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Editorial

Welcome to another New Year with Trackrod Motor Club Ltd. Firstly my appologies for being a week late, but I think I'm allowed a Christmas Holiday like everyone else.

May I remind everyone of our Dinner Danceon Friday, 27th Jan. '84, at the Parkway Hotel, Otley Road, Lawnswood. 7.30pm - 2.00am. Tickets are £9.00 each and are now available from Caroline Nutter.

I think I am correct in stating that as yet we haven't had any volunteers for the "Shell League Captain's" job. COME ON, do something constructive for YOUR club instead of pulling it to pieces in your little 'cliques'.

On a higher note, I'd like to thank all the members who took the time to write articles for the magazine in 1983. and hope for your continued support in '84. As for those of you who've yet to put pen to paper, come on, be proud of your achievements in motor sport and let others know through these pages.

Steve Grant
Editor.

Chairman's Chat

May I wish everyone a happy and successful New Year.

Elsewhere in this month's issue appears a letter condemning the committee members for their non attendance at the Christmas Disco. Whilst I have no wish to start a lengthy letter exchange on the matters raised, it may be a good idea if everyone bears in mind a few general points about committees.

If you look at the points tables, you will notice that the present committee appear very often over a wide range from competing, servicing, marshalling, etc. No less than six members appear in the 'all round member' section.

At the A.G.M. it was very obvious by the lack of support, apart from those who did stand and became the committee, that few people were prepared to undertake a position on the Committee. Whilst they admit to being human and making mistakes, at least they did come forward and were prepared to do something.

Committee work involves a lot of time and money (which is given willingly) for after all, they are Honorary Members. Whilst it would be nice to have everyone attend every function the club promotes, that is obviously not possible.

Every one of the Committee had a genuine reason for not attending. Whether they should be asked to account for their movements is a different matter.

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As always, it is you as a Club who decide who forms the Committee and if you are unhappy with them then there are, within the Club's rules, methods to remove them or replace them at the A.G.M. Remember, of course, that someone has to do the job, so unless you are prepared to stand yourself you will have to put up with the present people, whatever their failings.

" You can't please all the people , all the time. "

Keith Bowen.

Social Calendar

- 17.1.84 Noggin, Old Star, Collingham.
- ** 24.1.84 ** OPEN FORUM, HORSFORTH CLUB. Will all members please attend.
- 31.1.84 Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow.
- 7.2.84 3rd.Round Indoor Rally, Crown, Boston Spa.
- 14.2.84 TRAINING EVENING, Bardsey Club, Bardsey..
- 21.2.84 Noggin, Old Star, Collingham.
- 28.2.84 Noggin, Shoulder, Kirby Overblow.
- 6.3.84 4th.Round, Indoor Rally, Crown.
- 13.3.84 Noggin, Beehive, Thorner.
- 20.3.84 Noggin, Old Star..
- 27.3.84 Noggin, Shoulder.

Northallerton Forest Stages Rally.

May I take this opportunity to thank the twelve people who turned out on the 11th December to assist in Marshaling on the Wykeham stage. I am sure the ice and snow covering helped to make this a bit more interesting if somewhat slower.

Stephen Sanderson
Competition Sec.

Membership

We welcome the following new members to the Club;

Neil Wright

Roger Slinn

May your time with Trackred be both enjoyable and successful. - Ed.

The Editor,
Trackrod Magazine.

58, Mosley Wood Gdns.
Leeds 16.
17th December 1933.

Dear Sir,

I would like to publically commend our hard-working and over optimistic Social Secretary, Caroline Nutter, for the hard work and expertise that she displayed, in organising this years Christmas Party.

This is an event that I have attended regularly over the past seven years, and which has always been a source of fun and enjoyment, at a cost which is both realistic and reasonable.

This event took place at the Crown Hotel, Boston Spa, which is well equipped for this type of small-scale function, and which is obviously an improvement on the previous "Church Hall" venues.

It is a shame, therefore, that this event was not better supported. I can understand that many members have a hectic time at Christmas, although this function was fairly early in the calendar of festivities. However, I consider it an absolute disgrace that only four members of the Committee saw fit to attend.

Keith Bowen - Dave Turnbull - Mark Dawes - Nigel Latimer - Steve Grant - Graeme Kellett - Chris & Steve Sanderson - Dave Marshall - John Westmorland. WHERE WERE YOU ?

