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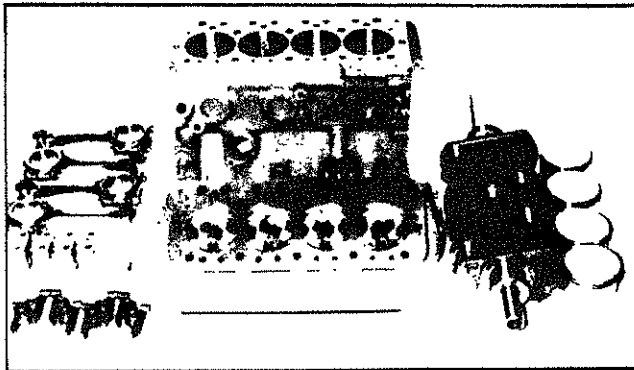


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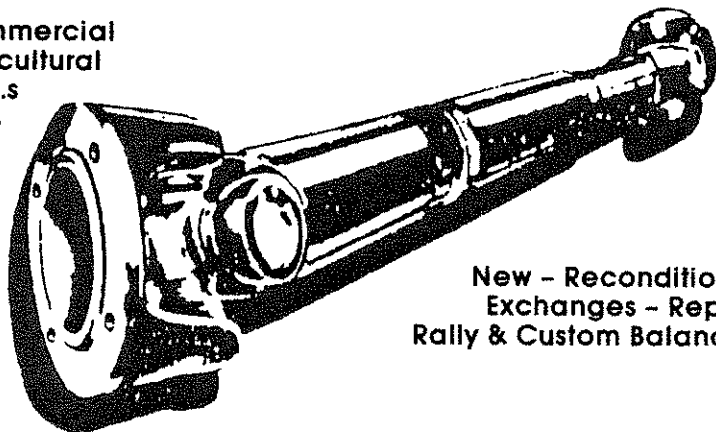
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EDITORIAL

With over half this committee's term now completed it might be an opportune time to look at the club's present position. The club now appears to be over the internal wranglings which afflicted the last committee. Our membership is still rising with around 120 already joined, and our rallies, which attract a number of new members, still to run. Mentioning rallies; the Lookout Rally is now firmly established with a reputation as a competitive event for the non-expert crews. This successful format should continue to attract full entries in the next few years. Our premier road rally, the Costa di Plenti, having gone through the doldrums over the last few years since relinquishing its Motoring News status, now stands on the verge of a new era with the arrival of new sponsors MORLEY WASTE TRADERS. On the social front a number of clubnight, and possible weekend, events are being considered, including the clubnight PCT and a "closed to club" clubnight autotest. Financially the club is still very healthy but outstanding tax demands are due for payment soon.

On a more sober note the death a few weeks ago of the co-driver Steve Radford, seen on last year's Quip in the red MK3 Escort driven by his father; and the announcement today (May 2nd) of the death of the Italian driver ATTILIO BETTEGA, whose Lancia crashed into a ravine on the first day of the Tour of Corsica, should remind all of us who enjoy rallying that the sport IS dangerous and sometimes the cost of that enjoyment can be very high.

ANDREW MUNNIS
Editor

SOCIAL SEC SPOT

May

- 7 Crown, Boston Spa Open Forum
- 14 Duke of Wellington, E.Keswick
Indoor rally
- 21 Wharfedale, Arthington
- 28 Crown, Boston Spa Disco

June

- 4 Crown, Boston Spa
- 11 Duke of Wellington, E.Keswick
- 18 Wharfedale, Arthington
- 25 Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow

I hope everyone has plenty of questions for the open forum, or any suggestions on what you would like to do on clubnights, or whether we should change any of the venues that we are using at present.

At the end of this month we are having another disco at the Crown at Boston Spa. Tickets will be on sale after the open forum, price £1.50. It's very good value and aids the clubs finances. Why don't you bring a friend or two?

REBECCA KEMP

Social Sec.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

MAY

- 11th S.R Manx National Stages
12th A Ilkley & District M.C. ANCC CHAMP
18th S.R Centurion Rally Hadrian M.C.
Start Newcastle Moat Ho.88/321686
Maps 80,81,87,88
19th A A & P ANCC CHAMP & Shell League
26th A NHMC Shell League
26th H/C Triumph Sporting Club . Baitings Dam
26th S/V Christies Crisps Charities Stages
Border M.C. & Brigg Dist. Lions Club
Hibaldstow Airfield nr. Brigg, S.Humb
All proceeds to charity

JUNE

- 2nd H/C YSCC Shell League
15/ R.R White Rose Shipley & District MP
16th Shell League
16th A Mid Cheshire ANCC
16th PCT Huddersfield Shell League
22/ R.R Stocktonian Stockton M.C.
23rd ANCC CHAMP
30th A TMC JUNE JESTERS RAC CHAMPIONSHIP
All members to the aid of the club.

