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EDITOR

G'day folks, (especially to annoy you Steve) Well what's happened over the last month, not a lot as far as I'm concerned except for threats against me, I'm thinking of taking out some insurance after what's happened. I think Mr. Angry has upset a few people and I seem to be getting some hassle for printing it. If You're reading this Mr. Angry then I've been asked to warn you that when you turn up at the next meeting there will be two rather large members of the club wanting a quiet word with you outside!!

There was an extremely poor turn out for the June Jesters but you'll read about that in the mag. and who am I to moan 'cos I wasn't there anyway.

The end of the month sees the Costa running for the first time as a single venus rally and if the amount of work that has been put in by Barry Dove and his team is anything to go by then it should be a great success, but all that depends on the Club members turning up - should be interesting.

Anyway I better finish now and get some letters written for the Costa or else Barry will be giving me some hassle for not doing my job, that would make a change from the other way around wouldn't it Barry,

Cheers for now & see you ALL down at Manby Airfield.

Chris Sharpe
Editor

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

For those of you old enough to have been around before the First World War then the face of Kitchener pointing through a bristling moustache and saying " WE NEED YOU " would have been quite familiar. Had Kitchener been replaced by Ronnie Mac and the request been for Marshals and not for soldiers then I am afraid if Kitchener would have had the same response I would have been writing this in German and would have probably have been called Wolfgang.

I am of course refering to the June Jesters Autotest, which was an MI5 promoted event last Sunday, when the request in last months mag for helpers and marshals was met with a total blank. Last year was bad but this year was worse!, 4 marshals and 3 timekeepers to run a round of the RAC Championship, Pathetic isn't it. Lets hope the hard work put in by the organisers of the Costa Single Venue is met with a better response. These events are not just run for the personal gratification of the organisers but for everyone in the club, but if this lack of interest is the norm then what is the point. It's up to you to prove me wrong!!

On a brighter note John McNichol is organising a sportonoggin at the Fox & Grapes and Richard Anderson a boat trip in York. Details & dates for both these events will be found in this issue of the magazine.

As you know Becky has been in hospital for an operation which she hopes will stop the problems she has been having. I am sure you all join me in wishing her all the best.

Don't forget the AGM at the Crown on the 2nd of August but until then

Drive carefully
Richard

SOCIAL CALENDAR

JULY	Tues 5th	Crown, Boston Spa Open Forum
	Tues 12th	Fox & Grapes SPORTONOGLIN
	Tues 19th	Roundhegians R.C.
	Tues 26th	Boat Trip - See Separate Article
	Sun 31st	Costa Stages Rally
AUG	Tues 2nd	Crown, Boston Spa A.G.M.
	Tues 9th	Roundhegians R.C.
	Tues 16th	Beehive, Thorner
	Tues 23rd	Roundhegians R.C.
	Tues 30th	Beehive, Thorner

* Wednesday 27th July - Costa Marshals, Timekeepers meeting and final briefing at Roundhegians 8.30pm prompt

Rebecca Kemp - Social Sec.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

PCT's, AUTOTESTS & HILL CLIMBS

JULY

- 10th P.C.T. - Ilkley MC (R)
- 10th Hillclimb - Harewood (Nat)
BARC (Yorkshire)
- 17th P.C.T - York MC (R)
- 17th Autotest - Kirby Lonsdale (R)
- 17th Hillclimb - Knowledale CC
Pennine Stages (R)
- 31st Autotest - Alwoodley MC
BTRDA - Hartshead Moor

AUGUST

- 7th P.C.T. - Malton MC (R)
Thixendale
- 7th P.C.T. - Trackrod MC (R)
Hall Farm, Poole
- 7th Autotest - Hagley & DLCC (R)
RAC Championship

RALLIES

- JULY 10th Memorial Trophy Rally
S.V. Desborough Airfield
Ecurie Royal Oak MC
- 16/17th Drystone Rally - R/R (R)
Derbyshire MC
Maps 119 & 120A

- 24th S.V. Stage Rally
061 CC - Manby Airfield
Map 113
- 24th Lion Stages
Alnwick & DMC
Single Venue FOREST Rally
- 31st COSTA STAGES RALLY
MANBY AIRFIELD Single Venue
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INTERESTED-- SEE MYSELF OR MARK
BRIER AT ANY CLUBNIGHT.
- AUGUST
- 7th Moonraker Stages - NHMC
S.V. Leconfield
- 14th S.V. Stages - Rhyton MC
Albermarle Barracks
- 21st Three Swans - Selby & DMC
S.V. Alamein Barracks.
** SHELL LEAGUE ROUND **
- 28th Mintex Stages - Delacy MC,
S.V. Manby

ENTRANTS LICENCE NUMBER:- 0695

BARRY DOVE
COMPETITION SECRETARY

COSTA STAGES RALLY - SUN 31st JULY

There will be a marshals meeting to be held at the Roundhegians RC on Wednesday July 27th.

