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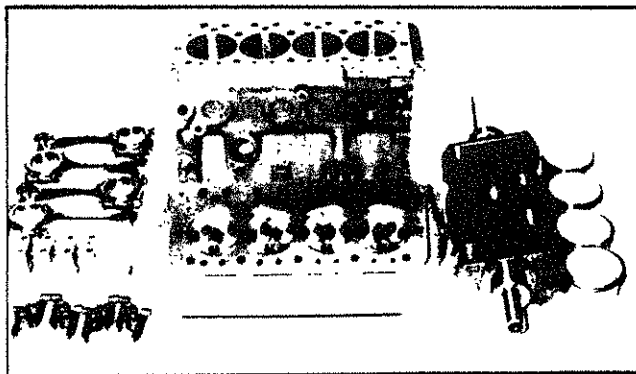
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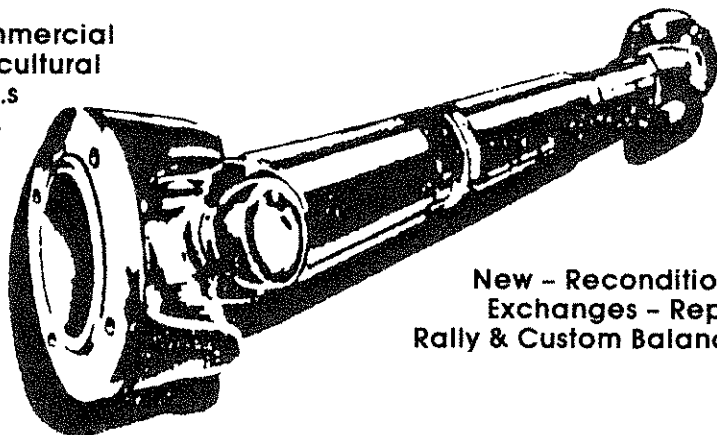
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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the July edition of the magazine  
You will see mentioned in the magazine that the  
Chairman will be unable to stand for re election  
at the forthcoming AGM. However I feel that the club  
now requires a chairman who is prepared to take the  
position on for more than one or two years to give  
some consistency to decision making, and leadership  
I hope that whoever takes over can fulfill this  
commitment.

Could I also draw to organisers attention the  
need to give adequate information about event  
venues. If you want people to come and marshal, etc,  
you've got to tell them where it is.

Apologise about the delay in the publication of  
this and last months magazine. Due to problems with  
the clubs duplicator, and a borrowed replacement  
it has necessitated retyping the mag.

Don't forget the AGM on the 6th August

"Scoop" Munnis

Editor....

SOCIAL CALENDER

July

- 2 Crown, Boston Spa
- 9 Duke of Wellington, E Keswick
- 16 Beehive, Thorner  
Autotest training evening
- 23 Wharfedale, Arthington
- 30 Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Overblow  
Clubnight PCT at Otley.

August

- 6 Crown, Boston Spa  
AGM

BOAT TRIP

On 15th August the boat leaves from Bingley at 7.00  
Parking facilities available in Bingley Car Park.  
Thank you.

Rebecca Kemp.

COMPETITION CALENDER

July

- 7 S.R. Silva Stages Preston A.C. ANCC
- 14 A Shipley and District ANCC. Midland Hill car park, Bingley.
- 14 PCT Ilkley M.C. ANCC
- 27/ R.R. LOOKOUT RALLY. You are needed!!  
28

30 PCT TMC Closed to Club

(Hill Farm,  
Pool-in-Wharfedale)

August

- 4 A York M.C. ANCC
- 25 SR Bell Watson Stages Border MC  
ANCC and Lada Challenge.

CHAIRMANS CHAT - THE FINAL CHAPTER

Well it's been an enjoyable 12 months and I certainly have no regrets for having taken the job on. This year the Committee formulated itself into an efficient and dedicated team, and I think it's fair to say that we've managed to please nearly every member with the events and planning put into action over the last year. I'd also like to extend my thanks to all of the membership for all your support and help in making this a smooth running year for TMC. As for the future, I feel the club can only but continue on it's present upwards spiral as one of the norths' premier motor clubs and it leaves me only to wish next sessions Committee every success in perpetuating this ongoing trend.

MARK DAWES

Chairman

SEC'S PIECE

Next month sees the most important meeting of the year! The Annual General Meeting. At this meeting you will hear reports of our progress over the past twelve months, both on the competition front, and also financially. We will also have the annual election of club officers and committee members. Elsewhere in this issue is a nomination form which those of you who wish to stand for the committee, or as an officer of the club, should complete and return it to me by the date shown. Also on this form is an opportunity for you to have any subject debated at the AGM - please use it; as if you have any queries or any wish to know anything of the running of the club etc., it may not be possible to raise the matter at the AGM unless notified in writing.

