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EDITOR

Well just to be different I'm not going to mention anything at all to do with Christmas in this "bumber" Yuletide edition (and I use bumper purely in the Sarcastic sense - where are the articles on the RAC, Hall Trophy etc etc!) So if I slip in anything to do with Reindeer with Super-Oscar noses, Jet propelled sleds with driven by Kinky old white bearded men who like jumping onto fireplaces, prickly green bushes or sprigs of parasitic weeds under which people seem to be expected to have orgies, then Richard Simpson has promised to buy everyone at the party a drink.

So whats been happening in November?? The Bonfire night. The Lonsdale Rally, The RAC Rally and the Hall Trophy. Well the Bonfire burnt, it was foggy on the Lonsdale, the RAC ran smoothly and Simon Ainslie and Martin Douglas bent their car much more than Mark Eastwood and Peter Green on the Hall Trophy. (That's two bent wings, one rear wing, one front panel and a broken spotlight in two events - good tidy driving Simon)

Looking ahead to next year, of course we have a new Blue Book WOW!, with some new regulations especially for Road Rallists. The two major changes must be that now you can not have a fancy paint job or advertising (other than event advertising) on a road rally car, but more importantly thre will be no more targe timing, Although of course this will immediately affect Organisers of events, competitors will feel the effects, in that next year there will be a greater emphasis on the navigational side of a road rally.

Having said that, and being involved in the organisation of a road rally next year (ie Mobil I Northern Lights Rally '88)I can guarantee road rallies will still be demanding on the drivers with maybe more emphasis on the driver/navigator teamwork approach - is that such a bad thing. Anyway I recomend any road rallyists not to despair and move with the times with a positive attitude to maintaining our sport a thriving industry.

All I can say is to give it a go, I assure you you'll enjoy it.

Right that's enough I think for now, enjoy the party and buy me a drink,

Ta for now

Rat - Ed

CHAIRMANS CHAT.

Well here we are only 3 more weeks left to Christmas. It's amazing how time flies - it certainly doesn't seem 12 months since we were all preparing for the last one, only problem is it gets more expensive every year!!

So what's been happening recently on the Motor Sport front;

The start of the month saw Vince Fletcher and I up on Sutton Bank with Malcolm Jagger and other Trackrod Stalwarts running the Parc Ferme on the Larkspeed. The night was a bit chilly and foggy but the idea of giving Competitors the route away from the actual Rally Start certainly worked and the usual Spectator problem seemed to be kept to minimum. Unfortunately for John Bean, who as usua was Chief Marshal, a lot of of the promised manpower didn't turn up and he had a bit of a headache sorting it out. This aside we had a good night as usual on this event and as expected the performance of Steve Retchless was certainly something to see. There were also some good performances by Trackrod Crews.

More recently saw a lot of the club members involved with the RAC Rally in some way or another, either as Radio Operator, Marshal etc. C the clubs stage Dalby 1 on tuesday the 24th. We had been allocated a superb Stage and under the auspicies of Commander Martin Kemp everything rar smoothly and to time despite a delay when a Competitor blocked Mikkolas Bend. My own thanks a Chief Marshal go to everyone who gave up a days pay and came out and did a smooth and proffensional Job in whatever capacity they were involved with.

The big green bogie makes an outing again of the Sherwoods Christmas Stages and the beast is now back to a full two litres courtesy of a lot a hard work by Bob & Tom (Whittaker) with poor support by yours truly, we are looking forward to this highly popular event especially as we are of the lucky ones with a definate entry, more of this after the event.

On the Club front the Bonfire disco went off again(!) without a hitch and and was as usual very well received. Mick Ogden did his usual fine Job of lighting the bonfire and setting off the Fireworks and the Gez Warters Disco put a good finish to an enjoyable evening.

The details for the dinner dance have now been finalised and this now takes place at the Windmill in Seacroft on the 22nd of January '88. There is an excellent Menu on offer with one more course than last year but at the same low cost and as we have secured Peter Ripley as after dinner speaker, a good night is guaranteed. Tickets will be for sale soon from any committee member so make sure you get yours and join in Trackrods most prestigious night of the year.

The Boxing Day extravaganza is the next club organised sporting event and is something of a new venture as far as the format is totally different to the usual Autotest. However there will still be plenty of competive action so come and bring the family.

As usual we have arranged to help Alwoodly on the Christmas Stages and as before they will be running the stages at Waith Withe near Catterick. The competetion will be intense with such luminaries as Pete Sleights, Andy Elliot, Steve Bannister, Ron Beecroft, Bob Stoker (who!) and Steve Retchless already entered so why not get rid of the X'mas pud blues and come along and Marshal. See Malcolm Jagger for details and times to meet etc.

As this is the last Chairmans Chat before Christmas may I wish you all the very best, I hope you all have an excellent time during the Festive period and look forward to seeing you all at the club events.

