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EDITOR

Have no fear Roland Rat is back! Just when you thought it was safe to send articles to the magazine Editor then Trackrod Committee elevates me to the depths of "Communications Coordinator".

For those of you (and that includes me) who do not know what one of those does, I'm supposed to be the blokie who makes information accessible to the club members. "But that's what the Editor is supposed to do now!" I hear you all cry. Ah yes but hopefully now not only will the competitive and social events be better publicised from now on but also we want the people who might not normally get involved actually doing stuff.

Further more we are also hoping to be able to promote the club outside of the limited confines of the membership. This would hopefully not only swell the membership (and revenues therefrom) but also bring new blood into the club to support the wealth of experience which we already have.

So anyone reading this who feels their input does not get a hearing please approach me and let's get Trackrod going places.

Whilst we're on the subject of communication I personally am very concerned about the amount of information that experienced members of the club are passing down to the relative novices. Not only do our "Open Forums" never materialise but marshal's training evenings seem to degenerate into free thrashes.

For this reason I'm starting a new article in the magazine called "Experience Tells". Each

month (starting October) I will coerce an expert (who must be at least 150 years old - which means of course I'll be approaching John Richardson first) in a particular field of Motorsport to relay some of his methods and experiences.

Happy reading!!

Rat-Ed

(P.S. My new address is 28 Regent Park Tce, Headingley, LEEDS, LS62AX. Tel: 757423).

New Sec's Scribble

Hi! My name is Richard Anderson - the New Secretary. Thanks to all who voted for me, and to those who didn't oppose me either (Ed - I don't think I understand any of that). Hopefully I can follow in John's footsteps without too many problems. (Ed - but whatever you do don't start selling batteries!!!).

The social calendar is looking exciting (Ed - which is more than I can say about this article!) for the coming months and I have no doubt that we will all be supporting the new social committee.

On the competitive front, Richard and I have started to prepare the December Navigational Scatter and it looks a good one.

On the home front I have just become a daddy. So for first time and so a pretty young lady called Harriet is now interrupting my beauty sleep (Ed - but what about your daughter?)

Thanks

Richard Anderson

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello! (That's a fairly safe start Richard - Ed). So much has happened recently that it seems an age since I last wrote for the magazine - but then I suppose that's one of the penalties of getting old.

The AGM in August brought an influx of new members to the committee but only at the expense of some of the standing committee members whose presence will be missed by all. However the new social committee have got to work already and have organised quite alot for the future to provide us with an exciting an enjoyable calendar of events.

The dates for the final three rounds of the Hunters Trophy Navigational Scatter Championship will be given shortly together with the names of the organisers and venues etc.

By the time this magazine is published most of you will have a job on the Quip, but if you hav'nt see Rod who will appreciate your help. Your help was certainly appreciated on the Costa and it was encouraging to see so many people travelling so far. Thanks.

Competitor-wise I have been quite involved recently as I have co-driven for Pam White on both the Everquip Moonraker and the 3 Swans Stage Rally and competed with John McNichol on the Yorkshire Post P.C.T. This was infact the first P.C.T. I had ever done (never really fancied it you know) but John asked if I wanted to have a go in his, oops sorry no, Jenny's Nova. So I did it and enjoyed it, great. The in-car competition was hot enough without the other people there but eventually experience told and I was beaten. As the event was a Shell League Round we were out to score points for the club as was Pam with her friend Christine. She even managed to keep the Nova the right way up! aswell as getting some valuable points.

The Moonraker it seemed was designed for cars fitted with super-grippy Fandango Rubber and Grossengarrungular Carbytooters as it was held on the flatsmooth roads of Leconfield. The weather was superb (perhaps a bit too hot), and the event was as usual excellently run by North Humberside Motor Club. We had a few delays getting into the venue as the cars were checked over by the Army Bomb Squad but once in there were no delays at all and infact finished an hour early - there must be something to be learned here for other organisers.

Pam drove well and was really on the pace despite using relatively narrow Turbospeeds (mucho squeelo). We finished 29th overall. The sight of the rally however was provided by John McNichol's chum Brian Colligan in his all singing all dancing BDG injected Escort, wiping the floor with an ex-work's 6R4. Brilliant!

Last week again saw us out, but this time at Allamain for the Shell Oils League 3 Swans Rally. The essence of the rally was totally different to that of the Moonraker as the roads were far from smooth. We had a full team out in the guise of Tom Whittaker and Vince Fletcher in the MkIII RWD Escort, Steve Sanderson and Stuart Bell in the Astra GTE and Pam and myself in our Escort.

Despite the delays Pam soon settled down and began to put in some good times from the first stage. Tom was also flying with speeds of (would you believe) 120 mph down the straights! The stages were a mixture of tarmac and rough bumpy tracks which put an emphasis on car control. Pam's experience on both forest and road rallies paid dividends and by half-way we were holding a position in the high 20's with Tom in the top 15 and Steve in the high 30's. The longer the event went on the smoother and more enjoyable the roads became. That is until we embarked on the last two stages which made the rest of the event look like Motorway Driving! Determined to loosen my fillings a bit more Pam flew round and passed other competitors on both runs. The eventual

outcome was a brilliant 21st O/A and 5th in class which was Pam's best ever stage result. Tom also had a good result with 12th O/A and 3rd in class with Steve and Stuart finishing to ensure a Team success. By the way if anyone wants to form the Angela Allsop fan club you can put my name down. Thanks also to Peter White, Ian Parkinson, Peter Colbourn and Rebecca Simpson for servicing and keeping us going (told you I would'nt forget!)

Cheers

Richard

P.S. Have you noticed that the Editor gets uglier every time you look at him.

