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# **THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB Ltd**

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## **ED'S SCRIBBLE**

Hi folks,

Well, haven't you all been busy. Thanks go to all who have sent in an article after last months disappointing Mag, and this month I've managed to put together our first photo spread!! Now you know what can be done send in some "pickies". I have had some photos passed on to me which I'm afraid I have been unable to print so if you think they are yours please collect them from me on any club night.

As with many others within the motor club, I have atlast become the proud owner of a little black mini, known as Boldrick to his friends. He is recovering this week from major surgery to his new rear subframe which I had great delight in strengthing this last weekend with my first attempt at welding. Not that I got carried away at all, but it will take alot to "bend" it as you do when rallying. Next, is to fit a roll cage!! They say it is hard work trying to fit them in but I'll let you know once its done.

Please give all your articles for next months magazine to Rebecca Kemp as I'm afraid I'll be sipping a long cool drink on a beach (thinking of you all of course) over the christmas period. I hope you all have a good Christmas and New Year. The Scots in me comes out at this time of year so I know I'll have a merry time!

Cheers (as they say ) for now  
Susanne

**DEADLINE FOR JANUARY MAGAZINE  
TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER.**

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

What can I say about the Bonfire Party apart from another excellent event. We had a very good turn out and a superb fire thanks to Phil Andrews supplying the wood. The Fireworks Display was excellent, next year Barry/Becky can we have some more of those finishing "Bangers" to set off more car alarms! The food was also very good, I am sure the Xmas Parties food will be just as good. Susanne and I are sorry that we will not be able to make the Xmas party but I am sure you will all survive without us!

The Lombard RAC Rally has kept most of us busy competing, better luck next year Ronnie, or marshalling. By the sounds of it the Chatsworth Stage ran very well, some members were even seen on TV! The Langdale stage was stacked out on the Saturday before and finished on the Wednesday. A lot of members turned out, thanks also to Leeds University MC for their help, everything ran very well, see John Renny's article elsewhere in the mag.

The new club caravan has been out twice in November, Lookout Stages Rally and the R.A.C. It is in very good condition and to that end it has been decided, by The Committee, that it must NOT carry any equipment. Once the caravan has been used by an event please can you make sure that it is left clean, dry and tidy ready for the next user.

The Shell League Prize Presentation was a very good evening, about 20 members turned out. The DJ was Mick Britton, who kept everybody entertained and up on the dance floor. A lot of drink was consumed by some, and others got carried away, Ken Goodall on John Renny's shoulders. John did regret it when he injured his neck and had to be laid up in bed for the following few days!

I hope you all have a happy Xmas and a prosperous new year. Look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Dinner Dance on 26th January.

Peter Stanhope  
CHAIRMAN

## SEC SPOT

Another month passes by along with a committee meeting which, this month, did not have much to discuss other than social and competition matters, about which you can read elsewhere.

However the meeting did last quite a while with Anne Moffat providing samples of merchandise for discussion, so look out for Anne who will doubtless be seeking orders for tee-shirts, sweatshirts, pullovers, jackets, ties etc. etc.. Andy Shaw is obviously getting to grips with the trophy points and is to come up with some alterations for 1990 - watch this space. Lengthy discussions centred on the value of training evenings following the R.A.C. evening on 14th November. It was agreed that Rod Parkin and myself would come up with a programme of training evenings so if you have any specific requirements then please let us know. Following our 5th O/A placing in the 1989 Shell League the subject of our nominated event for 1990 was discussed in some detail. With the organisers of both suggested events being on committee - Richard Simpson (Lookout Stages) and Chairman Stanhope (Hillclimb) - vested interests obviously came to the fore! Do we want guaranteed entries or a good score or both! Being the democratic organisation that we are, the vote went in favour of the Lookout for 1st choice - needless to say that all vested interests abstained!

Open forums, if they can be called that, you know, those occasions when we club officers spout about what the club is doing. Anyway, it's all very well going on as we are but do you all agree with what we are doing?? Open discussion is a two-way dialogue and needs audience participation - don't misunderstand, you don't have to say anything but no news must be interpreted as good news.

