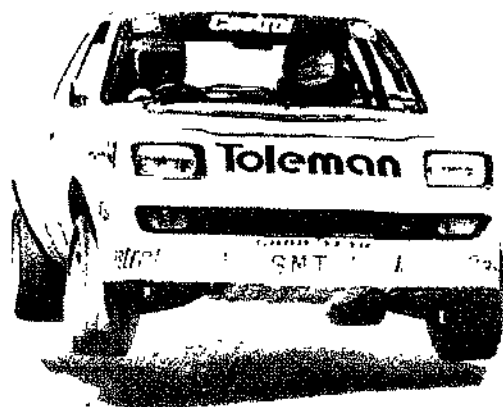


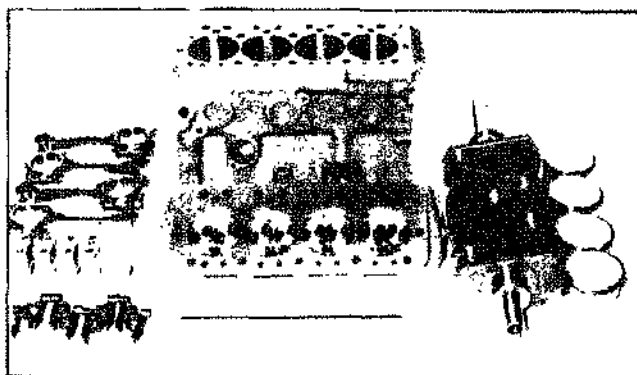
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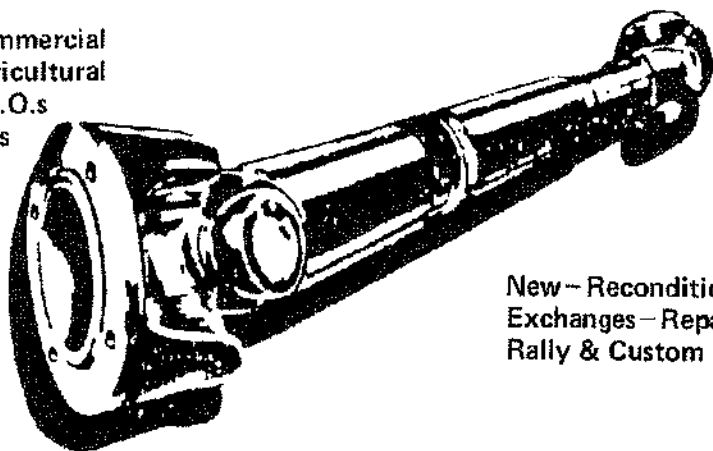
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EDITORIAL

In last months mag. the final results of the 1984 club championships were published, in the list were 35 different names yet in the whole of 1984 only 12 of those names actually wrote anything for the club magazine and six of those were committee members with specific articles to write. It would appear that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the listed names don't want anybody else to know about their success or failure.

This magazine is a CLUB magazine about CLUB events and CLUB members. If each of you wrote just ONE article that would be 35 articles or 3 per mag. on average.

A number of members were out on the 3 swans marshaling or competing, but still no article; don't wait for somebody else to write, do it yourself.

I shouldn't have to cajole people into writing, YOUR willingness to submit articles helps to create a more interesting and therefore a more enjoyable to read club magazine.

TRY FINDING ANOTHER USE FOR YOUR RIGHT HAND THEN
HOLDING A PINT GLASS!!!!

"Scoop" MUNNIS

EDITOR

SOCIAL SEC'S SPOT

Feb. 5 Crown Boston Spa Scalextric night
12 Duke of Wellington E. Keswick
Round 1 of the Willie Wonka Champions'P
19 Wharfedale Arthington
26 Shoulder of mutton Kirby Overblow
Mar. 5 Crown Boston Spa
12 Wharfedale Arthington Talk, see mention
19 Duke of Wellington E. Keswick
26 Shoulder of mutton Kirby Overblow

I have a lot to write this month, so firstly may I say thank you very much to all the people who came to the Annual Dinner Dance; also thank you for my two bouquets of flowers; they are beautiful. I think everybody had a good night. I know I did, the food was excellent and thank you to Gez for a good disco, (it was a pity John Thomas wasn't there to collect his trophy *): on the same note of thanks I and I'm sure the motor club would like to thank the Sowden family at the Wharfedale for their Hospitality shown to us all on clubnights that have been held there.

REBECCA KEMP.

SOCIAL SEC.

* Note: In joke to people who attended the Annual Dinner Dance

COMPETITION CALENDAR

Feb.

- 9 Mayfield safari Rally, Knowsley.
9/10 Towers Lec Furness & Dist. Maps 90,96,97
Start at Bowness.
16/17 Illuminations, Morecambe Maps 85,86,90,91,97
Start at Kendal 22.45 hrs.
17 Stage Rally Sheffield & Hal. Lindesholme
22/24 National Breakdown. De-Lacy M.C.

Mar.

