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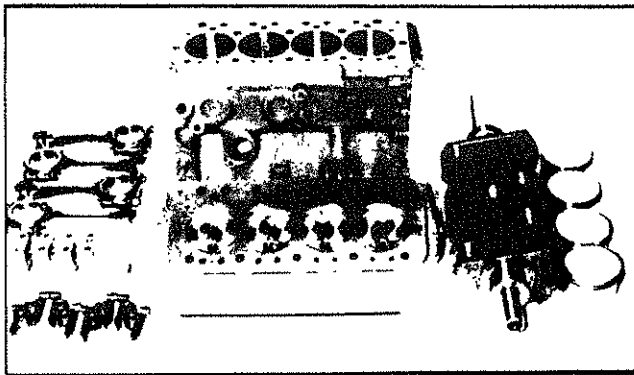


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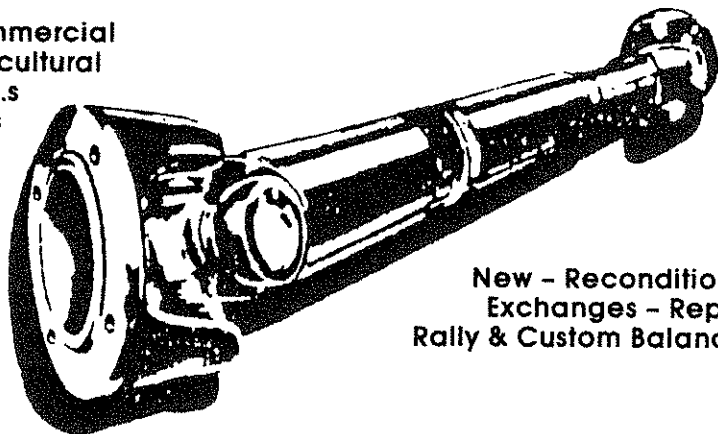
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OBITUARY

DICK TAYLOR

As many of you will know Dick Taylor died suddenly at home last week. Dick was of course the man behind MERCURY that superb organisation which provides vital radio communications to aid rally safety and organisation. For many years a keen radio amateur he became interested in rallying and fought long and hard to obtain an exclusive frequency and having acheived that he then developed the Mercury network. I shall remember him not just as a personal friend but as a friend of Trackrod Motor Club and indeed motor sport in general, for Dick was an asset to any organising team.

Our sympathy goes of course to his wife Christine and family, and I hope that Mercury will continue, for that was Dick's legacy to us all and must not be wasted. I can find no better way of closing other than to use the words of Keith Oswin (National Rallies Editor, Haymarket Publishing) when he said "If ever a grain of humour could be found on this sad occasion it is the thought that Dick has finally found the best radio location that he has ever done! And if that is the case, rest assured that, on future events, controllis very definitely 'Listening Out' ".

ROD PARKIN.

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EDITORIAL

It is now only two months to the AGM, if you feel you wish to contribute to the running of the club then fill in the nomination form for a position on the committee. You will find the form on page 4.

Members have been invited to a MG roadshow at Appleyards of Leeds on June 12th, see the details in the mag.

I have some more of the car stickers that were enclosed in last months mag. only of the interior type this time, if anybody wants one?

'Scoop' MUNNIS

Editor

Note: Please disregard the note on page 4 stating that there is no Chairmans Chat this month. Due to the very late arrival of this article it is now on page 17.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

June

- 4 Crown, Boston Spa
- 11 Duke of Wellington, E. Keswick  
Indoor Rally Championship, final round
- 18 Wharfedale, Arthington  
Training evening for navigators.
- 25 Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow

July

- 2 Crown, Boston Spa
- 9 Duke of Wellington, E. Keswick
- 16 Beehive, Thorner  
Training evening for Autotests.
- 23 Wharfedale, Arthington
- 30 Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow

Not a lot to say this month, the disco went fairly well but not as many people as usual. I put it down to the Bank Holiday and not that people didnt want to come to a meter club disco that has had an excellent up to press. I know it is quite a time away but in August I have organised a boat trip and disco from Bingley. There are only 50 people able to go so if you let me know I will reserve you a place.

