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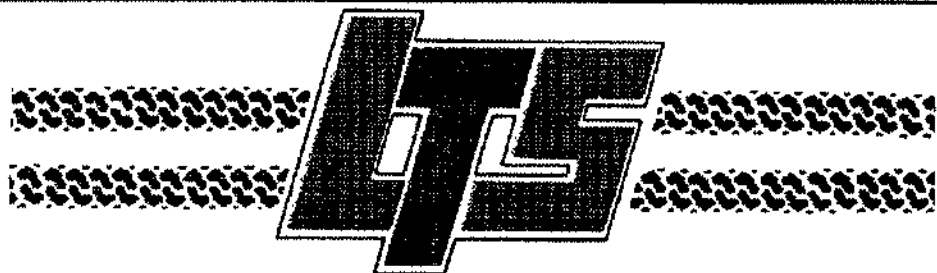
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ED'S SCRIBBLE

HI FOLKS,

Firstly I must thank all of you this month for providing so many interesting articles. Plenty to get me back in to the swing of it again!

Well done also to Anne who seems to be having a go at almost everything now with her recent participation in Autotesting aswell as providing us with yet another excellent Dinner Dance.

Hopefully, when old Baldrick, my little black mini has had his final once over I'll be out there too, throwing the poor thing from pillar to post. Having just had major surgery on his rear subframe and a cosmetic touch up (a once over with a can of paint) he's almost ready to hit the lights. I hope Richard Ineson and John Renny will give some of us "greenies" a few tips on how to keep our motors on four wheels and not on the roof!

I must make an apology to Mark Giles who was sadly missed off the list of results for the Talkland Lookout Stages Rally last November. He had a superb run finishing 25 O/A, 2nd in class and 2nd Novice. Well done Mark.

So nows the time to start once again collecting those points for the trophies. Take a look at the Competition Calendar and Annes article on autotesting which I'm sure will get you all out there.

See you at the club nights
Susanne - ED.

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TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY**

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

What an excellent Dinner Dance, thank you to everybody who helped to make it such a good evening. It was nice to see a lot of guests, members and friends attending. The floor show was not as entertaining as last year, but it was certainly different!! For those of you who weren't there, where were you? you don't know what you missed!

I announced that last year had been a very productive one for Trackrod, running a lot of our own events, being asked to Marshal at a lot of others, and plenty of superb social events. This coming year looks very promising, all last years events being run again, along with some new events and more training evenings. We have been asked to help promote the Mobil 1 challenge again next year with more involvement required from the club.

I announced that Appleyard of Leeds Ltd. have agreed to sponsor the ANCC Autotest Championship of which the Aprilfools Autotest is a round. The Hillclimb at Baitings Dam will be sponsored by "Mitchell Fox Ltd." who have been associated with the club for a long time. The COSTA Stage Rally will be running again, watch out for more information in the mag in coming months. The Trackrod Forest Stages Rally will be starting again from Ravenscar and will be the last round of the Mintex National Rally Championship again. The Lookout Stage Rally has a new sponsor in the form of MEDA Communications, this event is our nominated round for the LARKSPEED LEAGUE, (ex SHELL LEAGUE see seperate article).

With all this going on I hope everybody will pitch in and help, does anybody wish to do something new? If you have a job in mind that you would like to do, see the event organiser or if that is not successful speak to a committee member.

Look forward to seeing you all during the year.

Peter Stanhope
Chairman

SEC'S SPOT

Now that 1990 is well and truly under way you competitors / organisers are doubtless planning your season of competition and sorting out budgets etc. (budgets - what are they??). The often mooted threat to cut the root off the Secretarial Mini have now taken on a more positive slant - tubing has been ordered - welding arranged and angle grinder has arrived!! - hope it's a hot summer!

Meanwhile Committee activity continues on a monthly/weekly/daily basis and the last meeting on 17th January saw the usual round of discussion:-

Hurray - we think we've sold our old caravan - to L.U.U.M.C. - come and collect Roland! We seem to be one or two items of equipment missing - anyone got a lighting pole stand?? - have a look in the shed etc. Rod Parkin and R. Ineson (who's he?) still need to get their act together on sorting out a programme of training evenings. Oh yes - we still need a good box trailer - keep looking. Social Committee reported on potential new venues for clubnights any ideas/suggestions will be considered - all we need, preferably is a private room facility (at little or no cost!).

