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EDITOR

A Happy New Year to all of you. I hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and that you are raring to go in 1991, competitively speaking that is.

I would like to thank Anne Moffat for organising such a good and different Xmas Party, the only problem was the lack of response from you the membership, I only hope that Anne's next social event is better attended, that is the Annual Dinner Dance at the Lawnswood Arms.

The Boxing Day Autotest managed the same small gathering of the regulars at West Street car park to see only 9 competitors do 12 reasonably easy tests. Thanks goes yet again to Peter Stanhope for his organising.

The next excursion was to Bellerby Tank Ranges to marshal on the Sherwood Christmas Stages. Stages 5 & 12 Downholme. The one in the morning was run downhill and the afternoon one uphill. It was an enjoyable day with again only the minimum of marshal cover, with start crew, mid-point junction and the finish crew. Surely we can get more bodies out to help run these events, in return which we get assistance from these other clubs to help run our events.

I would just like to finish by saying, I hope that together we can make 1991 a year to remember.....

DEREK LEE

**DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE IS
TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 1991**

FROM THE CHAIR

And a Happy New Year to one and all!!

Now the Christmas cobwebs are blowing away it's time to get your machinery ready for the coming season. I had to do my bit prior to Boxing Day, otherwise the Min would have done nothing but shed it's exhaust all day! (But you forgot about the gear linkage -ED) I hope your problems are as small as mine(!) (Personal now.. -ED)

Now then, what about our Secretary's piece last month? Whilst sympathising with the view(s) to some degree, I can not help feeling that the only flaw in the RAC organisation was to run stages twice - this practice may be OK for Restricted events etc, but not for full blown international's -. What seems to be the question posed by John's article is - do we want an International Rally of World Championship status and al that it entails? I agree that the demands made on volunteers seems to be stretched to the limit at the present and one does wonder how much more the hardy marshals will endure! As if attributing our Hon. Sec. with amazing foresight, please see elsewhere the item from the columns of the Yorkshire Evening Post concerning the event!

The Xmas Party at Mick Britton's, Farsley had all the ingredients except one, for a really excellent evening - the missing item being YOURSELVES - where were you all?? The 30 or so who did turn up had a thoroughly pleasant evening but more bodies would certainly have improved the atmosphere to a level one expects during the festive season. Now don't pull the same trick for the DINNER DANCE will you!! There is a lot of work that goes into organising our Social Events and Anne Moffat, never complaining, just gets on with the job and her efforts deserve a higher reward in turn-out than was seen at the Xmas Party.

The end of January finally sees the departure northwards to Scotland of Peter and Susanne Stanhope to take up residence amongst the heather. To say their presence within our ranks will be missed is an understatement, though Peter has managed a great deal by remote control over the last 9 months and I am assured they will be in constant touch with us. Peter is again C of C for the Hillclimb in August, but naturally needs to forfeit his Stage

Commander's role on the York National - any takers?? However, we wish them both well for the future and look forward to seeing them from time to time either up there or down here!

Well that's it till next month.

Richard Ineson
CHAIRMAN

SECS BIT

A happy new year to all members, I hope 1991 brings you much enjoyment from your motorsport and membership of Trackrod. 1990 was certainly busy for the club - just how busy you will be reminded at the "Trackrod Motorsport Personalities and Review of the Year", better known as the Annual Dinner Dance. A slightly different formula this year to cut out the boring stuff, but I'll say no more, just don't miss it!

Wasn't last month's magazine a beauty? Well done Derek and thanks to all who contributed. I will refrain from naming names this month, just keep up the input.

The Secs Bit last month was I felt, a little controversial when I wrote it, but everyone seems to agree with me (and I am not used to that!) so I do not feel I need to add comment to that made in the press since the RAC, except maybe "Told you so."

On a personal note, thanks to everyone who has asked about Steven since the operation on his feet, he is almost 100% now and looking forward to Disney World in March (as are Jenny and I). (What about the budgie with the swollen leg, and the cat - ED) Another thing to look forward to in 1991 is the return of John Cope to competitive motorsport when the Sierra is completed, can't happen soon enough!

