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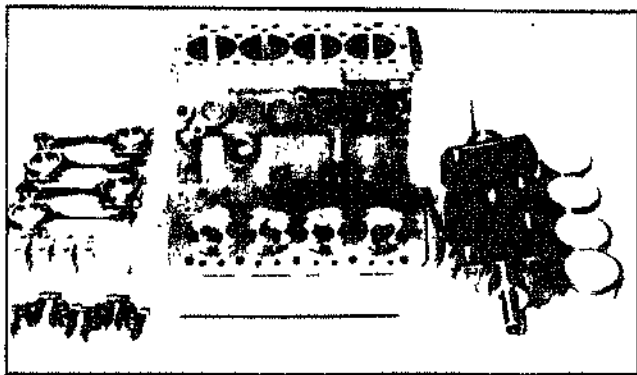
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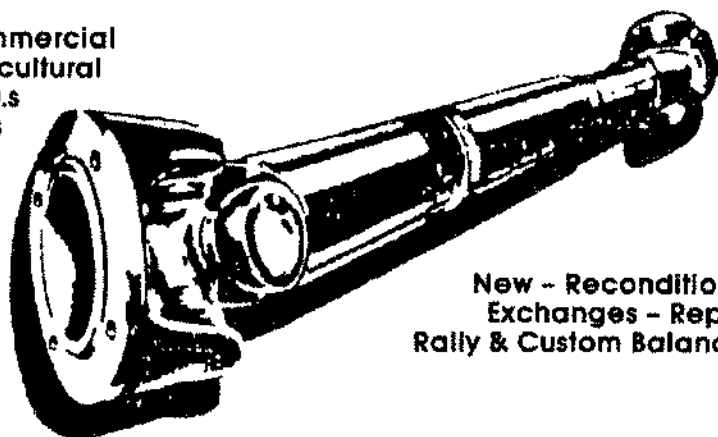
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EDITOR

Welcome to the September Issue of the mag. The AGM has been and gone, with the only major changes to the committee being Mark Dawes stepping down as Chairman and Ronnie Mackinnon taking his place; and Malcolm Jagger joining the Committee as Equipment Officer.

At the last committee meeting it was decided to keep the club membership fee at its present rate for another year so come next January the fee will be £5, or £7 for husband and wife.

"Scoop" MUNNIS

Editor

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

Sept.

3	Crown	Boston Spa
10	Duke of Wellington	East Keswick
17	Wharfedale	Arthington
24	Shoulder of Mutton	Kirby Overblow

Oct.

1	Crown	Boston Spa AGM continued.
8	Duke of Wellington.	East Keswick
15	Wharfedale	Arthington
22	Beehive	Thorner
29	Shoulder of Mutton	Kirby Overblow

REBECCA KEMP

Social Sec.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THE 1985 AGM. WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 6th. OCT. AT THE CROWN @ BOSTON SPA, FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE CLUBS FINANCIAL REPORT.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

Sept.

7	S.R	Lindisfarne Rally, Shell/Autosport ANCC Championships
7	S.R	Silva Stages, ANCC Championship
8	PCT	Lancs. & Ches. ANCC
8	S.R	Crystal Stages
11- 14	S.R	MANX INTL.
21/22	R.R	COSTA. Our own premier road rally ANCC, Shell Oils League
22	PCT	Mid Cheshire ANCC
22	S.R	Working Aluminium Forest Stages Lindeholme MSC, ANCC
Oct 5	S.R	Scarborough Stages, David Brown MC
6	S.V	Springhill MSC @ Flookborough ANCC
11- 13	R.R	Tour of Mull, 2300CC ANCC & Motoring News
13	PCT	Otley MC ANCC
20	A	N. Humberside
26	S.R	QUIP STAGES, TMC.

JUNE JESTERS AUTOTEST

Here come the excuses folks! Sunday 30th June dawned a bright and sunny day (no indication of what was to come). The excuses start here, I had been sleeping under canvas for two nights therefore had very little sleep and had been rock climbing the previous day so had very tired wrists (not a good idea for autotests).

The tests were run in identical pairs so that at the drop of the flag two cars started parallel tests (good, for spectators). I started my first test and at the second cone went the wrong direction and incurred a wash out. Anyway I slowly improved during the morning but only a little. The afternoon saw a constant rain that dampened most of the enthusiasm (especially those using open top special cars). I changed my front tyres to 185/70's and left the 155's on the back, and hey presto, I could now (helped by the slippery wet surface) get the car to spin properly on the handbrake! I really started to enjoy myself and the last test came all too soon. The results were quickly produced and I had achieved my usual of being last, but in consolation I was not the slowest.

