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## ED'S SCRIBBLE

Hi Folks,

Well you know what they say, two "eds" are better than one! Seriously though, thanks for all the feedback on our first magazine, it shows in the number of articles you have sent in to us this month. Keep them rolling in.

We're a bit short of photo's at the moment, I'm sure someone out there has got some of either social or competitive events, remember it doesn't matter if they are colour or black and white. We will make sure they are returned in the same condition we received them in.

So keep busy on all these events that are coming up and let us know how you get on.

Cheers for now

Becky and Susanne  
EDITORS

## Chairmans Chat

Well another month has gone by and I think most of us have been kept busy involved with the Forest Stages Rally.

On the first Tuesday of last month we had an open forum at "The Crown" Bostan Spa. I hope this went down well. We will be having an open forum every first Tuesday of the month to allow all members to voice thier comments at the committee and we will be able to let you know what is going on.

I am pleased to say that we now have a full committee, Andy Shaw has been co-opted on to do trophy points and Sandy Lord as membership secretary, I am sure you both will not regret it!!

How many members know that Trackrod is 20 years old this month? How are we going to celebrate our 21st birthday next year? What will each event do to commemorate the occasion?

See the articales later in the mag for information about our involvement on the Crystal Stages Rally and the RAC Lombard Rally, we are getting the invites, are we getting the members out?

Plans are going well for the Annual Dinner Dance at the Lawnswood Arms, 26th January 1990, so put some money on one side for the annual extravaganza.

Get your diary's out now and keep Sunday 19th August 1990 free for our first Hill Climb to be run at Baitings Dam. I am looking for helpers so if anybody is interested in helping, please get in touch with me. Watch this space in the coming months for more details.

Look forward to seeing you all out there.

Peter Stanhope  
Chairman

## SEC SPOT

After the intense activity that surrounds the Forest Rally things should have eased off a little but then we had the Tour of Britain - no there was something different - in between the two we managed to slot in a committee meeting with matters various being discussed.

Briefly - the planned caravan renewal fell apart so we are now on the lookout for a "new" caravan and a small equipment trailer, so - all of you keep your eyes and ears open. Both must be of sound chassis and road worthiness and cost no more than £500 - £600 the pair if possible.

New Committee members following co-option now fill the two vacant officer posts ie. Membership Secretary is now Sandy Lord and Trophy Points is Andrew Shaw, to whom you should respectively refer, prospective new members, and send your event results for point scoring purposes.

A further member was co-opted onto the Committee by not in any formal capacity. This is none other than Rod Parkin. This move was felt to be fundamental to the Committee's need to be responsible for all its activities and, on recent years, Rod has devoted his time to the Forest Rally and his success can be measured by the fact that the event now represents some 85% of the Club's funds so it was felt to be essential that control of those funds "revert" to the Committee. It was also agreed that the major events would contribute an annual sum variable to the club's general funds though in the short term this really only affects the Forest Stages Rally.

Also - be on the lookout for Ann Moffat at forthcoming clubnights as she will be displaying samples on new club regalia and seeking orders for same.

More Committee snippets next month.

RICHARD INESON  
HON. SECRETARY

## Social Calendar

Dear TMC Member - (I have to be extra nice to you all at this time of year) with yet another Festive Season just around the corner - the "Soial" comes alive - so be prepared to spend a few ££'s & enjoy yourselves. Very soon, I'll be round pestering you for money & for your participation in the wonderful social events we have in store for you. (Backed up by the "Heavy" team, Pam & Christine).

Unfortunately, we are losing the Beehive as a regular venue - they've chosen diners for their restaurant rather than our company on Tuesdays. (New management - new ideas). We've still been guaranteed the room for the 17th October - but thats the last one.

We'll be using the New Inn at Eccup as an alternative, but we're still on the lookout for another venue.

