closed	Trackrod	(Boxing Day)

Production Car Trial Trophy.

Events to count are :-

24.4.83	Restricted	Ilkley MC	Shell League
15.5.83	Closed/Joint	Trackrod	
14.6.83	Closed	Trackrod	(Clubnight)
3.7.83	Restricted	Trackrod	
4.9.83	Closed/Joint	Trackrod	
16.10.83	Restricted	Otley MC	ANCC

Ronnie Moore.  
 Trophy Points Sec.

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"WILLIE WONKA" INDOOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Round 3, Tuesday 8th February 1983.

This round was held once again at the Horsforth Club and was organised by the reigning CHAMPS, Mike Robson & Gerald Tumber. Mike & Gerald put on an excellent evenings brain work on a never used before map of sheet 94. Brain work was the key word, and a lot was certainly needed., Mike himself confessed it was tougher than planned. Some weather devious, but well thought out sections made everyone scratch their heads from time to time. Great satisfaction was felt when the puzzle was cracked and one batted on to the next section. In their

wisdom, Mike & Gerald decided to only award the same points for TC references as for the route questions, thus very little reward for some hard mapwork and consequently a low scoring round. 9 crews took part and the points difference between 9th place with 6 points and 1st with 30 points scored was very close. The decision to finish bang on the hour without penalties, or go the full 1½ hrs and hope you made more than you lost, was indeed an absolute gamble. Five crews opted for the latter, and, with the exception of the eventual winners, Oscar Tango 90, proved to be the wrong decision. Four crews who decided to quit on the hour finished in the top 6. Team Papa Sierra, who actually finished 2 mins early, the gamble nearly paid off as they finished 2nd, only 2 points behind the winner. Had they used the two minutes to answer 2 more questions, they could have won.

To the organisers, once more, well done for a tricky event, and to all who took part very well done on this brain teaser which required a lot of expertise.

### Round 3 results.

1st Oscar Tango 90	30 points	27 C'ship pts.
2nd PapaSierra	28	21
3rd Team Sanderson	24	16
4th Nutter/Latimer	23	12
5th Bird Brains	18	9
6th Backtrackers	14	7
7th White Rankers	12	6
8th Goodall/Tempest	11	5
9th Steggles/Smyth	6	4

### Championship Positions after 3 rounds.

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Rd1</u>	<u>RD2</u>	<u>Rd3</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	* Oscar Tango 90	12	27	27	66
2	Champs	27	16	0	43
3	* Sanderson	9	12	16	37
4	* White Rankers	9	21	6	36
5	* Backtrackers	21	7	7	35
6	* Bird Brains	16	6	9	31
7	Papa Sierra	6	0	21	27
8	Goodall/Tempest	0	9	5	14
9	Nutter/Latimer	0	0	12	12
10	Whitlock	5	0	0	5
=11	Watson/Ingham	4	0	0	4
=11	Steggles/Smyth	0	0	4	4

\*Teams marked thus; have now completed 3 rounds and are now on best three scores to count.

Round 4 Tuesday 8th March 1983, Horsforth Club, New Road Side, Horsforth, Map O/S 111 Metric (Plus Brains). Organisers Oscar Tango 90. Starts 8.0pm x 8.30pm.

John Westmoreland.

### DARTS & DOMS Vs ALWOODLEY M/C.

January 4th saw several Alwoodley members at the Crown, Boston Spa, for a Darts and Dominos match against TRACKROD.

Each game was played in doubles. We got off to a good start in the

darts, but not the doms, loosing the first 3 games until the ladies came along, well done Linda & Caroline, also well done to the other successful ladies team, Christine & Julie. Although we didn't do too well at Doms, we walked the darts, final scores being :-

Darts: Trackrod 11 games / Alwoodley 4 games,  
Doms: Trackrod 13 games / Alwoodley 24 games.

The bar extension until 11.30pm helped, and I would like to thank all members who took part ( I.e. all who came! -Ed.). A special thanks also to Graham Whittaker, who organised the Alwoodley members. It must have been a successful night as they have asked for a return match.

On the same night I was asked if we could organise a football match between the two clubs. This has been done, arranged for Friday, 25th March 1983, at the Fearnville Sports Centre, Oakwood, Leeds. Kick-off is 8.0pm but could those who have indicated that they would play please report by 7.30pm. Any other spectators (and SERVICE CREW!) are welcome.

Ronnie Moore.

#### 1983 PRIZE PRESENTATION.

Did you forget to get a ticket? Did you think it wasn't worth going to ? Well, if you did either of those two you made a big mistake as this year's function was one of the best the club has seen.

With a new venue, The Parkway hotel, and a new format of no guest speakers, everything went with a swing. The start was a little hectic when the Sec. was a bit late and had the only seating plan. I think we just managed to get Rod a little worried for once.

The meal was set out for 8.30pm, a little later than planned, and was well recieved by everyone. Dod made a brief speech dotted with some jokes -- ??? and Bob Pearson (Mr Quip) replied for the guests.

The prize presentation was also speeded up and John Rennie had securicor to assist him home with all his silverware. The awards were presented by Mrs Moira Forster. A full list of award winners appeared in the Jan. magazine.

After the presentation, a quick trip to the bar whilst the tables were cleared and then dancing to the Double D Disco until 2.0am. The raffle was a mystery parcel affair and the first two names out of the hat had to choose which parcel they wanted. Shiela Wild won the one with the whisky and free tickets to next year's 'do' whilst poor Dick Taylor (Mercury Radio) won a 1981 Leeds Telephone directory and a small "Pope Paul" sweater. Even the sweater didn't fit! Terry Rundle (Shell) had donated 6 shell atlas's, and Gordon Forster a box of cocktail items which made up the remainder of the prizes.

