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EDITOR

G'day folks, at the moment the weather seems to have turned leaving it bitterly cold outside which isn't good news for a few of our members out marshalling on tomorrows (May 1st) Endeavour Stages at Scarborough.

The April fools Autotest seemed a great success and the number of TMC members out marshalling on the event was quite encouraging (couldn't have been worse than last year could it Steve!) Let's hope that the interest being shown is kept up.

At the moment I am busy drawing Maps, Road books, Entry Forms etc etc for the Quip, and now I've landed the job of Safety Officer on the Costa people must recognise talent eh! or I'm just a mug- probably the latter) that's due to Pete Stanhope 'cos he'll be away in Austrailia, Malaysia and God knows where else for his jollies!

Well that's all for now folks.

Cheers,

Chris Sharpe
Editor

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello Peeps! Doesn't time fly, it only seems like 5 minutes since I last sat down to write the last article for the magazine but I suppose that's one of the penalties of getting old.

Since my last written offering I have moved address and consequently all I seem to have done is spend as much time as possible painting & decorating, a job which I must admit I absolutely detest, anyway now it's done it all looks worthwhile but that now only leaves my other pet hate gardening to do!

This unfortunately has left me with very little time to get involved with anything else including motorsport, in fact the only thing I have done in that direction was to Marshal on the April Fools Autotest which was a superb day out and a credit to the organising team.

The general turn out from club members on this event was much better than we usually can muster and this goes along with the general feeling of enthusiasm which seems to be prevalent at the moment. There is much more involvement in the club events and there are more members asking if they can take part rather than waiting to be asked and from a personal point of view this is most gratifying as it is something I have been asking for since I joined the committee two years ago. Please keep it up!!!

Because of your enthusiasm it has also prompted the committee to promote more events on your behalf in fact there is a full calendar up to the end of the year all of which will be advertised in the Magazine but includes club night PCT's, Autotest's, a return of the Hunters Trophy for the Navigational Scatter Championship, The Boat Trip, Barn Dances and many others. Hopefully this looks like being a year to remember so lets all get stuck in and enjoy it.

We also have the events we do for other clubs and because of our success last year we will again be offered stages outright on the Crystal Stages and Riponion Rallies as well as

he RAC in November prior to that we have our own
June Jesters Autotest, Costa SV Rally, Quip
Stages and Wharfedale PCT so ther's plenty to do.

This I believe is what being in a Motor Club
is all about as well as the increased number of
competitors we have out every week promoting the
name of Trackrod Motor Club

Good Innit!!!

cheers,
Richard

SOCIAL CALENDAR

| | | |
|------|-----------|---|
| MAY | Tues 3rd | Crown, Boston Spa Open Forum & Scalectrix Eve. |
| | Sun 8th | Economy Run See Separate Article |
| | Tues 10th | Roundhegians R.C. |
| | Tues 17th | Fox & Grapes - Mini Stage |
| | Tues 24th | Roundhegians R.C. |
| | Tues 31st | The Wharfedale Clubnight P.C.T. B.Dove & R.Kemp |
| JUNE | Tues 7th | Crown, Boston Spa Open Forum |
| | Tues 14th | Roundhegians R.C. |
| | Tues 21st | Beehive, Thorner |
| | Tues 28th | Roundhegians R.C. |

Have you anything planned for a club night??
[If you have then tell me !! or confusion arrises and
people start shouting at the wrong people. A phone
call costs only pence! 654600.

A few nights are free so if you want to
organise a scatter or anything else please do, it's
your club so use it and enjoy it.

Summer approaches once again and this year
we will be having a boat trip, any other suggestions
for a trip or a day out then let me know and I will
look into it for you.

Rebecca Kemp - Social Sec.

Time seems to fly by recently and here we are in May already. The highlight of April for me is undoubtedly the Tour of Lincs Rally which saw John Cope with a broad smile on his face as we returned to the tarmac stuff. I was told beforehand that the event is excellent and its reputation obviously goes before it as over 300 entries were received for 120 places. Basically they run on 21 stages on 8 different venues revolving round Cadwell Park race circuit and 90% of the stages on tarmac or broken concrete, they don't bother with road timing. You know the opening and closing times of each stage and you go to them as you please-if you want to skip service you can which was handy for us as we didn't have a service van!

After we had seen all the exotic cars (BR4's, Cosworths, BDA's etc) and all the big polished, sign written beasts sporting enormous racing tyres we had an inferiority complex being in a road rally car, but we were intent on enjoying the day out so off we went. I won't bore you with the details but the only problem apart from the bald tyres after 6 stages was the car deciding to have a rest for over 4 minutes at the start of SS14 which cost us 9th overall-sick as a parrot Brian-but what a syper event for just 70

On a serious note as secretary of Trackrod Club I recently wrote to round legions Club apologising for a misunderstanding when we rather monopolised the facilities at the club last night and I think it's worth reminding everybody that we use this excellent venue only thanks to their members and we do not wish to lose it. I thought said I'm sure.

The next few months are a busy time for event organisers in the club so if you can help in any of the following please speak to the people below.