Will all those who are doing Sectors, Timekeeping etc including anyone helping on Saturday & Sunday please try and attend + anyone interested in helping on the day.

PLEASE COME WE NEED YOU!!

SECS SCRIBBLE

The busy period for the motor club got underway last Sunday with the June Jesters Autotest and an excellent event it turned out to be too! It's even inspired me to enter the Shell League autotest and I've secured the coaching services of Richard Ineson for a few pointers before the day!

But first the car will have to survive the Shell league PCT which I'm doing with Richard Simpson as bouncer! I don't think the problem will be getting up the hills but keeping the car from falling over on its side with Richards weight as these red Nova's do seem to like standing on their heads.

July is again a busy month both social and competition wise (I'm sure details will appear elsewhere so I won't bore you) and so I look forward to your company for support and a few laughs!!

John McNichol

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BOAT TRIP - TUESDAY 26th JULY

Hi,

Some of you may know me as the person who wins all the freebies(it's not true). Most of you may not even know me.

I have been a member of Trackrod since just before Christmas and had some very good times since. As Becky is incap unabl knack laid up at the moment I was asked to help and was only too willing. We have arranged a night of frivolity and food etc on the river at York. It includes a one hour trip down stream and a meal (see menu opposite). There is then a repeat trip back up. Everybody including their friends are invited but first come first served and I am sure it will be a good night.

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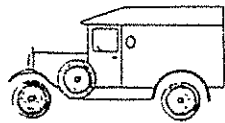
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Mr. Shaape - please print in mag or we will
break your legs as well!!!

The Brothers are back!

A comment or two on last months Mr. Angry.
You've got a nerve pal, who do you think you are ?
This motor club has had one of its best years we
can remember in a long time, so why knock it?

Your comments on the economy run;

1st We didn't think Reliant Robins could manage
60 mpg.

2nd I'm suprised you got as far as Harrogate
before stopping. We would have expected it
breaking down at Bramhope.

3rd Don't knock the organisers, we give them
credit for putting the event on after the
hassle they had.

Next, your training evening, All we can say
is next time you want to "work out" do it on the
A1 - It might be safer but we doubt it!

Finally the PCT if you think you are Eddie
Edwards why don't you go find a large cliff (help
will be at hand to get you there since you can't
navigate) and jump off and we hope you land in a
large pile of that brown stuff.

We think you should stick to needle work and
the "real events" you mention are sponsored
knitting etc. 'cos by the sound of it you can't
drive. So stop bitching or else we'll come round
and break your legs - that should slow you down.
There's no mention of the navigational scatter -
did you enjoy that event?

The Dangerous Brothers.

P.S. Is J. McNichol next on the list for bending
his Nova.

SPORTONOGGIN - TUESDAY 12th JULY

AT

FOX & GRAPES INN, YORK ROAD, SCHOLES

This will be a true sportonoggin NOT a thrash. You will not require a Rally car to compete, in fact they will be a disadvantage. All you require is a car and two people and a sense of fun. There will be prizes but the clever devils who come first will only win the job of organising the next sportonoggin.

Start will be 7.30 pm

Last starter 8.30 pm latest!!

White Rose Rally - Shell League - 11/12th June

Car No. 7 - Pamela White/Neil DuCross

There was a firework display in Skipton on the 11th June but I don't think that it was meant for the competitors on the Rally as there was only 29 entries.

As the cars were restricted to 1400 cc & no spotlights the entry was expectedly low. Navigation was Plot & Bash using a variety of methods. The rally used some of the classic local roads but somehow it didn't seem the same as last years White Rose Rally when there was a full entry of 90 crews.