Anyway - here's a list for your diaries:-

- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 3 October              | - Crown, Bostan Spa                                 |
| 10                     | - Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive, Leeds               |
| 17                     | - Beehive, Thomer                                   |
| * 24                   | - Admiral Hawke, High St, Bostan Spa                |
| 31                     | - New Inn, Eccup <b>Video's and Lookout Meeting</b> |
|                        |   |
| ** 7 November          | - Crown, Bostan Spa <b>Bonfire Party</b>            |
| 14                     | - New Inn, Eccup <b>Video's and RAC Meeting</b>     |
| * 21                   | - Admiral Hawke, High St, Bostan Spa                |
| 28                     | - Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive, Leeds               |
|                        |   |
| * <u>Admiral Hawke</u> |   |

I know you've been disappointed in the past by the lack of free sandwiches at this venue. In future, however - sandwiches are guaranteed & free (even if I have to make them myself!!) so please come along on the night.

**\*\* Crown - Bonfire Night - (7th November)**

Tickets on sale soon...

Firework Display, supper etc. (eg. jacket potatoes and various fillings)

Ticket price T.B.A.

(The Crown will be having alterations done before Xmas, but can still cater for us on this night). Please bring along some wood for the fire and enjoy yourselves.

**Future Events**

19th December - Xmas Party (Crown). Watch this space in next month's mag. for details. (Start saving!!)

26th January 1990 - Annual Dinner Dance at the Lawnswood Arms.  
More details next month

Anne Moffat

SOCIAL SECRETARY

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**Merchandise**

You'll probably have noticed that merchandise has come under the "Social" wing. I'm in the process of getting new T-Shirts, sweatshirts, stickers etc., so I'll let you see samples as soon as I get them, then you can place your orders.

Anne Moffat

# COMPETITION CALENDAR

## RALLIES

### OCT

- 7/8 MORNING STAR ROAD RALLY. Border & Finningley  
Restricted. 111,112,113,120,121,123
- 14 CRYSTAL STAGES. North Humberside  
M/V Forest 94,100,101
- 14/15 ROAD RALLY. Ilkley & DMC  
92,98,99,102,103,104
- 22 STAGE PREMIER RALLY. Dukeries MC  
M/V
- 22 STAGES RALLY. Mid Derby MC  
M/V 120
- 29 HIGH MOOR STAGES. High Moor MC  
S/V @ Three Sisters Kart Track.

### NOV

- 5 TALKLAND LOOKOUT. Trackrod MC  
S/V Melbourne Airfield  
FURTHER DETAILS FROM RICHARD SIMPSON  
HELP to Malcolm Jagger PLEASE
- 11 SINGLE VENUE. Lancs & Cheshire  
Oulton Park
- 18 SINGLE VENUE. Knutsford & District MC  
Oulton Park
- 19/23 LOMBARD RAC. RACMSA  
M/V International



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

DEC

3 SINGLE VENUE. Ecurie Royal Oak MC  
Map 118.

PCTS AND AUTOTESTS

OCT

29 AUTOTEST. Slaithwaite MC  
RESTRICTED

DEC

26 BOXING DAY AUTOTEST. Trackrod MC  
CLOSED

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BARRY DOVE  
COMPETITION SECRETARY

**RAC LOMBARD RALLY 19th NOVEMBER 1989**  
**CHATSWORTH STAGE No.4**

Just a note to jog your memories about the stage at Chatsworth on the RAC Lombard. We are helping another club on the day, but Trackrod are manning the stage start and the first sector.

I have about 18 names so far so where are the rest of you club members? let us put on a good impression to all the other clubs, to point out that we are able to marshal on an event as well as run them.

So come forth and volunteer, and remember, WE ARE LIVE ON THE TELE, so plenty of TMC jackets and sweaters if you please. Full details as and when I get them.

Malcolm Jagger  
TMC Oddjob/Everyjob Man

**RAC LOMBARD RALLY 1989**

There is a training evening on Tuesday the 14th November at the New Inn at Eccup for all those involved with the RAC starting at 20:30. Ilkley & District are also coming along so lets have a good turn out. Everyone can learn from the evening so NO EXCUSES.

We don't have a good reputation as far as training goes so lets give a good impression this time!! John Richardson will be doing the training evening and I can assure you everything he has to say is relevant and to the point.

We still need Sector Marshals, Timekeepers etc for our stage, Langdale 1/2 on Thursday 23rd November, so please contact me, John Renny (Lds 582334) or Peter Stanhope (Lds 675685) for more details.

