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Hi Folks.

Well here we are again after another 4 weeks, it doesn't seem that long!

As with a lot of other marshals I was out at 2.00am on last Saturdays Cartel Rally full of the joys of the sport! No, really I had an enjoyable day time keeping at the Finish of Dalbik (I think that was what it was called) anyway it was the 18 mile Stage. I'm afraid I was not persuaded to venture out on the Northern Lights Rally this weekend, yet another night Rally.

I'm looking forward to the AutoTest training day next Sunday when I will have my first ever drive in Baldrick. First gear and reverse on our drive way is as far as we've been! Hope to see you all out there, even if your not having a go I'm sure it will be fun?!

Bye for now

Ed

PS Please, Please get your articles in on time!

Deadline for Aprils Mag: TUESDAY 27 MARCH

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

The Open Forum on 6th Feb. was certainly a lively time. A lot of time was spent on the subject of the Dinner Dance and Prize Presentation. One of the questions was would it be possible to just attend the Prize Presentation. After a lot of discussion we took a show of hands as to whether we should keep the format the same next year or change it, at least 3/4 of the members showed that the format should not change. We agreed that the subject would be discussed at the next committee meeting, it was, see Sec's Spot. This is what Open Forums are for, are we doing what you the members would like? Speak up so that we can find out.

I hope the Autotest training evening has been successful, don't forget the practical training day on Sunday the 11th March at West Street Car Park, you can put in to practice all you have learnt. We will be holding similar training sessions for PCT's in the near future.

As we stated last month there have been reports that some members think that the same people get the same jobs, as I stated last month there are many events coming up which are ideal to learn on, I still require timekeepers for the York National, any volunteers? if you don't volunteer how can we help?

On stage events that we assist on we always require a lot of stakes, on the Cartel we used over 200! With spikes getting broken, tops splitting open etc. we get through a lot of stakes, so I must thank Phil Andrews and Arctic Pallets who have supplied the last two lots of stakes, cheers Phil.

I will be working away for the next few months, but I will still get to as many club nights as I can. If you have any queries please see any committee member, I will be keeping in touch by phone.

Happy motoring.

Peter Stanhope Chairman

SECS SPOT

Well, your Secretary will definitely be going topless in 1990 Autotests - yes the roof is now off the Mini and orders have been placed for suitable weatherproof clothing!! Still a long way to go to finish it off though and time is getting short to the 1st event on 18/3/90!

Now what happened in Committee?? Well following the open forum much discussion took place on the Dinner Dance, which is likely to be at the Lawnswood Arms again in 1991, with a traditional format, ie no admittance for only part of the function - subject, of course to no formal resolution being put to the AGM or other EGM where members may vote to the contrary. The only change is to change the day to a Saturday if practicable. Anybody interested in corporate/club entertainment? Karts or whatever - have words with J Renny / R Kemp who are to look into Costings etc.

Finally, the Chairman is going to be working in Glasgow so we won't be seeing much of him at club nights etc. so Susanne has been unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson to oversee Committee Meetings in his absence!

Richard Ineson HON SECRETARY

Letters:

I am writing on behalf of Martin, Andrew and Pauline Bradley, to thank Trackrod Motor Club for a most enjoyable evening at the Lawnswood Arms on Friday. I only wish John could have been there to collect his shield and to see the video of the "Mobil Challenge".

Thanking you all once again and for the beautiful bouquet, I was quite overcome with all the kindness shown to me.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Westmoreland

SOCIAL CALENDAR

MARCH

- 6 Stone Trough, Harrogate Road, Rawdon
 AUTOTEST TRAINING EVENING/OPEN FORUM
- AUTOTEST TRAINING PRACTICAL West Street Car Park @ 14:00
- Barleycorn, Collingham (NEW VENUE)
 FREE SANDWICHES
- Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive
 EGYPTIAN SUPPER NIGHT
 (See separate article)
- Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa FREE SANDWICHES

APRIL

- Windmill, Linton, Nr Wetherby
- New Inn, Eccup
 VIDEOS if you have any good Motorsport Videos please bring them along
- 17 Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive
- 24 Admiral Hawke, Bostan Spa

EGYPTIAN SUPPER NIGHT

20th March - Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive. Lets see how many of you are brave enough to try a new experience. Egyptian style food will be available at only £1:50. Go on - I dare you! (Have you seen "Temple of Doom"??) That's all for now folks.

