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EDITOR'S REVIEW OF 1988

- Jan: Snow, handbrake, cops more bent rims.
- Feb: The Cartel Rally - or how to demolish a Fiat Strada and then call it a rally car.
- Mar: York National. The Theakston #8 in Levishem is far too nice.
- Apr: Easter and my finals are starting to turn my brains inside out.
- May: My brain was now totally evaporated. Declared brain dead.
- June: Finals finalized. Got drunk every day this month to stimulate brain cell growth.
- July: Can't remember anything. Wagered from June 'Oh for the Coast.
- Aug: Started on the 1st rung on my ladder to making a million. A million what I don't know.
- Sept: Lot's of rally cars. Lot's of horizontal rain. And don't ask me how to get around in Scarborough.
- Oct: Duncans Road Rally. It was pure coincidence that I was going nearby and one of my mates won it - honest

Nov: The RÖC. The Falkland hospitality tent  
had lots of brandy.

Dec: Christmas is coming.  
The Turkey's getting hot.  
I can't think of another line.  
So I'll just get lost.

Happy Christmas and see you next year.

RAT - Ed

**Christmas Stages** Tues 27th December  
Start Ref: 92/12&031

Rather than help someone else on this year's  
event we have been allocated the 4 stages on  
Feldon Ganges in our own right.

The stages are all terrain and are extremely  
risky. The event always attracts a quality field so  
do not take a break from the Christmas food and  
come along and help.

We need to be back up by 3.10pm and expect to  
be finished by 3.30pm.

See Richard Simpson on Helicopters page for  
details.

Richard Simpson  
Stage Command

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Since the last magazine life has been pretty hectic what with the RAC Rally, the new dog chewing everything he can get his teeth into and Christmas just around the corner. Where does the time go?

I believe tickets for the Christmas Party and the Dinner Dance will be on sale around the time of this magazine and I certainly hope that the commitment shown at the EGM will materialise. Our Social Committee have received dismal support for the Bonfire and Mischief Disco and so let's hope these events are better attended.

As mentioned previously Richard Anderson and myself will be running the 3rd round of the Navigational Scatter Championship on the 15th December. This round will have the emphasis on driving the car rather than devious navigation.

We are also running a stage of this year's Christmas Stages Rally on the Feldon course. We hope we will get a similar response as we had at the 1980 RAC Rally. Also the presence of excellent Sec Malcolm Jagger for details.

Mentioning the RAC I must thank Chris Cotton, our speaker at the Dinner Dance for coming along to give a most interesting presentation which was most appreciated. Unfortunately our efforts were short lived as the buff seized and snod a half shaft in Iwertram Gardens. However Chris has signed a lucrative sponsorship deal and I will be along with them next year but in a different role on all of the Open Championship rounds and the RAC. I also have a good chance of co-driving on selected rounds of the B.T.R.O.A. Championships for a leading contender and I am just sorting out the sponsorship deal for this at the moment.

If 1989 is half as good as it looks at the moment then I shall be well chuffed Brian. (Is this some foreign Yorkshire phrase or something? - Ed??).

See you later

Richard Simpson  
Chairman

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tues. 19th December  
Drove, Sutton 4.1

A disco has been arranged for this "let your hair down" do. Also a bar extension has been applied for. It is hoped to put on some grub for you hungry soles so if we make advances to you it will be for your food not your body!!

Tickets are available for One Pound from any of the Social Committee at clubnights.

Please support this event and vote for the abstinent recent responses to our events. It's **YOU** who makes the events successful or not.

See you there.

Your Social Committee

Christine, Anne & Pamela

## SECRETARY'S SCRIBINGS

During the entire year with Frackrod Motor Club I have never seen such devastation on a Rally. The Des Winks Stages was not the sort of rally where you did nothing! Coupled with a two way system to John Westmorland we had 3 total "write offs" and a heavy roll. Who said marshalling wasn't fun?

The time between this and the Lombard was spent trying to understand John Richardson's article on timing. Having never had the chance to compete it sounded like Triple Dutch to me until it was physically explained.

The RAC was totally exhausting (my own fault). I ended up doing something for somebody every day. Sue and I did have a particularly good day out near Penrith on Tuesday when we marshalled at Lowther Park.

Thursday dawned and after conceding an argument with Timo Salonen I got the timing correct and everything went smoothly. After following a mad dash back to Harrogate to marshal the finish I ended the day seeing my favourite car win and spending an hour in the company of Mikael Ericsson.

Having taken part in marshalling such an enjoyable event it makes me wonder why more people don't marshal all year round! But I suppose that's a different story.

Richard Anderson  
Secretary

## Membership

Welcome to the recently joined members,

Michael Pool  
Tim Tennant  
Mark Tennant  
Gordan & Julie Sutton  
Andrew Apperley  
Roy Apperley

We now have 117 members, plus joint members.