There is an under-laying feeling within the membership of the club that members have little confidence in our "leaders". The example that they have set in failing to attend an important club function has done nothing to improve that confidence. It merely adds to my suspicion that our committee has as its motto "Do as I say, not as I do."

I ask you all to examine your consciences, and if you are prepared to obligate your responsibilities, then RESIGN.

I look forward to seeing a reply from the committee either at an open forum, or in print.

Yours Faithfully,
John Bean.

P.S. I am reliably informed that it was the " committee " who vetoed the suggestion that we hold a joint Christmas party with Alwoodley motor club.....

Dear John,

Thankyou for your un - expected letter (I understand it was toned down from the original transcript). Without reverting to a slanging match, it was felt appropriate that I, on behalf of the Committee, should reply to your letter.

Whilst we wholeheartedly agree with you on Caroline's efforts we do, however, have reservations on the latter contents.

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Firstly, we would like to say that as Committee members, there is not one of us who doesn't put some extra effort into the Club (surely our allocated 'jobs' speak for themselves) and for you or any other member to question what little of our social lives are left is totally 'OUT OF ORDER'.

As for the " Do as I say " bit, well surely you as a former Committee member should know that we only arrange things and do not 'force' anyone to attend. You the members have the right, as human beings, to decide whether you attend or not.

We have, therefore, arranged for an OPEN FORUM to be held at the HORSFORTH CLUB on the 24th JANUARY '84 (at which we are SURE you will attend).

This is an ideal opportunity for the membership of THIS club to air their grievances. We trust that this forum will be better supported than the last one, on Dec. 6th, when an inadequate number of people turned up for it to take place (Where were you John ?).

Steve Grant,
P.P. The Committee.

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*  OPEN FORUM      OPEN FORUM      OPEN FORUM
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*  There will be an Open Forum at the HORSFORTH CLUB, on 24th.
*  January '84. at 8.30pm.
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*  The Bar opens at 8.00pm. in the upstairs room. Will all Track
*  -rod personel please go straight upstairs on arrival and NOT
*  to the downstairs bar.(A request from their management.)
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*  IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ALL MEMBERS THAT THEY ATTEND.
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Round 2 Willie Wonka Indoor Rally Championship.

Tuesday, Dec. 6th. saw the second round of this years Indoor Rally Championship for the 'Willie Wonka ' trophy. This round was organised by Team White Rankers, alias Stuart Marsh and Andy Munnis, at the Crown, Boston Spa. I thought that the response for the first round was very poor, but the response for this round was worse. Words fail me!

Stuart and Andy put a lot of hard brainwork into the event and came up with a brand new event, which was brilliant to say the least. It was heart-breaking that only three crews did the event.

The concept of the event was, as said earlier, brilliant. It was like organising the route for a road Rally, but against the clock and it was left to each competitor to designate controls along the route.

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There was, of course, a correct sequence of doing this and for each correctly placed and designated control, you got marks. Each crew was only allowed a certain amount of time to do each of three sections (one at a time) and marks were lost for each minute (Targa Time) late on each section. Fortunately, as the timing was so tight, you were allowed a few minutes breather between each section to sharpen your pencils and have a drink.

To Andy and Stuart, very well done for an excellent event, you certainly can do that one again. To the crews that took part, many thanks for your loyal support. To the rest of you - COME ON, FINGERS OUT!!

Results

<u>Team</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>T'phy Pts.</u>
Oscar Tango 92	1	27
Sanderson	2	21
Dixon	3	16

Championship positions after 2 rounds;

<u>Team</u>	<u>Rnd1</u>	<u>Rnd2</u>	<u>Tot</u>	<u>Pos</u>
Oscar Tango 92	27	27	54	1
Sanderson	21	21	42	2
White Rinkors	16	—	16	3=
Dixon	—	16	16	3=
What's-On	12	—	12	5

Round 3. Tuesday 7th Feb 1984 Crown Hotel, Boston Spa.
Organisers - Oscar Tango 92. Maps 104,105.

Round 4 Tuesday 6th March 1984 Crown Hotel, Boston Spa.
Organisers - Team Champs. Map 93.

Round 5.(Final) Tuesday 3rd April 1984
Organisers - Team Sanderson.
Maps & Venue - T.B.A.

Northallerton Forest Stages Rally.

Sunday 11th December saw Pickering come alive with the sound of Rally cars and followers, for the above event. The rally started and finished in Pickering with rally H.Q. at the Forest & Vale Hotel.