FUTURE EVENTS

Boat trip - 16th June. More details to follow nearer the time.

Don't forget, if you'd like to suggest something for a social evening, please let me know. Over & out.....

Anne Moffat Social Sec.

RETROSPECTIVE

From the Trackrod Newsletter - March 1971

The most successful clubnight to date was held at the Travellers' Rest where a huge turn-out had demonstration runs in a Mexico, RS1600 and 3 litre Capri, - very much the pose mobiles of the day - the evening held in conjunction with Tate of Leeds.

This was followed by our first event! the Affiliation Rally - our RAC status being confirmed by phone due to the postal strike. The event, a 90-mile affair was won in fine style by David Lawton/Keith Blakey in a Triumph 2000 without loss of penalties. Other names amongst the competition were David, John Lee (Escort GT) Stefan Charters/Steve Hazeldine (Cooper S), Ker Goodall/Richard Ashcroft (Cortina GT), Steve Mills/A Arnold (Mini), Phil Myers/Chris English (Cooper S) and S Hall / Frank Stuart-Brown (Lotus Cortina) - Ken Goodall finished as 1st Novice!!

It was also reported that Howard White had donated an Autotest Trophy: Howard Fowler the All Rounder Trophy; Mr Wilson the AG Wilson Trophy and Philip Myers the Best Rally Driver Trophy - hence we had the beginning: of the Trophy Points system we have today!

Trackrod member Derek Marshall is to contest the swift caravans ANCC Stage Rally Championship in his 1600 Sunbeam. Support has been obtained from Eastwood Brothers (Weber Main Dealers) Leeds and the car is currently being prepared by Autocraft of Leeds. John McNichol will co-drive and additional support comes from Cardigan Motors and Commercial Battery Services.

John McNichol

Trackrod Ends.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

MARCH

3/4 L.U.U.M.C. R/R RES Northern Lights 99/100/104/105

10/11 Clitheroe & D.M.C. R/R RES Clitheronian 97/98/102

11 North Humberside M.C. M/V RES Holderness Stages 106/107

17 Kirby Lonsdale M.C. M/V NAT Lakeland Stages 85/86/89/90

18 Mablethorpe M.C. S/V RES Venue unknown

APRIL

1 April Fools Autotest TMC

8 April Baitings Hill Climb, Shipley &District MC LARKSPEED LEAGUE

DON'T FORGET OUR CLUB ENTRANT LICENCE NUMBER, PUT IT ON YOUR NEXT ENTRY FORM

00749

Barry (never to be late again) Dove Competition Sec.

MARSHALLING

The 1990 Lakeland Stages Rally are seeking marshals for the event which takes place on 17th March 1990.

If you are interested and would like to volunteer your services please contact:-

The Lakes Stages: - Mike Dodds: 05395-63818

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ANCC PCT CHAMPIONSHIP

We now have notification of the 1990 Championship which is sponsored by Burmatex Carpet Tiles.

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18 March - Knutsford MC

1 April - Mid Cheshire MRC

6 May - Otley MC

10 June - Brentwood (Glossop)

24 June - Ilkley and DMC (Filtrate)

29 July - Ilkley and DMC (Rose Farm) YP Trophy

9 Sept - Jack Surey (Lancs & Cheshire CC)

21 Oct - Snake (Glossop)

28 Oct - Stockport MC

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CARTEL INTERNATIONAL 1990

Just a quick note to thank everybody who helped on this years event, I will be giving a full report next month. The stage ran well even with the incident. Look forward to seeing you all on the York National.

John Renny

Stage Commander

YORK NATIONAL STAGE RALLY Saturday 24th March Pickering Stage SS3

Jobs are still available on this years event so 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? First car is due at 10:11 so the time is not too bad.