Richard Ineson  
HON. SECRETARY

## **SOCIAL CALENDAR**

Dates for your diaries that will take you into the nineties:-

- 5 December - Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive **RAFFLE NIGHT**  
12 - New Inn, Eccup  
19 - Crown, Bostan Spa **XMAS PARTY** (details below)  
26 - **BOXING DAY AUTOTEST** and after at **STOGGY'S**,  
Burley Road, Leeds (see separate article)

### **1990**

- 2 January - Crown, Bostan Spa (Therapy Night for Hangovers)  
9 - Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive (The day after my birthday!!)  
16 - Admiral Hawke, Bostan Spa **FREE SANDWICHES AGAIN**  
23 - New Inn, Eccup Guess what - **VIDEO NIGHT!**  
26 - **DINNER DANCE AND PRIZE PRESENTATION**  
(details below)

### **XMAS PARTY - 19 December** (Crown)

C'mon all you members out there who haven't already bought a ticket for this extravaganza.

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Children under 14 - **FREE** Starts at 8p.m.

Raffle prizes... Bar extension.

Mystery D.J. (You can bring your own records for specific requests)

If you cannot get there on a Tuesday Motor Club night, to buy your ticket - don't let that deter you. Just give me a ring on Wakefield 262938 & I'll add your name to the list (for catering purposes) or contact Pam White or Christine Goodall who will also be able to help. **DON'T MISS THIS!!**

DINNER DANCE - 26 JANUARY 1990

OK folks - lets try to make this one even better than last year's.

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PRIZE PRESENTATIONS.

You can buy your tickets from today (instalments accepted).

Finally, I'd like to say thanks to those who helped on bonfire night:-

Barry and Becky for the Firework Display.

Phil Andrews for 23 pallets.

Paul Telford - bonfire assembly and lighting and all those who helped him.

And of course, Christine Goodall and Pam Simpson for their "Waitressing" services.

Thanks.

Anne Moffat

SOC. SEC.

## COMPETITION CALENDAR

### DEC

- 26 TRACKROD MC CLOSED  
BOXING DAY AUTOTEST  
(see later article)
- 30 NORTH ALLERTON MC RESTRICTED  
"CHRISTMAS STAGES" N/YORKS

### IAN

- 7 ALWOODLEY MC RESTRICTED  
AUTOTEST
- 13/14KNOWLDALE CC RESTRICTED  
ROAD RALLY 97,98,103
- 14 ECURIE ROYAL OAK MC RESTRICTED  
S/V STAGE RALLY FLOOKBURGH AIRFIELD
- 27/28GRIMSBY MC RESTRICTED  
ROAD RALLY 112,113,121,122

### FEB

- 4 SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE RESTRICTED  
S/V STAGE RALLY
- 11 EASTWOOD AND DMC RESTRICTED  
S/V STAGE RALLY CADWELL PARK
- 18 HIGH MOOR MC INTERNATIONAL  
M/V STAGE RALLY 93,94,99  
"CARTEL" FOREST 100,104,105

## **MARCH**

3/4 LUMC "NORTHERN LIGHTS" RESTRICTED  
ROAD RALLY 99,100, 104,105  
(see Roland Cross for details)

10/11 CLITHEROE AND DMC RESTRICTED  
"CLITHERONIAN" ROAD RALLY 97,98,102

11 NORTH HUMBERSIDE MC RESTRICTED  
M/V STAGE RALLY 106,107  
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**Barry Dove**

**COMPETITION SECRETARY**

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## MARSHALLING DECEMBER 1989

Nobody wants us this month folks, however as previously advertised we definitely are running Downholme on this years "Sherwoods Christmas Stages", 30/12/89. Malcolm Jagger is Stage Commander and would, I am sure, like to hear from you all, he needs timekeepers, radio operators, and sector marshals.

**A BIG BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who came out and helped on the Talkland Lookout Stages. Not only was the event well received but we moved up from 8th to 5th in the Shell League. Well done everybody, see you all next year!

## KIELDER

All this talk of Keilder recently reminded me of a story I heard regarding a certain driver, with a fearsome reputation for terrifying his navigators, and a co-driver with a similar reputation for fearlessness, who teamed up for an event on these difficult forest stages.

Of course, they knew of each others reputations and whilst the driver was determined to put the fear of God into his new partner, the co-driver was equally determined to remain calm and collected.

The day of the event dawned and after handing his brain to the start marshal, the driver hurled his car through a series of ultra quick stages. Following competitors marvelled at some of his lines as, in his attempts to terrorise his co-driver, he mounted banks, went down ditches and everywhere apart from swinging through the branches.

