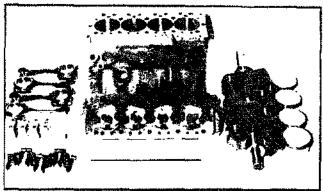


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EDITOR

Here we are again looking forward to November and the RAC and looking back at the exploits of our membership in October. Pride of place must go to 'Team Trackrod' on the Oilicana Rally - a tricky novice event organised by Otley Motor Club where we won the team award - its good to see new faces doing well to mount a challenge to the "old men" of the club (you know who you are!) The clubs presence on Mull was smaller than on recent years competitor wise but we were still represented boozing wise! It is 360 miles to Mull and at the islands most extreme point, half way up a mountain in the middle of a 31 mile selective is the events only passage check - manning the control was our own Peter Stanhope and Rod Parkin - sorry I couldn't stop for a chat lads - if you had been a couple of miles further , on I could. a broken throttle cable effectively ending our challenge.

There are several items in this months magazine asking for help and opinion — both of which are always gratefully received by the committee — in return I promise to expose more of the committee to you—Who is the Jeffrey Archer of Trackrod?
Who repairs the Chairmans watch?
All this and more will be revealed — unless I get so many articles I run out of space.

John McNichol EDITOR

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE DEC MAG IS 25th MOV.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

1986

Nov.

4	Crown	Boston Spa Bonfire Disco
11	Duke of Wellington	East Keswick RAC Marshals meeting
18	Beehive	Thorner AGM Continuation
25	Shoulder of Mutton	Kirkby Overblow
Dec.		
2	Crown	Boston Spa
9	Duke of Wellington	East Keswick
16	Crown	Boston Spa *Fancy Dress
23	Beehive	Thorner
30	Shoulder of Mutton	Kirkby Overblow

^{*} Remember Fancy Dress-get some original ideas going.

Note

11th Nov. now at the Duke of Wellington for the meeting before the R.A.C. sandwiches available.
18th Nov. A.G.H. continues at the Beehive.

REBECCA KEMP Social Sec.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

ROAD RALLIES

Nov .

8/9 Kirby Lonsdale Road Rally.CL 90,91,97

29/31 Hall Trophy-Clitheroe M/C.

Dec

6 Beverley & District Beaver Rally. Rest 101,106,107

6/7 Durham Dales-Durham M/C.Rest

6/7 JJ Brown (Motoring News)

6/7 Keithley & Dist Road Rally.CL 98,99,103,104

13/14 III M/C Winter Rally. Rest Road Rally. 110, 119

STAGE RALLIES

Nov

16/20 R.A.C. All hands needed-see Rod Parkin or John Renny for details.

Dec

9 Kirby Lonsdale. Rest 90, 91

AUTOTESTS

Hov

9 York M/C. CL

16 Shipley & Dist. CL

23 North Humberside N/C. CL

Dec

7 York M/C. CL

26 Boxing Day Autotest Trackrod. Venue to be announced

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CHAIRMANS CHAT

Gosh...doesn't time fly.... another month has rushed by and here I am again writing my offering for our prestigious magazine.

Actually, since last months magazine I've done very little on the motor sport side, but Mull has been and gone, and as usual a select band of Trackrod members were in attendance. I hope one of these Mullites will be telling us all, through these pages, of their experiences during their holiday on Mull. I myself was out on Sunday 26th October, rallying through Clipstone Forest and various other woods within the Matlock area. Dave Marshall was my driver for this event and we both had an enjoyable days motorsportno heroics but a good steady run. Prior to this event I had been on my hols, up to the Western Isles where it managed to rain every day for

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Prior to this event I had been on my hols, up to the Western Isles where it managed to rain every day for the whole two weeks and was so windy I was unable to get the boat out to go fishing—arr well. A change is as good as a rest !!

Well folks thats all for this month-safe motoring and remember the police have started their 'drink driving' for Xmas!!! So go careful.

RONNIE MAC Chairman

SECRETARY'S SOAP BOX

Making a welcome return to the pages of your favourite mag the Secretary rides again ? Last weekend Tefal, alias Bengt Sumpgaard took to the lanes with Ron Slott on the Olicana.

