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EDITOR'S REVIEW OF 1988

- Jan: Show, 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 Threakstons FB in Levensham is far too nice.
- April: Easter and my finale are starting to burn my brains inside out.
- May: My brain has now totally evaporated. Declared brain dead.
- June: Finally finished. Got through June, and this month to get another brain and thoughts.
- July: Can't compete anymore. Marjorie's in June - Oh no the Costa.
- Aug: Started on the 1st living on my ladder to making a million. A million what I don't know.
- Sept: Lots of really cars. Lot's of horizontal rain. And don't ask me how to get around in Scarborough.
- Oct: Ontario Road Rally. I was under the confidence that I was doing really bad and one of my mates won it - honest.

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

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

Happy Christmas and see you next year.

RAT - Ed

Christmas Stages Tues 27th December
Start Ref: 92/12603

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

The stages are all tarred and are extremely
safe. This event always attracts a good crowd so
do not take a break during the Christmas Food and
Concert evening and night.

We need to be back to the ROC by 3.00pm and expect to
be finished by 5.00pm.

See Richard Simpson or Michael for more
details.

Richard Simpson
Stamps Command

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Since the last magazine life has been pretty hectic what with the RAC Rally, the new dog showing 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 myself will be running the 3rd round of the National Scrabber Championship on the 13th December. This round will have the emphasis on driving the car rather than previous navigation.

We are also running a stage of this year's Christmas Stages Rally on the 10th December. We hope we will get a similar response to the last two Lombard RAC Rally. Also this year we have recruited Sir Malcolm Jaeger for judging.

Introducing the 1982 RAC Clubman Cullen, our break of all the dinner dances, refreshments and driving tests will be from Friday 2nd January to Saturday 3rd January. Unfortunately our efforts were short lived as the R.A.C. decided and used a half-share in Levenshaw Gardens. However Chris has signed a Juniors sponsorship deal and I will be along with them next year but in a different role on all of the Open Championships rounds and the RAC. I also have a good chance of competing on selected rounds of the S.T.R.O.A. Championships for a leading contender and I am just smacking out the sponsorship deal for rats 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 20TH DECEMBER
WYOMIN GARDEN HALL

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 club nights.

Please support this event and help us for the continual success responses to our events. It is YOU who makes the events successful in 1989.

See you then,

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 health. I ended up doing something for somebody every day. Sue and I did have a particularity bad 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. Then 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 Michael Richardson.

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 Ls.

It is being organised by Ronnie MacKinnon and John McNichol and so it will be very simple and enjoyable (Sounds like they're usin' S-laps'n' Cocaine Loop!! - Ed)

John McNichol

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Navigator for "CARTEL"
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COMPETITION CALENDAR

ROAD RALLIES

DEC 3rd BEAVER BEVERLEY
101, 107, 113

STAGE RALLIES

DEC 1st GULLFON PARK SOUTH BONK

11th RIPPONIAN RIPON

27th AHAS STAGES NORTH TOM

NAVIGATIONAL SCATTERS

DEC 14th Sandown, Thornton, Brn

JAN 10th Stark Boundaries,
The Lynton Drive, Cire

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

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

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

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

Hannisdale Arms, Adele
7.30pm
Disco by Nick (Frankie) Brubaker

Menu

Mashed Potato with Herbs

or

Fruit juice

or water

Vegetable Soup

or water

Grilled Prime Sirloin or Bed Wilted Lettuce

Roast Potatoes, Baby Carrots

Gratin Potatoes

or water

Hot Spiced Apple Tart and Cream

or water

Coffee and Mints

Hope to see you at all those 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 thier 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 priority word when calling control.

The types of situations which would merit such words are:

- a. RELEVANT - to interrupt, 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 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

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 apparent 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 gain/loss/health or reputation. - THE YEAR ENDING.

Navigational Scatter Result:

Only 6 crews took part starting and finishing at Roundhay Park. 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 really need to answer the questions.

1st	Tom Bennett/Nick Pulten
2nd	Don Mackintosh/John McMillan
3rd	Steve Lomaxton/Chris Shore
4th	Richard Anderson/Fiona J. Rivers
5th	Jackie Heath
6th	I. Murphy/Mandy Bell

John Meetmoreland
Organiser

QUIP FOREST RALLY 1989

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

Key Personnel this year will be:

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Rally & Speed Autotest Trophy

Richard Ineson	19
John Penny	10
Ron Mackinnon	?
Pam White	5

Dickenson PCT Trophy

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

Marshals Trophy

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

Service Crew Trophy

Peter White	45
Mark Brian	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
Pam White	48

Shell League Trophy

Richard Ineson	250.7
Pam White	202.6
Allan Powell	169.2
Ron Mackinnon	100.0
David Unsworth	65.0
Tom Whittaker	53.0
John Penny	58.0
Derek Marshall	51.7

FSB Trophy Driver

Mark Eastwood	60
Allan Powell	41
Pam White	35
David Unsworth	29
Tom Whittaker	27

FSB Trophy Navigator

Peter Green	50
David Smith	39
Barry Dove	29
Jackie Smith	27
Stuart Bell	19

ANCC TROPHY DRIVER

Peter White	5
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ANCC TROPHY NAVIGATOR

No Claims

CONT'D . . .

Off Road Events Trophy		Best Lady Competitor	
Richard Ineson	1373.12	Pam White	470..
Pam White	63.7	Jackie Smyth	216.1
John McNichol	55.0		
Lloyds Stages Driver (Multi Venue)		Gordon Jefferson Co-Driver	
David Smith	234.88	David Smith	412.9
Tom Whittaker	216.30	Jackie Smyth	291.
Allan Powell	211.15	Peter Green	173.1
Mark Eastwood	151.46	Stuart Bell	172.
Steve Sanderson	71.50	Barr Dova	153.
Crest Hotels Trophy (Single Venue)		Spy 44 Trophy	
David Insworth	183.10	Pam White	216.1
Pam White	142.31		
Tom Whittaker	142.2		
Stephen Sanderson	101.1		

Above are the results up to the end of 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 the committee member before Christmas so I can arrange for the engraving (I would appreciate it 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 in what months to be affected.

I'd like to finish off by wishing everyone all the very best for the Festive Season.

Chris Sharpe
Trophy Points Sec.

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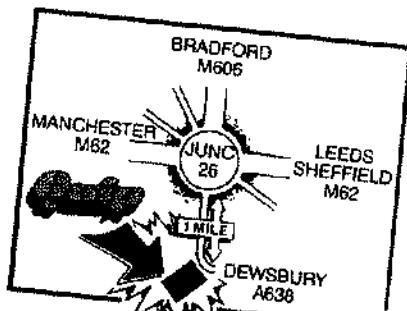
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