The co-driver just hung on and indeed found himself clutching his life insurance policy a lot harder than he had ever done before but was determined his driver should not know his true feelings.

As they exited the final stage the driver, bathed in sweat from his exertions, turned to his co-driver and said "Well, not bad eh?" to which the co-driver replied "You know that's" - (got him! the driver thought, he's actually going to own up that I scared him silly) - "the biggest man made forest in Europe!!!"

The drivers screams could actually be heard in Newcastle!

Richard Simpson  
CHIEF MARSHAL

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### BOXING DAY AUTOTEST

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Come and clear your cobwebs off, scrutineering starts at 9.30. Help needed for timing and marshaling so if you don't compete please come along and help.

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Barry Dove / Rebecca Kemp

## THE FIRST TIME!!

Sunday morning 6am - Service crew and vehicle slept in! So after stuffing all we could into my Dads "G" reg pride and joy, off we went.

When we arrived at Melbourne it was cold, damp, muddy and there was plenty of fog. Just the recipe for putting the missus off rallying for life. Anyway, off to noise and scrutineering. No problems there. After checking things (like rally drivers do) it was our turn to go. Trouble is, where do we go, who do we see? After a few questions and a few blank expressions we found the start line.

5-4-3-2-1 - Go. I knew this bit. Floor it, set off like a hooligan, get nowhere, just like Saturday night at the traffic lights. The first stage was nothing but fistfulls of opposite lock and loads of gardening! After a "telling off" from my "Navi" I behaved and calmed down. The rest of the rally went OK, the only major problems being a loss of lights and the rear axel working loose. The result, much to our suprise) 2nd in class, 2nd Novice and 25th overall.

Special thanks go to Janine and my daughter Louise for putting up with the wittering and me spending all our money. Also thanks to those who helped and those who didn't.

Mark Giles - Car 67

P.S We've put our result down to the "young lady" who sold us the numbers.

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Ties will be available soon at approx. £4 each. Stickers will also be brought along to Club Nights as soon as I get them.

Anyone interested in jackets - please let me know - these should be available in February/March.

Please let me know if you'd like to order any of the above. (A.S.A.P.)

ANNE MOFFAT (0924 262938)

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Congratulations and best wishes  
on the forth coming wedding of

Sandie Lord  
&  
Paul Telford

on  
Saturday 16th December 1989

## LOMBARD RAC - CHATSWORTH

May I offer my sincere thanks to everyone who turned out on the Chatsworth stage of this years RAC rally. The weather was foggy, cold and still dark when everyone met at 7am on the Sunday morning. But when daylight did break through, it revealed a superb spectator stage, and attracted some 21,000 paying spectators.

It was a great opportunity for Trackrod MC to show how well it can turn out marshals on a day like it was, and prove how much a professional job we can do. Also to say that with many other clubs being present on the Stage, Trackrod were put in charge of the start line and first sector. With this being televised it had to be and was 100 % professional.

Many thanks to one and all

Malcolm Jagger

PS Anne Moffat, Phill Andrew and Richard Simpson are autographing video tapes at the dinner dance, and I'm taking £100 placement fees for next year!

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## LANGDALE 1 & 2 LOMBARD RAC 1989

Well another year has been and gone and this years stage went without any hitches. Thanks again to all those who turned out on the day (early hours of the morning) and prior to the event to help set up the stage. I think its time we got the event into Yorkshire at a more respectable time in the day, especially when things have to be ready hours before the competitors. I sometimes wonder who they are trying to test, the drivers and navigators or us who have to stand to attention for brownie points.

Alot of those who were out know that each stage is marked by the course cars on a variety of aspects an the best stage each day gets 8 free places

at a Rally School. As yet this years results aren't known but I will inform you of the outcome. Everyone did a great job and it won't be through lack of effort on your behalf if we don't win. I also hope that this year they will let us know where and how we scored so we can get it right next time.

