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EDITOR

G'day folks, how are ya, all well I hope. Yep it's this time of the month again and what a month hectic or what!

First of all there was the economy run which seemed to go OK (see sep. article) then there was the Mini Stage, a night enjoyed by all it seems and can't wait till the next one! On the last one some people even paid to go round a second time, just to pose at how quick they were, but it's not suprising doing it in someone elses car & we won't mention any names.

Then following that there was the PCT which was again organised by Barry Dove (pity he's not as good at getting competition calendars done on time!). The PCT was extremely enjoyable although not ideally suited to XR2's, but I knew that before I started, but it wasn't possible to be as bad as last years when I gave up due to a total lack of any sort of traction, even getting to the start of the tests this year was one hellava job, I never realised that cow S_____ was so slippery and even after two jet washes the stuff still hasn't all come off!!

You will notice that Mr Angry has returned with a vengeance but that won't be welcomed by everone!

We've had a few letters regarding various motor sport events so I'll list them below and if you want to see the letters & information please see myself at any club night.

1. Le-Mans 11/12th June - details of package deals via Sealink ferries.
2. Tudor Webasto Manx Rally 14-16th Sept - details of package deals for Marshals & Timekeepers.

3. The Motorsport & Classic Car Show - Leeds Exhibition Centre - 30th Sept to 2nd Oct - details of applying for a stand at the exhibition.

And also there are some details on deals to the British Grand Prix and also some special deal on RAIN-EX, the stuff you put on your windscreen for dispelling water.

Don't forget that the ACM is on 2nd August and I'm standing down so if anyone is interested in becoming the Editor please see any member of the committee.

Just one last thing, if anyone calls round here to see me could you please use the BACK door 'cos my parents hav. just got a new carpet and it'll save me one hellava lot of earache - OK!!!

Chris Sharpe
Editor

Deadline for articles for JULY is TUESDAY 28th JUNE and if they are any later than that, they won't be going in the mag no matter what it is or who it is!!!!

PS Thanks to Peter Stanhope for his assistance in typing some of this up due to LATE arrival of articles.



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CHAIRMANS CHAT

Well here we are a Bank Holiday Saturday and its actually not raining! in fact quite the reverse the weather is marvellous and I'm quite looking forward to a weeks break in the countryside.

It hardly seems a year since the last AGM but in fact there are only 2 months to go to the next one when the new committee will be chosen. Nomination forms will be printed in the July issue and as one or two of the present committee will not be standing again or you think you can do a better job then get your name down before the meeting in August. I for one will be carrying on for at least another year assuming you'll have me again of course!!

So what has been happening recently:

A couple of weeks ago I was navigating for Anne Moffat on John and Malcolms economy run. They had put together an interesting and varied route taking in the classic rally roads around Fewston and Thruscross, to some interesting bits of navigation around Hampsthwaite and Eccup. Their efforts were rewarded by eleven entries who all enjoyed themselves greatly and was worthly won by John McNichol in his Nova SR. His MPG was so astounding that he now wants to know why Jenifer uses so much petrol. Our own efforts resulted in a devastating last place caused, we think, by not filling up the tank at the start.

The 'marshals' training evening at the Fox and Grapes was both an overwhelming success and failure at the same time! A failure in that not a lot was learned about marshaling but a success as everyone enjoyed themselves immensely on the RAC standard special stage I had constructed around the old Go Kart track. We had fifteen seperate entries and 3 runs, five times were added together giving the eventual winner meant that the late comers were going round in the darkness. This event was also won by John McNichol who was last seen going into the car wash to remove the evidence so that Jenifer wouldn't know what he'd

been up to. Pity he didn't know about the neatly stacked papers in the boot! Make a note in your diaries for the next one on the 14th June at the same venue.

It is fantastic how well attended the club nights are at the moment rather than in previous years when organisers were moaning at the lack of interest - Keep it up!!

I have also been out with our Chief Marshal Malcolm Jagger on the Bell Watsons stages at Hibaldstowe which was a fabulously sunny day and saw us both getting nicely tanned whilst watching some good action, a demonstration on how to look a wally when upwards of ten crews missed the lap split and were excluded for only doing one instead of two laps. Really difficult this co-driving on single venue rallies innit peeps!