REBECCA KEMP SOCIAL SEC.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

June

- 9 S.R John Noble Engines Single Venue. 111M.C.  
Kyrton Quarry, 112/943012½ 08.30
- 15/ R.R Shipley & DMC, White Rose Rally, Shell  
16 Oils League, Start @ Pannel Motor Auctions  
nr. Harrogate.
- 15/ R.R Garstang Trophy Start 97/532647  
16
- 16 A Mid-Cheshire, ANCC Autotest Championship
- 16 PCT Huddersfield, Shell League !!
- 22/ R.R Stocktonian, Stockton & District, ANCC  
23 Championship. Start @ Richmond
- 23 S.R Single Venue, Longton & DMC. Cark  
Airfield, Flookborough.
- 28 Forum White Rose Rally Forum, Bingley Arts  
Centre 104/106392 7.30pm free (Bar)
- 30 A JUNE JESTERS, RAC CHAMPIONSHIP  
All members to attend - Mandatory

July

- 7 S.R Silva Stages , Preston A.C, 102/603½303
- 14 A Shipley & DMC, Midland Hill car park,  
Bingley. ANCC. Request for assistance as  
well as competitors.
- 27/ R.R LOOKOUT RALLY. All hands to the controls.  
28
- MARTIN KEMP, Competition Sec.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

No Chairmans chat this month.

TRAINING EVENINGS

We are organising a couple of training evenings in the next two months.

June 18 Navigation

For anybody thinking of starting navigating, and just before the Lookout as well. Andy Munnis is organising it, but it is hoped that John Millington will sit in for awhile to pass on some of his vast experience.

July 16 Autotest

Practice night for beginners when it is hoped to have a single test set up somewhere. More details in next months mag.

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF TRACKROD  
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I,..... wish to stand for the  
position of ..... at the  
forthcoming A.G.M.

SIGNED.....

SECONDED BY .....

Return to the Secretary, John Bean

## WELSH RALLY

After competing on a very wet Tour of Hamsterley on April 13th, where we finished 8th Lada, we had three weeks to look forward to the Welsh International.

Being only our third ever stage event we were seeded next to last at 110 just in front of a gentleman named Q. Love the guy who wrote the articles about Lada's in Rallysport magazine. (As far as we know it's his real name, poor lad !).

We left Bradford for the Cardiff start at 5.00am as our scrutineering time was 1.40pm. By Birch services on the M62 we had a puncture in the van so that meant fingers crossed the rest of the way. The early scrutineering in Cardiff castle, a beautiful setting for a rally start, gave us a chance to revel in the atmosphere on Friday afternoon. Enough beer on Friday evening ensured a good nights sleep, and also temporarily removed the nerves. Our start time was 12.21 on Saturday, and this allowed us to watch the first stage across the river in the centre of Cardiff.

The rally didn't start too well for us, at the end of SS2 (Epynt including Deers Leap) a marshal appeared at the front of the car with the crankshaft pulley bolt in his hand. We returned it to it's rightful place and tightened it as best we could in the limited time between stages but by SS3 it had disappeared altogether, or so we thought. We replaced it with a spare and plenty of Loctite at first service and continued. On our second visit to the Mabien Way service area a gent from another Lada service crew stopped us and presented us with our pulley bolt which someone had found on the road ! Things progressed fairly smoothly until the end of SS12, a 21 miler in Hafren forest, when a 90 right just after the flying finish saw us briefly in the ditch and a dent in the boot floor from clouting the bank. On SS17 the



