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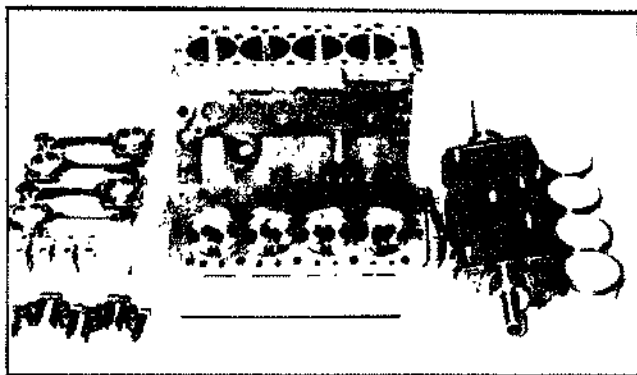


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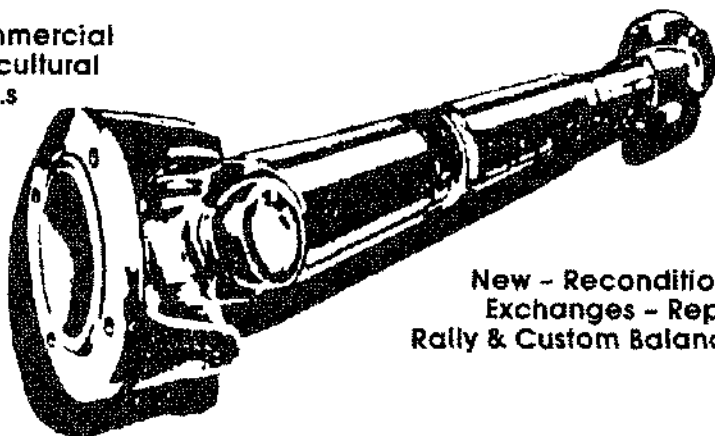
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EDITOR

Welcome to the December Issue.

This months magazine is being published one week late due to a dire lack of articles last week. As you will see there has been a good response to get something together so as a mag could be published.

If anybody knows of any businesses that would be interested in advertising in our mag then could they let me know as I have to start preparing now for a reprint of the cover early next year.

May I wish you all a happy Christmas.

~Scoop~ MUNNIS

Editor

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Dec .

| | | |
|----|----------------------|--------------|
| 3 | Crown | Boston Spa |
| 10 | Duke of Wellington | East Keswick |
| 17 | Wharfedale | Arthington |
| 24 | NO CLUBNIGHT MEETING | |
| 31 | NO CLUBNIGHT MEETING | |

1986

Jan .

| | | |
|----|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 7 | Crown | Boston Spa |
| 14 | Duke of Wellington | East Keswick |
| 21 | Wharfedale | Arthington |
| 24 | Mercury Motel | Garforth DINNER DANCE |
| 28 | Shoulder of Mutton | Kirby Overblow |

Hello. Well I'm nearly back on form now and firstly may I say thank you very much to everyone for all the flowers, cards and get well gifts I received, but most of all, thanks for being concerned.
The Bonfire Disco went very well again,

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COMPETITION CALENDAR

Dec .

- 7/ 8 R.R Beaver Rally. Beverley & DMC
Maps 101,107,113
- 7 S.R Bullough Trophy. Kirby Lonsdale MC
ANCC
- 29 S.R Northallerton Stages. Northallerton
MC. Starting at Sherwoods of
Darlington.

MARTIN KEMP

Competition Sec.

CHAIRMAN'S CIAT

Hello again, another month gone, and Christmas looms ever nearer. Well the month of November has been very busy for me, with motoring events, social events and to cap it all, moving into my new home at Wetherby. For any members who wish to know my new address and phone number, see page .

Well, November started with Alwoodleys Larkspeed rally, and with it being the last Shell Oils League round for this year, Trackrod had a number of teams out. After our unfortunate retirement on the Costa, -- Alan Powell and Yours truly had another outing, this time with much more success -- we managed to finish 13thO/A but only after a number of problems through-out the night. The major problem of an alternator was sorted at half-way when we managed to locate a new one in Bedale, after extracating its owner from his bed!! Well it did say 24hr. repairs on his card. So after some minor alterations to make it fit, we were on our way again, but did loose some 9 mins. at M1C3(no penalty).

The other major problem for us was a severe "mal-de-navi", which I'm sure was only caused due to lack of sleep on the Friday night, and an excess of alcohol while entertaining a certain young lady!! I've learnt my lesson now, and it won't happen again, -- before a rally I mean.