You all know the outcome of the rally by now but might not know our stage times. These are as follows:

1	Juha Kankkunen	5.10	5.10	3
2	Ari Vatanen	5.30	5.00	5
3	Carlos Sainz	4.59	4.54	2
4	Timo Salonen	5.09	5.00	6
5	Kenneth Eriksson	5.10	4.57	4
6	Hannu Mikkola	5.12	5.06	9
7	Malcolm Wilson	5.31	5.17	10
9	Ingvar Carlsson	5.26	5.10	8
19	Pentti Airikkala	5.03	4.50	1
39	Gwyndaf Evans	5.33	5.32	11
21	Jimmy McRae	5.35	5.19	12
222	Robin Adams	7.51	7.29	79

#### 84 Finishers

After the first run I drove through the stage with Paul Glover and when I go to the finish, having seen the stage, I was going to bet anyone £5.00 Carlos Sainz time would not be bettered. You can see for yourself it was and all I can say is they are MAD.

Well, thank you all again and don't put those warm woollies away as the Cartel is in February and I have it on good authority there will be snow this year.

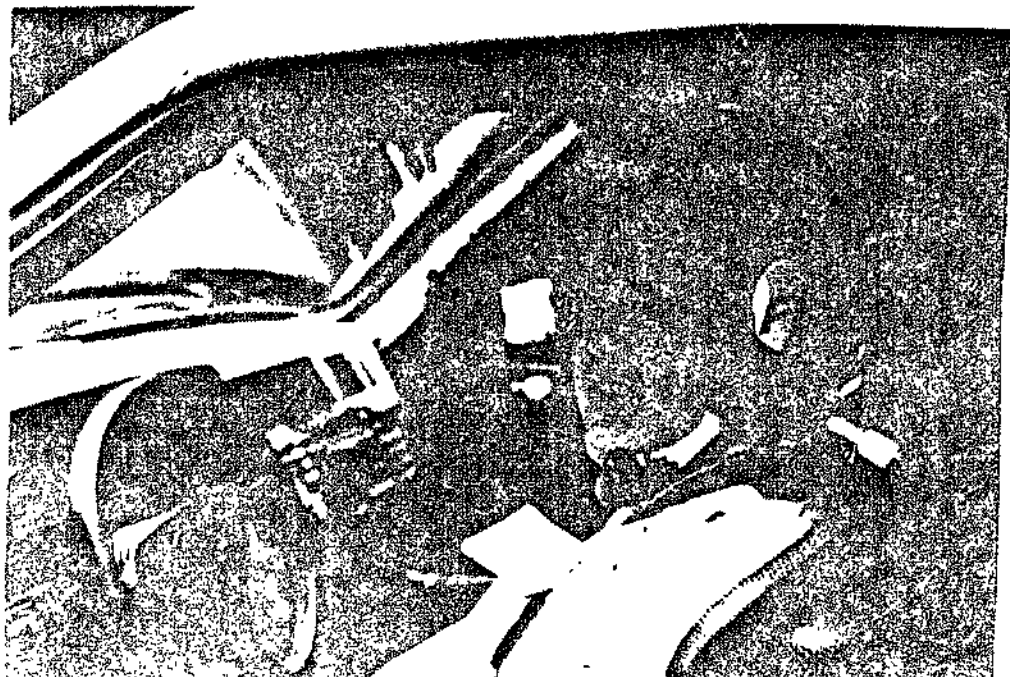
John Renny CHIEF OFFICIAL

Peter Stanhope SAFETY OFFICER

Challenge **STAR I**



ABOVE - JOHN BEAN SETTING OF THE CARS ON THE MOBIL1  
BELOW - PENTTI AIRIKKALA ON THE MOBIL1  
(THE NEW RAC WINNER)



# Track Rod dominate Dalesman

TRACK ROD Motor Club, of Leeds, won the team prize and had three club crews in the first five finishers of the Dalesman Rally — an overnight event run by the Leeds Motor Club.

This was only the second Dalesman event in the past three years, yet the organisers attracted a maximum entry of 75 crews for the 170-mile route which started from Otley, went north via

## MOTOR SPORT Matt Shelley

Bedale and Darlington, and finished at Ripon.

Conditions were very good except for occasional drizzle which made the going slippery, and all but 21 of the starters completed the distance, which included time controls (where the cars were timed to the minute) and two selected (where they were timed to the second).

The event was won by Track Rod member Ken Goodall, a Leeds butcher, and his co-driver/navigator H. Edwards. They were in an RS 2000 Escort, and lost 10min. 56sec., putting them well ahead of the rest.

The favourites, Ron Beecroft, Harrogate, and John Millington, Leeds, also in an RS 2000, went out with a hole in the sumo of their engine.