P.P.S. Ed - I would'nt mind writing that but I even had to correct his spelling of "uglier".

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I'll shut me gob now.

Dear Editor,

The club's first single venue stage rally is now part of history having been put to bed very capably by a team headed by Barry (Escorts modified at the most inappropriate times!) Dove.

While the pages of this magazine will no doubt be full of accounts of the event from satisfied competitors! I would like to place on record my thanks to everyone involved in the timing of the event. Whether you held a watch, a pen, a buzzer or telephone you all did a splendid job. Most of the team were more familiar with seeing the odd car emerge from a forest looking for a time. Manby concentrated the mind wonderfully with consecutive lapping stages and thirty second starts. It wasn't brakes you could smell folks, it was the ink on the pens overheating!

And what can one say about Roland and his results team. Perhaps this is not the time or place to discuss Roland, but the rest of the team worked tirelessly all day and provided a superb service. Thank you all team, terrific! Barry intends to have another go on July 30th 1989, but we may keep him away from a car next time.

Book the date now team, you will all be required again.

Many thanks,

John Richardson.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

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.
OCT	Tues 4th	Crown, Boston Spa
	Tues 11th	Roundhegians
	Tues 18th	Beehive, Thorner
	Tues 25th	Navigational Scatter (see Richard Anderson for details)

Future Events

November 1st	Bonfire Party. Crown Boston Spa, with Pie and Peas supper (Ed - Yummy, yummy)
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4th	Mischief Disco, Crown Boston Spa.
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December 20th	CHRISTMAS PARTY Yes you guessed it - it's at the Crown Boston Spa.
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- OCT 7/9th Tour of Mull
- OCT 16th Crystal Stages - NHMC
- OCT 15/16th Olicana Road Rally - Ilkley
 & D.M.C. - anyone interested
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- OCT 29/30th Larkspeed Road Rally -
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Dear Editor,

I thought it was time someone wrote an article and dared to put their name to it, even though it might ruffle a few hairs. So here goes!

What on earth is going on with navigators on single stage rallies? I know they don't need to be as good as road rally navigators, but the total incompetence of some has recently left me lost for words.

Using the recent Costa Stages as an example 18 out of 60 crews could'nt add their start number to 9.30am and get booked in at the correct time! One woman didn't bother to book in at all despite driving right past the control - for which she was excluded. Then she decided to start complaining after the results were made final - mind you if I'd spent so much money on flame proof overalls I'd expect special treatment. The driver has actually written to the R.A.C. expressing the opinion that Trackrod M.C. is not fit to organise an event!!!!!!!

I feel part of the problem is that we are competent, and too many other clubs organising single venues will not apply penalties incurred.

Two crews could not even count to two as they only did one lap instead of two - now come on - what is going on?

For the second set of stages the competitors were given a restart time when they finished the first half. Hence, no adding up to do - fool proof! Yes but not car No. 8 proof. They still got it wrong!

Another two crews were excluded for illegal servicing. Their excuse was that they had'nt read the the regs and instructions, and this included car No. 1.

Mind you the drivers must take some of the blame for taking idiots with them. They spend a fortune preparing cars and then waste it all by

etting wrong times, maximums or exclusions due to
llies in the left hand seat.

So come on all you navigators, you don't have
lot to do - not even a map to read, but have
ne pride in the job and do it right! Read the
gs - particularly the timing system being used.
in any doubt clarify it with the organisers.

There are no excuses for making mistakes on
ngle venues. Even Jackie Smyth does it right -
d she's half Irish!

John McNichol

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North Humberside Crystal Stages

October 16th
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Following the enjoyment we all had on the Crystal last year, this year we have been allocated a stage on this excellently run North Humberside event. The first car is'nt due until the sociable time of 11.30 am and so we're all expecting a good number of marshals. The event is also a round of all of the Major Championships and so we can expect a very decent and entertaining entry.

The stage Officers are:

Stage Commander: Richard Simpson
Dpty Stage Commander: Roland (Rat) Cross
Cheif Marshal: Malcolm Jagger

So please give your names to Malcolm and we'll see you on the day.

Richard S.

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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Peter White 6

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Mark Eastwood 70.8

David Unsworth 65.0

Tom Whittaker 63.9

Pam White 59.0

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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

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Rally & Speed Autotest Trophy

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

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
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David Smith	6
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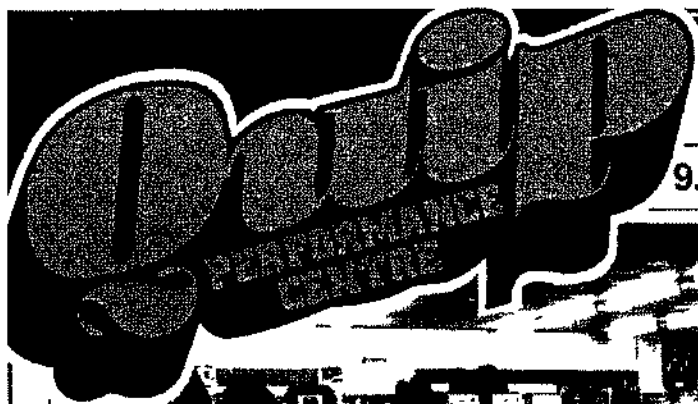
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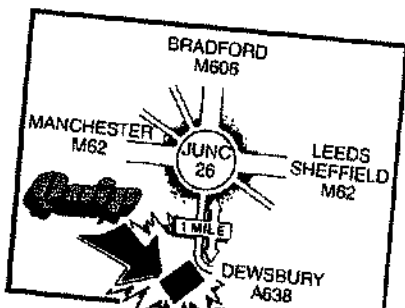
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