handbrake cable snapped, leaving us with virtually no rear brakes for the next three stages as we couldn't adjust them properly. We also finished SS17 with a rear puncture but without time loss. By this time we had been re-seeded in position order and we were 64th O/A but more importantly for us, 8th Lada. We had no major dramas until six stages to go, whilst on a 10 miler, we had another rear puncture 2 miles from the end. We tried to reach the end of the stage and that was our first mistake as the tyre came off the rim and with just over a mile to go we couldn't get up a hill after a bend. Out we jumped to change the wheel and we discovered mistake No2, the wheel brace was in the service van !! Some marshals were quickly on the scene and by some divine intervention one happened to have a wheel brace in his car that fit the Lada. We breathed a sigh of relief. They all lifted the car bodily, the wheel was quickly changed and we were off again with a loss of at least 12 minutes. We now thought that any chance of a decent place in the Challenge had gone so we eased off slightly, plus we still didn't have a wheel brace so another puncture would have been a disaster. The next stage, SS32, saw us break a rear shocker, so much for easing off. The handling thereafter was interesting to say the least, and we tackled the last stage at Pembrey Motor Sport Centre in the same state, causing a large spin on the main runway.

Despite all our problems, we finished our first International, 51st O/A and 6th Lada, more Challenge points and a bit of cash as well. It was a tremendous feeling driving up to the finish in Cardiff Castle. Our thanks go to our service crew, Noel Ward and Joe Lawler who performed magnificently. The next round of the Lada Challenge which we will be competing on is the Bell Watson Stages at Doncaster, so if anyone is around, come and say hello.

PETER COMPTON

SHELL OILS LEAGUE

Well, the Shell Oils league has got underway again and we have had two autotests in two weeks. The first was Airedale and Pennines autotest at Bingley car park on the 19th of May. Trackrod just managed to get a team together. With 2 newcomers having age Martin Boast was in the big Mini class having obtained the ex-Richard Ineson 1275GT, and Bob Stoker was in the rear wheel drive class, taking this opportunity to further improve his car control skills in the hope it will improve his results in the ANCC Road Rally champions'p Yours truly made up the team in an XR3 in a class for front wheel drive cars other than Minis. The day was dull and cold but spirits were high and a good effort by all left us 9th on the day with 163.3 points. Which ment we slipped to 5th after 2 rounds.

Points:	J. Renny	2nd	in class of 8	=	85.00	points
	B. Stoker	6th	" " "	9	=	43.3 "
	M. Boast	6th	" " "	8	=	35.00 "
			Total		=	163.3

Total scores after 2 rounds:

- 1) Selby 532.9, 2) YSCC 470.0, 3) Ripon 459.3,
- 4) Alwoodley 452.9, 5) Trackrod 432.7, 6) Shipley 397.7
- 7) Ilkley 338.3

For round 3 a venture over to Hull and North Humberside M.C. autotest was called for on Bank Holiday Sunday. This time a full team was fielded for the first time in a long while on an autotest. Ken Goodall and Bob Stoker were both in the rear wheel drive class along with Phil Sykes having his first Shell Oils league outing and attempting only his 2nd autotest. Ronnie MacKinnon had been talked into having a go in an XR3 and a good battle was on the cards with yours truly We were this time in with the big Minis, fortunately only 2 1275's being out along with a Metro. So everyone had their work cut out, unfortunately the first test ment dissaster for TMC as Phil broke his hydraulic hand brake and I broke my handbrake cable. Bob and Ken set about a personal battle and Ronnie

cont p10.

THE EXPLOITS OF D.T. part 2

Having put in a very late entry for the Wakefield stages Rally due to the success and the cars reliability on the previous weekends Dave and Graeme managed to get a run at the back end of the field with the lowly number 70. On arrival (at the very humane hour of 9.20am) a quick recce of the opposition showed it was to be a very interesting tussle ahead as any one of five crews were in with a very realistic chance of winning.