The motoring social events were the Shell League prize presentation and disco at the Novotel, Bradford, and our own Bonfire/disco at the Crown, Boston Spa. Both these functions were well represented and

all who attended had a super time.
 Finally may I wish you all a Happy Christmas
 and a prosperous new year. Remember to keep
 a watchful eye on the rear view mirror and
 drive carefully over the festive season.
 Happy motoring.

RONNIE MAC.

Chairman

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SHELL OILS LEAGUE

Well another year has passed by for the  
 Shell Oils League. Unfortunately this has  
 not been Trackrods year for glory with our  
 worst finish in the clubs history, 9th o/a.  
 Thanks to everyone who has competed this  
 year and I hope to see you all again next  
 year.  
 Have a happy Christmas

JOHN RENNY

Shell League Captain

(John actually wrote a much longer article  
 about how the Shell League works, but I have  
 decided to keep most of it for next month -  
 ED)

## FILM SHOW

The Univ. of Bradford Union Motor Club are holding an evening of films in the Great Hall, Bradford Univ. on Wed. 11th Dec at 7.30pm. The films will be shown by members of the university's Technical Services Assoc. on a full-size cinema screen in a comfortably seated, tiered auditorium. Cheap drinks will be available in the adjacent Union bar.

A small charge (anticipated to be less than £1.00) will be made to cover the cost of hire.

Films booked so far include:

"A Guide to Rally Driving", "A Guide to Co-driving", "A Guide to Rally Marshalling".

For both beginners and more experienced participants.

"One Man's Le Mans" Alain Cadanet's 1975 Le Mans.

"Rally Show". A stunt man becomes a rally driver!

"Mad Dogs & Englishmen". Car trials.

"Down to Earth". Autocross in the UK.

"Fortune Teller". A short film starring John Cleese.

"Power from Four Cycles". Film about the new 1600 engine used in the latest Cavaliers and Asconas.

"Forward to Victory". A new car, a new team and an entirely new motor oil are put to the test in this coverage of the 1982 Rothman's Open Rally Championship. (Sounds as though it could be a Shell film with the then new Manta and the new GMDS team. -Ed)



LARKSPEED 85

Following Mull and the South Valley rallies we approached the Larkspeed as second favourites to take the ANCC title behind John Shuffe and Shaun Argent.

Our problems began before the event when our entry was placed on the reserve list and remained so as we set off to the start. John Cope having to travel from his brothers wedding in Wales to the start not knowing if we would get a start! However, we did get a run, at number one, and we set off from Leeming Bar wishing we had a few cars in front to pick out the icy patches!

Sure enough the first selective featured one very bad 90 right on which many left the road but did not catch us out as we picked our way along.

Into first petrol after the clockwise loop east the good news was we were leading by 3 seconds despite a couple of wrong slots and even better news was Mr. Shuffe's alternator was playing up! Our only "moment" in the first half being a huge affair when John interpreted "Straight but yumpy" (leading to Yearsley) as "flat over brows" and took the big one flat in fifth - the first time I've known a driver thereafter to get out and walk!

Second half was even faster than the first as the ice had gone and we headed for an anti-clockwise run west. We again suffered a couple of uncharacteristic wrong slots but the good news was that Mr. Shuffe's Sunbeam had consumed its second alternator and retired.

At the finish we had managed third overall

but first ANCC driver and navigator which meant the ANCC championship went to the final round - the Hall Trophy.

### HALL TROPHY 85 - FINAL ROUND ANCC

We approached the Hall as follows in the ANCC championship.

Drivers.

J.Cope(Trackrod) 105 from 8 with an 11 to drop

J.Shuffe 102 from 8 with a 4 to drop

Navigators.

S.Argent 101 from 8 with a 7 to drop

J.McNichol(TMC) 100 from 8 with an 8 to drop

The odds were on Shuffe/Argent to win the championship but they had to finish and for the navigator they could not be far away from us.

The event turned out to be a real grueler! The fog was so thick at times we had to stop to see which way to go! The other problem being the flood water which we hit hard and drowned out instantly - yours truly doing the paddling with the WD40 in freezing cold water up to the knees.

Tight timing and a ban on pace notes added to the pressure on competitors, our competition for the ANCC crown obviously putting us under more pressure than Tony Pond on the first stage of the RAC.

