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ED'S SCRIBBLE

Hi folks,

Well, this being our first time of putting pen to paper as joint editors, it is very difficult to know where to start.

Firstly, we would like to thank Roland, last years editor for a job well done, he will be a tough act to follow. We will try our best to bring you a full and interesting magazine but of course to do this we need your help, your views (named articles only), your gripes, and your adventures, so keep those articles rolling in.

Secondly we'd like to introduce a photo gallery (no, not a centre page pull out of the wife having trouble changing on the beach) of "interesting" events at either social or competitive outings. So, dig out some old photo's of when JR had hair, Rod was slim and you were all fashionable in those flairs and minis!!

Hope you like the mag.

Rebecca and Susanne

EDITORS

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Many of you will know that the Chairman over the past two years, Richard Simpson, has sadly stood down from this post. Richard has done an excellent job during this time and I am pleased to see him still on the committee, taking the role of Chief Marshal which in previous years he has done an admiral job.

So here I am, the new Chairman of TMC for my sins! All of you should know me via my previous role as Membership Secretary over the last three years.

For those who do not know me, my involvement with Trackrod Motor Club began in '82ish having been dragged along to one of the many since QUIP rally's, now known as Trackrod Forest Stages Rally. Since then I have Marshaled on many "wet" events and organised Autotest's, PCT's and helped on many others.

So now to the future! What's install for all you T.M.C. members to get involved with:-

The Forest Rally is running on 23rd September, so if you aren't competing then lets see you out there Marshaling, see Rod Parkin. See later in this mag for our involvement in the Autoglass Tour of Britian, all members required.

Take a look at the competition and social calanders for forth coming events. Book the dates in your diary for this years Bonfire Party and Annual Dinner Dance, 26th January 1990 at the Lawnswood Arms, the Social Committee is out to beat last years!!

A sad bit of news is that the Tour Of Mull Rally will not be running this year. For those of you who have not been there, it has been in the past a Road Rally, until last year when it went into the Forest. This year the organisers were arranging for closed roads, this has been done but the Order had to go before Parliament. The return of Parliament is not until

after the event and so without the Road Traffic Act being suspended the RAC MSA will not issue a permit. Next years event WILL run, their 21st Rally.

I will sign off for now and hope to see you all soon.

Peter Stanhope.

SEC SPOT

Now there's a title that will be familiar to members from the 1970's. I'm sure former secretary, Steve Lloyd won't mind if I resurrect his intro!!

Well, having stood up to be counted at the AGM I'm already generating the written word at an unprecedented rate - for me anyway!! However, through this "column" I shall endeavour to keep you in the picture concerning happenings or non-happenings in committee meetings so here goes:-

On 23 August the decision was taken, after much discussion, NOT to distribute any Shell League Winnings amongst the competitors - we remain unconvinced that such a scheme would increase our number of entries on events. Also discussed was the future of the club caravan and moves are afoot to obtain quotations for: repair of existing; part exchange of existing; new or second hand box trailer. The latter deemed to be essential for the longevity of any refurbished / replacement caravan which should NOT be used to transport loose equipment. NB These two items resulted from discussion at the AGM.

Other matters included the co-option of an additional 2 members to fill the roles of Membership Secretary and Trophy Points Secretary - those mentioned will be contacted!! The dinner dance will again be at the Lawnswood Arms on 26th January, 1990. Club regalia (also raised at the AGM) that remains in stock is all to be sold on the forthcoming Forest Rally which will pave the way for a complete re-appraisal of goods to be offered to members -watch this space!! Also - look out for

a new notice "board" (made of aluminium) at clubnights in the near future (another AGM topic!) Hopefully by the time you've got to this column you will have noticed the new format/layout of the magazine which our intrepid co-editors are keen to develop further, you will be pleased to learn that the costings for the professional production are no more than copying it in-house!! Finally, for this month anyway, the Boxing Day Autotest WILL run, and will be organised by Bary Dove/Becky Kemp at West Street Carpark.

Thats all for now folkes!