We are coming to the end of the year when subs will be due. For those of you who were not at the E.G.M., it was agreed that subs would be increased from £6 to £7 for single membership and from £8 to £9 for joint/family membership.

If any of you have friends who are interested in Motor Sport please bring them to any Club Night where they will be very welcome.

Peter Stanhope  
Membership Secretary

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## Navigational Scatter

The final round of the F.M.C. Scatter Championship will run on the 10th January.

The event will start at 8pm at the Roundhegians Club House, Chelwood Drive, off Street La.

It is being organised by Ronnie MacKinnon and John McNichol and so it will be very simple and enjoyable (Sounds like they're using 5 laps of Corsine Loop!! - Ed)

John McNichol

## WANTED

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Further enquiries for team  
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# COMPETITION CALENDAR

## ROAD RALLIES

DEC	3rd	BEAVER	BEVERLEY 101, 107, 113
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## STAGE RALLIES

DEC	3rd	BULLYHORN PARK	SOUTHBANK
	11th	RIPONIAN	RIPON
	27th	ANAS STAGES	NORTH TOM

## NAVIGATIONAL SCATTERS

DEC	5th	Boathouse, Thorman, Spa
JAN	10th	Stark Roundabouts, Chelwood Drive, Spa

P.C.T.'S/AUTOTESTS/HILLCLIMBS

DEC	4th	P.C.T.	Ilkley
	4th	Autotest	Keighley
	26th	Boxing Day	Trackrod
		Autotest	

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## SOCIAL CALENDAR

DEC	Tues 6th	Beehive, Thornham
	Tues 13th	Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive, off 3 Street La
	Tues 20th	Christmas Party. See separate article Page 4
	Tues 26th	Boxing Day Autotest - Venue TBA. Organised by Gary Dove
JAN	Tues 3rd	Crown, Boston Spa
	Fri 10th	Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive
	Tues 17th	Beehive, Thornham
	Tues 24th	Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive
	Fri 27th	DINNER DANCE, THE LYNNSWOOD See separate article Page 11
	Tues 31st	Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive

## Future Events

December 20th CHRISTMAS PARTY.  
See page 4

January 27th THE 1989 T.N.C.  
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE  
AND  
PRIZE PRESENTATION

Lanswood Arms, Adel  
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Hope to see you at all these events.  
The Social Committee

Christine Goodall  
Anne Moffat  
Pamela White

Radio Procedure

One of the major problems on the Lombard RAC Rally in Yorkshire this year was the radio being "Blocked". This was due to radio operators putting down their microphone's and then the transmit button getting jammed on. The only way to stop this happening is to make sure that you know where your microphone is at ALL times.

Radio,s should be manned at all times, so two people should be with each radio. One person can then take notes while the other operates and so having hold of the mic at all times.

Further more it was noted that operators were using incorrect radio procedure when notifying incidents. This was mainly in the form of operators prefixing their messages with the wronge prioity word when calling control.

The types of situations which would merit such words are:

- a. RELEVANT - to interupt, at a break between calls, in order to provide significant information which may materially assist the problem/situation in hand.
- b. SAFETY - for messages concerning stage safety eg Car off but all OK, stage arrowing, spectator marshalling problems.
- c. URGENT - for situations requiring immediate action e.g. car known to be in difficulty, suspected injuries, stopping the stage.
- d. EMERGENCY - for CONFIRMED situations involving personal injury where immediate Medical/Rescue services are required.

Use common-sense - do not overrate the urgency of your message unnecessarily.

I have copied some of the radio notes out of the Quip Forest Stages Rally operations manual to refresh your memories.

1. Make sure the set is switched on, aerial and mike connected, turn up the volume.
2. Adjust 'squelch' or 'mute' control just to the edge of the noise. If you find that rally cars are causing interference do not adjust squelch control. You will have to work in the noise.
3. Make sure that someone is listening to the radio at all times. This means listening to everything, not just messages for you.
4. Always work through Control. It is there to help not hinder.
5. Remember, Control may be able to hear a lot of radios that you cannot hear. If he does not respond to you immediately please do not call incessantly. Controllers will announce when they go to standby.
6. If you want to talk direct to another mobile, call Control and when he says 'go ahead' then go ahead with your call to the other mobile. Don't then ask the Controller for permission to call the other station, it just wastes time.
7. If you cannot talk to your local Control establish quickly which set you can hear best and work through that.
8. Always keep messages as brief as possible.
9. Always remember this frequency is specifically for safety and medical purposes, keep admin. traffic to a minimum.

10. When you put your microphone down make sure you do not trap the transmit button. It will 'kill' all other transmissions.
11. If your set appears to have stopped working check all connections. If this fails and you have another radio nearby (i.e. rescue vehicles, etc.) get them to notify Control that you will work through them.
12. Only use CB for chat, never for safety purposes except as a last resort.