- 2/3 Northern Lights L.U.U.M.C. Trackrod co-pro.
2/3 Roskirk Trophy S. Shore M.C. ANCC
2 Dukeries Rally
9/10 Burgess Bowl. Glossop
17 Autotest Lancs & Ches. ANCC
16 Lakeland Stages
23/24 Ridings Rally Alwoodley M.C.
30 York National.

ANCC Stage Rally Championship

Details of the above championship have just been published
Copies of the regs. etc. can be found on the notice board
or directly from me.

Other Rally Championships

Further details of other championships can be found on
the notice board as to publish them here would take up too
much space.

ANCC Autotest Championship 1985

Regretably not all the details printed in last months mag. were correct as the rounds were only provisional. Below are the appropriate amendments to the calendar. For all those interested in competing, registration forms can be obtained from Richard Ireson at any club night.

June 16th Now Mid Cheshire MRC.

June 30th Delete

Sept 8th Stockport MC

Reserve event York MC

Road Rally Tyre Regulations

For those of you who have not started competing yet and have had your heads in the sand regarding new tyre regulations in 1985 then the following may be of use to you.

Reference Blue Book 1985 QH7-QH8

QH7 Rim width 6 inches Max.

QH8 Max. tyre section 185

QH8b Aspect ratio 60% min.

QH8c All tyres must have an E marking moulded into the carcass if new and an S mark if a remould.

As far as the S marking is concerned then the S may form part of the normal size marking I.E.

165SR or be clearly visible elsewhere on the tyre.

M. KEMP

Competition Sec.

NATIONAL BREAKDOWN RALLY

We are once again doing a stage that is being run twice, this year it is Dalby 2 & 4. Marshals are to meet at MR 873882 at 4.15 A.M. The first car is due about 6.30A.M. and a re-run at about 10.30, the stage should close around lunch time. It will be another long morning similar to the RAC so bring plenty of food and warm clothing again. Our stage is the one that includes Mikolas Bend, which is again included in the rally running the bad way.

BED WANTED

I will hopefully be in one of the cars competing in the rally. If anybody is thinking of going over to Scarborough to the overnight halt prior to going marshalling or spectating, and could allow the use of their car by two very tired competitors to get a little sleep away from the rally, could they let me know.

ANDY MUNNIS

TALK MARCH 12th.

After the talk by Alan Larkin in January about car preparation for the clubman, we have now gone much higher up the ladder and invited DAVE CAMPION of R.E.D., he is in charge of the Sierra Turbo used by Louise Aitken-Walker in the Shell/Autosport Chmpship. Don't miss it.

SHELL OILS LEAGUE

Well its been a long time since I last put pen to paper to report on the goings on within the Shell Oils League. We ended last year on a sorry note finishing in the lowest position I have ever known, 9th. But hopefully after our promising start to my 5th and final year as captain we will be back at the top and dare I say it actually win the league outright. It would be the first time in the clubs history and make Trackrod Motor Club the undisputed top all-round motor club in this region, which I believe we have all the potential of being.

The 3 Swans Rally was again the opening round and Trackrod had a strong team out. With some potential reserves I hope you will all enter under Trackrod MC for the next event. However our team consisted of at 16 John Cope / John McNichol, at 26 Ken Goodall / Mike Tenpest returning after a long rest in his almost standard Escort Harrier. A ramp guard and competition brake linings being all that Ken fitted. At 46 saw Bob Stoker / nartyn Miller getting together once again with Mark Tierney / Alan Lilley running with the novices at 70. I was also back out with the aid of John Millington starting at 11. With all the previous weeks snow still about on most of the route it promised to be an interesting if not hairy evening with most crews having to turn up on standard tyres.

Thankfully all TMC crews managed to complete the route and after a long wait some form of results came out. It appears at first there were a lot of crews that had to cut so the event got shortened to allow for more finishers and after further protests results were made available by 11.30.

Provisional positions for TMC crews subject to

confirmation are as follows :-

Car 11 John Renny / John Millington	5th O/A
16 John Cope / John McNichel	10th O/A
26 Ken Goodall / Mike Tempest	8th O/A
46 Bob Stoker / Martyn Miller	? O/A
70 Mark Tierney / Alan Lilley	4th class ?

Shell Oils League positions after round 1

1. Selby	309.1
2. Ripon	294.6
3. Trackrod	269.4
4. Shipley	242.9
5. Alwoodley	227.4
6. YSCC	221.1

Next rounds

19th May	Autotest	A & P
26th "	Autotest	NEMSC
2 nd June	Hillclimb	YSCC
15/16 "	Rally	Shipley
16 "	PCT	Huddersfield
14th July	PCT	Ilkley
15th Sept	Autotest	Slaithwaite
21/22 Sept	Rally	Trackrod
2/3 Nov.	Rally	Alwoodley

JOHN RENNY

SHELL OILS LEAGUE CAPTAIN.

BOXING DAY AUTOTEST

I'd like to thank Barrie Dove / Organisers and marshals for braving the cold frosty conditions which made the day memorable for some more than others (Eh En sorry Jean!). Being mainly involved in marshalling over the seven years I've been in the club it was nice to find out the other side of the line. Slicks were not needed as the frost and black ice gave the event enough slip as some found. I enjoyed my 1st. event and probably with an old banger and ganny tyres I'd like to have another go. (But not in ours Love!)