In view of a lack of equipment on the Xmas Stages we are pursuing prices for sets of equipment (Phones etc.) for flying finish operations.

Discussions at some length took place on the reports of discontent with the allocation of jobs on events/stages etc. i.e. same people doing same jobs every time. Hopefully the training evenings (!) will help redress this situation but it must be said that Stage Commanders etc. must have a commitment from persons for the more important tasks (start/finish etc.) at an early stage of proceedings, also, if people (you) don't volunteer on a positive basis what do you expect?? This matter will be raised at the next open forum so come on - stand up and be counted!

Richard Ineson
Hon. Secretary

SOCIAL CALENDAR

As you are all aware, two of our major venues have let us down - so we must look for new pastures new.

I've had some very kind members recommend three different venues to me - so we'll be trying all of them in due course. Namely - Windmill Inn at Linton, Barleycorn at Collingham and the Stone Trough at Rawdon. The Windmill and Stone Trough both have private rooms which could be used for Open Forum evenings etc.

When we do try these venues, I would appreciate your comments - you know I like to keep you all happy - but I can't read your minds (only sometimes!).

So keep an eye on this page as venues are slightly different to our normal ones and I don't want you all going to the wrong place.

FEBRUARY

- 6 - Windmill Inn, Linton Village
OPEN FORUM
- 13 - Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa
FREE SANDWICHES
- 20 - New Inn, Eccup
VIDEO NIGHT
- 27 - Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive

MARCH

- 6 - Stone Trough, Harrogate Road, Rawdon
Autotest training evening, OPEN FORUM
- 11 - Autotest training practical, West Street Car Park @ 14:00
- 13 - Barleycorn, Collingham
Another new venue to try out.
- 20 - Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive
EGYPTIAN SUPPER NIGHT
- 27 - Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa
FREE SANDWICHES

FUTURE EVENTS

I think after the Dinner Dance we all need a rest. However, I still have the Egyptian Supper night booked - its always nice to try something really different. (This has been changed from 27 February to 20th March). More details about this unique nosh-up in next months mag. Don't miss it.

Dinner Dance

Well - I hope you all enjoyed the Dinner Dance. Sorry the Snake Charmer couldn't be there - she was tied up elsewhere. Mick Britton did his best to keep us all amused however.

I would appreciate your comments on the Dinner Dance - good or bad. (You can if you wish put it in writing without your autograph!) I'm always willing to listen to any ideas which might help improve our Annual event. Don't forget - we also have OPENFORUM evenings for you to air your views, make suggestions, or have your questions answered.

I'd like to express my thanks to Christine Goodall and Pam White for their help. Also a special thank-you to Brenda Ineson who very kindly wrote out all the place name tags and table plan - (beautifully written). Not forgetting those who donated raffle prizes, thanks very much everyone.

Xmas Raffle

Does anyone have a raffle ticket No. 631 from the Xmas Party - its still unclaimed.

That's all for now folks.

Anne Moffat
Social Sec.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

4	Shef. & Halamshire Venue unknown	S/V	RES
11	Eastwood & D.M.C. Cadwell Park	S/V	RES
17	North Humberside M.C. Manby LARKSPEED LEAGUE	S/V	RES
18	Dukeries M.C. Map 130	S/V	RES
18	Highmoor M.C. 3 Sisters	S/V	RES
23/25	Delacy M.C. Cartel 93/94/99/100/101/104/105	MULTI	INT

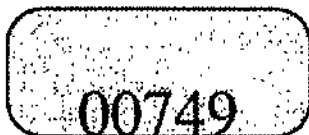
MARCH

3/4	L.U.U.M.C. Northern Lights 99/100/104/105	R/R	RES
10/11	Clitheroe & D.M.C. Clitheronian 97/98/102	R/R	RES
11	North Humberside M.C. Holderness Stages 106/107	M/V	RES
11	Autotest training practical, West Street Car Park @ 14:00 TMC Only		
17	Kirby Lonsdale M.C. Lakeland Stages 85/86/89/90	M/V	NAT
18	Mablethorpe M.C. Venue unknown	S/V	RES
24	York M.C. York National Stage Rally	M/V	NAT