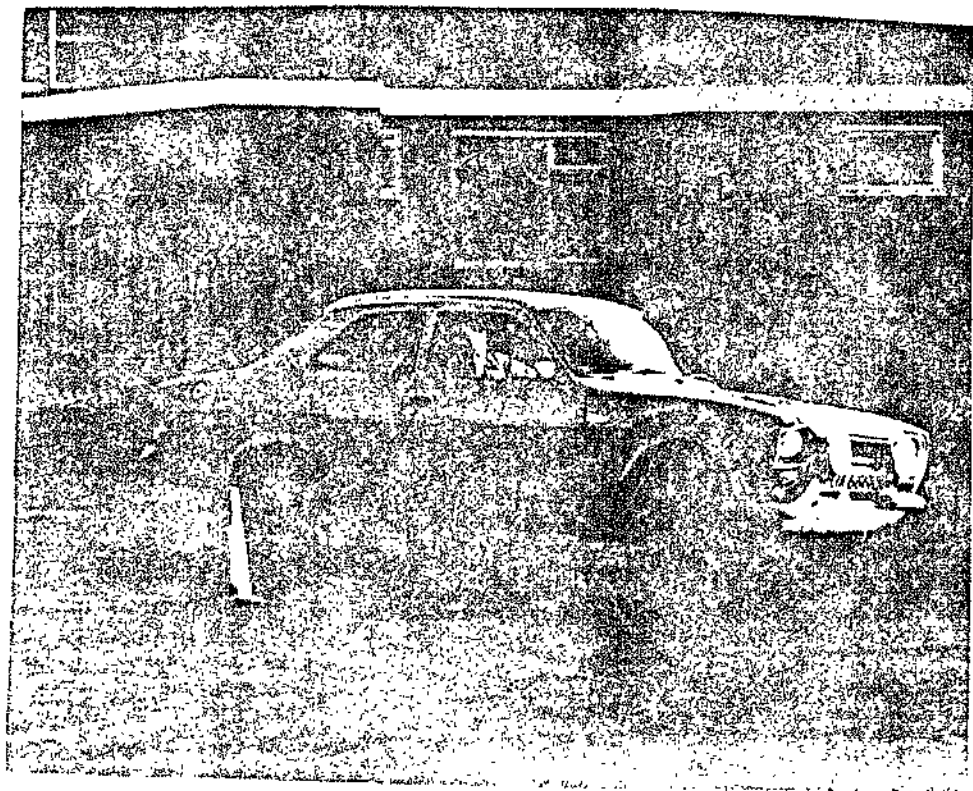
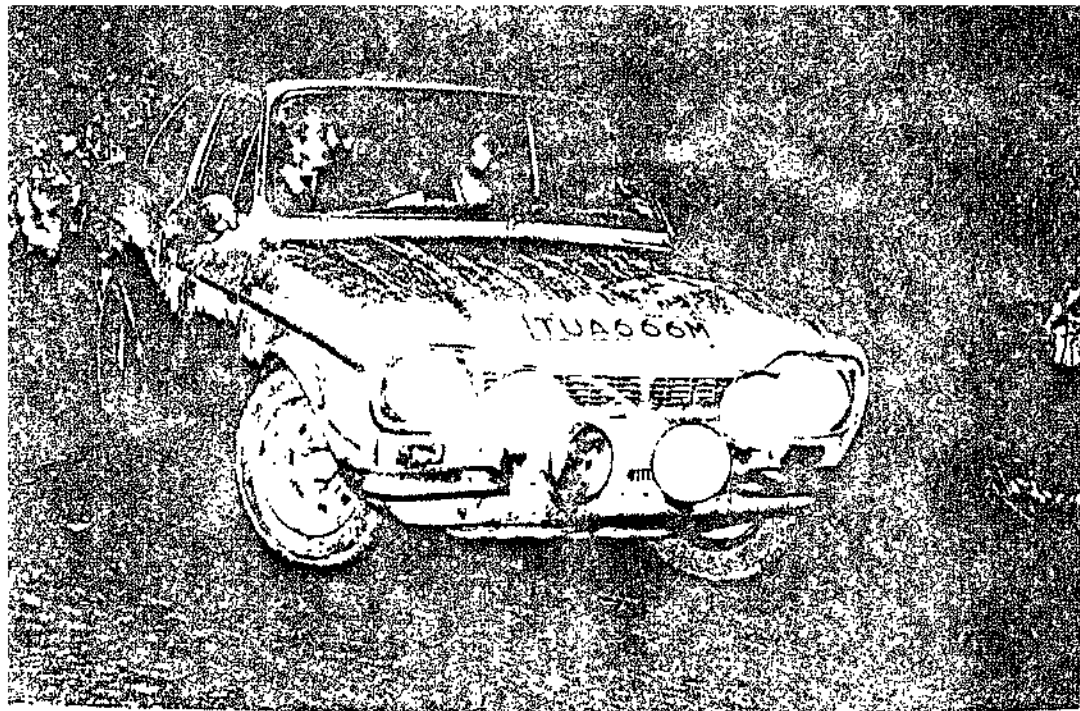
Ten crews were excluded for not stopping at various "Give Way" signs on the route.