Anyway I was pleased to receive the best Trackrod award, pity there weren't any other entries.

The event ran smoothly and despite the weather was enjoyed by most. The commentary given by John Westmoreland during the tests proved useful when I forget my way (thanks John) and encouraging when I was doing it right. A good day out and very good experience. Lets hope that more of you out

there, after the good attendance at the autotest training evening, will get up and have a go, it's excellent fun and very cheap motorsport.

My thanks to all the organisers and vallant marshalls who braved the rain (I'll try not to run marshalls over next time!).

PHIL SYKES

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### MANY THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers of the clubnight PCT and also the economy run.

It was a last minute decision to enter the PCT and proved to be a good one on the night, as I just managed to pip my bouncer and other car users to the post on the very last test.

The economy run was to be another rewarding event for the Fiesta, one having won the event last year, I knew my chances were good. This was due to the mass weight in the left hand seat, now what is his name again, er, ah yes, Bean was the name, has been before and has returned.

He is available to bounce on future PCT's, for hire from Mothercare.

Also many thanks to Rebecca Kemp for the boat trip, which was enjoyed by all, I think, despite Rebecca getting a last minute shower from the ice bucket.

From a personal point of view, due to the fact that Messrs.Bean, Goodall, Lee, Moore,

plus one or two others, work as taxi drivers perhaps the club could be known as Trackrod/Streamline Taxis motor club. Comments please on a postcard to yours truly.

MALCOLM JAGGER

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### ECONOMY RUN

The 1985 Jackall Trophy was competed for by a variety of vehicles ranging from a Vauxhall Astra GTE to a Ford Transit van. The route started from Kirkstall and proceeded through Horsforth down to Pool, Leathley, Fewston across the reservoir and back through North Rington to finish at Lawnswood. Results were announced at the Wharfedale, Arthington where the clear winner was Malcolm Jagger in his Fiesta recording an actual MPG of 79.8 ably navigated by John Bean. Second position went to Steve Hitchcock in his MK1 Escort with a very creditable 59.6 mpg.

Full results were as follows:

|                     | ACTUAL<br>MPG | BEAT<br>MPG | % ACTUAL<br>BEAT |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1st. Malcolm Jagger | 79.8          | 49.7        | 160.3            |
| 2nd Steve Hitchcock | 59.6          | 47.5        | 125.4            |
| 3rd Steve Sanderson | 49.2          | 39.5        | 124.4            |
| 4th Ronnie Mack'n   | 44.4          | 38.0        | 116.7            |
| 5th Rebecca Kemp    | 42.6          | 36.7        | 116.1            |
| 6th John Westland   | 38.9          | 33.6        | 115.8            |
| 7th Phil Sykes      | 57.1          | 51.3        | 111.3            |
| 8th Neil Du Cros    | 36.4          | 41.5        | 87.7             |

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'TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR MARSHALS'

1. 'Thou shalt fall over thyself to offer thy services to The Cause and be in full readiness to attend thy task at all times, forsaking sleep, bodily sustenance, family, habitat and the demands thereof, holidays, rest days and the needs of thy humble employment.
2. 'Thou shalt keep thyself free from accursed ailments that would deter the lesser mortal, lest thine absence from thy appointed post cause chaos and confusion.
3. 'If perchance, the Shadow of Death falleth upon thee in the performance of thy duties, thou shalt remain in the position perpendicular, falling not upon thy time card lest this be smirched and rendered illegible.
4. 'Thou shalt lurk by the wayside in the furtive manner of the footpad or highwayman, concealing thyself craftily in the burrow of the rabbit or beneath the mossy stone whence many suspect thine origin.
5. 'Thou shalt show neither fear nor favour and thou shouldst suspect the motives of the damsels who would smile wicked smiles and breath sweet somethings in thine ear and display silken hose unto thy fixed gaze. Alas, this is but a subtle trap to lure thee from thy task.
6. 'Thou shalt be awake and alert at all times and not asleep in the back of thy chariot.
7. 'Thou shalt expect to have heaped upon thy head all manner of foul and wicked words uttered by those thou hast aggrieved, but this thou shalt ignore with sweet smile and merry eye. If the words be of utmost obscenity, perchance, thou shalt double, nay treble the penalty thou hast given, and may also suggest kindly that the utterer may find amusement in taking flight and performing the impossible.
8. 'Thou shalt be both amazed and perplexed if thy suggestion is acted upon and the impossible achieved, though thou shalt not fail to administer the maximum penalty as flight at low altitude and magical feats are both blasphemous and ungodly.
9. 'At the appointed hour thou shalt abandon thy post unto Nature itself and, concealing such rabbits, hares and pheasants that have surrendered unto thee, make thy stealthy way unto the secret rendezvous where the covey of marshals is gathered, there to regail them with stories of thy wicked deeds and, perchance, tales of another nature.
10. 'Thou shalt remain aloof when competitors approach thee after the battle is o'er to ask thee what the devil thou meanest by giving them penalties when none were desired, for alas, most times they know not what they do and understand not the mystic ways of thy calling and that though thou mayest not always be right, thou art never wrong.'

