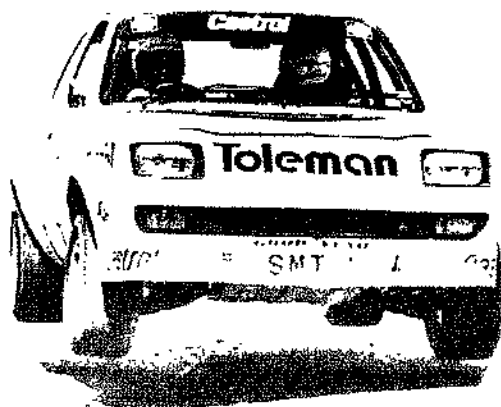


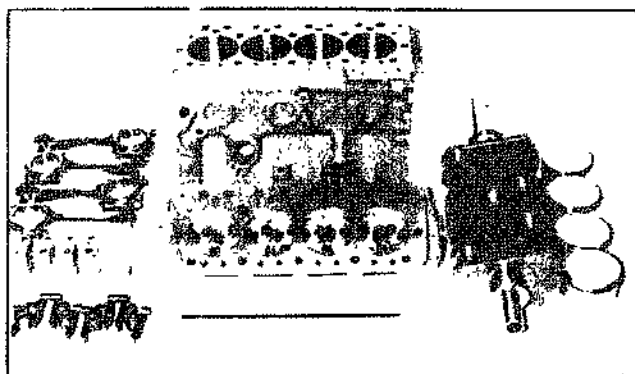
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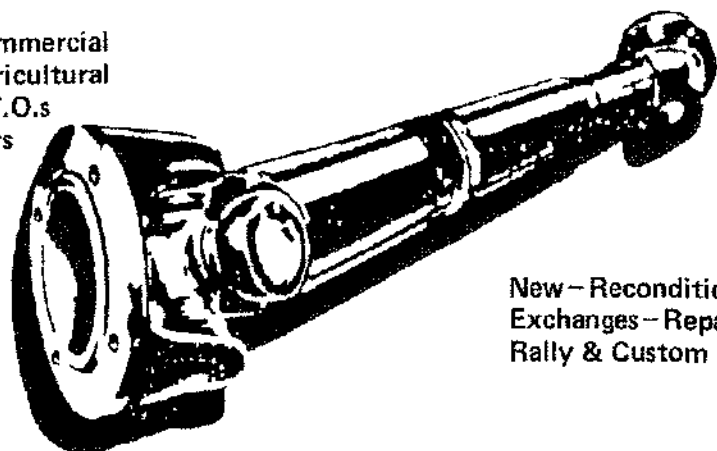
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EDITORIAL

First of all, sorry for the quality of some of the printing on last months mag., I hope it's better this time.

The Quip Stages has just been and gone, as well as being a good event it also had the fortune to have good weather to make it a great day.

Did anyone see the motor racing on TV recently of the James Hardie 1000Km. in Australia? That is what televised motor racing should be like. The In-car camera shots were really good, with some nice shots of the cars coming down 'The Mountain' lifting the inside front wheels. All I can say is if you missed it, DON'T MISS IT NEXT YEAR. If anybody recorded it possibly we could show it at a film night.

I hope you have all made arrangements to come out marshalling on the RAC, you will all be needed. (See elsewhere for details).

With the onset of winter as well as the RAC it also heralds the start of the indoor table top championship. This year however will see the absence of the infamous White Bankers as 1/4 of the team, Stuart Marsh, has flown east for the winter; and most of next year as well.

Apologise to everyone who gave me an article which hasn't appeared, all being well, they will be in next months. With so many articles there wasn't a spare page for the list of committee members addresses so I have entered a few committee members details at the bottom of pages where there was some space.

"scoop" Munnis  
Editor

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Nov.

- 6 Crown , Boston Spa Fireworks
- 13 Crown , Boston Spa Lookout Presentation
- 20 Lawnswood Arms RAC briefing
- 27 Shoulder of Mutton

Dec.

- 4 Crown , Boston Spa
- 7 Lawnswood Arms , Christmas Party
- 11 T.B.A.
- 18 Duke of Wellington , E. Keswick Talk by  
Alan Larkin of Larkspeed.
- 25 No clubnight

1985

Jan.

- 1 Crown , Boston Spa

Rebecca Kemp.  
Social Sec.

