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EDITOR

Hi there. I suppose you would all like to know how I got here. Well it all began about half an hour after the AGM had finished, when our elustrious Chairman approached me with a smile and an out streached hand!! He asked me which job on the committee I would like to do? I said "Any". (wrong answer) It was at this point that I do not remember the anaesthetic, but when I came round, I found that I had agreed to do the job of Editor. (WHO ME!)

Anyway less of the joking. Yes I have agreed to be Editor and hope that I can follow in Susanne's dainty footsteps. Hopefully with a few pointers and assistance from her, I will be able to keep up the high standards of the magerzine she has set. So at this point I would like to thank Susanne for the splendid job she has done over the last 12 months, assisted by Rebecca.

I would like to, on behalf of the new committee, thank the rest of the retiring committee for the good job they have done this last year.

That leaves me only to say, that if you can keep suppling the articles, then I can keep the magerzine up to standard. That is if we do not have as many problems setting it up on the computer as this one has had. It had to be on the first one .

Bye for now

DEREK LEE

**DEAD LINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE IS
TUESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 1990**

FROM THE CHAIR

Well I've finally succumbed to the temptation of pressure, call it what you will to take on the position of Chairman and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the membership, for your support - I will endeavour to serve the club to the best of my ability during the coming year. I would also like to thank our retiring Chairman for his hard work over the past 12 months - no mean feat when you realise that it was done largely by remote control from Glasgow for 6 of those months!

For those of you not present at the AGM you will note from the pages of this magazine that there have been some changes on committee - new faces, 'new' "old" faces, and just plain old faces - with a shuffling of roles/responsibilities. By far the most arduous of committee tasks is that of magazine editor and Derek Lee has bravely taken this on and on his behalf I would ask that you all give him the support he needs - primarily by providing him with written matter, preferably related to your motor sporting activities, as soon as possible during the month in order that Derek can have the maximum amount of time for preparing the next issue.

It would also be of help if, when things go wrong and the magazine is late, (God forbid - ED) assistance and support are available rather than a general moan about having nothing to read!!

However, I feel that the new committee has a wide base of experience and is one that will pursue a course of steady progression rather than radical change - time only will tell.

Two final points - watch these pages for the date of the continuation of the AGM to consider the accounts - John Renny, our Treasurer, is pursuing details on behalf of our Accountant and things are very close to being finalised. Also, on the 29th of this month our major event, the National Forest Rally takes place. Doubtless you are, by now, aware of your involvement but if not, please contact Rod Parkin who will be only too pleased to give you a job!

Richard Ineson
CHAIRMAN

SECS BIT

So here am I again, entrusted with the office of Club Secretary and wondering what happened to land me in this position! Anyway, lets hope that we newcomers to the committee can do as well as our predecessors - I'm sure all members are grateful for their efforts over the past year.

The new committee has a nice blend of "old hands" and "new faces" all eager to do their respective jobs. One job of the secretary is to receive correspondence from the members to present to the committee for discussion or action that is of course a formal course of action and often a "word in the ear" to any committee member or raising a topic at an open forum is an easier path to follow.

At the AGM we were sad to hear the sudden death of Doctor John Blomfield. John was Chief Medical Officer for the Forest Stages Rally and was a character in every way. He always had a tale to tell because he had done so much in his life. He once told me he was called to an incident on a rally where he was officiating as Stage Doctor where a car had ended up on its roof in a deep ditch with the crew trapped inside. As John climbed down to check on the unfortunate crew the driver recognised him as his family doctor and informed John that he had in fact been present at his birth. John's response was "so this won't be the first hole I've got you out of!"

Doc Blomfield will be sadly missed.

Sorry this first piece has been a bit formal but I'm sure I will have more amusing topics to report over the coming months. Will Mr Angry return? Will the new editor a 36 page magazine? (only if you write 35 of them John - ED) Will the Forest Rally make 100 entries?!!

The answers to these and more questions will be revealed over the next few months.

John McNichol
HON SECRETARY

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Well - I was awarded my "hat trick" and allowed to remain social secretary for my third year. (you would not believe the begging and pleading I had to go through to make them let me stay on). - so you're stuck with me for another year unless I'm head-hunted by another Motor Club.