The disco was fantastic and the floor was rarely without people dancing right up to the closing hour. A most unusual thing for our do's, Ronnie Moore was seen dancing with a bird (on his head!), Rod was actually dancing, and Andrea was seen dancing with another Keith, and all in all everyone enjoyed the whole evening.

If you didn't come you missed out, but make a note for next year which will be Friday, 27th January 1984, to be held at the Parkway, Otley Road, Leeds 16.

Keith Bowen.



FULBECK STAGES 1983.

There's one thing about TRACKROD rally crews, you can't keep them down. If the sore heads they had were anything to go by, they obviously enjoyed the Dinner/Dance, but it didn't stop them going out at 6am on the following Sunday morning to compete in the Fulbeck Stages Rally.

A fair old convoy left Horsforth with Dave Ashford, Dave Turnbull, Graeme Kellett, followed by convoy No 2 of Ray Plummer, Dave Marshall, Steve Grant and Iain Watt. Since Dave 'T' became club rally champ. there has been no holding him and he now only appears if his personal motor home can attend. (This takes the form of Iain's caravan but he does a nice line in bacon butties.)

Despite snow showers on the way down and a puncture on the trailer, moving into Lincolnshire proved to be quite good and dry, although the wind was cold. Fulbeck was, as usual, muddy and wet but having got a suitable place to service, we set up stall. Dave Harrison and Alex Hurst were already there, parked up next to the hamburger man. Whilst we got ourselves sorted out the organisers relieved everyone without a licence of £8. (The fact that someone actually got money out of Dave Ashford has been recorded and placed in the time capsule at Castle Howard.)

Everyone seemed to be wondering about the choice of tyres, Dave 'T' didn't have such a problem, having only Rally Racers and M & S, whilst Dave 'A' decided to run on bald A2's, despite advice from those much older and worldly-wise. (Whatever happened to the age-old ritual of listening to one's elders?)

The first stage proved to be very slippery and getting grip of any sort was most difficult. Dave 'A' lost about 22secs on this stage and then took advice and changed onto some Yoko's with some grip. By half way Dave 'T' was lying 5th in class and 11th o/a, whilst Dave 'A' was 9th I/Class and 20th o/a.

The day progressed with very cold winds and this dried out the stages a little, but the last two were done with snow showers and conditions really went down. On the last stage, Dave 'T' swapped onto M & S and went 11 secs faster than at any other time of the day, and Dave 'A' spun, losing a couple of places on the last stages.

Apart from bolting Dave Turnbull's alternator back onto the block, and a wheel change after a puncture, things were pretty quiet so far as servicing was concerned. Everyone headed back home after the 4.30pm finish, after a day everyone had enjoyed.

K.B.

MAYFIELD STAGES.

Saturday, 12th February 1983, saw the first round of the Wilcock Insurance Championship take place in the shape of a multi-venue stage event based on the Knowlesly Safari park. Shaun Muscroft, in the Leeds Tyre Services Fiesta, had entered the 1300cc class in the championship and whilst it was still dark, we set off for the 8am scruteneering.

Despite a week of snow and wind, once over the border into Lancashire, there was no sign of the bad weather Yorkshire had been having. We had gone prepared for all sorts of conditions, from M & S down to pure racers. Top crews included Robin Farrington, Mal Stuart and Ian Corkhill, who was in a fantastic Porche. In the 1300 class Ian Harrison and Andrew Smalley were our main rivals.

The first stage was a blast around the Safari Park, so having set our man off we had to dash off to Oulton Park for the second stage, although many service crews stayed at the Park and waited for their charges to return. Oulton Park was limited to servicing outside the main gates and whilst waiting we repaired a Sunbeam with no fan belt, only to find that he was in our class. A quick call on the radio confirmed that all was in order with our man and we waited until they had done the two stages before filling up with petrol, and blasted back to Knowsley.

For a clubman's event, the road mileage was stupid, the road timing being so drastic that several crews fell foul of the local Police, complete with hair dryer! From Oulton Park, a quick stage around the car park of Haydock Race Course, and then we all met up at the Safari Park.

By this time Shaun was in the top 30, and about 4/5th in class. A quick examination of the tyres showed they were chunking, so we complained to the Kleber Rep., who we keep in the car. (Don't know why!) Tony M. decided that Shaun had been trying too hard, so it was off with the tyres and on with the racers. By this time the top men were still battling it out between themselves, and the seeding was spot on. Farrington led from Stuart who in turn led from Corkhill.

We decided that the cost of running back to Oulton Park for the second time was not on, so we stayed put whilst the lads did some more road miles. A quick spin at Haydock saw Shaun clout a cone and somewhere along the line, the exhaust box had been holed. This was just a bit noisy but best left alone.

The final stage at Knowsley was run in darkness with Mal Stuart being just 1 second down on the leader. At the end of the stage he had blown Farrington into the weeds by 27 secs, with Corkhill holding down 3rd place. Shaun had a moment when hitting a patch of ice causing a spin but managed to get it to the finish. Ian Harrison won the 1300 class by some two minutes with our lads finishing 31st o/a and 5th in class.

In the Wilcock Championship, this put Shaun 3rd O/a in the class, so onto the next round.

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I have to hand a letter from the above company, run by David Hardcastle, and based at Silverstone. They offer a day's tuition with Chief Instructor Brian Culcheth, at the rate of £75 using your own car, or £125 using their Gp4 escort. In addition, there is a discount of £5 per pupil if a block booking of 4 pupils from one Motor Club is made. (Plus extra advice/Tuition). I would suggest that if anyone is interested they contact Keith Bowen in the first place, in order to co-ordinate things. I have the full Itinary for perusal if required. If you want to 'go it alone', then contact David Hardcastle at :-

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