John McNichol
HON SECRETARY

SOCIAL CALENDAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone, and best wishes for 1991. Hope you have all been given a new diary in your Xmas stocking so that you can jot down these important dates :-

JANUARY

1 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)

(For those who could make it!)

8 Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa (105/434 454)

FREE SANDWICHES

10 QUIZ NIGHT - RE-MATCH (Food available)

Otley RAOB Club, Otley (104/198 454)

15 Windmill, Linton (104/390 467)

22 Barleycorn, Collingham (104/392 460)

FREE SANDWICHES

26 DINNER DANCE/PRIZE PRESENTATION

Lawnswood Arms, Otley Road, Leeds 16.

29 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)

VIDEO NIGHT

FEBRUARY

5 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)

OPEN FORUM

12 Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa (105/434 454)

FREE SANDWICHES

19 Windmill, Linton (104/390 467)

26 Barleycorn, Collingham (104/392 460)

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Thanks everyone who turned up for the Xmas Party at Mick Britton's. Shame about the lack of numbers - perhaps next year we will invite another Motor Club along ??? I hope everybody enjoyed themselves anyway. By the way , just to put the record straight - I HATE Tom Jones !!

FORTHCOMING.....

DINNER DANCE/PRIZE PRESENTATION - January 26th
LAWNSWOOD ARMS, OTLEY ROAD, LEEDS 16.

We are giving the Lawnswood Arms another try this year. It seems to be a good central point and to date, we have had good food, service and the room is nice. D.J. wise, we thought we would give Mick Britton a rest since we have seen a lot of him in 1990. Instead, we have booked Alan Kent and I'm sure you will not be disappointed. The event should be a good one as I said before - with a difference....., so please order your tickets NOW. Anyone who can not make it to Club Nights, please ring me (0924-262938) and I'll put your name down.

Vegetarians etc. - Please let me know...

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RE-MATCH QUIZ NIGHT - January 10th
RAOB Club, Otley.

Please come along and support your club colleagues who have gallantly agreed to participate. We have got to show our rivals what we're made of!

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MORE FORTHCOMING.....

Dates/Venues - to be advised.

Fiesta Turbo Test Drive courtesy of Tate of Leeds.
Indoor Karting
Peter Black Museum Visit

Let's make 1991 a year to remember.

Anne Moffat
SOCIAL SECRETARY

COMP SEC

Well another Christmas is over and the prospect of a new year! Don't really know whether it is something to look forward to or if it is just another year older. The question of age prompts me to mention again our need to put some new younger blood into organising the various events our motor club promotes.

We still need entire teams to run the April Fools and June Jesters Autotests and the Wharfedale PCT. Despite the request in last month's magazine we still have no takers!! Come on and give it a go, you will get 100% backing from the club and committee.

The Lookout has again been nominated as our round of the Larkspeed League and again we would welcome new members to assist in organising this event, which has become in 2 short years the best single venue, sorry - multi use, rally held in Yorkshire, probably in the North East, if competitor reaction is to be believed.

It would also be nice to see some new stage commanders out on the events we help out on. If you fancy having a go speak out - again you will not be left on your own, there are plenty of experienced people in the club to point you in the right direction.

The article in last month's magazine from John McNichol has caused much discussion with the vast majority coming out in favour of his point of view, it would be interesting to read a reply from the RAC.

Our club entrant licence will by now have changed so if any of you are entering under Trackrod, as I expect you will, please contact Barry Dove who will give you the new number.

There are no new regs since last month so again keep your eye on the notice board.

Richard Simpson
COMPETITION SECRETARY

RETROSPECTIVE

From the pages of the Trackrod Newsletter of January 1972

The Xmas Party was reported on with 60 plus members turning up (how times change!) and members were reminded that their subs were due (just like yours are now!). Plans were progressing for the first dinner/dance on 3rd March and tickets were expected to be £1.60 per head (wow!).

Steve Wren (now residing stateside) bent his M.G.A. against a fairly hefty lorry but felt it was salvageable - what price such a car now? An open forum had been planned but due to alterations to the premises (the Barleycorn) it had been postponed.