MARTIN KEMP

Comp Sec.

Key S.R Stage Rally
A Auto Test
H/C Hill Climb
R.R Road Rally
PCT Production
Car trials

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Just a short article this month as I missed most of April with conference commitments and holidays. However I did manage to get out for the April Fools autotest, which I felt was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed. It was nice to see more TMC members taking the plunge and having a go, as well as seeing the welcome return of a member who has been out of the country for a few years, having lost none of his skill, Ronnie Mackinnon.

Well that just about raps up CC for this month except to apologise to the half dozen or so whose magazine last month appeared to have furry pages. It wasn't mutated paper it was the left hand sleeve from my jumper which I was wearing when I printed the magazine. The machine now has a commanding 4 - 0 lead; 2 handkerchiefs, 1 ruined white shirt and now the jumper, - I'm sure William Caxton never had these problems (Was he the first club editor - ED.).

MARK DAWES.

Chairman

THE EXPLOITS OF D.T. part 1

Well it's a long time since I put pen to paper for the club magazine and having been in the unenviable position of Editor in the past I know the troubles Andy is having with a lack of material, so here's my 'starter for ten'.

As most of you will know Dave Turnbull has recently acquired a new steed in the form of an Escort RS2.1 BDG. For those rally historians I'll try to tell you a little of the cars history (as far as we know). It started life in the Ford workshops at Boreham and was prepared to GP. 4 spec and has been captured on film in the Scottish Int. driven by Andrew Cowan. More recently the car had been rolled, and re-shelled by Gartrac and was Ari Vatanens back up car to the Shell Oils group B car. It then spent over six months in Japan before returning to the UK and into the stable of Jeff Williamson's rally hire cars. It was last out on the '84 Audi National driven by Alistair Sutherland and had an engine, gearbox and axle re-build before Dave bought it at the beginning of this year.

Dave and Graeme's first event was to have been a single venue rally at Oulton Park, but with the track covered in snow and sheet ice Dave very wisely decided that this was not the time and place to try out a new car with about 260 BHP for the first time.

So after a months wait Dave and Graeme went on the Moonraker Moonlight stages, at Leaconfield army camp, yours trully servicing as usual. Also competing was John North having brought the Mini out of retirement due to the extensive damage done to the Chevette a few weeks before. There were a few "decent" motors there and it was an ideal way to find if the combination of Dave and OLD 421P (the car, not Graeme) would gel. Well, taking

fastest time on the first stage. Sadly though it was not to be, they held the lead until the penultimate stage when the gear lever came adrift on the first corner due to a faulty circlip, leaving the car stuck in fifth for the whole stage.

The next outing brought more happiness. It was the Keetona Harrier Stages at RAF Lindeholme on Easter Sunday which attracted no less than five Escackrod crews. (Who said Escackrod members weren't interested in stage rallying). No.6 were D. Turnbull/G. Bellett, at 14 were W. Hanson/R. Holdsworth (Chevette) fresh from their 19th O/A on the previous weekends York National. Other TMC crews were No.39 D. Marshall/I. Watt (Escort Sport), No.74 G. Steggles/J. Smyth (mini) and No.78 A. Edwards/G. Brady (Escort).

The entry list made sure of a hard days competition as it included Charlie Lamb (Escort BDX), Mick Moore (TR7 V8), Dave Cuncliffe (Volvo 360 Turbo), Graham Lopley (Escort BDA) and Robert Gant (Porsche 911 Carrera).

The stages were run in pairs, and after the first 2 stages Dave and Graeme held a twelve second lead from the Porsche of Gant. Unfortunately Dave Marshall comprehensively blew up his brand new engine on stage 2 (a sad reward for a lot of time and money spent in the previous week or so), whilst Tony was complaining about chronic understeer. Alan Edwards had a puncture and also had to have some welding done on the rear axle.