All the best and until the next time,

Cheers

Richard

COMPETITION CALLINDAR

ROAD RALLIES:	DEC	5th	Beverl	.еу	Beaver	101,107
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	JAN	23rd/24	th K	irkby	Lonsdale	97,98.

SPECIAL STAGES: DEC 5th Kirke/ Lonsdale M.C.

27th Norhallerton Christmas Stages

AUTOTESTS: Boxing day sutotest 27th December 1987.

NOT A LOT ON REALLY.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

DEC. Tues 1st Crown, Boston Spa-Christmas Party Tues 8th East Leeds Leisure Centre Tues 15th Beehive, Thorner Tues 22nd Roundhegians R.C. Sat 26th Fox & Grapes - Gymkhana Tues 29th Beehive, Thorner JAN. Tues 5th Crown, Boston Spa

I hope by now you are enjoying the Christmas Party, If not it's your own fault.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas and come out on Boxing Day which promises to be a superb day, bring all.

Finally may I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Rebecca Kemp - Social Sec.

CAR 29 - ESCORT 1600 Simon Ainslie/Martin Douglas.

Following our first experiance of the Lancashire lanes during the Morecombe Rally we repeated the trek to the M6 for the Kendal & District/Kirby Lonsdale organised event.

Things looked good at the start with a queue of over 60 cars at noise. As we were running at 29 some inconspicious queue jumping was in order as the other Trackrod crew Mark Eastwood & Peter Green in the Olicana nearly winning Samba (how much did they slip you for that one Mark - Ed) had already been in the queue for 1.25 hours.

Once noise was passed (72db)! we proceeded to scrutineering and signing on (where the dreaded half hour plotting had been extended to an hour) and after checking the route with the next door navigators, we were off. The event consisted of only 9 selectives, 4 in the 1st half & 5 in the 2nd half.

The 1st selective was a short but very slippy blat across Wharton Fell and up the B6259 to Nateby. During this one we spun off and went sideways for an eternity until we gently nudged a spectators car, with no damage we proceeded somewhat more sedately to the finish.

A 20 mile Tan Hill Selective was next with amazingly thick fog (as always on Tan Hill) and the third was named Watersplashes by the organisers and used Leases Ford and the 'T' Junction Ford at Great Ormside. The fog was less thick along this one but we suffered the unfortunate penalty of a minute for a jump start which probably cost us a couple of places at the finish.

Tarn Moor was the run to petrol - 12 miles of fairly flat moorland roads with, I thought no moments but we bent the front wing, which Simon told me at the finish was on a bank on a tight slot. I think I was worrying too much about going OTL but as it turned out we had plenty of time - well 3.5 minutes anyway.

The 2nd half started with the straights past Shap and up between the two carriageways of the M6 turning right up into the infamous quarry. The surface was amazingly slippery but the organisers had arrowed the tricky slot and then it was flat onto map 90 to the finish.

Having been warned by the Clerk of Course during the 1st half to put the numbers back on at halfway (during the pacenote check he found them in the back of the car!!) they had conveniently fallen off again by the time we got to the end of the 5th selective. By now the fog had cleared and the 6th selective was a twisty six miles down onto 97 where we set 6th fastest time including an overshoot and a bent rear wing caused by a particulary sturdy bank on the exit of a 90 left.

Even though the event was organised by 2 clubs there were not enough Marshals and the final 5 PC's were unmanned and we saw code boards but we didn't waste time looking for them and hoped the code boards weren't secreted in a ditch somewhere.

Between the 7th & 8th selectives was another noise test (the 3rd of the night) and this was followed by an 11 miler and then a 16 miler to a very plush finish Hotel in Melling. Results were produced very quickly and we were around 16th - a pleasing end to a brilliant event (noise tests excluded) Mark Eastwood & Peter Green finished a good 18 o/a, 2nd in Class

Roll on the Hall Trophy - Well I hope we don't!!

Martin Douglas

THE LOMBARD R.A.C. RALLY Marshalling on Dalby 1, Leeds University/Trackrod. 24th November 1987.

There I was dreaming of rally cars in the sun and then drr... rring - oooh, the alarm went off.3.32am. (I'm usually floating back from some party at this time.) Oh well it's all for a good cause. well the R.A.C. anyway. Being superefficiently organized, me and my flatmate Tim Sunderland had already prepared a goodly supply of sandwiches and soup. The real essentials man.

So with a shoving on of clothes (numerous layers -that is) and a slurp of the coffee we were off. We rendezvoused with the Ainslie brothers and then formed a convoy on the A64 with Matthew Sykes and his cronies - each of us taking turns to breakdown for 5 minute periods on the way. (Quite well organised I thought?)