Richard Ineson
SECRETARY

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- 5 SEPT Crown, Boston Spa
- 12 SEPT Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive, Leeds
- 19 SEPT Beehive, Thorne
Marshal's meeting for Trackrod Forest Rally
- 26 SEPT ** Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive, Leeds
- 3 OCT Crown, Boston Spa
- 10 OCT Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive, Leeds
- 17 OCT Beehive, Thorne
- 24 OCT

** We had planned using the Gascoign Arms in Garforth as a venue for 26 September, but unfortunately they have started "Jazz Evenings" on Tuesday nights so we thought it best to give that one a miss for now.

Any suggestions for a Tuesday night venue or social event are welcome. Thanks to all of you who have put forward your ideas which are being looked into.

FUTURE EVENTS

Bonfire night 7th November - watch out for details next month.

Anne Moffat
Social Sec.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

RALLIES

SEPT

9 MAD STAGES. Lincs & Louth SV.

Manby Airfield. 113

10 DRYSTONE RALLY. Sheffield & Hallam R/R

110,119

10 PENDRAGON STAGES. Kirby Lonsdale MC

M/V Private Roads 90;91

12-15 MANX INTERNATIONAL Manx AC

M/V Tarmac, Isle of Man

17 NORKING ALUMINIUM. Lindholme MC

M/V Forest

23 TRACKROD FOREST RALLY. Trackrod MC

M/V Forest North Yorkshire

!!ANYBODY NOT GOT A JOB YET!!

I NEED 2 PEOPLE FRIDAY & SAT MORNING.

OCT

1 AUTOGLASS TOUR See later for details

1 STAGES RALLY. De Lacy MC
SV Some Doubt?

7/8 MORNING STAR ROAD RALLY. Border & Finin***
Restricted. 111,112,113,120,121,123

14 CRYSTAL STAGES. Norht Humberside
M/V Forest 94,100,101

14/15 ROAD RALLY. Ilkley & DMC
92,98,99,102,103,104

22 PREMIER PREMIER RALLY. Dukeries MC
M/V

22 STAGES RALLY. Mid Derby MC
M/V 120

NOV

5 TALKLAND LOOKOUT. Trackrod MC
S/V Melbourne Airfield
FURTHER DETAILS FROM RICHARD
SIMPSON. HELP to Malcolm Jagger PLEASE

11 SINGLE VENUE. Lincs & Cheshire
Oulton Park

19/23 LOMBARD RAC. RACMSA
M/V International
T.M.C. is running LANGDALE 1/2 on the 23rd
See John Renny or Peter Stanhope for details.

24/25 ROAD RALLY. Clitheroe & DMC
RESTRICTED. 97,98,103

AUTOTESTS. HILL CLIMBS & PCTS

SEPT

- 10 AUTOTEST Clitheroe & DMC
- 10 AUTOTEST North Humberside
- 16/17 HILL CLIMB BARC Harewood National
- 24 AUTOTEST High Morr MC
- 24 HILL CLIMB MG CC (NW) Batings Dam

OCT

- 1 AUTOTEST Alwoodley Bingley Car Park

ENTRANTS LICENCE NO 02403

BARRY DOVE
COMPETITION SECRETARY

TALKLAND LOOKOUT STAGES RALLY MELBOURNE AIRFIELD 5TH NOVEMBER 1989

Traditionally, Trackrod have run a "Novice" Rally, known as the "Lookout", for several years. The main aim of this event has been to introduce enthusiasts to competitive rallying, and this years event is being run with this aim. Sadly, it has not been possible to continue as a low budget Road Rally, and will this year be a Single Venue event at Melbourne Airfield, Southe of York.

There are, for those who cannot compete, many ways in which you can be directly involved in this event (see list below).

Assistance, help and advice will be forthcoming to any would-be volunteers for these positions:-

TIME KEEPERS (START, FLYING FINISH & STOP LINE)
RADIO OPERATORS
SECTOR MARSHALS
MAIN TIME CONTROL CREWS
GENERAL MARSHALS FOR PARTICULAR DUTIES.