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

Peter Stanhope

Stage Commander

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TROPHY POINTS

Last month's magazine included copies of the new Trophy Points Claim Form. Loose copies are available for those who don't want to damage their magazines - or who lose/haven't got handy/don't read their magazines. They'll be in the red display/notice board that Barry brings to meetings, and I'll have a bunch with me at clubnights.

It has been pointed out to me that the new form may not be as self-explanatory as the designer (me) thinks it is, so I'll run through how it's intended to be used:

Name - the hard ones first. Can't help you with that one.

Memb. No. - the original idea was that this would be the magic key by which my computer programme would sort out exactly which J. Bloggs was claiming points - but the Membership numbers system doesn't work the way I expected. So unless your writing is particularly illegible, or you happen to know of other members with a name similar to yours, this bit's not too important. In fact we might just delete it from future prints.

Event - the Event for which you are claiming points.

Date - the date of the event.

Organising Club: Trackrod/Other Delete whichever isn't right. In the case of 'Other', I don't need to know the name of the club.

ORGANISER/DRIVER/NAVIGATOR/MARSHAL/SERVICE CREW Delete the ones you didn't do. If you did something not listed, delete the lot and write in what it was you did. (like what?)

If you Marshalled, did Service or Organised, that's it - you don't need to fill in any more. Just hand the bit of paper to me (in time) and you'll get the appropriate points.

Competitors need to carry on:

EVENT Type: etc. Delete the event types that aren't what you did. If you did something not listed, like Rally-Raid, then delete the lot and write it in.

EVENT STATUS delete the abbreviations that aren't right.

ANCC round Y/N and Larkspeed League Round Y/N - Delete the ones that don't apply. I do have a list of qualifying events, but if you fill this bit in, it helps make sure I don't miss it.

ENTRANT NAME: Easy. Write in the name of your Entrant. If it was TMC then make sure I see a copy of the Entry list, or some other evidence. If it wasn't TMC, it makes my work a lot easier, 'cos there aren't many trophies which don't require your entrant to be TMC....

RESULTS Even non-finishers qualify for points! Many of the scoring systems work on position IN CLASS so don't forget that bit, please.

That's it. Dead easy once you get the hang of it - and no more throwing away two thirds of the paper just because you didn't marshal and drive AND navigate.

A couple of months ago, I promised to go over each trophy in turn, explaining the rules. I've missed a month or two, so to make up for this, next month we're going to print the whole lot, in a centre-fold/pull-out so you can see for yourself.

In the meantime, get filling in the claim sheets! I know we had lots of people out on the Cartel - marshalling, driving, navigating so let's be having you!

Andy Shaw Trophy Points Sec.

BEAUJOLAIS RALLY '89

Car 21 - Peter Green & Robert Ward

Having spent the summer of '89 building a replica Cobra Robert jokingly suggested we should pose in it properly and enter the Beaujolais Rally. How was I to know he was only joking and the entry was promptly posted and accepted (oops).

It was about this time we thought we had better find out exactly what it entailed. The rules are basically as follows, drive to the south of France in time for the 3rd Thursday in November, fill your car up with wine and then start the rally proper. There are only two time controls, one is in the Vineyard, in Villefranche at midnight. The other is 500 miles away in Calais, where you must catch the 9:00am ferry, whats in between is up to you.

Driving to France in a convertible in November is not such a sensible idea but after a few drinks Graeme Bradford 'volunteered' to make it a two car team in his Spartan, with Peter Dickinson co-driving.

Sponsorship was obtained from Le Celle Restaurant at Cookridge and it was from there at 10:00 p.m. on Monday 13th November that our great journey started. Most people will remember that night, not for our famous departure cheered off by the car park attendant, but it was the night Europe was blanketed in fog.

The journey to Dover was less than enjoyable, visibility was never more than 200 yards and the Cobra Soft Top was not quite draught proof (was it Robert).

We arrived in Dover in time for the 6:00 AM ferry, where we met our first fellow competitors. What had we let ourselves in for? Sat on the dock were an Aston Martin, De Tomaso and 3 identical Porsche 928's (no prizes for guessing who won the team award)

After leaving part of my front spoiler on the ferry ramp we treated ourselves to breakfast in the 1st Class section. We were all on our best behaviour except for Graeme who was shouting something about closing the front doors.