CC Rally Driver \*

C. Miller	413.6
J. Renny	101.0
J. Willis	89.0
E. Ward	73.8
J. North	63.3

FSD Rally Driver \*\*

C. Miller	57
A. Hanson	32
J. North	28
J. Renny	19
A. Nutter	16
J. Cope	16
D. Harrison	15

S. V. Stages Driver

J. North	189.4
J. Thompson	171.1
K. Bowen	103.8
D. Harrison	102.4
A. Hanson	85.0
D. Marshall	72.2

\* Best 6 scores apply

\*\* Best 8 scores apply

ANCC Rally Nav. \*

M. Miller	413.6
J. Millington	206.7
J. McNichol	80.0
S. Cossins	73.8
J. Bean	63.6
G. Steggles	63.3

FSD Rally Nav. \*\*

M. Miller	65
J. Bean	45
J. Millington	42
R. Holdsworth	32
S. Walshaw	26
J. McNichol	25
J. Cope	21
S. Sanderson	19

Stages Rally CO-Dvr

R. Holdsworth	223.5
S. Walshaw	189.4
A. Sunley	171.1
R. Moore	103.8
A. Hirst	79.2

# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Sorry for the absence of my piece in the last monthly mag., there was a good reason - I was on holiday. By now you should all be aware that the RAC is upon us (Rod Parkin has further details in the mag.). As outlined last month, TMC is sharing a 32 mile stage with Alwoodley in Dalby forest. A strong commitment is going to be required as the stage is live and therefore manned for over 12 hours commencing shortly before midnight on Monday 26th. Nov. It should also be borne in mind that the stage will be full of spectators so if you're marshalling get there early and bring along a whistle/ tape/ shotgun / rubber bullets/ etc. to keep them at bay.

Continuing on the subject of commitment, October's sort-out at the club garage to get the equipment ready for the Quip Stages rally was appalling. Two was company and when John Bean turned up, three certainly wasn't a crowd. I only hope when we have the equipment sort-out later in the year more members turn up to HELP. After all a couple of hours isn't going to hurt.

Finally I hope all those who turned out for the Quip enjoyed themselves and I'll see you again on the RAC. Oh, yes don't forget Dec 7th. the Xmas party )- lets make it a goodie.

Mark Dawes.

NAVIGATION PRACTICE NIGHT Hunters Trophy Rd. 1

all folks, its some 3 months after the event, but I have managed at last to put pen to paper. The event was run on Tuesday 10th July, starting from the Harfedale at Arthington and finishing just outside Torner. The route meandered through the Fowston area, plotted as a mini - rally route with Treasure Hunt type questions where the controls would have been. Everything ( map wise ) was used as in a normal road rally to give the beginners a chance to find out, before hand, what they may come across under pressure. John McNichol was on hand to give advice and assistance at the start and was kept busy by some crews.

10 crews took part, with some notable 'seat swapping' and some first timers getting ready for the Lookout, namely John Cope, Roger Slinn, Neil Wright, Darius Evans and Clive Wilson, the latter two putting up an excellent performance on the Lookout. Only one lady took part, Jackie Smyth, having got "Steggie" in his IS 2000 and proved herself very able bringing them home into 1st place. Anybody want a ride with her next year ( COPS.. SORRY ), anybody want Jackie to navigate for them next year ( WHEW... ).

The run was enjoyed by all, some more than others and the exercise proved most successful in sorting out problems and lack of knowledge for the newcomers. Well done to you all and the best of luck in the future.

John Westmoreland

Results

1 G. Steggles & Miss J. Smyth	20pts.	9mins.
2 C. Miller & J. Dean	20pts.	15mins
3 J. North & S. Walshaw	20pts.	15mins.
4 Chris & Steve Sanderson	20pts	17mins.
5 Dave & Ian Dixon	20pts.	42mins.
6 A. N. Othor & J. Cope	19pts	1F 14mins.
7 R. Slinn & N. Wright	8pts.	12F OTL
8 D. Evans & C. Wilson	0pts	20F OTL

2nd and 3rd was decided by lowest c.c.c.

SCALEXTRIC NIGHT    tors    \*ly Rd. 2

This popular evening sport was organised by Graham Staggles and Jackie Smyth at the Crown Hotel in Boston Spa.

Unfortunately the evening clashed with a marshals meeting, so the support was not as good as usual, but was nevertheless most enjoyable with some quick and close times. I hope that on the next round Graham & Jackie will be better supported. Fix one quick you two, see Rebecca for a venue and date.