APRIL

1	Trackrod M.C. Aprilfools Autotest ANCC Appleyard Trophy, Chairmans Trophy	Autotest	RES
8	Shipley & D.M.C. Baitings Dam LARKSPEED LEAGUE	Hillclimb	RES

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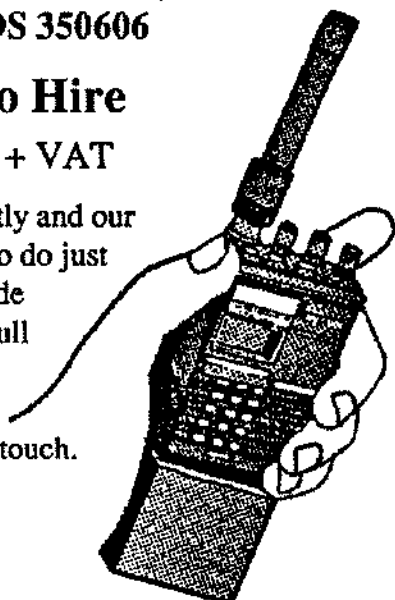
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MARSHALLING

CARTEL 24/25 February 1990

DALBIC 1 & 2 (SS27 & SS35)

1st run - 05.31 2nd run - 10.43

see John Renny or Peter Stanhope for details.

I will be helping LUUMC on this years Cartel by being Stage Commander on SS14 Kilburn.

All Trackrod members are welcome but only on condition that they help on the Trackrod run stage as well and do not come to Kilburn instead. That aside see me or Roland Cross for details.

EVERQUIP MOONRAKER 17 February Manby

Marshals are required for the 1st round of the LARKSPEED LEAGUE and 2nd round of the Manby Championship.

Contact either myself or Steve Darvell on 0482 504050 for details.

LUUMC NORTHERN LIGHTS ROAD RALLY 3/4 March 1990

ANCC and Student Union Championship event.

150 Mile Road Rally and seperate Autotest.

Start Harry Ramsden, Guisley.

Contact Roland Cross 626540 for details.

YORK NATIONAL RALLY 24th March 1990

York Motor have asked Trackrod to run SS3 Pickering stage on this years event. The first car is due at about 10:00, look out for more details in the magazine or see Peter Stanhope or John Renny for more details.

Richard Simpson

Chief Marshal

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Dear Trackrod Members,

I am writing to thank you for your letter and cards of sympathy during the past few weeks on the sad passing of John on Thursday 14th December 1989. He fought his illness with brave courage, never complaining and his usual cheerful self nearly to the end.

I know whilst he was a member of Trackrod, both as a competitor and an organiser he loved his motorsport, and has past on his enthusiasm to Martin.

I also thank you for your very kind donations to both the Diabetic Association and the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. John felt as I do that any help to furthering a cure for these conditions will be most welcome.

Yours Sincerely,

Carol Westmoreland

Thanks from Chatsworth

I have received the following letter from the Stage Commander of the Chatsworth Stage on last years RAC Lombard Rally.

Dear Malcolm,

I would like to thank you and Trackrod for marshalling on Chatsworth. Hope you had a enjoyable day, once again THANK YOU.

Dave Barratt
Stage Commander

Well done everybody who helped.

Malcolm Jagger.

RETROSPECTIVE

Newsletter - February 1971

The club seemed to be having a long gestation period - R.A.C. Affiliation still not received - however there was a postal strike operating!

There was the very first A.G.M. held at the Moortown Rugby Club attended by 40 members - dealing with the election of officers and the disclosure that the Bank Balance of £70-15s-2d - wow! (from little acorns.....). Also up for discussion was the establishment of trophies appropriate to the planned calendar of events. Peter Gledhill, the treasurer wrote a piece about his antics in his VW Beetle 7673 UG (is it still alive??) - his motorsporting ones anyway! - seems he bought it for £175 in 1969 - what happened to inflation - that's all they're worth in 1990 isn't it? Finally on a more sombre note it was announced that the wife of Chairman Ray Dickinson, passed away on 28th January.