Still we made it to the start of the stage with a full 10 minutes to spare (6.10am) and swiftly became operatioal a full 3 hours before the 1st car (6.23am). I of course being a mega-important person wore a nice orange tabard, whilst the menial marshals wore horrible green tabards - quite right as well. I think this must have been the 1st test for the competitors; i.e. to count how many different coloured marshals they could spot. Anyway sector marshals had insect like striped tabards and if Martin Kemp's was coloured correctly I think it should have been a nice shade of pinkyou can buy me that pint at the party Martin, OK? Now apparantly at this time Neil DuCros was giving birth to a full set of kittens, because the clock delivery car (in his infinite and all-powerful wisdom) had left the correct number of clocks at the arrival (that was us folks) and the start (that's one clock and about 50 spares on the RAC) but he'd left no clocks at the finish. Well you don't need clocks at the start and the finish - do you? Anyway he decided to come back and with sufficient marshals supplied by Leeds University, Leeds Polytechnic and Trackrod combined the stage was ready for action. Unfortunately we

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knew some competitors were coming to messit all up. In fact we did'nt realise that the road section preceeding our stage was competitive, but after the sedate arrival of the lst 2 cars the next 4 competitors were having fun overtaking each other on a 5ft wide muddy track, dodging spectator's cars — quite sensible really. I mean this rallying lark is so boring (especially when you get paid for it?) that you have to have your fun sometime, and why not just before an arrival control. I would have thought so-called professionals would have a little more common sense.

But of course our well oiled control sorted them out, calmed them down , changed their nappies and gave them directions to start line - a good 25yds away. I have to say as always, the part of the entry after about car 15 was much friendlier than the "top boys" as we so affectionately call them. Other than that there's not alot to talk about except the usual few who decided to bend their cars going the "safe" way around Mikkola's Bend - oh yes and the baked bean sandwiches were delicious, complimenting the corned beef sandwiches terribly, terribly well (sorry, fell into my yuppie-mode for a minute there). Anyroad, roll on the Yorkshire [nternational and let's hope those of you who went out watching on tuesday will lower themselves to muck in with the rest of us. ['11 be there, jumpers, boots, gloves, snow, beer, more beer and all.

Rat

CLASSIC COMMENTS

I thought I'd slip in some Murray Walker statements - since it's Christmas.

"Alain Prost is in a commanding 2nd position"

"And all Niki really has to do now is coast, metephorically speaking."

"There are four different cars filling the first four places."

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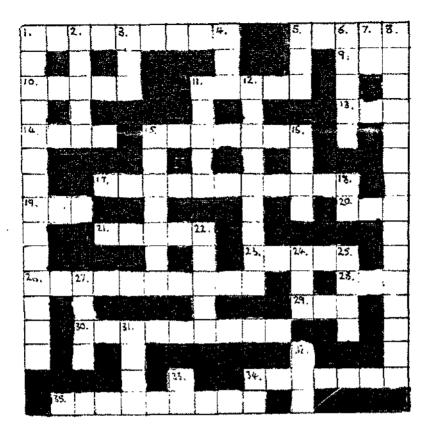
1st correct entry picked out of hat next month wins a Trackrod T-shirt and sweatshirt.

Hand entries in by the 15th, prize to be given on 22nd Dec.

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- 1. Address of R.A.C.M.S.A. 2. A lighter alternative
 - to beer.
- 3. Part of a carburetter.
- Everything stops for ...
 Relative.
- 6. Subsequent to
- 7. 5 4 3 2 1 ···
- 8. Out of this world.
- 11. Son of Noah.
- 12. Nuiscence on road rallies
- 15. Stage or road.
- 16. What you do round corners.
 18. ... macho, he got to be...
- (song)
 22. = distance/time taken.
- 24. Pretty useful things if you want to do motorsport!
- 25. What rallies are nt but what
- Mansell competes in. 27. Part of car which allows wheels to turn at unequal
- rates.
 31. A hitch-hiker gets a free one
- 32. 11's father built one.
- 33. Neuter form of he/she.

- A CROSS
- You will find one at the end of a trackrod
- 5. We marshaled the Dalby
- 1 one on the RAC.
- It lives in a den.
 Foglamps give off this
- 11. He had a boat called the Argo.
- 13. Part of head.
- 14. Scarce.
- 15. Mirrors do this. 17. Local Motoring News
- Round (and BTRDA).
 19.24th letter of alphabet
- 20. You propell a rowing
- boat with these (singular).
 21. Your car easily does
 - this on ice.
 23. Type of spotlight.
 - 26. To turn the wheel and go straight on.
 - 28. A cross between a horse and a donkey.29. 24 down in reverse.
 - 30. Wallies hang these from their rear view mirrors.
 - 34. The unthanked hero of motorsport
 - of motorsport 35. The competitive part of a road rally.