Experts: 1. K. Goodall and H. Edwards (RS 2000) Leeds, 10min. 56sec.; 2. K. Murray and A. Hill (Vaux Ascona) Ripon, 13.28; 3. D. Lawton and S. Hazelden (Mexico) Leeds, 13.44; 4. A. Powell and Stuart-Brown (Escort) Leeds, 15.48; 5. C. Payne and J. Hollings (RS 2000) Otley, 20.34. Best novices: J. England, Otley, and J. Spence, Ilkley (Mexico) 25.01. Best team: Track Rod MG — Goodall, Lawton, Powell.

THE CENTRE PAGE THIS MONTH FEATURES LONG STANDING MEMBER KEN GOODALL (THE BUTCHER).

AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT - KEN CARVING HIS WAY AROUND AN AUTOTEST.







A FEW EXERTS  
FROM THE  
TALKLAND LOOKOUT  
STAGE RALLY 1989



## EXERTS FROM THE RAC MOTOR SPORT ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL BULLETIN - NOVEMBER ISSUE.

### FIRE EXTINGUISHER CABLES

It has been noted that an increasing number of extinguisher operating cables have shown signs of corrosion and partial seizing. To ensure correct operation, please ensure that all such cables are regularly cleaned and lubricated.

### MoT CERTIFICATES FOR PCTs

It has been agreed by the British Motor Sports Council that MoT Certificates must be produced to the Event Scrutineer at all Production Car Trials for all Production Cars. This will take effect from January 1, 1990.

### CRASH HELMETS - follow up from Augusts Mag

Crash Helmets bearing an RAC Approval Sticker must be worn at all times during training, practice and competition. The user must ensure that the helmet is to a standard specified in the current RAC year-book, that it fits properly, is secured properly and that it is in a serviceable condition. It is strongly recommended that a fire resistant balaclava, helmet bib or face mask also be worn.

The competitor is reminded of the following essential criteria when buying or using his/her helmet:- Standard, Fit, Security, Condition.

Part of the approval procedure is to affix an RAC sticker to the outside of the helmet in the approximate location of the driver's right ear. Stickers may only be affixed by selected scrutineers, or through the MSA at Motor Sports House, or by selected manufacturers, after the helmet has been checked for conformity with the standard required and is considered to be in a satisfactory condition. RAC approval stickers as shown, for which a fee is charged, are printed on silver foil, and once individually affixed, cannot be reapplied.



## HELMET FIT AND SECURITY.

To ensure satisfactory fit and security of your helmet, proceed as follows:

1. Obtain the correct size by measuring the crown of your head
2. Check that there is no side-to-side movement; a helmet should be as closely fitting as possible consistent with comfort.
3. Tighten straps securely - the chin strap must be under tension at all times; ensure therefore that the strap cannot slip. Chin cups are prohibited.
4. With head forward attempt to pull up the back of the helmet, as shown in the diagram, to ensure the helmet CANNOT be removed in this way.



5. Ensure you can see clearly over each shoulder.
6. Make sure nothing impedes your breathing in the helmet and never cover your nose or mouth other than with a fire resistant balaclava or face mask. Helmets with life-support attachments must only be worn if they are connected to a life-support system.
7. Never wear a scarf, tie, or other clothing which could come loose and possibly cause an accident.
8. Ensure that the visor can be opened with one gloved hand.
9. Satisfy yourself that the back of the helmet provides protection for your neck.
10. Do not buy from mail order unless you can satisfactorily carry out the above checks; return a helmet unused if it does not fit.

