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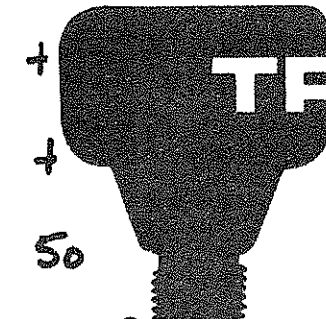
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EDITOR

G'day folks, No doubt you will all be pleased to hear this will be the last time you will have to read anything written by myself as editor that is, as I'm taking over as Trophy Points Secretary which I am hoping will be a lot less HASSLE, but that'll probably prove me wrong.

Well were you all down at Manby, if not - tough 'cos you missed out on one hellava day out. The event went really well as was well recieved by nearly all the competitors, it was amazing to see so many Trackrod members in one place and helping out. Barry & team did a superb job in getting everything organised & runnung smoothly once No. 1 had given up moaning and gone home, so you'd better watch out Rod or you might lose your job or running the second best event in Trackrod MC.

Also I'd like to apoligise for the magazine being a week late but due to the pressures of the Costa and the Quip I had little choice, any complaints then you'd better see the new editor (RAT) and also get your Geordie phrase book out ready for the September mag.

Anyway folks that's all I've to say, thanks to everyone who has contributed to the magazine (except the threatening letters that is!) and thanks to Heidi for all the work she has done for the mag. over the last few months - including the spelling mistakes, well you don't think they were mine do ya!

And you never know you may even get some up to date Trophy Points next month, no promises though!!

Chris Sharpe
Editor (EX)

Sec's Scribble

So MacLaren wins another G.P., Lancia win another World Rally and a Nova wins the Clubnight Sportonoggin. Life goes on much the same as ever.

A Nova also won the Yorkshire Post P.C.T. with no threat from yours truly, Richard Simpson and Pam White in similar machines but we did have a good day out at little expense and got some Shell League points into the bargain.

I'm sure you will be relieved to know this will be the last time I will bore you with this scribble as I regretfully leave the committee again to concentrate on growing business pressures. I was co-erced back to the committee to fill the post of trophy points last year then continued as a stop gap secretary but now is the time to step down again.

Finally may I just let the dangerous brothers know I have no intention of bending Jenny's Nova (touch wood!!).

John McNichol

SOCIAL CALENDAR

| | | |
|-----|-----------|--|
| AUG | Tues 9th | Roundhegians R.C. |
| | Tues 16th | Beehive, Thorner |
| | Tues 23rd | Roundhegians R.C. |
| | Tues 30th | Beehive, Thorner |
| SEP | Tues 6th | Crown, Boston Spa Open Forum |
| | Tues 13th | Roundhegians R.C. |
| | Tues 20th | Beehive, Thorner |
| | Sat 24th | Quip Forest Stages Ravenscar - see sep. article |
| | Tues 27th | Roundhegians R.C. |

Well after 5 years it's time for a rest, so i'm retiring and letting someone else give some fresh ideas on the social scene.

I have enjoyed my time with the committee and would like to thank everyone that i've worked with and all the support that the club has given.

Rebecca Kemp - Social Sec.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

PCT's, AUTOTESTS & HILL CLIMBS

AUGUST

| | |
|------|---|
| 7th | P.C.T. - Malton MC (R) Thixendale |
| 7th | Hillclimb - Knowdale CC (R) |
| 7th | Autotest - York MC (R) |
| 10th | Autotest - David Brown MC (CL) |
| 14th | Hillclimb - Longton & DMC (R) Baitings Dam |
| 16th | Autotest - Otley MC (CL) |
| 17th | Autotest - Ilkley & DMC (CL) |
| 21st | Autotest - Airedale & Pennine (Closed) |
| 21st | Autotest - NHMC (CL) |
| 21st | Hillclimb - BARC (Yorks) (R) Harewood |
| 22nd | P.C.T. Whitby & DMC (Closed) |

RALLIES

AUGUST

| | |
|------|--|
| 7th | Everquip Stages - NHMC S.V. Leconfield |
| 21st | Three Swans Stages Selby & DMC - Driffield |
| 27th | Neil Howard Stages Bolton Le Moors Aintree Circuit |

28th Mintex Stages - Delacy MC
S.V. Manby

SEPT

11th GSB Print Shop Stages
Lincs. & Louth MC
Manby Airfield

OCT 16th Crystal Stages - NHMC

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THE CRUISE

After being given the job of organising this event I proceeded to PRESSGANG as many people as possible to go. I now know just how the Victorian Captains felt when they did it.