The events Chief Marshal is myself, John Bean (home tel Leeds 611132). I will be at most club nights chasing up volunteers, and will be happy to answer any questions about the event.

Regs are available from Richard Anderson (Details inside back cover) but, please, get your entry in quickly as the event will be a round of the Yorkshire Shell League and will no doubt be an over subscribed event.

John Bean

B A R G A I N O F F E R

FOREST SPECIAL

TRACKROD FOREST STAGES RALLY 1989

An offer too good to miss. For a team of 3 cars you can enter the Forest Stages Rally for the bargain price of £495 PLUS a free team entry.

If you have been a member of Trackrod Motor Club for a minimum of 3 months then send your entries post haste to Nicola Sanderson.

Dear Editors,

May I use a few lines of your magazine to place on record my gratitude and admiration to every member of the timekeeping crews on our Costa Stages Rally at Manby on July 30th last. They were expected to perform well, that's why they were chosen for the job! However, to operate in the weather conditions that they had to endure for virtually the whole of the event, was dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

Throughout the day there was not one wrong time, not one query from the results team, nor indeed from any competitor. We were trying one or two things a little bit different and it all worked superbly well.

Congratulations all, but if I ever find out who did the rain dance, you can be after me in the queue!!

What can I say about the results team. Spick and span in their shirts and ties all day (trousers etc were also worn). Interim results after each pair of stages with copies to all competitors before they started the next stages. Results provisional less than twenty minutes after the last car had finished.

To Steve, Roland and the rest of the team, a superb job. Thank you all and well done.

John Richardson
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER

ALL ROUNDERS QUALIFYING ROUND TWO KNUTSFORD PCT

This PCT which is held nowhere near Knutsford but in the middle of North Wales is always the coldest of the year, with '89 being no exception. At least there was no snow as in previous years!

This time when we arrived we did not have blinding headaches due to the ill fitting doors as modern technology had been introduced (draft excluder). Thirty five entries from 8 classes tackled the days forty hills, which more often than not included a tree as a marker.

By the end of the day H Tregenza was 1st O/A at the spritley age of 77 years. The "yellow shed" was piloted round to second in class and 19 all rounders points. First in class going to the shed deputy and Hepworth who kept further away from the trees than me!!!

Quote of the day "It's amazing how much more you can see with glasses on, I can actually see the post, now" by Mr 1st O/A.

Does this mean I have to wait for the year 2038 before I have any hope of a BTRDA 1st O/A.

Well time flies, Nick Yellow Shed Pullan

AUTOGLASS TOUR 1989

As mentioned last month we are now advised that we will be running three "Special Sages" at Temple Newsom. The Stages are actually autotests but will be timed in the manner of Special Sages so we effectively need 3 "sets" of stage timekeepers!!

Stage commanders are John Renny; Peter Stanhope and Ron Mackinnon who will be seeking your assistance. The location and time - 8.30 - 10.00pm on Friday 29th September at Temple Newsom are as convenient as we could wish so - please - volunteer your services. We also need lots of marshals for the tests themselves, two of which will be run in "tandem". Setting-up will take place late afternoon on the 29th approx 4.00 - 7.30pm so any assistance you can offer in this department will be welcome.

Further details at clubnights as it becomes available.

Richard Ineson.

WHARFEDALE PCT

Tuesday 15th August.

The event was held at the usual venue, at the bottom of Old Pool Bank, Pool in Wharfedale. The evening turned out to be warm and sunny with a lovely sunset.

Thanks to Steve Smith and Nick Pullan for helping me set out the tests. We set out 3 tests to begin with, I hadn't taken enough stakes, maths never was my best subject! Paul Telford volunteered to go and get some more stakes, so in the end we had 4 tests running.

FIVE marshals turned up, where was everybody else? There were eventually 20 cars which started with one retirement, the wife wanted to go shopping the next day! There were 17 cars in the front wheel drive class and 3 in the rear wheel drive class. In all 11 tests were run, not bad for £2.50, starting at 7:30 and finishing at 9:10. The results were as follows:-

1st Overall - Nick Pullan (Honda Civic)

Joint 1st Front Wheel Drive - Pam White (Honda Civic)
Steve Smith (Nova)

1st Rear Wheel Drive - Roland Cross (Avenger Estate)

Prizes will be given out at the Annual Dinner Dance in January, see you all then.