5/6 June Jesters Autotest- Ron MacKinnon
1/7 Costa Single Venue Rally- Barry Dove
4/9 Quip Stages Rally- Rod Parkin

See you all on the Economy run (8th)

John McNichol

COMPETITION CALENDAR

PCT's, AUTOTESTS & HILL CLIMBS

| | | |
|-------------|------|---|
| MAY | 8th | Autotest Ilkley & DMC |
| | 8th | Autotest N.H.M.C. |
| | 15th | P.C.T. Trackrod MC |
| | 18th | P.C.T. Ilkley & DMC |
| | 22nd | Autotest Airedale & Pennine |
| JUNE | 5th | Autotest Hartlepool & DMC |
| | 5th | Autotest Knutsford & DMC |
| | 5th | Hillclimb - Scammondon Yorkshire SCC |
| | 12th | Hillclimb - Harewood Hill BARC (Yorkshire) |
| | 26th | P.C.T. Ilkley & DMC |
| | 26th | Autotest Trackrod MC |

RALLIES

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|------------|-----|--|
| MAY | 1st | Endeavor Stages-Olivers Mount Whitby & DMC Map 101 |
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|------|-------|---|
| May | 7th | Manx National Manx AS Map 10M |
| | 7th | Mild & Bitter Stages MORecombe CC Maps 92 & 102 |
| | 8th | Single Venue York MC Map 104 |
| | 22nd | Single Venue Border MC |
| JUNE | 5th | Single Venue Grimbsy |
| | 11/12 | Gordon Musgrove Rally Garstang |
| | 18/19 | Stocktonion |
| | 18th | Yorkshire SCC Map 100 |
| | 25th | Whitby & DMC Map 93 |

ENTRANTS LICENCE NUMBER:- 0695

**BARRY DOVE
COMPETITION SECRETARY**

ANNUAL ECONOMY RUN

SUNDAY 8th MAY 1988

I would like to apologise to all who came to the Roundhegians RC on the 12th of April expecting a talk on Economy Driving by myself & Malcom Jagger, but due to a breakdown in communications (not My words!) a room was not available.

The actual run is on Sunday 8th May, starting between 08.30 and 10.30am, at the Texaco petrol station, Otley Road, Leeds 16. (MR. 104/270401).

On arrival you should fill your car to the brim - full of fuel (petrol or diesel), and then you will be given an Instruction sheet giving a route with simple treasure hunt type questions.

After the run the organisers will fill-up your vehicle, perform the necessary calculations, and give you a percentage improvement (or decrease!!) in MPG. The winner is the driver with the best improvement in MPG. Simple!

The results & prize presentation will be at the New Inn, Eccup (MR 104/289429). Food is available and children are welcome.

Any vehicle may be used, and I believe that this is a worthwhile test of driving ability for any driver, so come along and have a go!

John Bean

APRILFOOLS AUTOTEST 1988

Stephen Lancaster and myself had agreed to organise the event, for our sins!! Steve arranged the use of the truck service area at Hartshead Moor west bound on the M62.

Saturday afternoon saw us parked in the service area with John Renny's pickup (thank you JR, without it our job would have been a lot harder) putting out bollards to mark off the area that we had agreed to use. There is always one truck that gets in the way and we had it. We waited until gone 7.00pm for the driver to return but he didn't so we went back home.

Sunday morning we arrived at 8.30am with the truck still in the way so the tests had to be run around it. People then started to arrive to help set up the tests, special thanks to John Bean (Cheif Marshal) Richard Simpson and Neil Du Cros for helping to set up the tests while Barry Dove was doing the scrutineering. The tests got started at 10.30 on schedule, finishing at about 4.30. Thanks to all the Marshal's who turned out, without whom it would not have been possible to run the event.

The results were out promptly due to the hard work done by Becky Kemp, Jacqui Neild and Barry Dove. FTD was Dave Haigh, again! Trackrod had 4 entries, Pamela White, Richard Ineson 1st in class 2, Ronnie MacKinnon 2nd in class 4 and John Renny Best Trackrod. There were no protests so the stewards Rod Parkin and Steve Stringwell were not over worked.

Hope everyone watching enjoyed themselves.

Peter Stanhope
Clerk of the Course.

Marshals Memo's

Well hello there and hi, I thought I'd put pen to paper to prove that not only does the Chairman write articles for the newsletter, but the Chief Marshal does as well.

Well what's been happening, TMC provided marshals on the Holderness Trophy Rally, also at Wombledon on the 10th April(Wot a laugh!!) and also on the Endeavor Stages on May 1st (Report next month)

One event we have been asked to help with the Dukeries multi-venue on 2nd July, Start & Finish in Mansfield. Due to being on holiday that day and other people may also be, if anyone is interested in going down to give a general hand, let me know and I will pass on details to those concerned.

Any other events which arise in the mean time, I'll let you know, Which leads me right into my next point, The 1988 Economy Run, May 8th 9.30 - 10.30am Start, at the Texaco garage, Otley Road Adel. Entries have already been forthcoming, so come on all you rally drivers, let's see if you can drive to a maximum MPG instead of MPH.