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Yours sincerely

RICHARD INESON

Champion Secretary

A.N.C.C. Autotest Championship for the Yorkshire Bank Trophy



Nov. 1987

To ALL CHAMPTIONSHIP CONTENDERS

1987 FINAL SCORES SHEET

Another series has now come to an end and what an end! It was all very close at the the top is can be seen from the final Top Ten scores. Eventual Champion, Stave Powell cut things rather fine by needing all the last 4 events to make up his 8 scores - such is his faith in his Midget's reliability that it proved to be no problem giving him a confortable cushion at the top of the list. Behind him however there was an almighty scrap ready to cash in should the Midget fail - only 6; points covering the next 4 places which speaks volumes for the last one of those 4; Chris Langan who was beaten really by the scoring system as his selected vehicle has had little opposition this year (why is the rear drive saloon class always so small??) and to come so close in those circumstances displays great determination that deserves reward - pity it's only a class 3 win!!

In Class 1 Dave Goodlad looked the man "most likely to" but a poor 8th score and a budget of only 8 events left the door open for Peter Cohen to steal the class on the last event with only a poor 5 point score to drop - well done Peter - again!

Class 2 saw P Broadbent in a lone struggle which came to an end in July, however, he picks up an award for getting in his 7 scores as the sole class representative.

Class 4, with Steve Powell taking overall honours, was left to Ian Reid and Steve Morten to fight over and what a fight for points. Steve Morten has competed in every event but eventually got pipped by Ian Reid by 0.87 points - you can't get much closer pity there's only one award.

finally, if you have any comments on the Champlonship (points/classes/events or otherwise) please let me know by 31/12/87. Also let me have any event nominations as soon as possible, I always say, 1st come ist served but I always have to scratch around to get the 12th event!!

FINAL TOP 10

i.	STEVE POWELL	Huddersfield M.C.	MIDGET/FORD	685.49(8)
2.	IAM REID	Hartlepool & DMC	MINI SPECIAL	596.72(8)
3.	STEVE MORTEN	Alwoodley MC		595.85(8)
54.	PETER COHEN	Alwoodley MC	MINI 1000	594.98(8)
ant.	CHRIS LANGAN	Hartlepool & DMC	TALBOT SUNBEAM	530.4648)595.22_
T 6.	CHRIS LANGAN DAVE GOODLAD	Bolton-Le-Moors C	C MINI 1000	540.47(8)
7.	ANDREW COMEN	Alwoodley MC		433.77(8)
8	DAVE GOLIGHTLY	Grimsby & DMC	MINI SPECIAL	417.53(5)
9.	TIM WILSON	Huddersfield MC	MINI 1275GT	396.09(8)
10.	DAVE SCWMAN	Ilkley & DMC	MINI SPECIAL	318.09(5)

HALL TROPHY RALLY 21st/22nd November Mark Eastwood/Peter Green Car 43. Samba 1300.

The Hall Ttrophy was to be our last fling at road rallies due to the uncertain future of the sport (not to mention the sale of the Samba), so we were hoping to go out in style.

Noise and scrutineering were no problem — the latter being a matter of counting the wheels and the marshal's opening the bonnet, laughing, and closing it again. With only half an hour to plot there was a long cold wait in the start car park. However entertainment was laid on for us by means of a unlit traffic island which caught out many crews and spectators alike (-not mentioning any names Bernard F).

Eventually we set off on the 180 mile route amidst rumours of sheet ice on most of it. After 2 selectives and just getting warmed up we were at the 1st petrol halt - proving just how economical sambas are cos we only put in £3.00 of petrol.

Most of the route was on sheet 98 - heading north past Malham Tarn we found the infamous yump (and we DO HAVE THE BRUISES to prove it).

It turned to be not as icy as we expected especially over Oxnop Scar where light rain thankfully thawed most of it. A brave effort around the fresh air corners of Kingsdale was wasted as the selective was scrubbed due to the finish control being missing. (Well that's not altogether essential - is it? - Ed).

After 2nd petrol there was just one more selective through Gisburn forest and then onto the finish at the Red Pump Inn near Clitheroe, ending a very enjoyable event.

The only critisism was that there were some very long neutrals and I think the organisers could of thought of us and left out the really steep hills (we're only a 1300-boo hoo) but we were happy to finish 24th O/A and 3rd semi.

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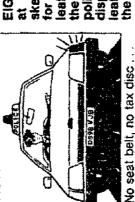
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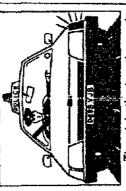
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J.	Westmorland	55	P. Sykes	20
R.	Simpson	55	M. Dickson	20
R.	Mackinnon	35	G.S. Broadley	19
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	Fletcher	25	J. Bean	38
	Varley	20	D. Lee	23
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	Kemp	5	N. Dickson	20
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The next edition of results will include the St. Wilfreds, Highwayman, Larkspeed, Costa & Olicana and any events in the meantime!

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