At No8 were Brian Simpson/John Scrafton (Sunbeam 2.2), No9 Steve Waterall/Andy Haddock (RS2000), at 10 Charlie Lamb/Steve Lancaster (Escort R.S.), Dave and Graeme at 70 and bringing up the rear at No 72 were the late, late entry of Andy Elliott/Mick Dent (Escort R.S.).

It must be said that the organisers seedings left a lot to be desired as a Fiesta 1300 was at No 2, and a Vauxhall Nova at No 5. Trackrod had one more entry, John North in his Mini at No 18.

The event consisted of 14 stages, the first 12 being run as four loops of 3 separate stages (2 tarmac, 1 loose) and the last two were  $1\frac{1}{2}$  laps of the airfield.

After the first 3 stages D.T/G.K were leading by 1 sec. from Waterall and extended their lead to 11 seconds after the second loop. The third loop changed the outcome of the event as after the top fifty odd cars had gone out in the dry, the heavens opened leaving Turnbull and Elliott at a distinct disadvantage as they had to tackle the stages on slicks, resulting in them dropping an average of 17 secs. to Lamb, Waterall and Simpson. The rains continued to come and go, leaving huge masses of water on some parts of the stages. One such puddle (looking like a replica of Lake Windermere) caught out John North on SS13 spinning him like a top, but with John's quick reactions he did very well to keep the car in motion and got out of it very well.

After 12 stages Dave was 8 seconds down on Lamb and 1 down on Waterall. Dave had a huge spin (the only one of the day) on SS12, leaving him 10 seconds behind with the last stage to go. Putting in a ten tenths effort on the last test Dave managed to pinch nine of them back, losing out on 1st overall by just one sec.

### Results

1st	C.Lamb/S.Lancaster	35m 38s
2nd	D.Turnbull/G.Kellett	35 39
3rd	B.Simpson/J.Scrafton	35 51
4th	S.Waterall/A.Haddock	36 00
5th	A.Elliott/M.Dent	36 25

The event was well run and flowed very smoothly. An enjoyable rally !

Although single venues, the last few rallies were a good testing ground for Dave and Graeme's assault on the Manx National on May 11th (Yes, a Multi-Venue rally ! We do them you know). No doubt I will have a few tales to tell in next months mag.

STEVE GRANT

started romping away with his class. In the end a fine result was had. Final Shell League placings are not known yet but team results are:

R. Stoker	3rd in class of 9	= 76.7 points
K. Goodall	4th " " "	9 = 65.6
R. MacKinnon	1st " " "	5 = 90.0
J. Renny	3rd " " "	5 = 50.0
P. Sykes	7th " " "	9 = 32.2

Two lowest scores dropped therefore final score = 232.3

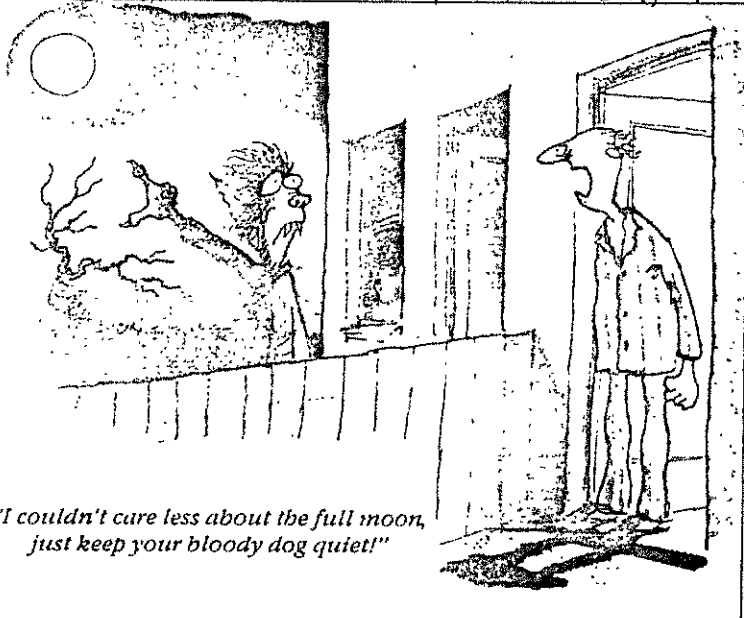
Next round is YSCC hillclimb at Scammondon Dam on Sunday 30 May, followed by the White Rose rally on 15/16 June, all support welcome.