I hope everybody enjoyed themselves, Barry Dove and I did setting it up.

Hope to see more of you there next year.

Peter Stanhope	Barry Dove
Clerk of Course	Secretary

Mobil 1

RALLY

Challenge

Not long to wait now - for the TV presentation that is. Subject to confirmation this International Rally will be shown on the five Saturdays leading up to the Lombard RAC, on BBC Grandstand commencing October 14th.

Trackrod once again pulled out all the stops and produced two excellent stages, Dalby Woodyard and Wykeham North. Dalby saw the Toyota GT4 being skillfully thrown round the 2 1/2 miles by Stig Blomquist, Malcolm Wilson, Louise Aitken-Walker, Mark Lovell, Russel Brooks and Pentti Airikaila. Malcolm collected a puncture on the first day and due to the limited mileage of the whole event was unable to recover despite some excellent driving in Castle O'er and the Isle of Man.

Wykeham used the Peugeot 309 and ran smoothly apart from a camera man (made nervous by everyone moving!) standing on the outside of the tarmac hairpin. I was personally very happy with our efforts in Yorkshire and my thanks to all concerned - I hope you were not bored, I know there were long delays but there is no way with this type of event that it can be made much slicker. Next year (what am I saying?) it will be better - assuming they ask us of course - I think they will.

Castle O'er provided the third stage that preparation and advance information had been poor and much setting up was needed on the day. Nevertheless watching the vauxhall astra gradually getting faster made it all worthwhile. Malcolm being at home set an excellent 2.05 which he promptly beat by 5 seconds when the "pressure" was off on Saturday when G M hosted a Press Day to allow the winners of the MOBIL 1 competition ride around the stage.

Time for a rest at the weekend, we thought, but not so, Isle of Mann similarly were unprepared and once again the stages were to be setup - must buy a new hammer for driving wood into tarmac! Ford Cosworths provided the entertainment on the Monday, the main problem was the sheep - no-one told them we wanted exclusive use of the roads!

By Tuesday I had located a "flockmaster" and his dog who did a terrific job keeping the sheep at bay whilst the BMW's tackled the same stage in reverse direction.

Overall the event was a tremendous success - Stig Bomquist won, I'll leave the results to the TV but it was close.

WCP, the promoters, were delighted with Trackrod and the committee will no doubt tell you what they've bought with the money! Talking of money - anyone who committed themselves BEFORE the event AND turned out BOTH days (all day!) will receive a small contribution - see me soon - when I've got the funds.

Thanks to all once again

Rod Parkin
CLERK OF THE COURSE

TMC Membership 1989

Dear All,

Welcome to the recently joined member,

George Cook	Richard Wood
Lawrence Fowler	Ned Edwards
Philip Blackwell	Dave Harris
Mark Appleyard	Barrington La Roche
Robert Stoker	Alan Powell (2)
Martin Cooper	John Powell
Andrew Mitchell	Peter Johnson
Philip Huntington	Matt Johnson
Nigel Barrett	

The membership now stands at 93 renewed members and 32 new.

HAVE YOU MOVED HOUSE?

Please let me know if you have moved house so that I can keep my records up to date, my address is at the rear of the magazine.

Application/renewal forms are available from most committee members.

Cheers for now.

Peter Stanhope
Ex Membership Secretary

CHIEF MARSHAL

De-Jevu is a phenomenon which does exist. Why should I make such a sweeping statement I hear you ask. Well, after retiring as chairman I have returned to the position I held 3 years ago - Chief Marshal.

So instead of Malcolm asking you to come out and support your Motor Club it will be me again!! Lets hope a few more of you will spare the time along with the usual "regulars" who have given Trackrod a reputation for quality marshaling.

Also my thanks to everyone who came out on the 3 Swans and helped put 5 cars through our stage before it caught fire!! Pity we couldn't have had a barbeque.