Trackrod _ _ _ _ _ Ends

APRILFOOLS AUTOTEST

Plans are well in hand for this years event which will be on Sunday 1st April. The event will be held at West Street Municipal car park Leeds, the venue of last years event and the Boxing Day Autotest. The event is again a round of the ANCC Autotest Championship and ANEMMCC Autotest Championship.

There are many jobs needing to be done on the day, and before, so please volunteer before Malcolm Jagger (Chief Marshal/Chief Timekeeper) catches up with you. This is a small friendly event which is a good way to start Autotesting and at £9:00 for a days sport you cannot go wrong. Regulations will be out soon so keep an eye on the notice board.

Hope to see you all on the 1st.

Peter Stanhope
Clerk of the Course

LARKSPEED LEAGUE 1990

Whats this you ask! Well, after many years of sponsorship from SHELL they have decided not to continue sponsorship this year. Consequently Alan Larkin of Larkspeed has stepped in and will be sponsoring the championship this year.

The following events will make up the "LARKSPEED LEAGUE 1990".

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Event</u>
1 17 February	North Humberside	Single Venue
2 8 April	Shipley	Hillclimb
3 20 May	Airedale & Pennine	Autotest
4 17 June	Y.S.C.C.	Autotest
5 22 July	Alwoodley	Autotest
6 29 July	Ilkley	Production Car Trial
7 12 August	York	Autotest
8 9 September	Slaithwaite	Autotest
9 20/21 October	Keithley	Navigational Night Rally
10 4 November	Trackrod	Lookout Stages Rally

I hope a lot of members will compete on these events to make Trackrod Motor Club number 1 this year. With the first round this month being a single venue I hope we will get a full team out.

Ronnie MacKinnon
Larkspeed League Captain.

AUTOTEST TRAINING

On tuesday 6th March we will be holding an Autotest training session at the Stone Trough, Rawdon for all you novices. This will be followed by a practical training on Sunday 11th March at West Street Car Park, Near the Yorkshire Post Building (same venue as the Boxing Day Autotest and Aprilfools). Hope to see you all there at 14:00.

Richard Ineson

A.N.C.C. Autotest Championship for The Appleyard of Leeds Trophy

As the title suggests, sponsorship has been secured for the 1990 Championship, for which regulations will shortly be available. The events calendar is as follows:-

18	March	Lancs. & Cheshire C.C.
1	April	Trackrod M.C. (Aprilfools)
15	April	Bolton-Le-Moor C.C.
29	April	Ilkley & D.M.C.
10	June	Hartlepool & D.M.C.
17	June	Y.S.C.C.
1	July	Airedale & Pennine M.C.C.
22	July	Alwoodley M.C.
5	August	Shipley & D.M.C.
2	September	Stockport & D.M.C.
9	September	North Humberside M.C.
7	October	Knutsford

Because of the availability of sponsorship it is proposed to re-introduce some form of cash incentive into the awards structure. To qualify for an award a competitor must take part in at least 5 events with their best 8 scores counting. Further details soon.

Richard Ineson - Championship Secretary
John Renny - Championship Scorer

CARTEL INTERNATIONAL 1990 23-25 February 1990

Trackrod, will be running DALBIC on this years event. It is an 18 mile long stage. The stage is run twice on Sunday 25th February, 05:30 followed by 10:45. We will need all club members to help.

Have we got any budding new Timekeepers, Radio Operators, Sector Marshals etc.? Please see myself at any club night or ring Leeds 582334.

John Renny
Stage Commander

TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB
MITCHELL FOX HILLCLIMB - BAITINGS DAM
Sunday August 19th 1990

Things are going well for the first Hillclimb to be put on by Trackrod at Baitings Dam. We are pleased to announce sponsorship from Mitchell Fox Ltd., a company which has close ties with the club.