That's about all for now I'll see you on May 8th in Adel if not before, entry forms from John Bean if you please

Cheers for now!

Malcom Jagger
Chief Marshal

NOVA MEETS IVOR THE ENGINE

Friday the 15th April 11.00pm found us Travelling down to Wales for the Plains National. The Nova had been ready for a whole week prior to the event (nothing could stop us now) By midnight (having repaired the trailer lights) we were well the other side of Horsforth and making great progress. 3.00am we arrived in Llandrindod Wells, after a good nights travel refreshed and raring to go.

Noise & Scrutineering were passed without too much trouble. Luckerly reverse seeding was being used and we set off before falling asleep. The first three stages were incredibly slippery and with big drops we were a little over cautious. The first service required nothing more than new rubber. However on trying to leave service we discovered the new wheels didn't clear the GTE brakes and were even quicker to change back. The next three stages saw us traveling considerably quicker. Stage 6 we caught and passed the Astra in front, however the excitement was short lived as I neatly parked it on the passenger door on the next 45 deg. right and we were repassed by a some what smug crew.

After regaining our wheel and the road we got on ou way again and recaught the Astra and passed it again our turn of speed being brought on by pride. Second service was an hour lunch halt and we had the new tyres put onto different rims and the ham butties were eaten. The last 3 stages saw Peter bring back his butties for a second look and I didn't have a spoon for the big bitz. Luckerly this happened between stages (good on ya Pete it would never have got out of the full face helmet)

The last stage saw a fifty minute delay in which we both fell asleep and were awoken by an inconsiderate marshal to get on the start line. Ready and raring to go, the stage was completed. without incident then there was the lon drive home.

I would like to thank the service crew Tony Eastwood And Robert Ward and the sponsors;

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Rally & Speed Autotest Trophy

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| Richard Ineson | 10 |
| Ron Mackinnon | 9 |
| John Renny | 5 |
| Pam White | 5 |

Dickinson PCT Trophy

No Events Run Yet

Marshals Trophy

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Richard Anderson | 25 |
| Richard Simpson | 20 |
| John Bean | 20 |
| Carl Rose | 20 |
| Malcom Jagger | 15 |
| Steve Lancaster | 15 |

Service Crew Trophy

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Peter White | 15 |
| Vince Fletcher | 10 |
| All Others | 5 |

Trackrod/Newman Trophy

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|-----------------|----|
| Steve Lancaster | 25 |
| Ron Mackinnon | 25 |
| Becky Kemp | 25 |
| John McNichol | 20 |
| Richard Ineson | 20 |
| Peter Stanhope | 15 |
| Neil DuCros | 15 |
| Pam White | 10 |
| All Others on | 5 |

Shell League Trophy

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Ron Mackinnon | 93.9 |
| Alan Powell | 86.0 |
| Richard Ineson | 71.7 |
| David Unsworth | 65.0 |
| Tom Whittaker | 63.9 |
| John Renny | 58.8 |
| D. Marshal | 51.7 |
| Pam White | 38.8 |

FSB Trophy Driver

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Mark Eastwood | 30 |
| Alan Powell | 28 |
| Pam White | 20 |
| Steve Bell | 11 |
| Tom Whittaker | 8 |
| David Unsworth | 6 |
| Peter White | 6 |

FSB Trophy Navigator

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Peter Green | 30 |
| Barry Dove | 28 |
| Ian Parkinson | 15 |
| Steve Sanderson | 11 |
| Jackie Smyth | 8 |
| David Smith | 6 |
| Richard Simpson | 5 |
| John McNichol | 3 |

CONT'D.....

ANCC Trophy Driver

Peter White 6

Off Road Events Trophy

Richard Ineson 170

John Renny 6

**Lloyds Stages Driver
(Multi Venue)**

Alan Powell 157.0

Mark Eastwood 70.8

David Unsworth 65.0

Tom Whittaker 63.9

Pam White 59.0

**Crest Hotels Trophy
(Single Venue)**

D. Marshall 51.7

**Ronnie Mackinnon
(Trophy Points Sec.)****ANCC Trophy Navigator**

No Claims

Best Lady Competitor

Pam White 59

Jackie Smyth 8

**Gordon Jefferson
Co-Driver**

Barry Dove 157.0

Peter Green 70.8

Jackie Smyth 63.9

David Smith 60.0

John McNichol 54.7

Ian Parkinson 30.2

Richard Simpson 28.8

Steve Sanderson 21.6

Spy 44 Trophy

No Contenders As Yet

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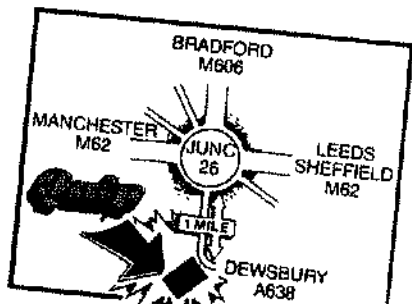
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