Ok - here we go with the next two month's exciting instalments:-

SEPT

- 4 Windmill, Linton (104/390 467)
OPEN FORUM
- 11 Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive (104/317 389)
- 18 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)
FOREST STAGES RALLY MEETING
- 25 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)
FOREST STAGES RALLY MEETING

OCT

- 2 Windmill, Linton (104/390 467)
OPEN FORUM
- 9 Roundhegians, Chelwood Drive (104/317 389)
- 16 Barleycorn, Collingham (104/39 46)
FREE SANDWICHES/QUIZ NIGHT
- 23 Admiral Hawke, Bostan Spa
FREE SANDWICHES
- 30 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)
VIDEO NIGHT

You will see when you receive your October Magazine that there will be a slight change in the pattern of venues for clubnights. These will exclude the Roundhegians - we're giving that one a rest for a while. The new pattern should be as follows with the few odd exceptions as before:-

1st week NEW INN - where we have use of a private room (guaranteed) for open forums

2nd week ADMIRAL HAWK - where we are always made welcome - and they do free sandwiches!

3rd Week WINDMILL - we did try this one for open forums but unfortunately we had to take pot luck for a private room. (new management yet again)

Last Week BARLEYCORN - Nice atmosphere, TMC members seem quite happy with it - and they do free sandwiches!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Next exciting social event is a JOINT QUIZ NIGHT with (hopefully) Alwoodley, Otley and Ilkley Motor Club. We need a team of six intelligent people who know a lot about motor sport. WE HAVE TO WIN! The quiz will be part general knowledge and lots of motor sport questions. There will ofcourse be prizes and it should be a lot of fun. So will six kindly volunteers please contact me asap. Date 16 October at the Barleycorn.

BONFIRE NIGHT - TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

Watch out in next months exciting mag for details of this brilliant event. Food, fun, and fireworks (and children allowed)

I think that's enough excitement for one magazine, so I'll sign off now till next month. see ya

ANNE MOFFAT
SOCIAL SECRETARY

COMPETITION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Huddersfield MC Autotest Restricted
- 9 N Humberside MC Autotest National
- 9 Lindholme MSC Norking Alcan Forest M/V Restricted
- 11/14 Manx International
- 29 TMC Trackrod Forest Stages Rally National

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OCTOBER

- 7 Ripon MSC Ltd CM Autotest
- 12/13 2300 Club Tour of Mull
- 20 Northhumberside MC Restricted Crystal Forest Stages
- 22 Bury Auto Club Autotest Restriced

NOVEMBER

- 4 Trackrod Lookout Stages Rally Restricted S/V Melbourne
- 25/29 Lomard RAC Rally International

Don't forget Trackrods Entrance Number **00749**

Richard Simpson

COMPETITION SECRETARY

MARSHALLING

SEPTEMBER 9th NORKING GILDERS FOREST RALLY

We are running Clipston North on this years event. Good smooth surfaces which make parts of Dalby look like a ploughed field. Start 120/614 644, Finish 120/614 617.2 Stages starting at 12:23. Sign on 11:15
See Richard Simpson (Commander) or Roland Cross (Deputy) for details.

SEPTEMBER 29th FOREST RALLY (Trackrod of course)

We can still accommodate the overwhelming requests for jobs and the devastating offers of help on what is after all only our premier event and part of the National Championship!!

Please see Richard Simpson for details.

Due to lack of space more next month or see Stuart Marsh.

MITCHELL FOX BAITINGS HILLCLIMB
19th August 1990

It's truly amazing really, this event, our very first hillclimb, has been planned for some 12 months and nobody would have predicted a glorious summer like this - day after day, week upon week of warm sunny weather - why will somebody tell me, does it finally decide to absolutely bucket it down on the 19th August?? it nearly filled Baitings Dam in one day!

However, in true Trackrod spirit, we made the best of it, and to all those involved in whatever capacity I feel that hearty congratulations are in order. There was hardly a word of complaint all day, nothing but praise from competitors (see following letters) and the RAC Steward - all seemed to thoroughly enjoy water with absolutely everything!

The Saturday was a beautiful day when we set everything up, I was in a pair of shorts until 7:30p.m. when we retired to the pub at the top of the hill. During the night I woke to hear the sound of rain falling on the caravan roof, Oh no! and that was how it was for all Sunday, raining off but mainly on!