The road has recently been resurfaced resulting in a very smooth fast drive. So far we hopefully have the Porsche Club Great Britain and the Ferrari Owners Club coming. We have also applied to be in some local championships. With this being our first event a lot of help is required. In the case of Marshals, who knows about using flags? We will be having a training evening a lot nearer the time. Any help would be very welcome, who can organise a BBQ? signing on? help with results? etc. etc. If you are interested please contact either myself (Leeds 675685) or Richard Ineson (Secretary of the Meeting) on Leeds 679329.

Peter Stanhope - Clerk of the Course

YORK NATIONAL STAGE RALLY
Saturday 24th March Pickering Stage SS3

Trackrod have been asked to run a stage on this years York National Stages Rally. After we did such a good job running Pickering Stage last year, well done everybody, they have asked us to run the same stage again!

I have very little info. at the moment except that the stage will be shorter than last year and first car will be due at 10:11.

Who would like to do what job?? It is a good time to have a go at something different, sector marshal? radio operator? arrival control? start? flying finish? stop line?

Please contact either John Renny (Deputy S.C. Tel. 582334) or myself (675685) before we come looking for you.

Peter Stanhope
Stage Commander

ANCC ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS

The ANCC is pleased to announce the resurrection of the ANCC Road Rally Championship.

The Championship will consist of 11 rounds including some of the best road rallies in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Derbyshire. All events are of Restricted status and to be run at night. (Navigational Scatters and 12 cars are not included). Nine of the rallies have road rally permits and 2 have navigational rally permits.

To standardise the Championship navigational methods to be used on each round will be restricted to standard forms - see Championship regulations. Any cryptic methods that might be used on any round must be outlined in the regulations for the event and examples given.

A maximum of 8 scores will count for Championship purposes and as well as overall awards there will be awards for Beginners ie those contenders who have never finished a road rally before competing on their first championship round.

So swot up on your tulips and herring-bones and register. Registration costs £5 per competitor and contenders are not obliged to remain with the same driver/navigator throughout the championship (each competitor scoring separately in the overall and class).

REGISTRATION

Registration is available on the 1st two rounds of the championship:

The Northern Lights 3/4 March, regs from:-

Daytime: Roland Cross (0532) 626540

Evening: Steve Harris (0532) 756383

AutoWindscreens 7/8 April, regs from:-

Evening: Charlie Wheeldon (0246) 236328

or contact the Championship Co-ordinator

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CALENDAR 1990

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>MAPS</u>
MAR 3/4	Northern Lights	Leeds University UMC	99,100,104,105
APR 7/8	AutoWindscreens	Matlock MC	119
MAY 12/13	Clitheronian	Clitheroe &DMC	98,102,103
JUNE 2/3	Summer Rally	Pendle DMC	97,98,103,104
JULY 14/15	Dry Stone Rally	Med-Derbyshire MC	119,128
JULY 21/22	Torque Bac	Bury MC	97,98,102,103
SEPT 1/2	Otley	Otley MC	98,99,104
SEPT 8/9	Rally of the Dams	Sheffield & Hallamshire	110,119
OCT 13/14	Stocktonian	Stockton MC	92,93,98,99
OCT 20/21	061 Road Rally	061 MC	110,119,128
DEC 1/2	Beaver	Beverley MC	100,101,106, 107,112,113

My first Autotest

I'd done lots of timekeeping on various Autotests and always thought they were great fun. I was charged with enthusiasm when I watched people like Richard Ineson, John Renny and David Haigh throw their cars round as if they were on ice. I thought "that's for me".

Eighteen months later (November '89) at long last, I could afford a car to play with!!

Now, being the proud owner of a wee twelve year old blue mini - I was raring to go. My heart went out to Basil (that's the mini) when I thought of what I was going to put him through - wheelies, bald tyres and a jiggered handbrake to name but a few. My wicked side quickly returned when I thought of all the fun I'd have actually competing in an autotest. Next on the agenda was to equip myself with a knob - I know they're actually called "steering aids" but I think that sounds like a disease. Anyway Alan Larkin (Larkspeed) sells these objects, so I purchased one from him (plug for you Alan - you owe me).