On the subject of club officers, our chairman, Mark Dawes has indicated that he is unable to carry out a further term of office. Mark has set a very good example to follow, in that he has made every effort to support his club from the moment he joined. I feel he has acquitted himself very well in the demanding role of Chairman, and I am sure you will all agree with me when I say "thank - you Mark, and well done."

Changing the subject slightly, a subject of some debate at recent committee meetings has been the question of applying for membership of one or both of the East Midlands Assoc. of Motor clubs - the EMAMC or the ANENMC. After careful consideration it was decided not to apply for membership, the main reason being that our club as a whole would not obtain sufficient benefit from such an association.

That's it for now, please make a special effort for the AGM, it will be an opportunity for you to influence the running of the club for the next 12 months

JOHN BEAN

Sec.

NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of Trackrod Motor Club Ltd. will take place at 8.30pm on Tuesday 6th August 1985 at the Crown Hotel, Boston Spa.

Any persons wishing to be nominated for the committee or as an official should complete a nomination form and forward the same to the secretary of the club by Tuesday 23rd. July 1985.

Any person wishing to have any subject raised at this meeting should forward details in writing to the secretary of the club by Tuesday 23rd. July 1985.

JOHN BEAN

Sec.



## SHELL OILS LEAGUE

Well, another two rounds of the Shell Oils League have passed since last months magazine and, unfortunately things have not gone our way. After 3 rounds, we were lying 2nd overall, one of our best positions for a long while. Round 4, however, was our downfall as in past years with YSCC's hillclimb. We had trouble sorting out a team; although a number of members showed some interest, only 2 managed to make it on the day, those being I Miller and K Bowen. But luck was not on our side and Keith had problems with his car and had to retire without having put in a fast run, hence only scoring 10.00 points. Mr Miller did manage a timed run and finished 4th in class and scored 43.3 points giving us a grand total of 53.3 points finishing last on the day and dropping to 7th overall.

Total scores after 4 rounds:

1)YSCC 899.1, 2)Ilkley 891.5, 3)North Humber side 817.9, 4)Selby 798.8, 5)Shipley 767.6, 6) Ripon 760.2, 7)Trackrod 718.3, 8)York 510.0, 9) Alwoodley 487.9, 10)Airedale & Pennine 463.8.

Round 5 was Shipley & D.M.C. White Rose Rally with a new organising team and the promise of a good nights sport. Trackrod had 6 eligible crews out so for the first time in a long while, a team had to be picked. Eventually, I decided to drop Martin Kemp and Neil Du Cros due to the lack of recent experience. My first mistake of the night! The team consisted of Simon Davison brought in by John Millington to gain some useful practice for the Ipres Rally. Myself with Andy Scoop Munnis in the hot seat, and it did get hot! Ken Goodall with regular Mick Tempest. John Rogers/M Wood looked useful as a Semi along with the ever

flamboyant Bob Stoker and Martin Miller complete with special oil catch tank at the start, ie. the wifes' best measuring jug. Jane was not 3 amused. Hopefully, somewhere else within these pages a full report of the rally will be written, but briefly, Bob and Martin retired after the first selective with no power or engine comprehensively destroying and on the way home.

At half-way things looked quite good, Simon and John in the top 5 with the prospect of better to come. I was knocking about the top 10, Ken and Mick a little way behind having lost 4 or 5 mins drowned out in one of the fords. John Rogers and M Wood were lying well in the Semis. Ken made his move on the first selective after petrol catching and passing yours truly on Fountains Earth, my reply being to stuff it into a ditch. Once I was back on tarmac, I was trying to get time back, thus losing another 8 or so minutes extracting the car. So a steady drive to the finish was called for but problems with the engine prevented this, and we just scraped a finish all be it with 10 fails, 8 of which were for booking in early at the final time control!!!

Meanwhile, Simon and John had a puncture that resulted in Simon losing it into a dry-stone wall and putting them out. Simon also broke a bone in his hand which I hope won't keep him out too long. John tells me it hasn't dampened his spirit so I hope he can make the Costa in September.

So in the end we managed to scrape 3 finishers although when the results were initially posted, it looked like Ken was about 10th overall; it turned out that he had picked up a fail at PC 1

for a wrong departure. He was in good company, however, as I had one as well, but this didn't alter my position:

Points scored:

S Davison/J Millington	R	
J Renny/A Munnis	17/31	55.2
K Goodall/M Tempest	15/31	61.6
J Rogers/M Wood	2/19	99.5
R Stoker/M Miller	R	
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Just for the record, Martin Kemp finished 12th from 31 and would have scored 71.3 points. You can't win 'em all! However, it would not have altered our position overall.