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Now is the time when most people ponder over what the year's competition has taken out of their car. Some who have just started in motor sport hopefully still have a clean and straight vehicle.

Winter usually brings about the seasonal rebuild and re-paint so as to be ready for next "season" when we will win the Shell League Trophy.

To this end perhaps anybody with any parts for sale or need a specific part to complete their car (sorry no shells) please write the part down and tell me, and I will try from there.

Mentioning the Shell League Trophy reminds me that, we attained 5th place O/A, when prior to the last round "The Talkland Lookout Stages" we were in 8th place. Surely after a brilliant effort like that, maybe we can do similar early on in the season with our "NEW ACES"!! I hope that with their talents and that of our more seasoned campaigners we will be tops next year.

First event for us next year will be the "CARTEL" with Alan Powell and myself, Tom Whitaker and Vince Fletcher will be doing it. So, lets look forward to an enjoyable 1990.

Barry Dove  
COMPETITION SECRETARY

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**AN IDEAL XMAS PRESENT?**

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Dave Speck  
Rebecca Kemp  
Barry Dove

## TMC MEMBERSHIP NEWS NOVEMBER

Trackrod Motor Club would like to welcome its new members who this month include:-

Andrew Clark	Peter Owen
Julian Woolin	Russell Holdsworth
Mark Bentley	Edward Bentley
Andre Dryden	James Plevy
Keith Merry	Paul & Debbie Noon
Andrew Elliott	Stephen & Tracey Hugill
Andrew Grindrod	A Twiddle.
Nicholson family	

Membership renewals are due from January 1st 1990 except members who joined after October 1st 1989. I will be at most club nights, but if I am not there then please see any Committee member who carries renewal/application forms. The membership card will then be sent out with the next magazine.

## **HAVE YOU MOVED HOUSE?**

Please remember to let me know of any change of address/telephone number so we can keep our records up to date.

Sandie Lord  
MEMBERSHIP SEC.

New membership cards are being produced, so lets wait with baited breath to see what is instore for next year - ED.

## Round No5 - Hartlepool Autotest

The yellow shed could be classed as a very well unprepared car for autotests, as since the last drive round a car park in Bolton I never got round to mending a handbrake that never worked to start with - I hope you understand that as I didn't!

One big advantage of this rubber burning do (except me) was that the sun was shining and the car park was bigger, but the disadvantage was the spectators and running commentary.

Even though I never used the non working handbrake all day, I still enjoyed myself finishing 3rd in class. This was behind Dave Cook in his Anglia Box 4, Simon Bradley in the very light weight Metro (even if the handbrake had worked and I went flat out with my brain out of gear I would still be atleast 1 1/2 behind those two very quick guys).

Apart from getting 1 all rounders point I also claimed two bottles of wine - thank you very much. Mr FTD, David Haigh only got one!!

Having now completed five rounds in the yellow shed (haven't even washed it either) I am looking for a third type of qualifying event, and guess what - it is going to be an autocross - watch out Martin Schanche theirs a yellow shed about.

Nick Yellow Shed Pullan

Thanks Nick for your series of 5 articles - we're waiting with baited breath to hear from you again soon. ED

## RETROSPECTIVE

We hear a lot about retrospective events, historic rallies and the like, so we now feature a column for these events from the annals of Trackrod Motor Club which published its first magazine in October 1970 so we are just 19 years old and we'll be resurrecting names from the past and the antics of our members - yes its been done before but - here we go again.

### December 1970 Magazine

On 7/8th November, Leeds University MC had 110 entries for their Northern Lights Rally with 77 finishers. Howard Frank finishing 6th Novice and a Mr Alkinon and John Lee 3rd in the same class in a G.T. (what is not specified!) Paul Siddall and Ken Parker finished 16th Novice. Leeds University also ran an autotest on Woodhouse Moor on 22nd November with 40 entries. Howard White, David Taylor and Barry Spink represented Trackrod. Howard finished 2nd O/A and David 6th, Barry won the R.W.D. class up to 1100cc in his Escort.

Chairman Ray Dickinson was waxing lyrical about his new acquisition - a 1300 Escort - which replaced his PCT/Autotest/Hillclimb/Rally 1200 Cortina!!