Our 11th overall did not reflect our speed, merely that we had stayed on the black stuff and Ian (sorry Ron) had been doing his job. It just shows that a rally can be enjoyable in a standard car. Jon North and Derek Lee came an impressive fifth and first novice in his 1200 Kadett (Tony Shields look out !) Phil Sykes and Carolyn Harber were unlucky to have an off but recovered to take the team prize for 'Team Trackrod understeer'. After all the efforts of the last month now is not the time to back off, with the RAC fast approaching we can continue to prove that Trackrod is the best club in the area and don't forget to let your hair down at one (or all) of the parties coming up.

Well thats all for now, keep you eye on the er., I haven't invented it yet.

TEFAL

(the one with the dynamic personality)

MANX TAILS 1986

(In the eyes of the press)

Well September was upon us yet again and it was time to pack ones waterproofs for the 1986 Manx Rally. It seems that the I.O.M. has good weather or else its obismal throughout.

After the usual formalities of getting p ed on the boat going across and booking in at the hotel etc., it was time to get settled in to a steady routine of sleeping, eating, drinking and er, er, o-yes, watching the rally.

Due to the change in regs., etc., that we all know about, we were able to sign on in the press office in rally H.Q. and wander across to the prom to see who was who and in what, if not, why not. Most people were of the same ideas as in previous years the first car has been on its way by 9am, but an 11am start gave a more relaxed start for all those reporting the event. The first leg (Thursday) consisted of 12 stages. 1-8 as singular, then 9, 10, 11, 12 being 1, 2, 3, 4 repeated. Lots of action but at a not ouite maximum speed due to a lot of the top drivers getting the feel of tarmac driving, but still very fast due to it being a pace note event. Thursday night was the usual rally show. This being a night where the Palace Lido in Douglas is the clace to be. The format being to cover each event in the British Open Championship. with a video report etc., of the event, then to have the winner on stage. Subject to the person being on the island, and in the event of that person wirning one of the previous rounds, a prominent driver from that event is brought before the thousands. The second leg (Friday) consisting of eleven stages. all being ued once, but some variation to the first Meaning some stages being longer, some stages reversed and some different altogether but not being used twice at all on this leg of the event. Friday night was a night for one to do what one wished, Where and with whoever.

The cars being compelled to be parked on the prom overnight after each leg, gave everyone chance to see who was still running.

Leg three (Saturday) saw only seven stages and only taking half a day meant that an early start and being pushed to see the cars twice, to be able to return to Douglas for the finish. The stages being only run once during this leg meant that one had to end up quite near to Douglas near lunch time to avoid disappointment.

The prize presentation on Saturday night was to a packed house in the Iido, along with cabaret and the comedian Paul Squires. To be then followed by a free for all disco for all and everybody to get rid of any left-over energy.

Due to my return home on Monday, this left me with Sunday to relax, and visit anywhere that I had not already done so, and also see any holes in walls, put there during the rally.

A very good and well earned win by Tony Pond and Rob Arthur, its a shame they won't be trying for a fifith win next year.

Till next time then, cheers MALCOLM JAGGER

VALUE ADDED BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR COMPETITION LICENCE HOLDERS

The RAC are actually trying to give us value for our competition licence money. They have negotiated several deals with companies who will offer reductions on the products and services they market. Details of these offers appear in the latest edition of Sompetitors News.

The day had finally arrived, the weekend of the QUIP, our first forest and National event. At this stage we were still trying to recover from the shock of being seeded 74 out of 132 entries!

Scrutineering provided the first problem, the car was ok but Andrew Deurden of Vauxhall had failed to supply the homolgation forms for a mk1 Astra, plenty for mk2's, can we have a new shell? So we ran in Gp B with the other Astras as they were not Gp A legal due to incorrect carbs.

Saturday morning dawned bright and dry and the only problem before setting off for the start was a slight case of navigator concussion due to the doors of the Hotel being too low: 10.15 am and we set off for stage 1 Harwood Dale, all was well until stage 2 Bickley when on the road section a strange noise was heard, however it was only a stone in the brakes. We arrived at service after a rough Staindale, the car still intact:

Next came Dalby 1 using Mikkola's uphill then a run across to Newtondale and Cropton. On Cropton we were caught by a Rover 3500 and in the dust we had to stop because we were inside the 100 yds arrows and it was like being in thick fog.

After a welcome break at Weaponess car park (where the faithful service crew changed the tyres twice for Olivers Mount on tarmac). Other crews were interviewed before the stage start but the start marshal was trying to get cars up to the start, so we were not interviewed, this must have upset us as our stage time was slower on the stage than in May on an earlier event. After a long run back to Dalby 2 and a delay at the start due to radio problems, the question was would we survive this 20 mile + stage. On this stage we were caught by 6 cars, 2 in one go. The car survived Dalby ok but Roland Rat (Stuarts mascot) suffered a slight injury when he fell off the dashboard, he'll have a helmet next year.