Positions after 5 rounds:

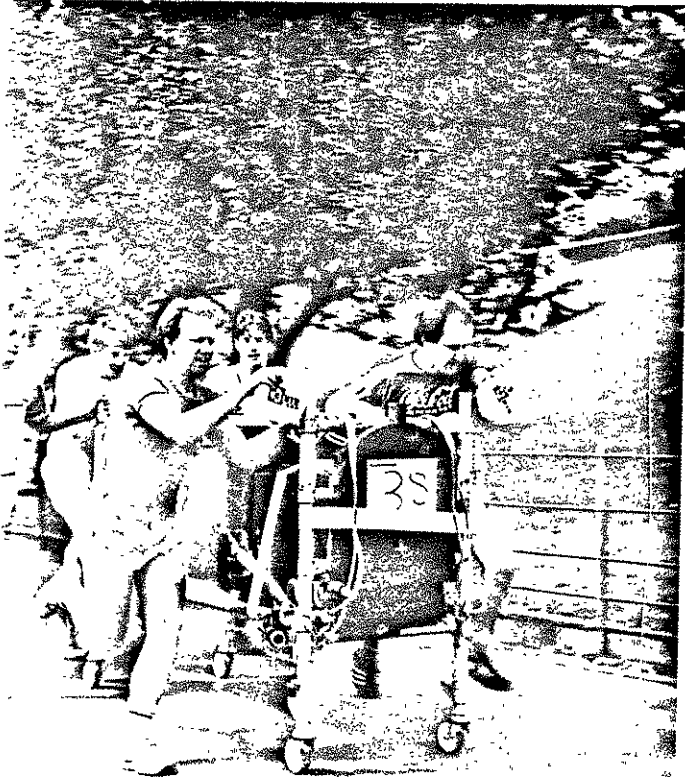
1) Ilkley	1127.6
2) Shipley	1082.9
3) North Humberside	1053.9
4) Ripon	1047.2
5) YSCC	1030.6
6) Selby	974.0
7) Trackrod	934.6
8) Alwoodley	582.1
9) A & P	557.7
10) York	510.0

We have all to do now, so a good team is needed on the next 2 rounds:

Ilkleys PCT - 21st July 1985 New Date  
Huddersfields PCT - 4th August 1985 New Date

Many thanks to all those who turned out on the night, spectators and Marshals included.

Trackrods entry for the Knarsborough Bed Race.



The team L to R, Phil Sykes, Bob Stoker, John Renny, Mark Tierney, Neil Du Cros, out of camera shot Mark Dawes, and Jacqui Neal as Passenger.

I..... wish to stand as  
CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY/TREASURER/COMMITTEE MEMBER(Delete as  
necessary) of Trackrod Motor Club Ltd. for the year  
1985/1986.

Signed .....

Seconded .....(Signature)

I..... wish to have the following  
subject included in the Agenda of the AGM of Trackrod  
Motor Club Ltd. on the 6th August 1985

Proposed.....

Seconded..... (Signatures)

AUTOTEST TRAINING EVENING

16th July 1985

It is intended to hold this 'lesson' on Wellington St. car park starting at approx 7pm so if you are interested present yourself with a vehicle and pick up some tips on car control from J. Renny and R. Ineson. It is intended to have theory and practical sessions in the basic autotest manoeuvres for both front wheel and rear wheel drive vehicles - yes, the techniques are different - or so they tell me !!

The evening is open to club members ONLY so please go along, particularly if you're considering doing the occasional autotest but also if you have yet to master the art of the handbrake turn, reverse spin, etc.

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The noise meter will be in attendance at the autotest for anybody who wishes to make use of this facility before the Lockout Rally.

WHARFEDALE TROPHY HILLCLIMB

Keith Bowen and myself provided the Trackrod entry for the Shell Oils Championship Wharfedale trophy Hillclimb organised by YSCC on 9 June, at Scammenden Dam. We formed part of the large rally car entry. The changeable weather with alternate rain and sunshine must have caused some headaches for those with a tyre choice, - not so myself, having to rely on one set of Colway remoulds!

The up to 1600cc class with Keith B in a 1558 Escort had a very large entry with 13 cars as opposed to 6 in the under 1300 all mini class.

John Brogden from Pool won the Rally 1 class with a time of 33.90s in a 1293S followed by David Sowman in a time of 34.93s. Both were entered under Ilkley. I split the shared car entry of Malcolm McGovern and Dave Taylor of Shipley with a time of 36.6s in a Mini 1000. The final entry in the class was producing the fastest practice times, but mechanical difficulties prevented any timed run.

Unfortunately, Keith Bowen only had one poor timed run of the three available which timed him  $\frac{1}{2}$  way up the field.

Not having been to Scammenden before, I was surprised at the severity of the incline; being used to Harewood type gradients 1st gear stuff this - on a 3.6 diff. I did in fact manage to get 2nd on the 60-70 yd relatively shallow straight before having to return to first for the hairpin right and left and the opening 90 right to the finish after 500 yds.

IAN MILLER

TROPHY POINTS

Unfortunately, due to commitments on the Lookout Rally, I have been unable to bring the points tables up to date, but it is hoped to correct this position by next magazine.

Could you all please note that Marshals are required for the Lookout Rally, please put your names down for a control.

JOHN WESTMORELAND  
Trophy Points Sec.

CLUB JERSEYS

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| 3. David Sowman | Ilkley | 276.96 |

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