1 Jonathan North	21.1 secs
2 John Westmoreland	22.7
3 John Renny	22.8
4 Richard Ineson	24.4
5 Mike Ogden	25.6
6 Derek Lee	26.0
7 Jackie Smyth	26.4
8 Graham Staggles	27.6
9 Steve Walshaw	27.7
10 Steve Sanderson	28.2

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\*        DUCKHAMS LOOKOUT RALLY 1984        \*

\*        PRIZE PRESENTATION EVENING        \*

\* \* \* \* \*

\*        Tuesday November 13th 1984        \*

\*        The Crown Hotel Boston Spa        \*

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\*        Programme:        \*

\*        8.00 Welcome to competitors and award        \*

\*        winners by the Lookout team        \*

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\*        8.30 Duckhams Video Film        \*

\*        Presentation of awards        \*

\*        Further video films        \*

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\*        Bar extension until 11.30pm.        \*

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RAC RALLY 1984

This year the RAC Rally will not be using Dalby stage and, as John Richardson is now an Area Coordinator, I was asked to be Stage Commander for Dalby 2. Dalby as I am sure you will know is a tremendous spectator attraction and, therefore requires a significant number of marshalls. Add to that the fact that the stage is over 32 miles long and is being run twice then you will hopefully understand the size of the undertaking.

Dalby 1 is being 'commanded' by Graham Whittaker but, because the time schedule is very tight there will be no time to close and reopen the stage we have decided to run as a joint venture.

Effectively this means that TMC will run the Start and the next 3 corners, Alwoodley will run the Finish and preceding few corners. The remainder of the stage ( 70 corners in total ) has been split into sectors and sector commanders have been appointed from several other motor clubs. Corner marshalls will be appointed for each corner.

Our entrance is from EBBERSTON village, NR 899830½ to GIVENDALE HEAD FARM NR 894876, sign on by 23.00hrs. Monday 26th., earlier for corner marshalls. The first car is not until approx. 4.30am. but spectators will be arriving very early and you must be there to meet them. Corner marshalls must be in position before this time and will be in position to meet the 'convoy'.

The stage will not close until lunchtime Tuesday - so bring plenty of warm clothing/food/drink etc. THERE IS NO CHANCE OF LEAVING THE STAGE ONCE YOU ARE IN. THE STAGE IS 'LIVE' ALL THE TIME.

Other eqpt. - whistle, hammer, nails, torch fire ext. etc. etc.

Officials are :- Rod Parkin Stage Commander  
Ronnie Moore Deputy S.C./Sector Cntr.  
Richard Spurdens No 1 Timekeeper  
Keith Bowen No 2 Timekeeper

Meetings have been arranged as follows:

Officials only - 4th Nov. (also to meet AMC counterpart)  
Officials & corner marshalls - Wed 14th Nov. Crown, B.S.  
Trackrod members & marshalls - Tues 20th Nov Lamswood Arms.

## RASHIERAL VIEW OF RALLY BREAKFASTS

After a night of charging round the lanes, getting lost, shouting at the navigator and so on, I really am ready for my breakfast. But there are some times when I'm really not ready for what I get.

Rally breakfasts vary widely and wildly, some of them are good (like at the Lookout finish - The Duckles). Some of them are awful (libel prevents me mentioning any names). Most of them are to a certain degree noteworthy, and it is these that can produce a good story.

Like the self-service place where I had the biggest over breakfast. Not that the management intended it to be self-service, on the contrary - they were very annoyed when everyone started to get their own food, the poor waitress was almost in tears - and the manager was almost in a coffin when he tried to stop us. At least it helped to while away the time until the results were ready.

And of course there are always those places where every last little thing comes pre-packed and wrapped in super strong plastic, and I mean everything. The sugar, The salt the butter. There was even one place where everyone agreed that even the bacon had been pre-packed - given a Stanley knife would have had trouble breaking through the case-hardening. The geriatric waitress didn't so much as smile when someone asked for a laser.

Come to think about it, I can never understand why the major rally teams resort to Kevlar bodywork when the plastic wrappers that brown sauce cones in is much lighter and just as tough (you try opening one when you've just lost a night's sleep). Perhaps it's because they don't fancy having KRAFT or FRANK ORFORD written all over their cars.

Then there's always the inexperienced places, the ones doing their first ever rally. How can you tell them? Is it that they're too cheap - or perhaps it's the table clothes, or the standard of the service? Maybe it's the wide-eyed innocence of the waitresses or the speed at which they work at? No - it's none of those - they

easily be recognised simply by glancing at your plate.  
You see they served baked beans. Fatal. Absolutely  
bloody fatal.