Just before the start of stage 3 it began to rain but Dave was in the line up and had to go out on slicks (as did most) resulting in a five second deficit to Gant. Having only slicks and Nora's with

us Dave decided to tackle stage 5 with slicks, even though the heavens had opened and there was a lot of standing water about. The result was disasterous and he dropped 30 secs to Gant and Lamb. A hasty change to Noras in between the pair of stages brought ecstatic joy as Dave took a minute and a quarter out of his previous stage time, and more importantly took twenty odd seconds out of Lamb and Gant. Alan had unfortunately retired on stage 5 with fuel starvation problems. Tony and Russ had clawed their way into the top ten but were still having handling problems. Positions after 6 stages:

- 1 Gant
- 2 Turnbull
- 3 Lamb

The word must have got round of our change in fortunes as both Gant and Lamb turned up at the stage 7 start sporting a change to Noras in a hope to match Daves rather rapid stage times. Stages 7 & 8 saw Dave and Graeme put in two more fastest times and took them into a twenty second lead with Gant second and Lamb a further 10 seconds behind. Tony and Russ had changed onto the Colway version of Noras for 7 & 8, but the understeer was worse, so they changed onto some old Dunlops for the last stage, having punctured a tyre on stage 9.

The scene was set for Dave and Graemes first overall victory but things were far from certain as we had been in this position twice before and had had to settle for 2nd. This time things went right and Dave and Charlie Lamb swapped times on the last stage, taking a further 24 seconds out of Gant. Tony and Russ put in their best time of the day to finish a better note.

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RIBBLE RALLY

At about 5.30 on 20th April my phone rang, "We've got no brakes !" Dave Martin, my regular driver despaired having paid Roscoe Engineering in Liverpool an arm and a leg to fettle the car, a 2.3 Chevette for the rally.

The Ribble was the final round of the NUMC championship but as we were by then an unassailable second and John Rogers/Mike Wood an unassailable first we were doing it for the run, so I said "How about my car" and after checking with the organisers set about a bit of preparation. The sum total of this was to swap the fog lamps for Lucas 20/20s, rewire the relay, add a pair of harnesses and mountings and empty the boot.

So there we were in a bog standard 1.6 Sunbeam in darkest Accrington at the start of the rally, with Dave even wearing his Nomex for effect. We started gently nearly going straight on at a 90R on the first long selective and being passed by a MK1 Escort. We were not the only ones having trouble, Roger Jackson and Andy Munnis running at 24 had the exhaust break at the join with the manifold only a mile into the first selective, but that didn't stop them having a big moment when our 22 got it broadside in front of them on a tight left and right over bridge.

After this we started moving (with standard pads we couldn't stop). As I didn't see the maps very closely I didn't really have a clue where we were going but it was very interesting, especially the yumpy bit in the middle (Kingsdale - EE) where we kept slowing up, (no sump guard and 60lb front springs) and Dave complained of feeling sea-sick and him in the Royal Naval Reserve. At half-way

a quick coffee perked us both up and we set off at a cracking pace, prompting an anonymous Avenger driver wearing a silly fur hat to enquire what was under the bonnet having followed him for the last three selectives, and watched him miss at least 1 PC.

At the finish we consumed an excellent breakfast and I was awakened from my slumbers in the car park to be told we were 33rd, 6th novice.

NEIL DU CROS

The results for the Ribble Rally have still not been sent out yet so final positions cannot be confirmed, but Trackrod had four crews out plus two others running under other clubs.

John Cope/John McNichol	3rd O/A
Roger Jackson/Andy Munnis	Retired due to noise from exhaust after being 9th at halfway
Bob Stoker/Martin Miller	? but finished
Gez Waters/Craig Thorley	20's O/A
Mark Thirney/A Lilley	? O/A but 1st novice
Neil Du Cros/Dave Martin	33rd O/A, 6th novice

ANDY MUNNIS.

Final
Final Positions

1st O/A	Dave Turnbull/Graeme Kellett	3368pts
2nd O/A	Charlie Lamb/A.N.Other	3398 "
3rd O/A	Robert Gant/Sue McNair	3409 "
9th O/A	Tony Hanson/Russ Holdsworth	3485 "
61st O/A	Graham Steggles/Jackie Smyth	3996 "

Part two will continue next month!!!!!!!

Steve Grant.

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COMING SOON !

Trackrod's Lookout Rally 27/28th July

We need all hands to the deck. If you fancy a nice Sunday or Sundays out in the country(N. Yorkshire) and have maps 100, 105 and 106, we need you!

Please contact John Westmoreland / Derek Lee or Keith Hunn any Clubnight. If you can't make Sundays make a note in your diary for the rally and help marshall on a control, if you haven't had any experiehce on a control, don't worry we'll sort you out a spot to suit your needs.

Please contact Keith Hunn, 51 Strawberry Avenue, Garforth. Leeds S60083 upto 8pm. or Steve Hitchcock or see us any Clubnight. Thank you.....

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DID YOU SEE.....

Did anybody see the mention in last weeks Motoring News of the motor club which ran a road rally competitively through a set of traffic lights !!