Once I'd acquired and fitted the knob to the steering wheel - I knew I just had to enter the Boxing Day Autotest. However, being totally green, I needed to see if I could actually operate the steering wheel with this funny looking gadget I'd attached.

I found a company car park near Ossett where the Security man agreed to allow me to "borrow" one Sunday as long as I didn't dent the buildings. Anyway, I practised initially with the help of Malcolm Jagger (thanks Malc) then had a go on my own. I ended up with an aching right arm and bruises all over my hand and forearm because the knob kept slipping. This, however, only made me more determined. (no I don't really like pain!) So, armed with three hours experience, I felt ready to sell the mini and take up knitting.

Boxing Day loomed and I had decided I was definitely going to complete the entry form at least - even if I had to back out as a coward at the last minute. Basil was gleaming like a new pin (so was I) and we set off up the M1 to the venue at Leeds - feeling like we were headed towards our doom.

Basil and I were both shaking - don't know whether it was the cold air or sheer terror - the latter I think. Anyway, we got there and of course, to my horror, there were no loos (and you know what its like when you're nervous)! Difficult to drive with one's legs crossed.

Basil passed his Scrutineering after they'd removed a few light, loose objects (like the tool box) from the back seat. I was given the diagrams for the tests and my knees rattled even more. "Control yourself Moffat" I thought, and decided that if I could go last it would give me more thinking time - so that's what I did.

The first test felt as though I was going at a speed of about 2mph (I probably was) but I actually got through without demolishing any bollards (sorry - cones) and without going the wrong way. By Test 2, I was still shaking, but managed to increase speed to 3mph.

Test 3 was a beggar - when I 'wheelied' round the middle cone and had to do a free-turn then reverse - I was completely disoriented and promptly set off again in the wrong direction. However, instinct (and a few bellows from the audience) told me and I corrected my almost mistake. So I took forever to do that Test - confidence shattered once more.

Anyway, I eventually got to the stage where I was thoroughly enjoyed myself and my confidence was on the up. I was very proud of myself (and Basil of course) for getting 8th O/A and 3rd in class. My brain hurt with trying to remember in which direction I should be headed. I must take my hat off to those fellas who know where they're going. Autotest diagrams with arrows and lines all over the place take some remembering.

Apart from a tired brain and Basil's bald tyres - I went home with a feeling of achievement and pride. I'd recommend Autotesting to anyone. Its competitive and also great fun - so come on all you "would be's". Who knows, maybe one day I'll be up there with the best!

Well, I'm going to polish Basil now - see ya.

Anne Moffat

Sherwoods Christmas Stages 30th December 1989
Car 16 Andrew Womack/Richard Simpson

The Christmas Stages is, along with the Tour of Lincs, probably one of the best and most hotly contended events on the restricted calendar. This years event was no exception with an entry list, which would have done justice to many a National rally. It was therefore with some degree of excitement that I looked forward to the great day especially as the icing on the cake was a run in the immaculate works spec. Manta 400 belonging to Andrew Womack.

We elected to attend scrutineering on the Friday evening so as to make for a leisurely start on Saturday and with the formalities out of the way it was time for a drink in the bar and ponder the event the following day.

The benefits of our scrutineering on the Friday became apparent when we had a relatively late breakfast and drove the short distance from the hotel to the start. This short drive gave me time to acclimatise, which was easily done in a car as well prepared as Andrews.

The opening stage was at Croft rallycross circuit and only 15 minutes from the start. A mixture of tarmac and gravel and as my heart thumped louder the start marshal counted us down. At the call of "GO" the car launched into warp drive "good grief this is quick". This was my first taste of proper group B rallying and apart from the obvious speed I was highly impressed with Andrews control which made it all seem remarkably drama free despite the pace at which we were travelling!

After Croft it was a long road section to two runs round Waith With near Catterick which despite a half spin saw us lying in 12th place.

Andrew was now getting into the swing of things and this was proved as we went into Downholm. The all tarmac stage run by Trackrod, approximately 1.5 miles long, very narrow and with a tight downhill right - into sweeping uphill left - into tight right exit; halfway in.