John Renny  
Stage Commander

## CHIEF MARSHAL

Forthcoming events to which Trackrod members have direct invitations:

### SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER - CRYSTAL FOREST STAGES

Trackrod have again been invited to run Wykeham 2 (as last year). We have had a good response but still require sector marshals and radio operators. Please see Malcolm Jagger or Myself for details.

### SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER - DES WINKS STAGES WOMBLETON AIRFIELD

Always a good event and one on which some of you have asked for details. (Response was so good last year we won the most Marshals award - hope you enjoyed it Richard Anderson!!!)

Contact Dave Wakeley on Malton 69455 or ask me for details.

### SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER - LOOKOUT STAGES RALLY MELBOURNE AIRFIELD

The competitor response to our newest Stage Rally has been superb, a quality field and still 5 weeks to go! John Bean would like to hear from you all to make this event a success. Please contact him as soon as possible.

### NOVEMBER 19TH AND 23RD - RAC

We are running Stages in Chatsworth and Langdale, see Malcolm Jagger or John Renny for details.

### 30TH DECEMBER - SHOPWOODS CHRISTMAS STAGES

More than likely we will be running the Downholme Stage on this ever popular event. This is always a hotly contested Rally with most of the best crews entering. We will need start and finish crews, radio operators and sector marshals. See me for further details.

Hope to see you out there

Richard Simpson  
CHIEF MARSHAL

# NORKING GILDERS ALUMINIUM STAGES - SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

THE CREW OF CAR No 39

ALAN POWELL    BARRY DOVE  
ESCORT 2000 MK III RWD

Left home at 7.00 for Noise and Scrutineering in Sheffield at 8.15. Quickly through Noise @ 102dba then to a long queue at Scrutineering, passed ok though apart from a tight extinguisher cable.

Speedily through Documentation and then on to plot the route. The Service route to Vince Fletcher while Mark and Darren checked the car over, not forgetting food and drinks from Becky.

09.39 we left the start following the Road Book, mistake number one!!! Second roundabout turn right!?! What they neglected to tell everyone was the first roundabout was a white spot in the road, so we accrued 14 mins road penalties. We could not afford any more time losses now.

Stage A, Rother Country Park. Having looked at the Stage tulip I noted that one 90 right had water on the outside so we duly sprayed WD40 all over the engine and electrics. The Stage start was alright sweeping 90 left to narrow gates, left again to some bales scattered around to a tight chicane - sweep left and left again slight uphill to 90 right. Stay close to apex, water on left, OH YES plenty of water, fresh air, 90 right to LAKE!!!

Stage B, a repeat, then to the Forest!! Woods would be a better description. Service, first change to Colway M & S and quick check.

Stage 1 Harlow Wood, set a top twenty time but very short 1 min 44 secs. Stage 2, Blidworth then Stage 3, "big delay Watchwood". Car 1 had rolled and car 2 clipped it so the stage was cancelled and we all got a non competitive run through making notes as we went. Stage 4

Samson Wood, bogey time of 50 seconds!!! On to Thieves Wood and then a real Forest, 7 miles of logs, fast straight and brows. The bogey time 7.00 mins, at the finish we clocked 6.53. The first good stage and we and several others beat the bogey time. Clipstone 2, good Stage but short, then on to service. We considered tactics over coffee and a bite to eat. Alan said the car wouldn't go any faster but we were in a better mood after my early cock up and 2 good Stages.

Off again for a repeat of the morning Stages, this time with a little more menace. After a couple of 2 wheel antics and hard landings we beat all the morning times easily.

Last time into Clipstone South and the welly is down hard to the floor. At the finish we are 13 seconds faster than the morning and we are pleased. On to the last Stage and Alan declares at the arrival control "This Stage we take no prisoners" Gulp!! This meant a serious bit of calling. ...Straight off the line and we mean business, several 90's and fast sweeping bends to straight. 400 yards to crest, flight and down to logs (big logs). "Alan, lift a bit - please". "Shut up whimp"! Phew, straight again to crests and 90 left to 90 right and immediate left, 2 wheels and into finish. We set the 6th fastest time of 6.24 secs, brilliant!

Back to our faithful Service Crew and the drive to the finish venue, an excellent place.

Problems with protests etc meant we had to leave before the results went provisional. These showed we were 3rd in Class, 16 O/A. A good event but a shame about the short Stages and the Road Book.