Amongst the 70 entries were a few well known local crews, i.e. Steve Bannister at no.1, Oldfield at 2, Desort at 3, and Piggy Thompson at 6 in his Porsche. There were three Trackrod crews, Keith Bowen / Ronnie (arm twisted) Moore in the Music Hire Group Twin Cam Escort, at 29; Dave Woods / Dave Jupp in at No. 41 in an Escort RS2000 and at No.26 was the ex Jonnison Chevette in the hands of Tony Hanson / Tony Holdsworth

At 11.00am the first car set off to stage 1, Dalby 1, starting at the
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bottom of Givondale and using just over $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the Dalby complex. This stage saw car 16 off on the first (ice covered) 90 left and No. 8 was off just before the flying finish. With both these cars being dark blue, Keith thought it may have been an omen, so he took the first stage very cautiously.

The next stage, Dalby 2, took in the 'woodyard', where Keith played to the crowd and understeered onto the grass, but managed to keep going to the end of the three mile stage.

Next there was a pacenote check and shouts of, "I've got one!" I went white and pointed out that the markings on my map were from road rallies, which were nowhere near the stages anyway. (You don't expect US to swallow that as well, do you Ronnie? - Ed.)

After that fright it was into service for a check over by Dave (what's a spanner) Turnbull. Service could be used any time you required, much to the relief of Charlie Payne / Steve Stringwell who spent most of the day fettling a bent front end on the Ascona (on stage one).

Stage 3, Dalby 3, took in 'Mikkola's Bend' (the bad way) so there was lots of shouting from me as Keith went round - the drops were on my side. This stage was $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles long and one of the best regarding road conditions.

Next came $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Staindale with plenty of snow, ice, mud and water. There was a heart stopping moment as we came over a brow/45 left, with sheet ice on the other side but like most crews we managed to get round. About three miles in, the Rally leader, Bannister, was off with N/S front suspension trouble, although he somehow managed to get the car out and into service. Back to Dalby fire tower and Dave (now I know what a spanner is) Turnbull - Someone told him. The leader after four stages was Desort in the TR7 V8.

The last two stages were in Wykeham, with Trackrod helping to marshal stage 5, Wykeham North. A $3\frac{1}{2}$ mile stage starting at Troutdale and taking in 'Buchans Bend' (1980), the tarmac hairpin down hill, with sheet ice at the bottom, which took some getting up (ask Keith Hunn).

The last stage was $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Wykeham South with snow covered sheet ice giving no traction for most of the stage. This was driven with extreme caution so as to get to the finish without a scratch. We then went back down the A 170 to the finish at Pickering, with a well deserved pint and results in the Forest and Vale Hotel.

Results

<u>O/A</u>	<u>Class.</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Pen.</u>
1	1	Andy Elliott / Mike Dent	36:08
2	2	Piggy Thompson / Dave Elcock	36.46
3	3	Mark Desort / Dave Lambourne	36.55
21	15	Tony Hanson / Tony Holdsworth	40.41
25	17	Dave Woods / Dave Jupp	41.13
37	6	Keith Bowen / Ronnie Moore	42.30

Ronnie Moore.

Larkspeed Trophy Rally - 29 / 30th October '83.

For the final round of the Shell League we had 5 crews entered - at 16, G.Waters / J.McNichol (RS2000), C.Miller / M.Miller (mini 1098) at 72, A.Nutter / S.Sanderson (mini 998) at 86, G.Davies / D.Johnson (Escort 1600) at 88 and J.Ronny / J.Millington (Escort 1300) finally getting a run at 25.

From the start at the Wagon and Horses on the A19 there followed a long run out to NTC 1 near Kirby Sigston. From here we headed south to Thirsk, on to Kilburn and up the White Horse Bank (I wish we had a bit more power) then via Dialstone Farm and Old Byland to Helmsley and the Cockayne loop. Somewhere here the Miller Bros. in their new Mini, got lost and cut out the loop to make up time, while we took a yump too fast and had a very heavy landing. On the 90 right to the dry ford west of Kirbymoorside we overshot (not my fault), but fortunately there was a grass triangle to go round.