With a measley crew of 19 (two people excepted as they had a good reason), we set off.

The evening went very well especially with the cabaret at the start (someone fell in!!). After the first cruise and booze we had tea. Thanks to a technical hitch (not my fault) there were only two choices, no one complained and it was a good meal. The cruise back was fairly short and we then departed.

On reflection given more time and effort (if thats possible), I could arrange another evening that departed about 8.30 - 8.45 on the same river. The only thing it would require is a bit of SUPPORT so we don't make another loss!!.

Thanks to the same few who supported this evening and I look forward to the next.

Richard Anderson

AQUATESTS - SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH 1988

We have been invited to take part in a light hearted social evening of inter club boat races on the river Wharfe at Otley starting at 18:00 hrs.

The races will take the form of timed tests ie. autotests in rowing boats on the river, each club may have upto 3 teams of 2 people.

All tests will be timed to the second.

Fancy dress will be allowed and all protests must be accompanied by a bottle of Whiskey or similar to the organisers.

The invited clubs include;

Ilkley & DMC

Otley MC

Shipley & DMC

Alwoodley MC

Airedale & Pennine MC

Ripon MC

TBA

Anyone interested please see Becky Kemp ASAP, and judging by the fun that was had at the last Inter club event you'd better get your name down quick.

Car No. 7 Alan Powell/Pamela White

Unfortunately the Clerk of Course and his assistant got off to a bad start by rolling the newly prepared Escort on the first stage... back to the garage Barry!! So much for wearing posey overalls bet you wish you hadn't got changed!

The rally got underway after the short delay and I expected to be scared stiff as it was my first attempt at co-driving, however Alan is such a competent driver that I felt as safe as houses. Once my noise level was increased and Alan could actually hear me things started to flow.

The diff locked on the second stage but luckily somehow managed to free itself later on. We were waiting to start the 4th when a spectator told us we had a flat tyre, so it was a case of a quick change. The car finished that stage with a rumbling noise and I thought that it was Alan making the earth move for me but no - shucks it was another puncture.

After 4 stages we were lying 7th overall and 1st in class, within striking distance of an improvement in our overall position. Unfortunately the car lost power on the 5th stage and was diagnosed as a bent valve so we knew that we would lose our position and drove the last two stages for a finish which saw us 10th O/A and 3rd in class. Had the engine held up we would possibly have been much higher overall - but that is all in the game. We won mixed crew and best Trackrod awards. Bet this was your first mixed crew award Alan - see I am good for something!! Thanks to the organisers and marshals for putting in an awful lot of hard work, to the official results team run by Roland and especially to Alan for giving me such a good day out. Now if I was a quarter as good as him I would be happy.

On a personal note I made my peace with Andrew Womack after the Cartel episode and he now has my phone no. in case he needs my services as a co-driver - perhaps he wants a mixed crew award in case he doesn't finish 1st overall next time.

Pamela White

Quip Rally - Saturday September 24th

If you can turn out to help on this event, Trackrod M.C. needs you! Don't wait to be asked, tell the organisers when you are available (Friday p.m. volunteers particularly welcome) and a job will appear for you. Please shout up now - don't moan afterwards, the organisers have too many pressures to worry about who they haven't sent an invite to.



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Mr Angry

While I'm away doing my bit for the country following the lads doing battle in the European Championship the Dangerous Brothers dare to stick their heads up and have a go at me behind my back eh! Well I can take it and I don't need to go round in pairs to threaten people, but since they ask I did enter the navigational scatter but Rebecca Kemp helped me do the plotting so I got it all wrong.

Now if the dangerous (!) brothers want to do something helpful let's get down to the R.A.C. and sort them out. Why? well do you remember me having a go about closing the roads for road rallies and the R.A.C. saying "not possible", "can't suspend the Road Traffic Act", "needs an Act of parliament" etc. Well guess what? - the R.A.C. Rally for 1990 wants to close the roads and it is possible. Like I have always said, the R.A.C H.S.A. only cares about the R.A.C. Rally -us clubmen just subsidise it. They do nowt for us, so if the brothers are dangerous these are the people to threaten, a few broken legs would go down well at the R.A.C.