It was not long before we were climbing back into our cold cars and my first experience of driving on the right, or at least we believed it was but the fog by now was so thick it was very difficult to be sure.

After half an hour the white line was interrupted by some flashing amber lights. Out of the fog came a toil booth. Unfortunately the cars were too low to break the beam and the machine would not give us a ticket so we decided not to bother (Graeme's idea). More unfortunately the cars were high enough to se the alarm off. A long came a friendly Gendarme with a gun who pointed out our slight error. He did not shoot us, but he did however make us reverse up a six lane auto route in fog!

(Beaujolais tip no1 - being shot is far safer)

After another two hours down the auto route we suddenly came out of the fog and it was a beautiful day, not a cloud in the sky. We stopped at the first services, took the roof off and paid a quick visit to the ladies toilets, a genuine mistake but very enjoyable (see separate article -Penthouse - February issue).

The rest of the journey down was enjoyable but uneventful, that was until the last hour when fog returned, the sparton exhaust fell off and the Cobras wipers failed. We arrived at our hotel in Ville Frache at 7:00 PM, had a quick wash and change, then watched some French TV (Did you know Scooby Doo speaks fluent French?) Then we did what any sensible person would do having been up 37 hours and driving 1,000 miles, we drank beaucoup d'larger.

Wednesday arrived, Graeme and Peter spent the morning repairing the Sparton exhaust, while Robert and I went to buy some parts to repair the Cobra. As neither of us speaks particularly good french buying female spade connectors was no easy task, body language only got us into more bother!

The afternoon was spent sight seeing and practising our French on unsuspecting locals. At 5.00 PM all the competing cars assembled in the town square, for a parade around Ville Frache, which ended in chaos as it clashed with the rush hour traffic. We all gave up and returned to the square for Wine tasting.

Read next months Mag for the continuing sarger of the Boujolais run.

1990 ECONOMY RUN - (The John Westmoreland Economy Run)

Back in 1985 when I joined Trackrod, John Bean and I entered the economy run in my 1.1 Fiesta and won the event. As part of the award, the winning crew organise the following years run. In 1986 John Westmoreland won and due to illness, John Bean and I ran it again in 1988 when John Westmoreland won again.

Due to further illness, and then the sad loss of John, he was unable to run the event in 1989. So here in 1990, John and I have got together again to put on the run, and for this year only the event will be known as, the John Westmoreland Economy run, in his memory.

The date for this is Sunday 22 April 1990. The event will start from the Texaco Petrol Station on Otley Road, Lawnswood (near the Lawnswood Arms). 2 hours will be allowed for the run which will be approx. 50 miles. The starting time will be between 10am and 10:30am, map 104 will be required, and also writing implements for answering easy clues.

Any further details required please come and see me or John Bean.

Malcolm Jaggar

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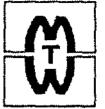
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It has been decided, by the Committee, to continue keeping the list of each member's abilities and experience.

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Abilites and experience (circle as appropriate).

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

Marshaling: Chief, Sector or Junction

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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:-

I understand that the above information will be held on Computer for Club use only.

Signed _____

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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

Geoffrey McPhail John Richardson (2)

If you joined Trackrod MC before 1st October 1989 and have not renewed your membership this will be the last magazine you will get! Please send your form back to me A.S.A.P.

Application/renewal forms are available from myself or most committee members. Please remember to let us know of any change of address/telephone number so we can keep our records up to date.

Please feel free to bring along guests, who may be interested in joining Trackrod Motor Club, on a Tuesday night (venue as listed in our current magazine).

SANDIE TELFORD MEMBERSHIP SEC.

MARSHALLING

Nobody wants us this month!!

4th - 6th May Welsh International. Please get in touch with me if you wish to participate in running a time control or if there is enough volunteers part of a stage.

I would also like to thank all those Trackrod members who turned out on the Cartel at Kilburn.

Thanks Richard Simpson.

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