Next we went through the dry ford and then north across the white and down to Beadlam, then via Normanby to petrol at Anotherby. There was a long run-out to the re-start at Barton Hill, off the A64. Next we headed north across Yeasley Moor and through Wass Forest (where an error by me caused an overshoot) and then down to Wass. The white on Raskell Moor was used, the second half of it was very rough (especially in a Mini) and so to the finish at Leeming Bar Motel. The Team results were ;

<u>Crew</u>	<u>Pen.</u>	<u>O/A</u>	<u>Class</u>
G.Waters / J.McNichol	37.00	11	8
J.Ronny / J.Millington	35.01 1F	44	22
G.Davies / D.Johnson	56.28 1F	57	15
A.Nutter / S.Sanderson	60.57 2F	60	16
C.Miller / M.Miller	47.26 3F	62	18

G.Waters / J.McNichol won the trophy for best Trackrod crew.
S.Sanderson.

Final Trophy Points for '83

Shell League Trophy

J.RENNY	267.6
R.F.Ineson	248.7
R.Moore	232.5
J.North	95.9
K.Goodall	93.0
I.Tenpost	93.0
A.Roddy	90.7

Off Road Events

R.F.INESON	334.9
A.Roddy	283.2
R.Moore	172.8
J.Westmoreland	129.6
J.North	100.9
R.Mackinnon	93.8
J.Renny	71.6

P.C.T. Trophy

J.WESTMORELAND	28
A.Roddy	21
R.Moore	20
S.Sanderson	13
C.Sanderson	13
A.Nutter	13
J.Bean	10
R.Leeming	9
C.Watson	9

Rally & Speed Autotest

R.F.INESON	29
R.Moore	15
J.Renny	12
R.Dobney	6
H.Mantle	5
S.Wood	5

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ANCC Rally Driver

K.GOODALL	93.0	1 event
P.Jordan	85.0	1 "
J.Renny	43.0	3 "
P.Thornton	28.0	1 "
H.Brown	3.0	1 "
P.Cope	3.0	1 "

ANCC Rally Navigator

J.MCNICHOL	122.4	5 events
R.Moore	121.6	3 "
I.Tenpest	93.0	1 "
P.Crompton	85.0	1 "
A.Munnis	75.3	3 "
J.Bean	3.0	1 "
R.Mackinnon	3.0	1 "

F.S.B. Rally Driver

S.MUSCROFT	48	5 events
P.Jordan	37	4 "
J.Renny	36	6 "
D.Turnbull	26	3 "
J.Cope	25	3 "
K.Bowen	21	2 "
D.Rawlings	19	2 "
K.Goodall	17	1 "
I.Dixon	12	1 "

F.S.B. Rally Navigator

R.MOORE	51	7 events
J.McNichol	50	7 "
P.Compton	29	3 "
G.Kellett	26	3 "
A.G.Elliott	19	2 "
A.Munnis	19	3 "
I.Tenpest	17	1 "
D.Dixon	12	1 "

Special Stage Rally Driver

D.TURNBULL	250.4	3 events
S.Huscroft	170.0	2 "
K.Bowen	122.1	2 "
J.North	28.8	1 "
D.Harrison	3.0	1 "

Single Venue Rally Driver

D.TURNBULL	438.7
D.Harrison	406.8
D.Marshall	176.1
J.North	104.6
C.Davidson	28.0
K.Bowen	15.0

Ladies Challenge Cup

C.Nutter	10
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Marshals Trophy

A.HUNN	50
S.Marsh	45
C.Sanderson	45
R.Buchan	40
E.Longhorn	40
K.Hunn	40
R.Stanhope	40
S.Sanderson	35
P.Sykes	35
C.Nutter	25
N.Gillot	20
R.Leeming	20

Stage Co-Drivers Trophy

G.KELLETT	748.2
A.Hirst	409.8
R.Moore	122.1
R.Parkin	95.1
K.Bowen	78.0
G.Stoggles	75.0
T.Lee	53.4

Service Crew Trophy

S.GRANT	70
A.Sunley	60
K.Bowen	55
D.Marshall	10

All Round Lady Member

C.NUTTER	85
A.Hunn	50
E.Longhorn	40
L.Latimer	35
C.Goodall	30
J.Lee	20

All Round Club Member

R.MOORE	148
J.Westmorland	135
G.Sanderson	125
S.Sanderson	120
R.Leeming	115
J.Bean	103
C.Nutter	85
R.Buchan	80
P.Sykes	80
K.Bowen	75
R.Parkin	75
S.Marsh	70

SPY 44 Trophy

R.MOORE	314.1
J.Ronny	299.6

John Westmorland,
Trophy points Sec.