Competitor signing on was done under the caravan awning and marshals in the marquee where scrutineering was being done as well. 36 cars started out of 42 entries, not bad considering. The first few runs were interesting with a Yugo 65 giving one of the best first practice runs in the rain!

After lunch the rain stopped for a minute or two to allow the hill to dry out and speed things up. But by the end of the 4th timed run, and we could have run more, nobody had broken the 30 second barrier which is unusual.

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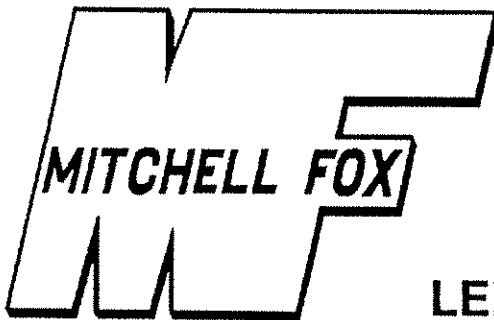
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The results were as follows:-

Fastest Time - Graham Sherwood

Megapin 89/02 33.56 sec.

Class 2 - Jonathon Hunt

Yugo 65 34.89 sec.

Class 3 - Brian Machin

Golf GTI 34.01 sec.

Class 8 - J. England

Ferrari 308 34.17 sec.

Class 9 - Michael Bastiana

Mini Marcos 34.36 sec.

Class 11 - John Cannell

Mallock U2 MK17B 33.61 sec.

Class 15 - Ian Scott

Megapin 90/03 34.67 sec.

Class 18 - Paul Taylor

MK2 Escort 2100 34.04 sec.

Class 19 - Mel Clark

NG TC 3528 34.26 sec.

Best Trackrod Darren Moon

Escort 2000 34.68 sec.

Whilst the results were going final the BBQ team with Rod, Russell and their merry team were firing up the stoves. Then whilst the prize presentation was going on there were the shouts in the background of "does anybody want another Burger?" flying about. So even with the rain pouring down outside, smoke filling the marquee we had a BBQ for 200 including sponsors, competitors, marshals and officials.

Thank you to Mitchell Fox and their sponsorship, for without their help the event would not have been such a success, see you there again next year Steve.

I must thank all the marshals who helped on such a horrible day and without whose help the event would not have run. I hope you all enjoyed the BBQ and we will see you again next year with better weather.

It was nice to see the 8 Trackrod members entered, next year I hope there will be more. You can enter in nearly any sort of car, from a Mini to a Ferrari. It doesn't have to be anything special, there are lots of different classes so you might not get FTD but there is always a class win! One thing for next year is, when you are ordering your licence in the New Year, it might be worthwhile getting a Clubman RS instead of a Clubman C. This is because a Hillclimb is a speed event so a rally licence will not suffice, but a Clubman RS will up to Restricted level.

Thank you again and see you all next year.

Peter Stanhope & Richard Ineson
(Part of the organising team)

MERCHANDISE

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Anne Moffat

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HILLCLIMB - BAITINGS DAM 19 AUGUST 1990

Just a note to thank all officials, 'sweepers', flag marshals etc who helped to make Trackrod Motor Clubs first Hillclimb event a success. In conditions that would upset fish, everyone turned up who had offered or promised to assist - well done.

Thanks also to the catering team who carried on regardless even though their marquee tried to take off.

Thanks again

Graham Whitaker
CHIEF MARSHAL

POINTS OF INTEREST

Here is the weather forecast. No, the arrival times for the first competitor. No, the Trophy points. Life's getting complicated at the moment. Fortunately another kind gentleman has volunteered to relieve me of the Trophy Points Business, starting from the bottom of this page, so next months column might feature some different names (if I've been making a mess of it all).

This is what the book currently says:

Rally and speed shop autotest trophy:

R Ineson 21; M Ineson 13

Dickinson Trophy:

PCT results not to hand, next month perhaps

Marshals Trophy:

A Heaton 50; P Andrews 30; A Shaw 25

Service Crew Trophy:

5 points each (that's one claim each) to the same people who have had their names printed for months. perhaps we should drop this?