After another service at the fire tower the final 3 stages, Bickley, Staindale and Harwood Dale all the opposite way to the morning run. Then back to Raven Hall, we had completed our first forest rally and no damage to man or car (only Roland) where we were greated by our faithful fans and service crew.

The next moment of tension was waiting for the results, we were 86th, a shame only 86 finished, never mind theres always next year!

STEPHEN & STUART

NB Cur thanks to the organisers for all the hard work and also to the marshals on this sunny and dusty day.

QUIP

I would add my praise to the organisers of this excellent event, as well as my thanks to Philip Lilley for chauffeuring (1) me round for a day which stands as a highlight of my motorsport life - I will tell my grandchildren about the day I did Dalby in a BDG; to finish in the top ten was icing on the cake.

JOHN MCNICHOL

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

To be featured next month.

"The Tour of Mull goes past my front door" Ace navigator Gordon Sneddon reports Mull '86.

"Oilicana Wants Me"

John North, Derek Lee, Wiel DuCros, Ian Miller, Phil

Sykes or Carolyn Harber will report (won't you!).

"Mharfdale PCT - my memories" John Bean remembers.

"Larkspeed '86" Team Trackrod go in search of Scellsport points. HUULA UU

Trackrods round of the ANCC, HMSG, TSMSG and Shell League took place on 20/21st September starting from the excellent start venue of Carrefour Supermarket at Boroughbridge. Trackrod crews were out in force for our own event although inside information on the route was none existant this year!

5	John Cope/John McNichol	RS2000
25.	Alan Powell/Ronnie McKinnon	RS2000
16	Ken Goodall/Mike Tempest	Harrier
28	Mark Tierney/Martin Law	Mini
74	36/3 (20)	

31 Mike Thornton/Alan Lilley Escort 1300 53 Jon North/Derek Lee Kadett 1200

65 John Bilbie/Tony Moore RS2000

The winner looked destined to come from the top four seeds.

1 John Mennel/Chris Jarvis Sunbeam 2 Steve Retchless/John Richardson RS2000 3 Graham Hawkridge/Alan Hill RS2000

4 Tony Shields/Paul Burn Opel Corsa As we plotted the route it became apparent that Clerks of Course Barry Dove and Martin Kemp had come up with a classic - so it was to prove, even more so.

A short run out to the start of the competitive business, and battle commenced with Mennel and Retchless flying. I Second selective used the rough Pilmoor white (not rough if you use the field) and the white above Eustwaite.

Retchless now in full flow opened out his lead never to be really threatened.

The route pressed on, back to 99 then up the A! for the next section which proved cleanable for the fastest 5 crews. Two sections over Oswotherley Moor brought competitors to a cunning route amendment and struck terror into their hearts CLAYDALE!

Claydale is a ford of epidemic proportions but a fair test usually not used because it attracts too many spectators, by using a re-route it became viable again. Claydale proved to be decisive in the battle up front Hawkwidge/Hill doing severe damage to their radiator and retiring and Shields/Burns drowning out and loosing 3 minutes before restarting. This left Retchless with only Meanel to worry him.

Positions at petrol

- 1 Retchless 4 Firm 2 Manual 5 Cons
- 3 Jenkins

The second half featured the faster roads of Map 100 including Cockayne Loop E-W. Retchless dropped 3.05, Mennel 3.11 these two almost a minute faster than we mere mortals. However Mennels problems came at an MTC - a fail collected ruining his chances. The 'sting in the tail' was no less than 16 TCS in a targa chain which we had to drive with no alternator or spot lamps, thus allowing Lionel Firn to overhaul us.

Fi	nal positions	
1	Retchless/Richardson	28,36
2	Jenkins/Wood	34.57
3	Firn/Pullen	38.39
4	Cope/McNichol	41.30
5	Powell/McKinnon	41.26
12	Goodall/Tempest	
14	Thornton/Lilley	
20	Tierney/Law	

The event proved very popular and I understand may apply to be re-introduced as a MN round - it would be worthy of being on this years showing.

JOHN MCNICHOL

STOP PRESS ..

Larkspeed Trophy Results

Final round of the Shell League produced the following results.