By now all of you will have cancelled your holidays and ensured that you have a job on the Costa which, as you know, is our next major event and will need all of your help.

Anyway as I am writing this on the beach at Southend, nr Whitby, and the tide is coming in quickly I am going before I get washed away.,

So until the next time.

Cheers,

Richard

SOCIAL CALENDAR

JUNE	Tues 7th	Crown, Boston Spa Open Forum
	Tues 14th	Fox & Grapes Sports Night
	Tues 21st	Beehive, Thorner
	Sun 26th	June Jesters Autotest
	Tues 28th	Roundhegians R.C. noggin
JULY	Tues 5th	Crown, Boston Spa Open Forum
	Tues 12th	Roundhegians R.C. noggin
	Tues 19th	Beehive, Thorner
	Tues 26th	Roundhegians R.C.
	Sun 31st	Costa Stages Rally
AUG	Tues 2nd	Crown, Boston Spa A.G.M.

Plenty to go at yet again, on the 14th June at Fox & Grapes another sports night, including a ladies challenge, so come on girls lets show'em how it's done, even if you have to have a handbrake man in the car it's loadsafun. You can learn to pirouette with Tom, how to have a close shave with a 4x4.

Hopefully a boat trip will be on for July, but you'll get plenty of notice.

And of course not forgetting a very important date 31st July - Costa Stages Rally, all hands to the deck please to offer your services.

Unfortunately I will be out of commision for a while, as I go into Hospital on the 21st June for an op. so hopefully it will end a few of my back problems.

Rebecca Kemp - Social Sec.

SECS SCRIBBLE

It seems a long time since I last contributed to our Prestigious magazine and a lot of events & meetings have taken place. Amongst these have been three thoroughly enjoyable though totally different events ie The Economy Run, The Marshals Training/Mini Stage thrash and The Wharfedale PCT. Modesty forbids me mentioning too much but suffice to say if John Westmoreland wasn't so tight a driver the wife's Nova would have had trick (did you know that J.W. is so tight that when it rains he turns off the wipers when he goes under a bridge) Anyway, thanks to all the organisers for providing some great fun.

One member who I feel deserves a special mention for the invaluable support he gives all the events is our Equipment Officer Steve Lancaster, he does an excellent Job in his quiet conscientious way and makes the organisers lives much easier; thanks very much Steve.

So what does June hold in store for us? personally there's nothing I'd like more than to do the Stockonian Rally in a BDG armed with full pace notes and the clocks well screwed - unfortunately there is nothing the RAC would like me to do less, so it's the gardening instead, but first I'll have to get the brown stuff off the wife's car from the PCT!!

A.G.M. time is almost upon us (2nd August, Crown, Boston Spa) and the formal announcement will appear next month as will the nomination form for the committee members. The Club has seen an infusion of younger members in the last year - it would be useful to have some younger faces on the committee (Insinuating the rest of the committee are getting on eh John??) - if you're interested have a word with myself or any committee member to find out what is involved.

John McNichol

COMPETITION CALENDAR

PCT's, AUTOTESTS & HILL CLIMBS

JUNE	12th	Hillclimb - Harewood Hill BARC (Yorkshire)
	26th	P.C.T. Ilkley & DMC
	26th	JUNE JESTERS AUTOTEST Trackrod MC (see sep. article)
	26th	P.C.T. Malton MC (clubmans) Thixendale
JULY	3rd	Hillclimb - Scamondon Shipley & DMC (rest.)
	10th	P.C.T. - Ilkley MC (rest.)
	10th	Hillclimb - Harewood (nat.) BARC (Yorkshire)
	10th	Autotest - Grimsby MC Ltd.