5. 4. 3. 2. 1. GO! and we did, flat over crest, through the bends flat in 4th, in fact it was flat all the way to stop the clocks on 1min 16sec. and fastest time!

Both runs over Feldon were taken in similar fashion including two massive yumps on the finish of Feldon 2 being taken flat in 5th!, but again even at these amazing speeds on roads he had not driven before, Andrew gave a demonstration of his skill and control, albeit at the tightening of certain parts of my anatomy.

A steady run back to service in Croft saw us up to 11th place which was improved to 8th after the rerun of SS1 when Andrew improved on his first time by 15seconds, with another fastest stage time, Phew!

Back to Waith With for two more stages on what must be one of the best venues available anywhere. Everything from tarmac hairpins, tight combination corners, fast straights and loose gravel all in around 4 miles - fabulous!

Our first two runs had seemed quick but these two were phenomenal, we beat our previous times by a total of 22 seconds and saw us go into service at Leyburn in 6th place. considering Andrew had never driven over these roads before, unlike most of the other competitors in the top twenty, he was surprising many with his pace.

Darkness was falling as we headed for Stainton, high above Bellerby and the only loose stage on the event. Despite another fast run we were given a dubious time which couldn't check as the finish marshal restarted the watch immediately - Pratt! Another quick run on the reverse of Downholm, still being efficiently run by the Trackrod faithful who hadn't gone home, and two more steady runs around Waith With saw us finish 11th overall. My own personal best ever finish and highly pleasing considering the high quality field and new, to Andrew, terrain.

This was certainly the best days rallying I have ever had, not only had we had a good result but it had been a pleasure to sit beside a driver of immense capability in a fabulous car.

My thanks go to Andrew and his service crew and if I can persuade him again - roll on next time! After this things will never be quite the same again!!

Richard Simpson

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1989 Sheerwood Christmas Stages (Downholm)

Well it was like this. There was this big fella who one day got my arm up my back, and in as many words said, "It's about time you took on the job as a Stage Commander, instead of p—ing about with a clock all the time". Sorry about the pun, but Richard Simpson has a way with words.

"OK" I said, "The man from delmoti said yes, so will I". So after working off the Christmas pud on the boxing day play, it was up the A1 and across to end up at the Downholm Stage at about 8:30am ISH, to be greeted by all sorts of comments, take note Phil and Arthur, I don't get mad, I get even!

With what can only be described as a little more than a skeleton crew, the stage was all set up by the organising club, which helped tremendously as time was getting on, and all the chat on the radio, the event was well on the way.

The Trackrod stage was not the only one with it's problems, on the previous stage the first competing cars were at the stage arrival but they had no clocks at the finish line. That was their problem, all our stations were manned, and yes I'm glad to say womened as well, but I had no communications at all from the flying finish to the stop line. The stop line was out of sight, sound and everything.

With the help and suggestions from Nigel Drayton, a relay system was put in to operation, and proved very effective, but not recommended to be used on any regular basis. I had thought about using carrier pigeons, but the stop line wasn't on the way home.

The problem only caused a slight delay, and with no hold-ups thereafter the stage ran without incident, and apart from a MK 1 Escort rolling, we had no incidents to report.

The job of stage boss was one I did with apprehension at first, but as time went on, it was only like being back as Chief Marshal, by that I mean doing all the hard work before hand and then watching it fall in to place on the day. Many thanks to all who turned out and I hope we can work together again in the future, under the name we are all so well thought of, TRACKROD of course.

Cheers for now all.

Malcolm Jagger

MERCHANDISE

If you cannot make it to Club Nights, but would like some of the TMC gear - just fill in the order form and post it to me:

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Your jumpers, sweatshirts etc. you've ordered should be with you as you read this months magazine.

Thats all for now folks.

Anne Moffat

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Sweaters (V neck)							
Acrylic		Lambswool		Sweatshirts		T-Shirts	
SIZE	COLOUR	SIZE	COLOUR	SIZE	COLOUR	SIZE	COLOUR

Sweaters have embroidered Trackrod Logo.

Order in S. M. L. XL. XXL.

Payment on receipt of goods.