1st 0/A	Retchless/Richardson	35.51
2nd 0/4	Cope/McNichol	43.23
3rd 0/A	Gallagher/Gallagher	45.04

Other Trackrod Crews. Dove

69.58 about 6th in class

Whittaker/Fletcher Finished
Thornton/Thorley 57.27
Tierney/Law Finished
Powell/Mackithon Retired
Thompson/Ryan Mon finisher

As excellent event full report will among next month (won't it?).

RAC HARWOOD HOUSE

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Your mole on the committee reports!

Geoff McPhail has had to resign as chief marshal due to his work moving, we all wish Geoff well and trust he will keep in touch.

Richard Simpson was elected to succeed as chief marshal -good luck to him.

Social Secretary (Rebecca Kemp) appears to be the busiest member of the committee, organising Bonfire Disco, Fancy Dress Disco and Annual Dinner Dance all in the space of three months.

Membership can be renewed any time from the 1st Nov onwards-slight increase in fees accepted. £6 single £8 joint

The clubs equipment and caravan needs a sort out - volunteers to meet in the Old Ball (Horsforth) at 1pm Sunday 9th Nov where Ronnie Mackinnon will buy all present a pint before work commences.

Some disscussion took place on the Clubs annual trophies:
Are the awards actually contested or is it a matter
of "I appear to have won an award"?
Should we condense the rally championship into a
nominated series of events?
The views of the membership would be appreciated.

Next committee meeting is 24th Nov - if you want anything raising - tell us.

CLUB NIGHT VEHUES

Are you happy with the venues we use for club nights? Do you know of any likely venues ie, pubs with a separate room or any sports or social clubs where we could hold neetings?

Particularly you members in South Leeds/Morley areas. If you do not come to club nights are the venues the reason you can not attend?

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Trackrods annual dinner dance and awards presentation will take place at the Ladbroke Mercury Hotel. Garforth on January 30th. Tickets will be £12.50 per head and as anyone who attended last year will agree, it is worth every penny. In addition to the usual format we are also pleased to have a special guest speaker, a legend in his native Ireland Peter Scott is the man who turned down a contract to co-drive Ari Vatanen on the World Championship the year he became champion -this is however the only sensible decision he has ever made. People he has navigated for extensively include Billy Coleman. Ronnie McCartney and Dessie McCartney as well as occasional sorties with Migel Rockey, Robin Eyre-Mansal and Andrew Wood, Most recently he has taken Graham Holden from being a fast but erratic road rally pilot to being a member of the British Junior Rally team.

Before moving to Yorkshire he was secretary of the Morthern Ireland Regional Association of the RAC and was Clerk of Course on the Ulster Rally his involvement is limited nowadays but he does act as RAC steward on various events in the area.

Peter is an experienced competitor and organiser with strong views on the sport he loves but is also blessed with the Irish sense of humour and fun - a combination I am sure will make him an excellent speaker for our dinner dance.

DINNER DANCE

30 JANUARY

BE THERE

MR ANGRY COLUMN

Well readers I'm back again after my duffing up last month by the "dangerous brothers" -"the man they can not gag" thats me - you see thats the trouble with circuit racers - no sense of humour and they are biased. Anyway, back to the topic for this month, the Editor (another idiot) has asked me to talk about "stage rally navigators" better known as "lumps of wood" "Sacks of spuds" etc - I mean have you ever come across such a useless breed in your life? They sit there and do bugger all until they get in the bar then its "We were doing 120 round that 90 left, WE had a great result. WE finished 3rd in class "or"HE crashed, HE isn't as quick as so and so." What earthly use is a navigator on a single venue rally? can anyone tell me? Why not take a blow up rubber doll and save weight? come to think of it, the doll would be more use if you broke down as well. In fact all the decent multi venue events issue tulip diagrams (whatever they are) and put arrows on the road sections as well as the stages so a driver could easy get round on his own. I mean, they can't even tell the time properly. In the MM report of the Cumbrian Rally this last week, two competitors (leading drivers, one in £30,000 worth of car) booked into the finish 8 mins early - God only knows what they would do on a road rally with the added problems of reading a map!

I suppose the best discription of them is "Bungalows" - a lot of money but not a lot upstairs - not a thing you could accuse me of!

Anyhow - I'm open to offers anyone want to show me what this stage stuff is about? Wind you, from what I hear stage drivers con't read anyway - but thats another story.

MR AMORY

ATTENTION ALL MARSHALLS (AND THOSE WILLING TO IE ARN)

Do you Marshal regularly on Rallies PCT Autotest etc?, or if not are you willing to help if asked, on any of the events the club is invited to Marshal on?