Not much happening on the competition front but the AGM was coming up and one or two events looming on the horizon - more of which next time

Trackrodends

Richard Ineson

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1990 LOMBARD RAC RALLY

AN ALTERNATIVE WAY OF WATCHING

It was with some reservations that I agreed to the task of acting as chaperone to the Lombard Chief Executive and a party of guests who would be attending the Gale Rigg Special Stage on Monday 26th November. One of the few attractions was that I'd be there for the first car and did not have to exit the old bed until perhaps 7.45am quite a civilised hour in rallying terms.

The plan is that we arrive Pickering around 10.00am and depart at 10.30 for Gale Rigg. What's this? - 1st car at 11.30 - the poor marshals have been in position for 3 hours (and the rest!!), but no the schedule's right the Rally timetable does not affect the North York Moors Railway who have kindly constructed a platform especially for us at Yorfalls Wood right alongside the Stage!!

The train departs with the rattling of coffee cups and duly arrives some 20 mins later stageside amid wild panic as Richard Harrison is not present with his 4x4 Trooper to take Lombard C. Exec., Brian Carte, to Cropton for a brief tete-a-tete with RAC MSA hierarchy in their hospitality unit. Hence a young Marshal with a suitably parked Fiesta was "requisitioned" and despatched with his load of "Brass", with a bewildered expression on his face, never to be seen again, as Richard Harrison had by then materialised and did the honours for the return trip!! (I hope this Marshal was duly rewarded for his assistance - ED)

Anyway, I digress, pending the arrival of car 1 the party positioned themselves alongside the track (yes they did venture off the platform) though the more knowledgeable disappeared along the track in search of more interesting vantage points only to miss out on the glass of hot punch, waitress served off a silver tray - yes really!!

So, still awaiting the 1st car and two glasses of punch later, I gave the gathered party a bit of insight into stage rallying with the aid of a Road Book from our Forest Stages Rally and explained the principle of pace notes, etc. "So how fast will they be coming past us then?" asks one. Oh probably 70 or 80 mph. "Oh really", and positions himself nearest the track for a good view. Whistles blow and Penti Arrikala blasts into view in a truly spectacular manner and is gone in the blinking of an eye over the distant yump without lifting once. The guy at the front suddenly appears at the rear of the group wearing a pale complexion and uttering things like - "Bloody dangerous" "Mad" "Where's the punch?". As usual the top dozen or so prove to be fastest (visually at least) and thereafter things settle. After about 40 - 50 cars are through the party starts re-grouping for lunch on the train - one or two agreeing that Penti was by far the fastest and that they had "almost sh*t themselves" as he whistled past them!

So, we re-embark the train to be served with Prawn Cocktail, Chicken, and Strawberry Pavlova all washed down with wine to taste and no empty glasses in sight whilst the meal was in progress. (That was a bit different to my sausage butties and coffee - ED) Those sat on the right side had the pleasure of dining whilst watching - this really is another way to spectate - though I couldn't help having an anker for my flask of coffee and soggy sandwiches on some isolated corner in the middle of the forest. However such thoughts disappeared when we got underway again with a nice cognac to round off a "jolly pleasant meal". We proceeded to Grosmont for a short break whilst the loco turned round and began the 50 mins journey back.

As it turned out, we shared a table with an accountant (what else?) from a Teeside Engineering firm who supply the Williams Grand Prix Team with suspension components and his secretary runs the Williams Supporters Club! The "Brass" decide they will organise a raffle in aid of a deserving cause - 1st prize a Lombard Rally Jacket - tickets? "How many would you like sir at £5 each?" "Err, Err, anyone else for a half share??" It transpires that 72 bods raise a staggering £435 and the jacket is one by Mr Berghaus whose

response to the original request to make the jackets was, "I don't think we could manufacture down to your level!!"

So the train arrives back at Pickering about 4 o'clockish and the crowds disperse in varying degrees of sobriety, one guy has to have jump leads to start his car, whilst the guy propping up the bonnet (or was the bonnet propping him up?) says "Who are you, and what have you been doing here", a brief

exchange releases a string of barely coherent verbals but I catch the names Peter Stanhope and Bob Pearson, seems the latter purchased his rally car and subsequently rolled it into a ball! Yes, Mr Ennell Welding (hic) has had a very good day thank (hic) you very much. So did the rest of us - when is the next one ???