RALLIES

JUNE	11/12	White Rose RR (max 1400cc) Shipley & DMC Maps 98,99,103 & 104
	18/19	Stocktonion Rally Stocton & DMC Maps 92,93,98 & 99
	25th	Whitby & DMC-Single Venue
	25th	Croft Stages Darlington & DMC
	25th	Tynemouth Stages-Multi Venue Tyne & DMSC Maps 80,81,86,87 & 88

JULY 2nd Sutherland Dukeries (nat.)
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 3rd Eastwood MC-Single Venue
 Manby Airfield (Louth)

 9/10 Summer Wine R/R
 Slaithwaite MC Ltd
 Maps 104,110 & 111

 24th Lion Stages
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JUNE JESTERS AUTOTEST

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Timekeeping - John McNichol tel. Leeds 866318

All other enquiries and for regs see
Ronnie MacKinnon at any Club Night or
tel. 0937 63109 (Home) 0742 699251 (Work)

Help will be required from 9.00 am to assist in setting up etc. So come on get your name down and bring all the family down for an enjoyable day out.

If you get bored with cars you can always amble over to the canal and see the long boats sauntering past or even walk along and see the magnificent five riser locks. So come along it'll be your loss if your not there!!!

MR. ANGRY

Well if I'm not pigged off with this carry on - you go out in the Reliant Robin and do your bit and what do you get?? Abuse that's all.

First off I do the economy run - try to see who can do the most miles per gallon. Well I sticks a gallon of juice in and off I goes but the route's too long and I runs out in Harrogate. Two hours I'm there and NO COURSE CLOSING CAR! What an organisation, so I sticks another gallon in on the quiet and gets to the end only for that burk Jagger to pour 7 gallons of 4 star into the plastic rat and be told I'm last for only doing 9 mpg. I ask you - who thinks these things up? Mind you - fancy getting Beany to work out the results on a calculator! It's like giving a loaded gun to a lunatic.

Next off is the Marshals training evening - well it might have been fine for what Mat Dylan in the wild west days but it's a wonder I wasn't killed, everytime I did some training - you know, a few push ups or squat thrusts a car comes hurtling round and near hit me, you'll not get marshals fit by throwing cars at them.

So my final attempt was at the PCT (whatever that stands for!) I thought I was going great until someone said you were meant to go up the route, well I'm not stupid - there's a lot of the Eddie Edwards in me and all the burks trying to get up the hills just kept getting stuck! no wonder there was such a smell around the place, I've experienced nowt like it since I stuck my head in Vatenens Escort at the end of Dalby. And to make matters worse my cap blew off and I tried a dozen on before I found one to fit!

So if that's the best you can manage as a motor club I should stick to needle work and leave the real events to people like me, when I get time of course!!

HEALTH WARNING!

N.B. This article contains Jokes first told on the light programme 1958.

Wy i Nova Pet
(No you can't wear Jeans in this Hotel)

Having learned our lesson on the Plains Rally, that travelling overnight is not the best way to prepare for a rally. We arrived in Newcastle early Friday evening going straight through scrutineering and booking into a nice Hotel. We then went out chasing woman, drank a lot of beer and rounded off the night with a curry, still not the best way to prepare but is more fun & highly recommended.

Saturday morning brought a beautiful day, not a cloud in the sky, an excellent start venue - Newcastle City Centre complete with posing start ramp & brass band.

The Nova was complete for the first time so there were no excuses for our times, also complete with Vindaloo Turbo we were good for another 5 mph if we could put up with the smell.

The first stage in a heart stopping moment on the first bend Peter called 45 right, actually on the bend hitting a pot hole the car reared up onto two wheels. This being the nearest we want to come to turning the car on its side.

Stage 2 & 3 passed without incident but they were very very rough. Stage 4 saw the pounding on the sumpguard take its toll when it made a bid for freedom by breaking free from the mountings. Luckily we were straight into service after this stage.

We spent the one hour service time repairing the sumpguard the best we could, however after every stage we had to get out and effect another repair with the bungs which were holding the spare wheel down.

The stages were getting rougher and rougher in which we bent 3 wheels and saw a rock pierce thro' the floor and also damage the gear linkage which meant that we couldn't get 5th and 3rd & 4th were dodgy. Stage 8 we hit a large rock and damaged a drive shaft, the knocking was getting louder and eventually on the road section to the next stage the front wheel fell off, there were red faces all round but it was far cheaper than a drive shaft.

A last quick service and into the final stage 9, it was the smoothest and quickest all day thank god! After a quick pose on the finish ramp back in Newcastle we were delighted to finish 40th O/A and 9th in th Nova/Astra challenge.