Points of Interest

The 1989 Annual Awards were presented at the Dinner Dance. These are intended as recognition of the efforts of those club members who put a lot into motorsport - competing, organising, marshalling or whatever. The 1989 Award Winners were:-

Rally & Speed Shop Autotest Trophy	R.F. Ineson
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Dickinson PCT Trophy	N. Pullan
Marshals Trophy	P. Andrews
Service Crew Award	J. Smyth
All Rounders Trophy (Trackrod Trophy)	M. Jagger
FSB Rally Driver	S. Sanderson
FSB Rally Navigator	S. Bell
Rally Driver of the Year (ANCC Driver)	S. Sanderson
ANCC Rally Navigator	S. Bell
Shell League Trophy	R. Ineson
Off Road Events Award	R. Ineson
Special Stage Trophy	A. Powell
Gordon Jefferson Stage Navigators Trophy	B. Dove
Crest Motels Single Venue	T. Whittaker
Ladies Challenge (Mrs Newman)	A. Moffat
Best Lady Competitor (CJ & DW Taylor)	R. Kemp
Myers Memorial (Philip Myers)	M. Brier
J&B Trophy (Best Event) Dinner Dance (A.	Moffat, P. White, C. Goodall)
Hunters Trophy	S. Sanderson & J. Westmoreland
Chairman's Award	D. Moon
Forster Shell Trophy	P. Green

As well as those trophies, we also present awards to the BEST TMC crew on other clubs' rallies, where three or more TMC crews were entered. 1989 winners were:

Sherwoods Christmas Stages	A. Womack and R. Simpson
York National	A. Powell / B. Dove
Kwik-fix Stages	A. Powell / B. Dove
Crystal Stages	A. Powell / B. Dove

This year, it could be YOUR NAME on one (or more) of these trophies. All you have to do is fill in one of the new all-purpose Points Claim Forms, attach evidence to support any claims of entries or results and pass the lot to me within 3 months of the event. You can have your results, etc back after I've seen them.

Andy Shaw Trophy Points Sec.

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TRACKROD

MOTOR CLUB LIMITED

Name _____ Memb. No. _____

Event _____ Date _____

Organising Club: Trackrod/Other _____

**ORGANISER/DRIVER/NAVIGATOR
MARSHAL/SERVICE CREW**

Competitors: Please fill in below AND
provide evidence:-

EVENT Type: Autotest/PCT/Road Rally
Stage Rally S-V/Stage Rally M-V
12-Car/Other:-

EVENT STATUS: C/CM/R/N/I

ANCC round? Y/N SHELL league? Y/N

ENTRANT Name: _____

RESULTS

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1990 TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

I wish to APPLY FOR/RENEW my membership of Trackrod M.C. Ltd for 1990.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Date _____ Signed _____

Proposed _____ Seconded _____
(Only necessary for NEW members)

Single membership £8.00

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Enclosed is CASH/CHEQUE for the correct amount.

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Please fill in the page overleaf and return to the membership secretary (address on the back page of the magazine). If the form is returned by post the membership card will be sent with the next magazine, unless a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Please notify us of a change of your address.

Thank you.

For official use.

Membership No. _____ Comp. _____

Membership card _____

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

It has been decided, by the Committee, to continue keeping the list of each member's abilities and experience.

This information will be held on a Computer, and will only be available to the Committee and organisers of Club events.

Abilities and experience (circle as appropriate).

Have you been a Steward on an event? Yes/No

Marshaling: Chief, Sector or Junction

Timekeeping: Cheif, Start/Finish or Assistant

Scrutineering: Chief or Assistant

Noise Official: Yes/No

Radio: Controller, Operator or Listener

Competitor: Driver and/or Navigator

Organiser (can be more than one): Autotests, PCTs, Road, Forest or Social.

State any activities that you wish to become involved in:-

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Signed _____

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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

Matthew Ineson

Nelson Doggett & family

Martin Gudgeon

John & Daniel Shaw

Tony Ryan

Robin Shuttleworth

So far 46 members have renewed, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE REST OF YOU?!!! Application/renewal forms are available from myself or most committee members or use the one in the magazine.

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

Sandie Telford

Membership Sec.

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