ALWOODLEY AUTOTEST - 24th JULY - SHELL LEAGUE

It made a change to have a lie in before an event as Alwoodley's Autotests were held in the Carpark at Asda Supermarket at Morley. All that practising with the shopping trolley should have paid off but it didn't. Unfortunately John Renny had problems with the Special so Richard Ineson and I carried Trackrod colours - talk about the sublime to the ridiculous.

The event was well organised and we managed to fit in 14 tests, although the Nova still had it's aerodynamic styling. I'm afraid as usual I wasn't good enough and came 8th in class (out of 8!) - a co-driver would be a definite advantage! Richard stole the show and came first in class.

Pamela White

P.S. Following a request made at the event the "roll a Nova" club now has another member who has claimed two successful attempts. However I didn't tell him what the award for most points will be, but it looks as if Graham Whittaker will be the winner and gain the prize of organising an event for Trackrod.

Dear Editor,

Oh dear! Judging by the dangerous (!!) 'Brothers?' response to Mr. Angry, he either touched a very sensitive spot, or they have a very poor sense of humour, Can't see what all the fuss was about myself, I thought Mr. Angry's contribution was both lighthearted and amusing certainly not to be taken that seriously.

Did you chaps think you had the monopoly on bitching? (usually done I might add with the subtlety of a stampede of elephants) It's a different ball game when the tables are turned isn't it? You get a bit touchy to say the least.

As a somewhat silent observer I have watched the likes of the aforementioned duo criticize all and sundry for their apparently thankless efforts, whilst constantly blowing their own trumpets and reaping, often undeserved glory.

Well I've got news for you "chaps", people are not as stupid as you seem to believe, so watch your tails - or someone might step on them and spoil your fun - as they say, If you can't stand the heat.....etc and judging by Mr. Angry's findings at the PCT I think he probably has a couple of caps to fit you two.

ANONYMOUSE

P.S. Dear Mr. Ed,

I'm not a violent person even though frequently provoked (although it seems the "heavier" of these two jokers could be) so I politely suggest that you might like to print this in the August mag.

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DINNER DANCE

WE NEED SUGGESTIONS FOR VENUES FOR THE 1989 DINNER DANCE BEFORE 18TH AUGUST AS WE HAVE TO BOOK SO FAR IN ADVANCE.

New Social Committee
Christine Goodall
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PCT JULY 10th - SHELL LEAGUE

Yes folks it's me again, this time attempting a PCT for Trackrod points. Other members of the team were John McNichol and Richard Simpson in the Nova. There were lots of Novas entered and Richard suggests it be a rounds of the Nova challenge next year.

My friend Christine came as a passenger but her added weight didn't seem to make any difference as we had to be pushed to get to the start of the tests - was this a bad omen? Two eight stone weaklings aren't really the correct weight for these do's. Oxygen was available for those who could have obtained 0 penalties as some of the tests at the top of the field were more suited to a mountain goat than a car. Coming back down to the start we had to be lifted out of a tractor track which was just an excuse so that the men could get their hands on my body - shame it was only the car they were interested in. (if they had touched the real thing they would soon have dropped it - Peter White)

The event was great fun despite complaints from the Shipley team that we were enjoying ourselves too much!! John & Richard did better than yours truly finishing 16th and 24th in class compared to my 29th - however there were 36 in class to beat,

Till the next time,
Pamela White

Sportonoggin

Despite only 10 entries the sportonoggin was enjoyed by all and my thanks to - Jenny McNichol, Richard Simpson, Ronnie MacKinnon, Steve Lancaster and John Bean for their invaluable help in running the event.

Results

| | | |
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| 1/ | Malcolm Jagger | 448 |
| 2/ | Carl Rose | 470 |
| 3/ | Shaun Hanlon | 499 |
| 4/ | Darren Moon | 504 |
| 5/ | Richard Anderson | 508 |
| 6/ | J. Cook | 516 |
| 7/ | S. Verity | 538 |
| 8/ | Mark Giles | 549 |
| 9/ | Steve Lancaster | 569 |
| 10/ | Arthur Heaton | 628 |

Good to see new faces out having a go and the sight of Arthur Heaton in wellies kicking a wobbly football will last for ever.

John McNichol

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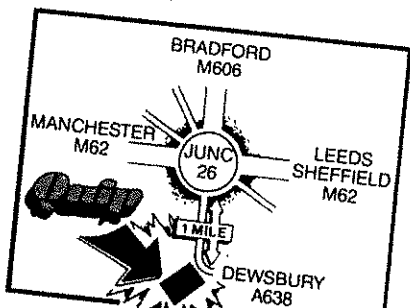
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