One of the best breakfasts I ever had was provided by  
the most unusual source - the Army Catering Corps.  
Honest, the local terrorists had been out helping the  
organisers as an exercise, you know the kind of  
thing. Providing radio links, Land Rovers for  
recovery, machine gun posts at black spots and  
mortar parties on No-boards, etc. So why not have  
then providing the breakfasts too? It was actually  
quite good - not fresh food. Only one thing marred  
it, the fried bread.

However it's not all fun and throwing rubber eggs  
at the results team you know. There is a serious side  
to it all. Like the guy who was doing the Lookout  
breakfast one year, and grossly overestimated the  
quantity of food he would sell. I wonder what he did  
with his half a hundredweight of prime pork sausage.

So the next time you're at a rally finish after  
having got lost / gone off / retired or just simply  
having made a prawn of yourself, don't waste time  
talking rough whites, or tricky navigation, or  
anything else you're not really interested in.  
Forget the ins and outs of the Blue book. If you  
want to amuse yourself and your friends, well then  
- just bring breakfast up.

S. Marsh (alias White Ranker One)

# 1984 ECONOMY RUN

Six entries this year -- congratulations to Chris Miller who apart from winning the trophy gets the best prize of all - to organise next years economy run 6. see you soon Chris....

Hope you all enjoyed it, my thanks to Phil and Peter for helping out at short notice.

1st			Actual mileage	Boggy	%
1st	C. Miller	Fiesta	67.4	49.7	135
2nd	J. Wostnland	Maestro	57.4	46.7	123
3rd	J. Bean	Escort II	39.5	36.7	107
4th	S. Marsh	Ascona	35.2	33.6	105
5th	J. North	Kendall	33.3	46.2	72
6th	S. Sanderson	Astra	29.8	45.2	65

Rod Parkin

## COSTA P.R.

I would like to thank those members of the club who gave up two or three weekends during the summer to assist me with the P.R. exercise for the 1984 Costa Di Pionti rally. The event went very well due to their hard work with very little trouble afterwards, which was easily sorted out

Once again thank you to you all and I hope you will be willing to assist again next year, or if anybody would like to have ago, just see me.

Michael Robson

COSTA DI PLENTI (on-the cheap )

I could hardly believe what I had let myself in for. It was my fourth road rally but in all the others I had an experienced navigator, this one I had asked my ex-flatmate if he wanted a go at navigating. He said YES so in went the entry.

Preparation was limited to a change of points and 1 faulty rear damper, not even an oil change. At the last minute I decided to replace a rusty silencer, which then blew.

After burling through scrutineering and noise we reached the start, and managed to pick up the route five minutes late. Plotting began very slowly, my navigator had not seen a roner before that evening so with plotting time ticking away I took the naps and plotted the rest of the route, finishing with minutes to spare.

Once on the competitive sections we began to enjoy the event apart from being passed by half the rally on the first selective (most of whom we later saw in ditches, hedges, walls and bits). The best quote I heard was 'the route being alternating dead rabbits and warning triangles. The progress of the trusty Minx was slow but sure, and got even slower and surer as crew fatigue set-in in the second half, neither of us had had more than six hours sleep for a week. This led to a series of wrong slots and missed PCs. The best wrong slot was at a PC at a T junction where we took the right slot then stopped, turned and went the other way, leaving one confused marshal.

By the finish at 8 o'clock we were like Zombies we just handed in our cards and left, so we know little of any protest, we set out to enjoy ourselves and that we did - old Hillmans never die, they just go slower..

Neil Du Cros, with all credit to Pete Brookes, ace navi.

Epitaph. We were excluded with a mere 16 fails.

LY PART 2

isions have been received from Tyneside and  
MSG. for individuals to attend stages in the  
arn loop. Locations of stages and the names of  
cts. appears on the notice board.  
e ensure that our own stage comes first and also  
request for help on Harwood.

Day Autotest.

iniser required for above. Little or no experience  
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d it's a fun day out. Potential organiser please  
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UIP STAGES

It was an excellent event. Many thanks to all who  
helped out. The DTRDA were highly delighted with the  
rally. Make a date for next year - Oct 26th.

Rod Parkin.