Think about your message before keying the mike - don't use air time for thinking.

Before a stage becomes operational, one radio operator (usually at the start) get clearance from control to do a radio check. Since all radio's will be manned at all times they can be checked out very quickly!

When you call another radio, be it control or another mobile once you have clearance from control, you should put the callsign of the radio you are calling first followed by your own.

I hope this information is helpful and maybe one of these evenings we might run a Radio training evening again, with the help of Chris Worboys.

If anybody is interested in learning about using radio's on rallies or have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Peter Stanhope



Mr Sarky

How nice it was to see the usual "one nighters" on the prestigious Lombard RAC Rally.

One presumes that the same devoted acolytes will be apparant on the esteemed Cartel, in conjunction with the true self sacrificing marshalliers who give their tireless and boundless services to this sport without a thought of personal justification (with) - or brotherhood - (IT YEAR FOUNDED).

#### Navigational Scatter Result:

Only 4 crews took part starting and finishing at Roundheadians. They had a choice of 20 controls to visit in any order they wished although it was impossible (intended) to visit all the points.

Plotting the route caused a little trouble to the first timers, but a little advice and help got them going.

It would appear that all crews had an enjoyable outing even if one team did not realize they had to answer the questions.

1st	Tim Lennart/Nick Pullan
2nd	Tom Mackinnon/John McMichael
3rd	Sheila Lancaster/Chris Shanna
4th	Richard Anderson/Richard Dwyer
5th	Jackie Hewitt
6th	John Galloway

John Westmoreland  
RAC Rally

## QUIP FOREST RALLY 1989

Trackrod are again organising a round of the RAC NATIONAL STAGE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Key Personnel this year will be:

Clerk of Course	Rod Parkin
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Rally & Speed Autotest Trophy

Richard Ineson	19
John Renny	10
Ron Mackinnon	9
Pan White	5

Dickenson PCT Trophy

John McNichol	11
Peter Green	10
John Westmoreland	9
Martin Westmoreland	8

Marshals Trophy

Richard Anderson	60
Steve Lancaster	55
Carl Rose	40
Richard Simpson	30
Becky Kemp	25

Service Crew Trophy

Peter White	40
Mark Briar	25
Jackie Hehir	25
Vince Fletcher	15
Ian Parkinson	15

Trackrod/Newman Trophy

Steve Lancaster	90
Richard Simpson	65
Becky Kemp	65
Barry Dove	60
Richard Ineson	55
Ronny Mackinnon	50
Pan White	48

Shell League Trophy

Richard Ineson	250.7
Pan White	202.6
Allan Powell	107.0
Ron Mackinnon	102.0
David Unsworth	87.0
Tom Whittaker	83.9
John Renny	58.8
Derek Marshal	31.7

FSB Trophy Driver

Clark Eastwood	60
Allan Powell	41
Pan White	33
David Unsworth	29
Tom Whittaker	27

FSB Trophy Navigator

Peter Green	50
David Smith	29
Barry Dove	20
Jackie Smith	17
Shears Bell	19

ANCC TROPHY DRIVER

Peter White	5
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ANCC TROPHY NAVIGATOR

No Claims

CONT'D.....

## Off Road Events Trophy

Richard Ineson	573.12
Pam White	63.7
John McNichol	55.0

## Best Lady Competitor

Pam White	470.1
Jackie Smyth	216.1

Lloyds Stages Driver  
(Multi Venue)

David Smith	234.88
Tom Whittaker	216.30
Allan Powell	211.15
Mark Eastwood	151.46
Steve Sanderson	71.10

Gordon Jefferson  
Co-Driver

David Smith	412.9
Jackie Smyth	291.1
Peter Green	173.1
Stuart Bell	172.1
Barr Dove	157.1

Crest Hotels Trophy  
(Single Venue)

David Insworth	183.10
Pam White	142.31
Tom Whittaker	112.1
Stephen Sanderson	101.1

## Spy 44 Trophy

Pam White	243.1
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Above are the results upto 30th and 31st November except the odd one or two events where the results are not yet available.

Will the current holders of all annual trophies please return them to me (via any committee member before Christmas, so I can arrange for the engraving (if would appreciate if you could return them nicely polished).

If anyone is competing or officiating on an event in December would you please phone me to let me know, so that I have an idea to what points to be affected.

Old like to finish off my wishing season with all the very best for the Festive season.

Chris Sharpe

(Trophy Holder Sec.)

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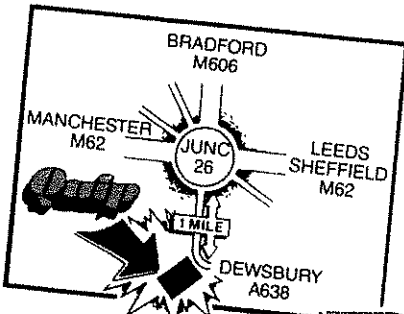
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