Thanks to our Volley Ball Service Crew who kept us all happy, Becky, Mark, Vince, Darren and Andrew.

## "SHELL OILS" League Report

Well folks, after many months of hard toil by just a hand full of members, Trackrod is now lying 8th overall in the league after 7 rounds.

This year so far, the rally boys/girls and autotester have done the biz, but unfortunately only one crew out on the road/navigational rally, and no representation from us on the P.C.T. or Hill Climb (the Hill Climb we won O/L 2 years ago!!!) so I believe we have done well to be where we are.

Future events are 2 Autotests, Alwoodly on 8th Oct, and Slaithwaite's and the "Lookout Stages" run by Trackrod on the 5th of November.

With Y.S.C.C. only 2 points ahead, North Humberside 118 points and David Brown 127.6 points ahead of us what do you think .... can we do it!? ... Yes, but if not we will have a damn good try. So lets go for it. All we need is support from you - the competitor. Its what you all like doing best ..... isn't it!?

### THE TOP TEN AFTER SEVEN ROUNDS

1	Ilkley	- 1664.3
2	Airedale & Pennine	- 1301.6
3	Shipley	- 1103.0
4	Alwoodly	- 984.1
5	David Brown	- 843.4
6	North Humberside	- 833.8
7	Y.S.C.C.	- 715.8
8	Trackrod	- 713.8
9	Selby	- 703.1
10	York	- 623.2

Ronnie Mac

SHELL LEAGUE CAPTAIN

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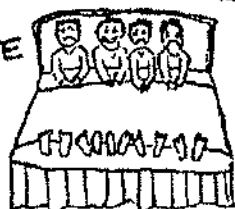
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## ALL ROUNDERS QUALIFYING ROUND 3

### BOLTON LE MOOR AUTOTEST

Having spent most of Saturday trying to get the Honda handbrake to work, to no avail - including fitting new cables, brake shoes and numerous bits with a very big hammer I could sense it was going to be a hard days Sunday sport. Have you ever tried flying round a carpark in and out of cones, garages, boxes without so much of a sound of screeching rubber!!! At least the longer it takes to get round the more value you get for your money.

Anyway after doing three laps of Bolton City Centre I did numerous laps of a cold and windy car park and got plenty of value for money, but I was their for a finish and the All rounders points (gaining 18) with a fine third in class ( sounds good that but their were only two others in the same class). Someone by the name of Hagh took FTD in a big wheeled skateboard.

With three qualifying rounds now done my score is 56 points, out of a possible total of 60, so on last years performance I have no chance of winning O/A as 1st and 2nd Place in 1988 scored 120 points out of a possible total of 120 points with FTDs taking 1st O/A - I wonder if they would take STD!!

Anyway, onward we go infact to Coventry (as no doubt I will be if anyone has bothered to read this) for a PCT, hard luck, that enthralling episode is coming up next month.

Nick yellow shed Pullan



## TALKLAND LOOKOUT STAGES RALLY

5th November 1989

Plans are now well advanced for this years event and the entry list is almost full. Further sponsorship has been received from Prontaprint (Sheffield) which will enable the organisers to give more awards for both competitors and marshals.

Marshals have been a little slow in coming forward, particularly for the more important jobs, including timekeeping. If you fancy a particular task, NOW is the time to see me, before I have to make a nuisance of myself at clubnights. Please also note that Spectators cannot be accomadated on this event, so if you want to see the fireworks, come and marshal!!

For those who are attending the event, there will be a full briefing, plus handing out of information packs etc, on the clubnight of 31st October, at the New Inn, Eccup. Please make an effort to attend this meeting, as a lot of problems can be avoided by discussing each task in advance.

John Bean  
(Tel. Lds 611132)

## CRASH HELMETS

### RAC MOTOR SPORT ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL BULLETIN

A report was made on 8th June to the Council pertaining the introduction of a revised sticker which would permit the full four-year helmet life but it was thought more appropriate to review the helmet lifing policy itself, it having been conceived some ten years ago.

A figure of four years was chosen by the RAC MSA because if one is seeking to life a critical component so as to prevent an unacceptable failure, one lifes at a point less than that at which failures are known to occur. The four-year figure chosen was, in fact, a best guess to take some account of possible ageing, wear and tear, and possible abuse.