Richard Ineson



ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AND PRIZE PRESENTATION

JANUARY 26th 1991

LAWNSWOOD ARMS, OTLEY ROAD, LEEDS 16

Contact ANNE MOFFAT for your tickets
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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Happy New membership card to all our readers whose 1990 membership number was 161 or greater. Your card should be included with this magazine.

To everybody else - ITS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME. Cost is still £8 for individual members, £10 for joint members. "Joint Members" can be: husband & wife, father & son, wife & husband & seventeen children).

When renewing, please use the proper form, or else I might end up losing your details. I'll have a supply of blank forms at each clubnight for the next few weeks. Please also fill in the back of the form, to ensure that we have an up-to-date picture of the membership's abilities and experience - and your individual wishes regarding future activities.

In any case, please sign the bottom of the back of the form.

Welcome to the following new members:

Graham Hunter of Ilkley
Chris Birkbeck of Saltburn, Cleveland
Richard Holman of Snaith
Clare Medley of Idle
Christopher Braime of Goldsborough, North Yorks
David Vollans of Knaresborough
John Carruthers of Havant
Martin Heyes of Kirkham, Preston
Marcus Dunn of St Annes on Sea
Steve Wilson of Salford
Tim Wood of Horbury, Wakefield
Nick Stevens of Adel
David Coates of Bramley
Paul Scruton of Horsforth.

I hope that you all enjoy being members of Trackrod Motor Club Ltd for a long time.

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Andy Shaw, Membership Man.

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EDITOR.

CAR RALLY RUNS INTO TROUBLE

ANGRY North Yorkshire councillors want better policing of the RAC-Lombard rally in future after scores of complaints about this year's event.

Pickering Town Council is lodging formal protests with the organisers, North Yorkshire County Council and Ryedale District Council, claiming that:

- * The rally caused severe traffic hold-ups;
- * Rally spectators and back-up teams were risking serious accidents;
- * Thousands of spectators in the Dalby and Wykeham forests caused serious disruption to people in the area.

Pickering's mayor, Coun. Mrs Joan Taylor, said: "This year's rally was ten times worse than it has ever been in the past."

Rally spokesman Colin Wilson said the event only affected one day a year.

This was an article taken from the Yorkshire Evening Post December 13th 1990. I along with many others feel that this flippant attitude by the RAC will not do! We on the committee would welcome your comments or views, so let us know - EDITOR.

BOXING DAY AUTOTEST 1990

After all the Christmas eating, drinking and watching TV it is nice to get some fresh air on Boxing Day. Where better to do this than at the "Boxing Day Autotest"? The venue was the West Street Car Park in Leeds.

It was nice to see NINE competitors and ELEVEN officials turn out, where was everybody else? The weather was not at its best but it did not rain very much and everybody enjoyed themselves.

With the car park being a bit damp cars were sliding about very well, the only problem was getting traction at times! Mechanics were required on two occasions, Richard Ineson lost a pin out of the bottom of his gearbox resulting in being only able to get 1st gear and Donald White's exhaust came loose.

Twelve tests were run and the results were:

F.T.D. Richard Ineson 376.8 MG Spyder

Class 1

1st	Susanne Stanhope	453.4	Mini (Baldrick)
2nd	Steve Lancaster	475.4	Mini (Baldrick)
3rd	Donald White	556.7	Mini (The Orange)
4th	Howard White	560.3	Mini (The Orange)

Class 3

1st	Ron MacKinnon	395.3	Escort (Ex rust bucket)
2nd	Andrew Apperley	498.1	RS2000 (Black magic)

Class 4

1st	John Renny	403.3	BITSA
2nd	Matthew Ineson	412.4	MG Spyder

Afterwards we all went to Stoggy's for another Christmas drink or two (and to warm up a little bit!).

Hope there will be more members next year to get a bit of fresh air.

Peter Stanhope Co-opted C of C

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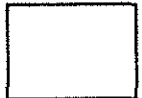
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Abilities and experience (circle as appropriate).

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

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

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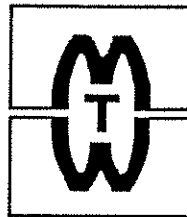
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