FORTH COMING EVENTS

17/9/89 NORKING STAGES

North Notts Multi Venue Forest Rally

Contact Ian Radcliff 0302 538590

Requires sector marshals and radio operators

23/9/89 TRACKROD FOREST RALLY

If you haven't got a job - Why!! See Rod Parkin or John McNichol.

14/10/89 CRYSTAL STAGES

Yorkshire Forests - Wykeham stage.

We are running the same stage as last year. See Malcolm Jagger for details.

22/10/89 PREMIER STAGES

North Notts Multi Venue Event - Contact Steve Curtis 0742 464751

5/11/89 TALKLAND LOOKOUT STAGES

Melbourne Airfield, York. YOU NAME IT, WE NEED IT! See John Bean 611132.

Please try and support some if not all of these events after all how can we expect the clubs to support our events if we don't support theirs.

Hope to see you ALL out there

Richard Simpson
CHIEF MARSHAL

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THE THREE SWANS RALLY

Selby DMC ran thier annual Multi Venue Stage Rally on the 20 August, the event being a counter in the shell oils league.

Unfortunately TRACKROD could only raise two crew, those being Alan Powel and Andrew Hobman at number 16 and Tom Whittaker and myself at number 26. The main service area centred round Alamein Barracks, Driffield and after a Noise check, slowish scrutineering and signing on etc Tarmac tyres fitted, the first car left for SS1 at Leconfield. This proved to be the first of two major delays which spoiled an otherwise enjoyable event, they just weren't ready!

First car finally got away some 45 minutes late, running in a clockwise direction round this very fast stage. Tom and I were having problems straight away when Tom found he could not get it past 80mph and it was straight back to Driffield for SS2 and with only 15 mins service to change onto M/S Tyres there was no time to investigate further. SS2 was a two lapper using the infomous quarry and the TANK BATHS (these two bad enough when wet but on this occassion they were bone dry) and three stages in total kept Tom busy welding for a day or so after the event!

Alan and Andrew were going well and were well inside the top 10 already. Tom was not at all happy, competetive around the bends but no top speed on the long straights. SS3 was just a plain stubble field at Arrass using two laps around the perimeter, an experience not to be missed! The Rally then moved onto SS4, Goodmanham disused railway, where the 2nd major delay of the event took place when part of the stage (a stubble field) went up in flames and crews were delayed for about one hour while the fire brigade arrived and rally control made a decision of what to do. This gave Tom time to invistigate the lack of umph in the engine. A lack of full throttle movement was found to be a factor and later after SS4 it was found to be a dicky fuel pump which was remedied in time for the next stage.

Meanwhile, back at the fire, Rally Control decided to cancel Goodmanham 1 and 2 (SS4 and SS8) and for technical reasons Arras2 (SS7). This left the Rally with just 2 stages back at Alamein Barracks interspace by one more visit to Leconfield. With a well fettled motor once again, Tom gave it some Clog!! but was still surprised after SS5 when Mark, Jackie and Daz (the service crew) informed him that we were lying 14th O/A and 2nd in class. Ofcourse he went even faster on the final stage where he managed to knock 40 seconds off the first time round.

We finished 14th O/A, 2nd in class. Alan and Andrew did even better finishing 5th O/A, 2nd in class, both these class finishes scoring well in the shell league.

A very enjoyable event, just unfortunate about the circumstances beyond the organisers control.

Vince Fletcher

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AND PHOTO'S
FOR NEXT
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OR
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This article was extracted from the RAC Motorsports Association Official Bullitin August 1989.

RAC LOMBARD RALLY 1989

LANGDALE 1/2

Thursday 23rd November

Trackrod Motor Club has been asked to run Langdale on Thursday morning. The stage is approx. 6 miles long, the first car is due at 6:00am and for the second time through at 10:00 am.

We need Radio Operators, Sector Marshal, Time Keepers etc so please contact me, John Renny (Lds 582334) or Peter Stanhope (Lds 675685) for more details.

John Renny
Stage Commander

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