We'd like to thank;

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CLURNIGHT P.C.T

Held again at Hall Farm, Pool in Wharfedale, on what was a lovely evening. In all there were 18 tests completed by 7 only competitors (less than 1/2 who said they would definately be there, but they missed out!!!)

Protests from J. westmoreland were overuled, some tests too tight he said(only if you had a bus

John) Pcere Green in a brand new Polo, P & P White in the rebuilt Nova although Peter tried destroying the tests now and again

Results showed;

1st	John McNichol
2nd	Peter Green
3rd	John Westmoreland
4th	Martin Westmoreland
5th	Pamela White
6th	Chris Sharpe
7th	Peter(i can knock'm down)White

My thanks to Becky for co-promoting, Peter Stanhope, Steve Lancaster & Mark Brier for help setting up and those who were marshalling.

We had a good night

Barry Dove

THE CHIEF MARSHAL MAN

Well hello there again, do the months fly or do they fly. Not a lot to report since last month, only to say that myself and Richard Simpson turned out on the Be'l Watson Stages Rally on May 29th only to return suntanned.

My main topic this month is to say thankyou to all who turned out on the 1988 Jackwell Trophy Economy Run. By being on a Sunday mid morning it gave people a chance to lay in, and the weather was very kind to us by being fine and dry.

Unfortunately three potential entries were unable to attend due to the pressures of work, however a field of ten made up the entry. All seemed to enjoy the run and the last finisher gave the best thanks of all. No questions please, the answer is for me to know and you to wonder!

The results are as follows;

	DRIVER	CAR	C.C.	% RESULTS
1.	John Westmorland	Montego	1275	219.05
2.	John McNichol	Nova SR	1297	187.32
3.	John Renny	Orion 1.6I	1597	180.65
4.	Stewart Marsh	MG Maestro	1994	168.33
5.	Roland Rat	Metro 1.0	998	143.47
6.	Steve Sanderson	Astra SRI	1796	139.45
7.	Steve Lancaster	XR2 Fiesta	1597	134.95
8.	A. Heaton	Rover SD1	3528	115.41
9.	Peter Stanhope	Porche 911E	2400	94.98
10.	Anne Moffat	Astra 1.3L	1297	91.57

Congratulations to John Westmorland who not only wins the Jackwilll Trophy, but also gets the chance to organise next years event. Condolences to everyone else but there's always next year

Cheers for now

Malcolm Jagger

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26th April 1988

Dear Malcolm

Just a line to thank you for your help on the Des Winks Honda Stages. I was personally very pleased with the way the event progressed and of course it could not have happened without the help of you and your trusty marshals. Well over 90 marshals turned out on the day and that, I must say, was great effort from all concerned. Whitby, I suppose, will have been pissed out of their tiny minds after winning the beer and I hope they sober up before The Endeavour Stages on the 1st of May.

Once again, thanks very much and I hope to see you all again later this year when we hope to run another single venue.



Dave Wakeley

[Chief Marshal]

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Dear Malcolm,

Would you please convey my thanks, to all the Marshals from your club who helped on the Endeavour Stages rally.

Apart from the delay on Stage Two! I think everything went according to plan.

If you have any complaints please don't hesitate to write to me.

I hope we can help you if you ever need Marshals for an event.

Yours sincerely,

CHIEF MARSHAL.

TRACKROD TROPHY POINTS - JUNE '88

Rally & Speed Autotest Trophy

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

Marshals Trophy

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

Trackrod/Newman Trophy

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

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

Dickinson PCT Trophy

No Events Run Yet

Service Crew Trophy

Peter White	15
Vince Fletcher	10
All Others	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

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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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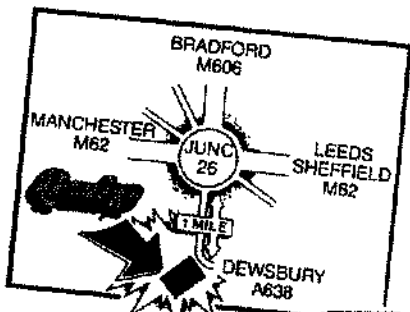
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