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FINAL ROUND OF THE WILLIE WONKA INDOOR RALLY CH.  
WILL BE HELD AT THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON, EAST KESWICK.  
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Nothing to do with motoring!!



*"I couldn't care less about the full moon,  
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DUCKHAMS LOOKOUT RALLY 27/28th July 1985

Despite a naughty rumour spread about by some person unknown, the Duckhams Lookout Rally IS RUNNING. We are pleased to announce continued sponsorship from Duckhams Oil, and support from Slaid Hill Motors of Shadwell. You may have seen in the press and local TV of late, that Slaid Hill Motors suffered a fire in late May which totally destroyed their paintshop and their sponsored rally Toyota of Paul Appleyard. I am pleased to state that no other part of their premises was touched by the fire, and that the Toyota will be rebuilt and ready for July, as this car will be conveying Derek round as time car. The start of the rally will once again be from the car park at Tadcaster Albion football ground, with fuel and scrutineering at Eric Ellis Ltd., Tadcaster. After the 140 mile route, the finish will be at the Buckles Inn on the A64 where the usual excellent breakfast will be available. As this event is proving very popular, we have decided to include a third class this year for semi - experts. Because of this we have increased the entry, the prize money, both in quantity and positions, so there is more to be won by more crews. THAT CAN'T BE BAD. One thing we do need is plenty of marshals. WE NEED YOU. If you want to marshal on this now prestigious event please contact either Keith Hunn or Steve Hitchcock and get your name down. There will be a marshals draw. For those of you wanting regs, at the time of writing this they are being printed, but by the time you read this they should be available, or if not, within a few days.

Contact: Keith Hunn or Steve Hitchcock for marshals  
Jean or Derek Lee, or John Westmoreland  
for Regs.

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TROPHY POINTS SEC.

I would like to remind you all, that the onus on claiming points towards annual trophies is entirely on you. Having said that, when I receive a set of results from one competitor I always check to see if there are other members on these results, and award points according. To claim points YOU MUST ENTER UNDER TRACKROD OR TEAM TRACKROD. Some members have claimed points and have not entered under Trackrod, those points claimed WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. Trackrod Motor Club Ltd. HAS AN ENTRANTS LICENCE contact Martin or Rebecca Kemp if you wish to use one of the copies.

Willie Wonka Indoor Rally Championship Rd. 4

Round 4 was held on Tuesday 14th May and was organised by Team "Dicks On", brothers Dave and Ian, and was held at the Duke of Wellington, East Keswick. Dave and Ian have competed for many years, but this was their first attempt at organising, and an absolutely first class event it was. Not wishing to detract from the experts of other organisers in this years series, and I am sure they will agree with me, this was without doubt the best event we have had. Dave and Ian hit the magic combination we all try for; their event was quick, no nonsense, straight forward, and for the more expert, for the first time we were able to plot the whole route and answer all the questions within the hour. BRILLIANT ! As you will see from the results it was a dead heat for 1st place, though I claim a moral victory as I was on my Todd (Oscar Tange) and W.R.2 had two members. To Dave and Ian thanks for a round well organised, I look forward to your next one.



Results Max. possible points 143

1st=	White Rankers 2	136pts
	Oscar Tange	
2nd	Indecision	124
4th	Roller Coaster	66
5th	Richardsons	52

Championship positions after 4 rounds

\* Denotes teams completed 3 or more rounds,  
Best 3 scores to count.