TROPHY POINTS SEC

Firstly, I must apologise for there not being any points positions in last months magazine, this was due to domestic illness followed by family holiday.

Secondly, a public apology to our illustrious editor for not telling him about the above, thusly causing the two blank pages at the end of the last magazine which he had kept ready for my bit. BERRY ANDY.

Enough grovelling, now down to the hard stuff. Since my last article the Scalextric Championship has been completed, overpage 13 the final tables and results.

Four rounds were run of 1 year BEST 3 score only qualify for the trophy (to be held for 1 year) and the marvellous replica (for keeps) made by Richard Ineson.

At this point, I would like to thank Richard for organising this excellent event, and I am sure you will all join in this. A lot of effort from Richard has given a lot of fun to us all, our sincerest thanks.

Two further rounds of the Willie Wonka Indoor Rally have also been run, round 2 organised by Team Jagra (Jacky Smyth/Graham Steggles) and round 3 by Team White Rankers 2 (Andy Munnis/Steve Hitchcock). More about these later.

At long last the results of the Swans Rally are final, so I can now bring the Trophy points table upto date with the exception of the National Breakdown Rally.

Would club members who marshalled on the National Breakdown Rally please inform me as the signing - on sheets are not now available to me.

NO CONTACT → NO POINTS

URGENT.

SCALEXTRIC CHAMPIONSHIP 1925

Round 3

1st	M. Boast	27.4	=11	Mrs R. Kemp	33.4
2	G. Steggles	29.0	=11	G. McPhail	33.4
3	J. Renny	29.4	13	A. Munnis	34.2
4	R. Ineson	29.6	14	K. Hunn	34.4
5	S. Hitch'k	30.0	15	D. Lee	34.6
6	G. Bradford	30.4	16	T. Whitaker	36.0
7	J. Westmore'd	30.8	17	H. Birkinshaw	37.6
8	B. Dove	31.2	18	N. Du Cros	45.0
9	P. Sykes	31.8	19	M. Jager	49.2
10	M. Ogden	32.8			

Round 4

=1st	R. Ineson	26.2	11	Mrs R. Kemp	30.4
=1st	J. Renny	26.2	12	S. Sanderson	31.4
3	P. Sykes	26.4	=13	M. Ogden	31.8
=4	S. Hitchcock	27.0	=13	D. Boylan	31.8
=4	M. Boast	27.0	15	N. Du Cros	32.0
6	B. Dove	27.4	16	M. Jagger	32.6
7	A. Munnis	28.2	17	M. Dawes	33.2
=8	S. Sanderson	29.0	18	R. Dobney	34.2
=8	G. Steggles	29.0	19	G. McPhail	34.4
10	I. Miller	29.2	20	K. Hunn	36.2

Final Positions

* Competed on all Rds, Best 3 only.

Pos.	Name	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Total
1	J.C.D. Renny	52	50	53	67	172*
=2	M. Boast	38	52	55	64	171*
=2	R.F. Ineson	52	46	52	67	171*
4	P. Sykes	50	48	47	65	163*
5	G. Steggles	45	47	54	60	161*
6	S. Hitch'k	41	42	51	64	157*

Final positions cont.

Pos.	Name	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Total
7	B. Dove	42	44	48	62	154*
8	A. Munnis	48	39	44	61	153*
9	J. West'd	48	53	49	-	150
10	Mrs R. Kemp	38	43	45	57	145*
11	M. Ogden	-	40	46	55	141
12	G. McPhail	-	46	45	49	140
13	M. Jagger	44	-	38	52	134
14	K. Hunn	34	41	43	48	132*
15	I. Miller	38	35	-	58	131
16	N. Du Cros	30	-	39	53	122
17	G. Bradford	-	51	50	-	101
18	C. Sanderson	39	-	-	60	99
19	H. Thomas	49	49	-	-	98
20	M. Dawes	-	39	-	51	90

21 S.Sanderson 88pts, 22 J. North 54pts, 23 A. Mower 46pts, 24 I. Dixon 44pts, 25 D. Lee 42pts, 26 K. Goodall 41pts, 27 H. Birkinshaw 40pts, 28 N. Drayton 38pts, 29 M. WOOD 37pts, 30 J. Stoker 36pts, 31st Miss D. Goodall 33pts, 32 M. Kemp 32pts, 33 D. Dixon 29pts, 34 N. Wright 28pts, 35th J. Bean 27pts.

As you will have no doubt noticed it was a very close finish with just one point separating the top three competitors. Well done John Renny.