KEITH HUNN

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The Annual Dinner Dance was yet another successful event organised by MRS. REBECCA KEMP. With an amusing speech on their success, or lack of it, in 1984 were guest speakers Ron Beecroft and John Millington. The evening was unexpectedly rounded off with Bob Stoker doing his imitation of Frank Sinatra.

DON'T FORGET

Indoor rally championship Round 1

Tuesday Feb. 12th 1985

Duke of Wellington East Keswick.

Map 106 required

Start 8.00pm

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RAC RALLY

Having tried unsuccessfully to get a co-drivers job on last years RAC Rally, I accepted an offer from GM Dealer Sport to navigate a chase car, with Tin Aston of Pontefract driving.

At first I was very sceptic about the job but after meeting the team and seeing the service plan, I could see it was to be a very demanding 5 days. With the drivers Jimmy Mcrae, and Russell Brookes and Bertie Fisher we had a tight schedule to keep up. The first day was spent mainly by-passing long traffic jams in and around the six spectator stages, and finding some place near the stage end to park. We had radios and an emergency spares pack and tools. Russell Brookes' manifold was the only hiccup when it split so we picked up a welding kit just in case. Monday started at 3.00am with the long drive north, my turn to drive while Tin finished his nights sleep with breakfast at Newby Bridge before a quick trip through the lakes, and this is where the experience of a works team really started to show. We had to park in a lay-by miles from the stages but we were in radio contact due to a gap in the hills, it turned out to be a very popular lay-by.

After the border stages we had to park down a forest track in Kielder and wait for all four cars to pass, the three Mantas plus Andrew Wood's Astra, Next was to find a way to the end of Kielder in time to pick up R. Brookes car after his roll and as his radio was out we had to act as his communications relay to the service crew.

Yorkshire followed (at last to a decent place where I could understand what people said) and a few

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whites last used on the Costa ment we missed the traffic and made all our service points in time followed by a long drive via Liverpool to Chester. A major rebuild was carried out on all four cars before Parc Ferme, we then had an early night after a long hard day.

Next day (Wednesday) dawned bright and crisp with the day light spent going south into Wales, where suddenly the rally came alive, first Jimmy Mcrae came off and blew the head gasket on the Manta. As the team manager was 25 miles away, I was left to make the decisions as to where and when. The job was completed with 5 mins. to spare, making me very relieved, it could have been a long walk home from Wales with Jimmy Mcrae's boot up my!!!! After a trip into the forests of mid Wales using roads I didn't know existed but were all in the service plan, we eventually came to the last four stages in Clocaenog, as Bertie Fishers and Andrew Woods chase crews were both missing we had ~~all~~ to clear all four cars from the forests. Tin really having to press-on between the stages in order to keep up. It was a fantastic five days and great experience to work with a professional works team. I learned a lot.

J. MILLINGTON

NORTHERN LIGHTS 2nd/3rd MARCH

We are co - promoting the above rally which is being organised by Leeds University Union M.C. Regs are available from me. Lets have a good turn out, and if you can't compete then go marshalling. The man to ring is David Markham on Leeds 431751 EXTN 6057 (B) Or Leeds 759660 (H).

MARTIN KEMP

WILLIE WONKA CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Once again in 1984 we ran the Willie Wonka Christmas Special over the festive season. The event was well supported with 15 entries, although with regret 10 were none finishers for various reasons (I suspect to much food, parties and falling down fluid). Five crews were sober enough to finish, three of which made a very determined effort with a close finish. Eventual victory going to G. Steggles followed very closely by our illustrious editor. To all who took part, thank you for your support and my congratulations to the finishers, especially to Graham on his win, after two years as runner up.

Results.

1st. G. Steggles	620 pts.
2nd. A. Munnis	570 pts.
3rd. D. & I. Dixon	550 pts.
4th. N. Du Cros	365 pts.
5th. M. R. Knowles	250 pts.

For those interested I enclose references of TCs. (John also included the answers to the questions but there is not room in the mag. to print them all, so I will bring them along to the clubnight with this mag. if anybody wants to see them. - ED)

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TC 4 4751823, TC 5 2468521, TC 6 281705
TC 7 19216931

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WILLIE WONKA INDOOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP, 1984/1985

Due to a rather belated start to the season, this years "Willie Wonka" Trophy Indoor Rally Championship may be a shortened affair. Instead of the usual five qualifying rounds, we may only have four, but your best three scores will still count. So lets see some of you budding navigators, and indeed the more experienced ones as well, having a bash. Emphasis this year is speed of plotting, with no devious map work, intended to enable you to get a route down on a map within an hour as you have to at the start of a rally. To add a little spice and to check your route is correct a few simple questions are thrown in for bonus points.

The first round is on Tuesday February 12th. at the Duke of Wellington, East Keswick.

Equipment required is map #/s 106, roner, rubber, pen and pencil. EASY. Look forward to seeing YOU.

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