Pos.	Team	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Total
1 *	Dicks On	21	21	27	0	69
2 *	W. R. 2	27	12	0	27	66
3 *	Indecision	0	16	21	16	53
4 *	Oscar Tange	0	9	16	27	52
5 *	Roller C'tr	0	27	12	12	51
6=	Jagra	16	0	0	0	16
6=	Richardsons	0	0	7	9	16
8	Road Runners	12	0	0	0	12
9	McNichelilly	0	0	9	0	9

As you can see from the positions, after four rounds, there are several permutations as to who can win, indeed any of the first 5 can win. They must of course win the final round to put themselves in a winning position, whether they win overall or not depends upon a lot of ifs and buts as to where the other finish. My apologies, I have just realised that team Indecision cannot win as they are organising the final round. However the final outcome will certainly be a nail biting affair, your guess is probably better than mine.

TRACKROD TROPHY

J. Westmoreland	65
Mrs R. Kemp	55
A. Munnis	55
S. Hitchcock	55
R. Ineson	50
G. Steggles	40
46 members on 35 or less	

FSB DRIVER

M. Tierney	51
R. Stoker	38
J. Cope	25
G. Waters	18
5 other drivers on 12 or below	

ANCC DRIVER

M. Tierney	439.9
R. Stoker	299.6
G. Waters	163.6
J. Cope	148.9
J. Renny	92.7
K. Googall	32.4
R. Jackson	3.0

SERVICE CREW

S. Grant	20
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MARSHALS TROPHY

P. Stanhope	30
J. Westmoreland	20
M. Kemp	20
Mrs R. Kemp	20
M. Jagger	20
S. Sanderson	20
30 members on 15 or less	

FSB NAVIGATOR

A. Lilley	51
M. Miller	38
J. Millington	32
J. McNichol	25
5 other navigators on 16 or below	

ANCC NAVIGATOR

A. Lilley	439.9
M. Miller	299.6
J. McNichol	143.9
J. Millington	92.7
M. Tempest	32.4
S. Sanderson	3.0
A. Munnis	3.0

BEST LADY COMPETITOR

Jackie Smyth	21.3
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SINGLE VENUE STAGES

D. Turnbull	201.6
J. North	181.3
A. Hanson	85.4
C. Payne	81.3
G. Steggles	21.3
D. Marshall	3.0
A. Edwards	3.0

CO-DRIVER

G. Kellett	273.6
S. Walshaw	181.3
R. Holdsworth	85.4
A. Munnis	84.6
Jackie Smyth	21.3
I. Watt	3.0
G. Brady	3.0

STAGES MULTI-VENUE

D. Turnbull	72.0
C. Payne	3.0

OFF ROAD EVENTS

J. North	68.6
M. Beast	35.3

SHELL LEAGUE

As previous magazine

AUTOTEST TROPHY

As previous magazine  
June Jesters next  
event.

SPY 44, PCT TROPHY, NEWMAN TROPHY  
No qualifiers yet.

JOHN WESTMORELAND

Trophy points Sec.

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Not having had a gripe for a long time it saddens me to bring up the Open Forum held last month, I felt it had been well publicised in the mag. as well as the usual verbal communications, but on the night lack of commitment ruled the meeting. Perhaps the forums we hold are a little too formal which inhibits some from expressing their point of view, - if this is so we<sup>as</sup> the committee would certainly like to hear your opinions on the matter. On a sincere note, last month saw the sad loss of Dick Taylor, the force behind Mercury radio. We extend our sympathy to his wife, family and friends.

MRRK DAWES

Chairman

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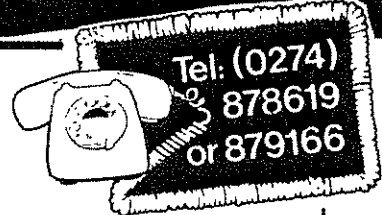
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