At the finish a somewhat bedraggled set of competitors collapsed to await results which showed us 7th and Shuffe/Argent 8th just 30 seconds behind.

So at the end of 12 events in a year John Cope came second driver by 2 points and I finished second navigator by 1 point! I't couldn't have been closer.

Any club member looking for a good years rallying could do no better than contest the ANCC series. WE have not done a bad event all year and learned one hell of a lot. Next year John Cope will be contesting MN events so watch out for this young man, he promises much. Unfortunately due to other commitments I will not be with him - I don't think, when is the illuminations? Just in case!

JOHN McNICHOL

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PLEASE NOTE!

Results (and entry lists) are required for:
Devils Own, Costa, Tour of Mull, South Valley,
Larkspeed, Hall Trophy, Quip.

Signing on sheets required for:
Costa, Quip, RAC.

Competitors and marshals on:
Clubnight autotest, Whafedale trophy PCT.

BY DEC 31ST.....

Would all members who were awarded trophies at the Dinner Dance last January please return these to me on any clubnight between now and Jan 14th at latest. CLEANED PLEASE.

JOHN WESTMORELAND

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under TMC, compete on a stage or road rally
there will be an award for the best placed
TMC crew to finish.

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RAC 85 BOLTBY

After being approached by Rod Parkin to be Chief Marshal on this years RAC Boltby stage I hesitantly accepted.

The task began with several meetings to ensure you were at least aware of what was to happen, then commander 10 sector marshals.

Next job was to Shanghai as many marshals as possible for the rest of the stage including entrances and exits to ensure a smooth a running as possible.

Just when it seemed to be going alright the RAC deemed Boltby to be a spectator stage, back to the phone.

The stage setting up was carried out on Tuesday morning with lots of helpers guided by Ronnie Moore and Rod, then to the pub in

Whitestonecliffe for lunch and the rest.
After a quick check at the Cleveland way car parking and the farm entrance, we led 40 cars through the stage dropping them at suitable points with the sector marshals.

-- This being completed by 5.35 then a radio message to say at least another 15 cars at the start waiting to be taken in.

Meanwhile the area for car parking at £2 per car allocated by the RAC was said to be of dubious consent by the police, another headache for Rod.

Last run through the stage with confirmation from RP and it was operational at 6.15.

The stage ran very smoothly as most of you will know, Alan took fastest time on 3m51s with Toivenen second on 3m57s.

After 84 cars had completed the stage, a quiet spell arrived whilst waiting for the last 3 cars to arrive, when some [?!*?!] in a silver XR3 took it upon himself to go through the stage from a midpoint telling the remaining sector marshals that the stage was closed.

P.A.N.I.C, a quick drive through the stage to replace brushwood at one sector and a couple of arrows, then a message from rally HQ confirming 84 cars were left in the event and the stage could be closed.

Rod duly officially closed the stage and clearing up completed we arrived home at 1.45, just missing the snow.

May I personally thank all those who turned out to marshal on a very cold night and helped to make this another smooth (almost) and memorable stage for Trackrod.

Many thanks.

BARRY DOVE

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Dinner Dance

at the MERCURY HOTEL, GARFORTH

24th JAN. 1986

7-30 for 8-00

PRIZE PRESENTATION



thanks to all that came and also a big
thank-you to Louise Goodall for selling
tickets while I was unable.

Now onto much bigger things, mainly Trackrod M.C. Annual Dinner Dance which will be held at the Mercury Hotel at Garforth on 24th January 1986 which will be an extremely enjoyable evening.

The price this year is £10.50, it has gone up a little but it hasn't risen for 3 years. The small increase is worth it for a good meal and disco, and of course the presentation of trophies that our members have worked very hard for.

Tickets will be on sale from all committee members as from 3/12/85.

By the way I hope you all have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

REBECCA KEMP

Social Sec.

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SHELL LEAGUE DISCO

This years "Shell League" prize presentation was held again at the Novotel Hotel at Bradford where as usual Shell were proud to hand over monies.

A goodley number of Trackrod members turned up to support their team captain in the collection of our cheque this year. Unfortunately we were placed ninth at the end of the season, so we all know we can do better next year, and we will wont we ???

I must say, through our magazine a big thanks to Terry Rundle from Shell for all his support to the "grass roots" of motor sport, - long may it continue.

After the official part of the evening had closed, it was left up to the DJ to keep the night on the boil. This he did in commendable fashion awarding spot prizes of oil, caps and other goodies for various daring acts throughout the night.