The main helmet criteria which needed to be considered were:

- Helmet standard
- Fit
- Security
- Condition

If these criteria were properly taken account of, it was recommended that the current mandatory three-to-four year be removed. It was emphasised that an element of lifing would always remain in that, as standards were updated, previous standars would cease to be acceptable.

Furthermore, any helmet which had been subject to significant damage would, having served its purpose, need to be replaced. The co-operation of all would be necessary to enable scrutineers to enforce this.

This recommendation was accepted by the Council, and a suitable amendment has been prepared for the 1990 RAC MSA Motor Sports Year Book.

## HAIGH BY THE SEA

The Chequered Flag Autotest, held at Bridlington on the 10th Sept run by North Humberside Motor Club was a qualifying event in the RACMSA; ANCC and ANEMMC autotest championships. The remote location late in the season may have deterred many of the National Championship contenders but several did make the trip in an effort to gain last minute points. One regular who didn't have to travel too far was David Haigh who put on a fine display for the keen crowd of spectators to take yet another FTD.

The Leisure World car park is not large by any standard so the parking of 25 competing cars; ancillary tow - cars and setting out 3 test sites put manovering space at a premium, both in the paddock and on the tests. After some initial apprehension it was clear that these were tests to make the drivers think and work hard all day, resulting in some fine driving and keen competition throughout the field - all the right ingredients for an enjoyable day of sport.

Class 1 and Class 2 saw two great battles between Peter Cohen and Steve Johnson, and Mike Sones and Richard Ineson respectively. Steve gave Peter a good start by collecting 2 penalties on the first test but with some spirited driving Steve did get ahead of Peter Cohen, who wasn't exactly hanging about! only to throw it all away again and let Peter run out the class winner on 700.3 Steve trailing by 16.6 seconds.

Class 2 contained another intense contest, this pair were left much to their own devices as they urged each other to quicker times as they pulled well clear of the other two class members. Initially Ineson held a 7 second advantage but lost it all and a bit more with a penalty and a shunt! the pursuit of an on - form Sones followed but alas some fumbled gearchanges meant Sones took the class by a margin of 12.2 seconds (663.4 to 675.6). The strain of three "energetic" tests in quick succession had these two visibly gasping - must be something to do with age!!

Class 3 was, literally a one horse race with Dave Cooke having a day long tussle with himself to win(?) Similar was that of the sports car class with just 3 entries. Size seemed to be a handicap but the agility of the Midget together with a power advantage let Steve Morten take command of the class despite having to replace a bottom hose after coming off test 3 in a cloud of steam! Mortens 18 test total of 723.2 was some 80 seconds ahead of Andrew Cohen.

Class 6, the specials, looked set for a classic battle in the early stages of the event with Glen Simpson (Mini Special) holding a slender 2 seconds advantage after 6 tests over David Haigh (Haigh Special) (FTD 565.2 seconds). When these two are on this form its difficult to say who slowed down or who speeded up but the "master" was soon in control easing away from Simpson who then made some forced errors in his attempt to redress the situation, making matters progressively worse. David Sowman turned up the wick after a stall on the test to overtake both Reid and Wood to finish a remote 2nd in class on 657.7. 4th in class was Chris Shepherd who had the misfortune to break the differential of his Jola special on test six after reweaving its internals in the previous week! More fortunate in the retirement stakes was the C6 special of John Pick whose diferential also cried enough on the final test when almost within freewheeling distance of the finish line.

An excellent event despite early apprehensions, held in very pleasant surroundings that allowed a paddle in the sea in the lunch break! and a contest that had local residents turn into spectators after early threats of action against excessive noise!

RICHARD INESON

## TMC Membership 1989

The membership hasn't changed since last month.

Please do let us know if you have moved house so that we can keep the records up to date.

Application/renewal forms are available from most committee members.

Please bring along friends who are interested in motorsport to clubnights. After the 1st October new members have membership until the end of the following year, ie 31st December 1990 at the new rates of £8.00 for single and £10.00 for joint membership.

Sandy Lord  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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## TRACKROD FOREST STAGES RALLY 1989

What can you say when THANK YOU is not enough?