All-Rounders Trophy (Trackrod Trophy): M Jaggar 35; S Brown (that's what the claim form says) 20

FSB Driver:

J Fairweather 50; T Whittaker 42; S Sanderson 15

FSB Nav: R Mackinnon 649; R Ineson 525

SPY44: More points scored, but still nobody's done 3 different types of event.

Crest Motels (SV Rally Drivers): D Moon 66; J Fairweather 57

Lloyds:

J Fairweather 154; T Whittaker 91; S Sanderson 55

Gordon Jefferson:

R Mackinnon 211; V Fletcher 91 J Smyth 66

That's all from me (with this hat on)

See you next month if I find any new conscripts

Andy Shaw

Ex Trophy Points Bod.

RETROSPECTIVE

From the pages of the September 1971 Newsletter.

Interesting items in the for sale column was Richard Blackmore's record holding Terrapin Hillclimb car - a snip at £550 - that wouldn't buy the wheels and tyres today I bet! Also for sale was Richard Overden's 1965 Cortina GT - another snip at £350!! - what price that in 1990?

Mention was made of the poorish support for the family picnic at Castleton but apparently all who did attend enjoyed their trips down the speedwell and Blue John Mines.

Not much was reported on from a competition point of view, due mainly to the holiday period but much discussion was had at our own "dates meeting" when the pros and cons of all our events were debated, hopefully providing future event organisers with all the information to make their events a success!

It was reported that meat deliveries in the Alwoodley are had speeded up considerably as the local butcher, Ken Goodall, had just taken delivery of a new Escort RS1600 and was getting in some rally practice!

TrackrodEnds

Dear Trackrod Motor Club,

A letter to congratulate you on organising an excellent days motorsport at Baitings Dam.

Congratulations and thanks to the organisers and results team who did an excellent job in producing and dispatching the final regs, final instructions, programmes and the speed in which the final results were produced.

Thanks also to the marshals and officials who did an excellent job in keeping the track clean despite the appalling weather.

Thank you also to the cooks on the BBQ who provided an excellent meal despite the smoke!

I'm sure I speak on the behalf of all the competitors who enjoyed an excellent event despite the weather.

Congratulations again on an excellent event.

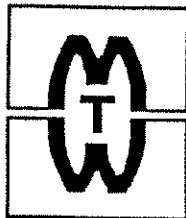
Yours sincerely
S. Parnaby Y.S.C.C

Dear Mr Ineson,

This is just a quick note to thank you for sending my award to me so promptly after last weekends Baitings Hill Climb. In spite of the weather it was good fun and well organised. Please thank the committee for putting on such a good 'do'.

Yours sincerely
Christopher England

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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
Stage Rally S-V	Stage Rally M-V
Road Rally	12-Car
Hillclimb	Treasure Hunt
Economy Run	Other:-

EVENT STATUS:

C CM R N I

ANCC round? Y/N

LARKSPEED League round? Y/N

ENTRANT Name: _____

RESULTS

Entry No. _____ Position Overall _____

No. in Class _____ Position in Class _____

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Thank you.

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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: Chief, 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:-

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

Signed _____

Dear Editor,

I consider it only right to put pen to paper after the Club's first venture into speed events, the Mitchell Fox Hillclimb at Baitings Dam on August 19th.

That the God's restored water supplies to Yorkshire with a vengeance on that day was a mere inconvenience.....!

That the event should run exactly to time all day is what those in the know expect of Trackrod.

But many people at Baitings had only hear of Trackrod as a rally and off road club and came to the event with a degree of question in their minds about how it would go. Didn't it go well!

Competitors raised an eyebrow when they were given printed sheets showing practice times. When they also received another sheet after two runs and then a fully compiled set of results at prize giving, it really made their day.

Parkin's fast food emporium, after a rather smokey start, produced a fine supply of hot food either side of the awards presentation to round off a very wet, but successful event.

Our RAC Steward was very impressed with the whole thing and he has a wealth of experience to draw on, being an international race clerk of the course and a long time BARC man associated with Harewood. He was as wet as everyone else and thoroughly enjoyed his day.

Peter and Richard headed the whole thing, but everyone who was there, in whatever capacity, contributed wonderfully well to a super day. Thank you all.

Those members who missed it made the wrong decision that Sunday....!
Now chaps, if we can get the sun to shine next year.....

JOHN RICHARDSON

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