If you fit in to these catagories then I want to hear from all of you!

To help me as Chief Marshal to best serve Trackrod M/C, I am preparing a list of names, experienced or not, of people who are willing and can be relied on, to turn out and who I can contact when required.

I would therefore ask that you see me at the Club meetings or ring me at home on Leeds 527031 a.s.a.p. and then I can set the wheels in motion so to speak.

This will obviously assist me and with an exciting year of motorsport before us in 1987, it will ensure that we all help our club maintain its good reputation by getting as many marshals as possible out on events.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

RICHARD S. SIMPSON CHIEF MARSHAL.

A limited number of Trackrod Sweat Shirts are still available (Large & Medium only) at £10.50. IDEAL NMAS PRESENTS!

NB.If you have already got your sweat chirt but have not jet paid - your name will be appearing in this magazine next month !!

SHELL OILS LEAGUE

Well by the time you read this we should know whether we have been able to keep 4th place in the Shell Oils League. After a good start to the season we slipped a little in the middle and have just been able to hold our own at the end, I hope!

The last round was Huddersfield Motor Clubs Autotest in Dewsbury. We were able to field a team of four those being Derek Lee, Johnathan North, John Bean and Richard Ineson. Hopefully one of them will do a full report elsewhere but the outcome was as follows.

D.	Lee	5/7	38.6		
J.	Morth	4/7	52.9		
J.	Bean	8/10	30.0	not	counting
R.	Ineson	1/5	90.0		
			181.5		

At the time of writing the final round, The Larkspeed, is to run and by the time you read this, all things being equal we should have finished 4th overall and as such we will pick up a reasonable cheque at the Prize Presentation on the 8th of November. So everyone who has had anything to do with the Shell Oils League come along and enjoy a good evening. Tickets are £1.50 and the do is at the Novotel at Bradford. The positions at the moment stand as follows.

1.	Shipley	2127.0
2.	Selby	1905.7
3.	Ilkley	1810.3
4.	Trackrod	1686.8
5。	Morth Humberside	1553.9
6.	Alwoodley	1419.1
7.	Airedale & Pennine	1289.0
8.	David Brown	1271.3
9.	Yor't	1046.0
10。	Wuddersfield	945.1

1986 TROPHY POINTS

As the years end approaches if you have points to claim - do it NOW.

Trackrod Trophy J. Westmoreland S. Hitchcock A. Munis M. Jagger R. Kemp (Mrs) J. Bean	40 38 35	Off Road Events J. North R. Ineson D. Lee M. Boast R. Mackinnon J. Bean R. Jackson J. Renny	421.9 182.2 107.2 105.2 96.3 65.7 62.2 61.5
Shell League Tro	phy	Dickinson PCT Tro	phy
J. North	203.5	M. Jagger	13
D. Lee	107.2	M. Boast	
A. Moore	99.9	J. Bean	5
		I. Miller	5
R. Mackinnon	96.3	D. Lee	5 5 5 5 5
R. Ineson		J. North	5
FSB Rally Driver		FSB Rally Navigat	or
A. Powell	63	R. Mackinnon	44
J. North		J. McNichol	39
J. Cope	39	D. Lee	36
M. Tierney	36	J. Bilbie	35
A. Moore	35	S. Sanderson	34
ANCC Rally Drive	r	ANCC Rally Naviga	itor
M. Tierney	138.2	B. Dove	147.9
A. Moore	99.9	J. Bilbie	99.9
A. Powell	97.3	R. Mackinnon	97.3
J. North	96.1	D. Lee	93.1
C. Miller	86.3	M. Miller	86.3

Rally & Speed Autotest Trophy	Lloyds Multi-Stage Driver S. Bell 108.8
M. Jagger 14	A. Powell 86.8
J. North 14	A. Edwards 32.3
J. Bean 11	
R. Ineson to	
R. Mackinnon 9	
R. Stoker 8	
C. Miller 6	
R. Mackinnon 86.8	Marshals Trophy R.S. Simpson 80 J. Westmorked 45 P. Stanhope 30 5 others on 20
Service Crew R. Kemp (Mrs) 5 B. Dove 5	

I STILL REQUIRE

Results and signing on sheets (Marshals) for the Costa. Signing on sheets for the June Jestérs and Quip stages for marshals, entry list and results for Mull.

Have you done any events and got any results which I should know about? If you have then please let me know.

JOHN WESTNORLAND Trophy Points Sec.

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