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TROPHY POINTSAll Round Club Member

J. Westmoreland	110
S. Sanderson	86
A. MUNNIS	80
S. Marsh	78
C. Sanderson	75
G. Steggles	63
D. Dixon	58
R. Moore	55
J. Renny	50
C. Nutter	48
M. Knowles	48
48 members on 45 or less	

Ladies Challenge Cup

Jaquie SMYth	11
Caroline Nutter	9

Off-road Events

R. Ineson	298.4
J. Bean	115.0
R. Moore	107.7
G. Bradford	65.0
J. Westmoreland	49.9

Service Crew Trophy

S Grant	45
D. Marshall	15
A. Sunley	5
C. Nutter	5

Lloyd S. S. Driver

A. Hanson	138.5
(only contestant)	

Marshals Trophy

P. Stanhope	45
J. Westmoreland	30
C. Goodall	30
G. Sanderson	30
40 members on 25 or less	

Shell League Trophy

J. Renny	187.7
R. Ineson	176.8
R. Moore	107.7
J. North	104.7
M. Tierney	101.1
C. Miller	74.4
A. Nutter	73.5

Dickinson PCT Trophy

R. Moore	18
J. North	13
J. Westmoreland	12
C. Miller	10
K. Goodall	10
J. BEAN	10
19 others on 9 or less	

R. & S. Autotest Tpy.

R. Ineson	21
M. Tierney	20
J. Renny	7
J. Bean	6
R. Moore	5
A. Nutter	5

# COMPETITION CALENDAR

Nov.

3/4 R/R. Sandal Motors Do-Lacy M. C.  
Maps 99,100,105,110 Starts at  
Sandal Motors at 11.01 pm.

25-29th RAC Rally. Secitons elsewhere

Dec.

1/2 R/R Hall Trophy Clitheroe & DMC.  
ANCC & SD/34 Championships  
Maps 98,103 Start 103/728414 11.31pm

1/2 R/R Maple Garage Beaver Rally Beverley  
& DMC. Novice rally on 101,106,107  
Start 107/040392 at 11.31 pm.

26 A/T TMC Boxing Day Autotest. See item

1905

Jan

12/13 R/R. Mini Miglia Knowdale C.C.  
Maps 91,92,98,103

19/20 R/R. 3 Swans Selby M.C.  
Maps 100,101,105,106

20 S/V. Bordon M.C. Map 111

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Club nights

4th ~~Nov~~ Dec Scalextric Night. See item elsewhere

11th ~~Nov~~ Dec Wharfedale, Arthington



### SEC'S PIECE

Just a few words this month. Firstly, I must mention one of our most active (very much so in view of his change in appearance) members, Stuart Marsh. Stuart has accepted a post overseas with his employers (It's for you-whoos), and so for the time being will be absent from his many roles with the club (Secretary of the Lookout Rally, Merchandising and Training Officer). I'm sure we all wish him well in the Far East, and may I add a personal thank-you, Stuart, for all your hard work for the club.

Stuart's departure means that the committee, already depleted, now needs new or old.. blood, more than ever. In particular, we need someone to take over the role of merchandising officer, as soon as possible. If anyone fancies a crack at this job, have a word with any committee member.

October has, once again, been the busiest time of year for many members. The annual pilgrimage to Hull saw several members receive a soaking many times over, inside and out... Many members were associated with the Larkspeed rally, congrats to John Cope/John McNichol for best Trackrod Award, and a personal thanks go to all TMC members who marshalled on the night. (There is a FREE buffet/Disco/Prize presentation at the Queens ARMS, Harrogate Road, Leeds 7. at Open Wednesday ~~XX~~ 7th November, all marshals welcome). Finally the Quip Stages Rally ran to its usual standard of excellence, with plaudits being received from far and wide. This event in particular shows the high standing that our club has in the field of Motor Sport, and it is a pleasure to read in Motoring News (centre pages no less) "The Rally itself had been a great success....." for the general consensus was that the Quip had been one of the best rounds of the BTRDA Championship. It made a fitting end to the season. "

Finally, we have welcomed many new members to the club in recent weeks. It is to those of you who have

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recently joined Trackrod that I now appeal to. In order to maintain an acceptable level of expertise in the organisation of events, it is always necessary to bring in new blood. WE have two events on the horizon that will need assistance, one being the Boxing Day Autotest. Anyone who would like to help with the organisation of this Closed to Club event should contact Martin Kemp, The competition secretary. Also needing some help is the Lookout Rally, John Westmoreland or Derek Lee are the people to see

John Bean  
Secretary

#### SCALEXTRIC CHAMPIONSHIP

on the 4th Dec. it is proposed to start a Scalextric championship. It will be made up of 4 rounds the best 3 to count. The rules have still to be decided but will be ready for the first round. Prize to be announced.

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