This years event ran extremely smoothly - everybody (well nearly) was there in plenty of time, all well set up and looking professional. It is this first overall impression which matters - just like any presentation or marketing operation, and that is what it is - we have a product to sell, and I believe that we achieve that.

Much, much hard work is put in by so many people it really isn't fair to pick out individuals - if anyone out there thinks that any job on the Rally is easy, you have my personal invitation to talk to me about it and I'll explain! However, since I had the pleasure of presenting him with the Clerk of the Course award I'll pick out Ronnie Moore this year who not only sorted the manning of the Special Stages and the Service areas, but also took the brunt of the sorting the stage equipment and looked after all the trophies as well - thanks Ronnie.

Steve Bannister not being able to enter was the first dissapointment he couldn't get his engine changed to comply with the new Championship regulations in time, so he couldn't start - pity, it would have been good to see him challenge Colin McRae and others - I reckon he would have won!

All ran very smoothly apart from a 44 minute delay on BUPA HOSPITALS STAINDALE but overall the event ran on time - delays are catered for in our timing system and the first competitor arrived at RAVEN HALL HOTEL bang on Road Book schedule. Then came the second dissapointment - PROTESTS - just what every Clerk of the Course needs! Car 4 (two protests) and car 108 - anyway I will not bore you with the details but after much heart searching, technical reports, Blue Book reading etc etc the problems were resolved so the Prize Presentation could proceed on time.

Those of you involved, and that must be the majority, I hope you enjoyed what you did - let me or any Official have comments, good or bad, as soon as you can - we hold a debrief after each event so that we can get it better next time, and also to remember the things we did well.

Once again thanks for all your help - a job well done!

ROD PARKIN  
CLERK OF THE COURSE

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## Words from the Trophy Points Person.

I'm pleased to say that the second word isn't "off". Is there a Trophy for the most-easily-coerced committee member? It didn't even cost our Chairman a pint (well, not at the time, anyway. Maybe later in the year..)

I've received a pair of ring-binders and a box of trophies as my badge of office - I'll attempt to wear one of the ring-binders at club nights, so that anybody who wants to can see the latest positions (points positions, I mean).

Amongst the contents of the ring-binders, is a couple of sets of trophy rules (they do not match, of course, but who said the world was perfect?) Did you know there are at least 18 trophies up for grabs each year? Points towards the trophies can be claimed for almost anything that involves stepping outside your front door - Marshaling, Organising, Competing and Servicing on any sort of event, organised by any club. Next month I'm planning on publishing a chart, or a table, showing the various trophies and what activities count towards each one. The points claim form may come in for a little re-organisation eventually as I hope to computerise the calculation of points.

There's only two things to remember about claiming points:-

1 You have to write on the little ticket and give it to me or any committee member. I won't award points unless you ask me to. (I'm also the sort who doesn't sign for codeboards unless you ask me to) and 2 Make your claim within 3 months of the event. I suppose there is a third rule - if the claim is for participating in an event, I need to see documentary evidence - not only of the results, but also of the level of competition (C,CS,R,N,I),the type of event and which club organised it. The easiest way to do this is by showing me the Regs, entry list, and results otherwise I might miss out some points you would have been entitled to.

Right then - lets see some filled in claim forms!

Andy Shaw

TROPHY POINTS SECRETARY

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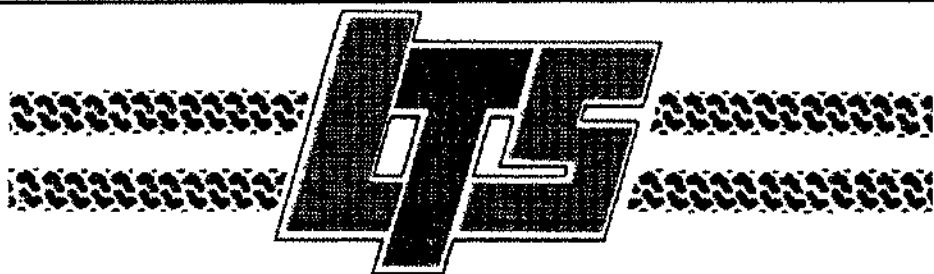
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