The evening closed at around 1.00am but many stay longer - some never know when to go home.

Final placings

| | | |
|----|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Selby | 2248.1 |
| 2 | Ilkley | 2208.0 |
| 3 | Shipley | 1975.0 |
| 4 | N. Humberside | 1896.6 |
| 5 | Y.S.C.C. | 1841.2 |
| 6 | Ripon | 1688.7 |
| 7 | A & P | 1475.6 |
| 8 | Alwoodley | 1348.8 |
| 9 | <u>Trackrod</u> | <u>1344.1</u> |
| 10 | Huddersfield | 1278.2 |

Lets have a better result next year, finally

I would like to thank all members who have supported Trackrod by entering on any of the Shell League events during 1985 - lets have more in 1986.

RONNIE MAC

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JIM WILD

Preston A.C. member

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Penwortham,
Preston.

1st Preston 749423 (H), Garstang 3201 (B).

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Please note our Chairmans new address:

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TROPHY POINTS

ANCC Driver

| | |
|------------|-------|
| M. Feirney | 439.9 |
| R. Stoker | 299.6 |
| G. Waters | 168.6 |
| J. Cope | 148.9 |
| J. Renny | 92.7 |

ANCC Navigator

| | |
|---------------|-------|
| A. Lilley | 439.9 |
| M. Miller | 299.6 |
| J. McNichol | 148.9 |
| J. Millington | 92.7 |
| M. Tempest | 82.4 |

FSB Driver

| | |
|------------|----|
| M. Feirney | 59 |
| R. Stoker | 41 |
| A. Hanson | 28 |
| J. Cope | 25 |
| G. Waters | 18 |

FSB Navigator

| | |
|---------------|----|
| A. Lilley | 56 |
| M. Miller | 41 |
| S. Sanderson | 40 |
| J. Millington | 32 |
| R. Holdsworth | 28 |

Best Lady Competitor

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Rebecca Kemp | 152.5 |
| Jackie Smyth | 118.8 |

Service Crew

| | |
|----------|----|
| S. Grant | 35 |
| P. Pease | 25 |

Trackrod Trophy

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| J. Westmoreland | 95 |
| Mrs. R. Kemp | 91 |
| S. Hitchcock | 80 |
| R. F. Ineson | 71 |
| N. Du Cros | 70 |
| A. Munnis | 60 |
| J. C. D. Renny | 60 |
| I. Miller | 50 |
| P. Sykes | 48 |

Marshals Trophy

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| J. Westmoreland | 35 |
| P. Stanhope | 35 |
| M. Jagger | 35 |
| Mrs. R. Kemp | 25 |
| M. S. Kemp | 25 |
| S. Sanderson | 25 |
| S. Hitchcock | 25 |
| J. Renny | 25 |
| R. Parkin | 25 |

Rally & Speed Autotest

| | |
|--------------|----|
| P. Sykes | 10 |
| R. Mackinnon | 9 |
| R. Stoker | 7 |
| M. Boast | 6 |

Shell Oils League

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| J. C. D. Renny | 171.1 |
| R. Stoker | 164.6 |
| K. Goodall | 142.2 |
| R. Mackinnon | 105.0 |

Off road events

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| R.Mackinnon | 124.3 |
| J.North | 98.6 |
| R.Stoker | 71.6 |

Lloyds M/V Stages

| | |
|------------|-------|
| A.Hanson | 153.0 |
| D.Furnbull | 73.0 |
| C.Payne | 3.0 |

Crest S/V Stages

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|------------|-------|
| D.Turnbull | 500.8 |
| A.Hanson | 253.3 |
| J.North | 184.3 |
| C.Payne | 81.3 |

Co-Driver Championship

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| G.Kellett | 573.7 |
| R.Holdsworth | 406.3 |
| S.Walshaw | 184.2 |
| A.Munnis | 148.0 |

Dickinson PCT Trophy

| | |
|-----------|----|
| M.Jagger | 11 |
| J.Bean | 10 |
| K.Goodall | 10 |
| I.Miller | 9 |
| A.Moore | 9 |

Newman Trophy

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Rebecca Kemp | 96 |
| Jackie Smyth | 25 |
| Christine Goodall | 10 |
| Andrea Hunn | 10 |
| Julie Thompson | 10 |
| Viki Renny | 10 |
| Elaine Longhorn | 10 |
| Jean Lee | 10 |

JOHN WESTMORELAND

Trophy points Sec.



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