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My thanks go to all competitors who took part in the event.

CHRIS MILLER

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats. to Graeme Kellett on his recent engagement to, I believe, Marion Tanner.

COSTA RALLY

A lot of controls to man, so everyone, and that means everyone, must turn out for it to be a success. It's future may depend on YOU turning out. See Barry Dove or John Westmoreland.

MARTIN KEMP

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CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

I know it's a bit early but make a note in your diary for Jan.24th 1986 as a provisional booking. No guest speaker has yet been decided on. You are only excused if you're competing on the Monte Carlo Rally.

## CHAIRMANS CHAT

Some of you may not have heard via the grapevine that at our Annual General Meeting on the 6th Aug. the Chairmans seat was vacated by our last chairman, Mark Dawes, and has been replaced by myself, for my sins! - Ah, who am I, I here the unknowing say..... well to put you all out of your misery....."The has-been that hasn't, yet, (like many others in the club) Ron MacKinnon".

Firstly I would like to thank Mark for the sterling job he has done over the past year.... not an easy one so I have been lead to believe but he has managed to keep a good working committee throughout the year. Well done Mark, and I hope all goes well for you wherever your next permanent abode and job is. So ladies and gents I hope we are all going to have a really good year, being successful in motor sport and supporting our club on all events, regardless of status, as well as our many social events. As I'm sure you are all aware our club will be in top gear soon as our own Costa Rally is being run towards the end of Sept. and I would like to see as many members out on the night as is possible. The next event about one month later is our national forest rally, the "Quip", so lets see everyone out supporting Trackrod in any way, shape or form. Well thats about all I can manage this month; sorry I won't be able to see you all in Mull again this year, but ..... have a super time.

RONNIE MAC

Chairman

TROPHY POINTS

Sorry but I have been just too busy to bring the points tables upto date, however they should be available for next months mag.

I require the marshals sheet from the clubnight PCT and the names of people taking part in the clubnight autotest. Will the respective organisers please note and forward details to me asap.

JOHN WESTMORELAND

Trophy Points Sec.

## KNARESBOROUGH BED RACE

As you all should know by now Trackrod entered a team in the Knaresborough Bed Race in order to raise money for charity. The charity chosen was the Martin House Hospice which is based in Boston Spa. The final amount raised was £280.00 and the presentation will have taken place by the time most will have read this. The money was presented by our new Chairman Ronnie Mac to Mr Richard Seed from the Hospice on Tuesday the 3rd at the Crown, Boston Spa.

It is hoped to enter a team again in next years race, again to raise money for a charity. If any one would like to do the race or collect some money please see John Renny at a club night. Also any other suggestions would be welcome.

JOHN RENNY.

CAR RACE TRAGEDY

STEFAN BELLOF was killed on Sunday 1st September after a crash at Francorchamps - the second West German racing driver to die in three weeks.

Bellof's car collided with another Porsche driven by Jacky Ickx and smashed into a barrier during the Spa 1,000 kilometres sports car race.

The 27 year old winner of last year's World Endurance Drivers Championship died at the race track clinic after rescuers took 20 minutes to pull him from the wreckage.

Compatriot Manfred Winkelhock was killed on August 12 when his car hit a wall in an endurance race in Mosport, Canada.

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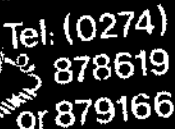
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