Affiliation to the R.A.C. was still awaited so we couldn't run any events of our own - nevertheless, membership was passing 100 after only 2 months - some achievement. For those who are not familiar with our roots - Trackrod was actually a splinter group from the then Alwoodley Community Association Motor Club formed by six members:- Ray Dickinson, Steve Lloyd, John Wilson, Howard White, Peter Gledhill and Brian Schofield. The first meeting in September 1970 at the Wharfedale, Arthington had the requisite number of 50 members present so R.A.C. affiliation was sought immediately and some of those original 50 members are still with us today - their names will appear in this column in due course.

We will finish as in 1970 - TRACKROD ..... ENDS  
Richard Ineson

## POINTS OF INTEREST

The most important point this month is that **THE END OF THE YEAR IS NIGH**. Repent, repent, and get your claims in before next year starts. Although for most of the year you've got three months to get claims in, everything stops on December 31st. It has to, 'cos the trophies are handed out at the Dinner Dance on 26th January. The only exceptions are for events running over the Christmas Holidays, when I can allow 'till January 5th.

Don't forget you can post your claims to me at home if you can't find me at clubnights (or if I don't appear..)

There aren't any changes to the positions in any of the championships since last month; the only claims I've received have simply extended the leads of those already in front.

This month I'm going to go through the first championship in detail. It's the **Off-Road Events Trophy**. Events counting for this Trophy are PCT's, Hill Climbs, Sprints and Rallycross. Only events organised by clubs **other than Trackrod** will count.

Scoring is on a percentage-of-class-beaten basis (known as the ANCC Formula), like this:

For all finishers:

$$\frac{\text{Number in your class who you beat} \times 100}{\text{Number in your class}} + 5$$

So no finishers get less than 5 points. And you can get over 100 points, if you win your class ! Non-finishers get 3 points.

That's it for this month, more trophy details next month.

Andy Shaw

TROPHY POINTS SEC.

## TALKLAND LOOKOUT STAGES RALLY

### 5TH NOVEMBER 1989

for many years Trackrod Motor Club have promoted three "full blown" rallies annually, each with its own organising team, and each event being aimed at a separate level of competition. This has enabled us, as a club, to have a great reserve of capable organisers, and the ability to "do the job right" whenever called upon. The changes in rules and attitudes towards Road Rallies, however, resulted in the demise of the junior event, the Lookout Novice Road Rally, for a while at least... In view of the traditions of the club, not to mention a spare set of trophies, a few members not connected with the established Forest Stages Rally, or the Costa, decided to investigate the resurrection of the Lookout Rally and after several months of searching unearthed the venue of Melbourne Airfield, also known as York Dragway.

In the early planning stages a major problem arose when the venue was used by another club, who went against the advice of the land owner and Drag Racing Promoter. The result was a fresh set of conditions, which, if not fully met, would mean rallying would be very short-lived indeed at this venue. The initial effect was to reduce available roads, and to prevent any type of "lapping" of the airfield.

Several site visits and late night meetings followed, and the event took shape. The Club Committee allowed the event to be Trackrods Shell League Event, which guaranteed a full entry, and the logistics of actually preparing the airfield for a rally were investigated. Several lorry loads of drums and tyres later, all was set.

The full entry, with all the local, well known names, appeared three weeks before the event. The actual day of the event dawned frosty, with thick fog. The fog caused many problems, delaying both competitors and marshals and causing the start to be delayed by half an hour. However, Chief Timekeeper, Derrick Lee soon put the event back on schedule without any inconvenience and the rest of the day ran like clockwork.

One or two of the competitors criticised the tightness of the several chicanes, which with very slippery tracks caused many hairy moments, but if they were wide enough for a 17 foot limousine, then tough!! The final two stages ran in darkness, again a deliberate ploy to make the event a test of driver skill rather than an out and out power game.

The outcome of the event is now widely known, the main results being in last months magazine. There were several valiant performances by Trackrod crews, resulting in us being 2nd O/A Shell League team on the day.

Reports from all concerned were very complementary about the way the event was run, especially the land owner and local residents, and it is hoped that the use of Melbourne Airfield is secure for Trackrod Motor Club in future years.

On a personal note, I would like to pass on my thanks for all who have assisted on the event, not all jobs being "action packed", but nevertheless vital to the smooth running of the rally.

See you next year!

John Bean  
(Chief Marshal)

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