Most crews got to the finish at the Mill Stones only to find that they were excluded as being OTL. There were 10 crews listed as finishers, the 10th having 99 fails 88 mins lost but he got an award and was an instant expert. Neil & I came 6th and third expert plus gaining Shell league points.

Pamela White

Shell League Hillclimb

YSCC Scammonden Dam - 5th June 1988

Just to prove how versatile a woman can be I decided to enter the Shell league Hillclimb. There has to be a first time for everything and Scammonden Dam seemed as a good place as any.

Not wanting to show up Alan Powell and Ronnie MacKinnon I left the girlracer Escort at home and brought the Nova for a spin - Good job as I had left the Escort on bricks so that the wheels could be used on the Orange Peril.

Peter Stanhope and I passed scrutineering and waited for the drivers briefing-come to think of ti we are still waiting for it (the briefing I mean). Ronnie was anxiously awaiting Alan's car and was worried in case he had to use th Nova. However the full team was eventually assembled and Alan Powell, Ronnie Mac, Peter Stanhope and myself had to do our best for Trackrod MC.

At the start of the run I had to ask the officials when I should set off and was told to go when the green light showed - well you don't know if you don't ask do you - what happened to
5-4-3-2-1-0?

We were allowed 2 practice runs and fitted in four timed runs instead of 2 guaranteed ones. A Dutton Phaeton had been entered in my class - Rally Cars upto 1300cc. Unfortunately this was reclassified to the modified sports class as I would have been 3rd out of 5 instead of 3rd out of 4.

My times improved thanks to the advice over gear changes from Peter Green who also witnessed my two wheel attempt at a short cut up the hill. Luckily the cars owner was spectating round the corner - Anything you can do I can do better - Peter??

Alan had told Ronnie to have fun on the last run and he certainly looked spectacular doing it sideways, on the grass and making a lot of noise about it - which method did your girlfriend prefer Ronnie??!!

It was a different days sport and was more enjoyable than expected thanks to the Trackrod groupies, We all finished and gained valuable points for the club.

Pamela White

P.S. It would be nice to see more people entering the Shell League rounds - if I can do it so can you!!

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SPORTONOGGIN - TUESDAY 14th JUNE 1988

Well there isn't much I can say about this event except that it was b_____Y expensive - pardon my French.

On my first run round I got lost & had to be shown the way by Becky on her run while I operated the hand brake.

However something seemed to go wrong on my second run as the Nova seemed to say it had had enough by putting it's wheels in the air. It just goes to show that you should always wear knickers when you go out - men included!!

Pamela White

P.S. The "roll a Nova" club now has 3 members Peter, Mark & Myself and it's so exclusive that we don't want any more thankyou.

MR. ANGRY

Due to his commitments following the European Football Championships and his post as Tory Euro MP Mr. Angry is unable to appear this month.

JUNE JESTERS - 26.6.88

Just a note to say thankyou to R.Simpson, J. Westmorland, R. Anderson, C. Rose, P. White, D. Lee & Brenda Ineson who came along to marshal. Brenda had just come for the day out and volunteered her services straight away. Where the hell was everybody else? laid up with sunstroke? Even the invisible man and his mates failed to turn up! How many people are going to let Harry Dove & Team down on the Costa Stages - 90% of the club I expect. Why join a motor club and never do anything? I'm sure Mr Angry might have a few comments.

Anyway, enough of that, Ronnoe Mac had devised some evil tests which were on the whole enjoyed by most of the competitors. During the day a battle developed between Glenn Simpson and David Haigh for FTD, 10 seconds at the most between them all day, and yes you've guessed it David Haigh won by only 5 seconds ahead of Glenn. Both were driving at 10 10ths on the last four tests and it was breathtaking to watch their car control.

Richard Ineson picked up two awards after breaking the diff on his mini 3/4 of the way through the last test. Thanks go to Ronnie for organising a good event, Glenn & David for some spectacular driving and thanks again to those who did turn up!

Steve Lancaster
Clerk of Course

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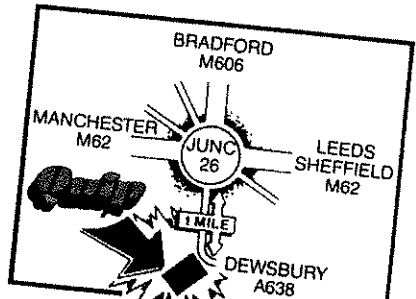
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