Indoor Rally Championship

Round2

As stated earlier, there has been a further two rounds since I last put pen to paper. The first of these was organised by Jacky Smyth and Graham Steggle, and followed the usual format with the

emphasis on speed and timing rather than catch questions. Five crews took part, and a keen battle with a close finish took place. All crews bar 1 finished without time penalty, three protests at the end were upheld increasing their scores by 2pts. Well done Jacky and Graham.

Results

1	Team Roller Coaster	42pts.
2	" Dicks On	40 "
3	" Indecision	36 "
4	" White Rankers 2	34 "
5	" Oscar Tango	32 "

Round 3

This round was organised by Andy Munnis and Steve Hitchcock and was of a rally route plot type divided into special stage sections with very tightly timed sections. This fortunately enabled you to take a breather between sections etc, and was good fun. Six crews took part (I hope the next few rounds are as well supported - ED.) on this event including a welcome return of the Richardson family, not having done an indoor rally for many years, they certainly picked a "tuff" to start on. Of the six crews unfortunately 3 went Otl, but as I said the timing was tight. (Team Indecision could have won had they not misplotted the penultimate control, losing 4 pts. - ED). Well done Andy and Steve for this very unusual event, it was excellent.

Results

1	Team Dicks On	84pts	4	Team Roller Coaster	25 OTL
2	" Indecision	81 "	5	" McNicholilley	13 OTL
3	" Oscar Tango	65 "	6	" Richardson	-8 OTL

Willie Wanka Championship after 3 rounds

Pos	Name	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Total
1	Dicks On	21	21	27	69
=2	White Rankers	27	12	-	39
=2	Roller Coaster	-	27	12	39
4	Indecision	-	16	21	37
5	Oscar Tango	-	9	16	25
6	Jagra	16	-	-	16
7	Road Runners	12	-	-	12
8	McNicholilley	-	-	9	9
9	Richardson	-	-	7	7

Remember your BEST 3 scores count. There is definitely one more round and almost certainly a 5th, but this does depend on the fixture list due to the late start of the championship.

The next round will be held on Tuesday May 14th at The Duke of Wellington, East Keswick and will be organised by Dave and Ian Dixon. The usual equipment is required plus O/S sheet 106, start 8.00pm.

Points Table.

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J. Westmoreland	60
Mrs. R. Kemp	50
R.F. Ineson	50
A. Munnis	50
S. Hitchcock	50
G. Stagglles	40
J.C.D. Renny	35
45 members on 30 or less	

Shell League

J. Renny	92.7
R. Stoker	86.0
M. Tierney	86.2
K. Goodall	82.4
J. Cope	76.0
G. Waters	37.2

Rally & Speed

<u>Autotest</u>	
R. McKinnon	9
R. Stoker	7
M. Boast	6
K. Goodall	5
P. Sykes	5
10p through	5
not comp.	

ANCC Driver

M.Tierney	255.0	(3)
R.Stoker	177.2	(3)
J.Cope	142.9	(2)
G.Waters	108.8	(2)
J.Renny	92.7	(1)
K.Goodall	84.4	(1)
Best 6 events count		

ANCC Navigator

A.Lilley	187.5	(2)
M.Miller	177.2	(2)
J.McNichol	142.9	(2)
J.Millington	99.2	(1)
M.Tempest	82.4	(1)
G.Bradford	67.5	(1)
S.Sanderson	3.0	(1)

Marshals Trophy

J.Westmoreland	15
M.S.Kemp	15
Mrs R.Kemp	15
P.Stanhope	15
B.Dove	10
N.DuCros	10
I.Miller	10
M.Jagger	10
S.Sanderson	10
S.Hitchcock	10
J.Renny	10
R.Parkin	10

21 members on 5
Nat. Breakdown &
Gwynedd Rallies
NOT.INCL.

FSB Driver

M.Tierney	35	(3)
R.Stoker	20	(3)
J.Cope	14	(2)
G.Waters	13	(2)
J.Renny	12	(1)
C.Payne	10	(1)
K.Goodall	9	(1)
R.Jackson	3	(1)

FSB Navigator

J.Millington	32	(2)
A.Lilley	25	(2)
M.Miller	20	(3)
J.McNichol	14	(2)
A.Munnis	13	(2)
S.Sanderson	13	(2)
G.Bradford	10	(1)
M.Tempest	9	(1)
Best 8 events count		

Crest Motel Trophy

S/V Stages	
D.Turnbull	105.2
J.North	92.1
A.Hanson	85.4
C.Payne	81.6
G.Steggles	18.3
D.Marshall	3.0
A.Edwards	3.0

Lady Competitor

Jackie Smyth	18.3
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