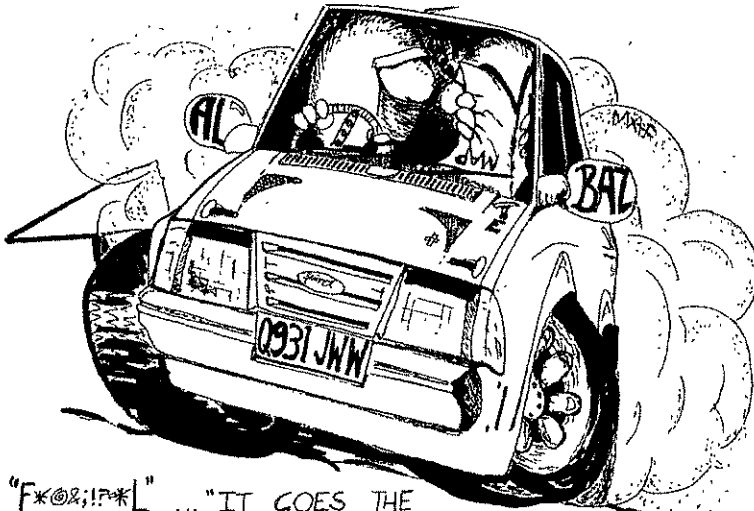


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EDITOR

Well here I am again at quarter to midnight on Sunday night keying away on this computer to get another magazine ready for the printers. All this after I have spent all day at a fog bound Cadwell Park with Paul Scruton, Steve Lancaster and Nick ' Mad Max" Stevens. But apart from the jokes and sarcastic comments we managed to see a few rally cars trundell around the circuit. All in all not a bad day.

The Dinner Dance has been and gone yet another good do. The cabaret was quite different and I think it was enjoyed by all who attended. However there is a list of all the award winners.

To keep the content pages down to a minimum this month will be the last to have the membership form in, but should you require one they will be available from the notice board any clubnight or from the Rebecca. Also we will be putting the claims forms in on a loose sheet, so you will not have to tear them out of the magazine. Extra copies will also be available from the notice board or from Michelle.

If you enter an event you may like to enter under Trackrod Motor Club and therefore you will need to quote our Entrant's Licence, the number is printed in this magazine.

That's all the time I have got for this month, but my thanks again to Martin Douglas for his article and I hope that you all will keep your Rally Reports coming in.

Bye for now.

DEREK LEE

Cover picture of Alan Powell and Barry Dove drawn by Matthew Ineson.

**DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE IS
TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 1992**

FROM THE CHAIR

I imagine that those who attended the Annual Dinner Dance at the Garforth Hilton will be spreading the word about the event, warts and all. Basically it was a superb do though I think the Committee acknowledge that the room provided by the Hotel was not up to the specification expected by most, however, feedback would be welcomed!

The cancellation of the De Lacy International has resulted in Malton & DMC running a restricted event in its place and we are in charge of the Wombelton Service Area, probably more of which elsewhere in this issue! Obviously manpower for our involvement will not be needed in the usual "stage" numbers so you may all get a chance to go spectating for a change, though any help we can offer Malton would, I am sure, be gratefully received.

Doubtless many(!) of you are in the midst of your pre-season vehicle preparation, I know mine's in bits (the Mini is as well!) and seems to have been for weeks now, too cold to get out in the garage on an evening. Now the Dinner Dance is over I had better get a move on before I forget where all the bits go!

You will also find in this issue, details of the 1992 Larkspeed League events. Ronnie MacKinnon is again our Team Captain and is keen to show a vast improvement on our recent performances, also Alan Larkin has put money on us to deliver the goods. Lets all do our bit to make 1992 "our" year and finally do what we have threatened for some 18 years, win the League! Get your names to Ronnie Mac now for the events you feel you will be entering or would like to.

Richard Ineson
CHAIRMAN

SEC'S PIECE

Now the Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Presentation has been and gone, and the usual hangover has been nursed, it is back to looking forward to another motor sporting year.

While I'm the subject of the Dinner Dance, to everyone who came, I am sure you all enjoyed it, especially the new Trackrod Double Act, Messrs Ineson and McNichol doing the 1991 Review which they successfully amalgamated with the presentation of the Annual Awards. We all thought that last year's "Do" would be hard to follow, but they both really worked hard and turned up the wick to excel over the previous year. Well done lads.

As I have been missing for the last month or so, having other more pressing commitments, may I take this belated opportunity to thank all the officials and marshals of the Boxing Day

Autotest for a most enjoyable event. The Escort was brought out of moth-balls for the event and Barry Dove shared, and we were both successful in taking some Trophies away, a nice end to my otherwise disastrous year!!

Now we are well into 1992, I shall have to see if finances allow me to sit with Mr Fairweather as often as he wants, mention of the National Championship keeps being brought up, and other local events within the Mintex Series, as well as taking the Escort out on certain events it will probably be quite expensive. I only hope that my new takes off enough to allow me to enjoy some of these events. (See advert!! You could become a small sponsor). Pop in if your passing and I might make you a coffee!!

Well that's all for now. Safe motoring

Ronnie MacKinnon
HON SECRETARY

SOCIAL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

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| 4 | Crown, Boston Spa
OPEN FORUM | (105/429 457) |
| 11 | Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa
FREE SANDWICHES | (105/434 454) |
| 18 | Beehive, Thorner | (104/376 401) |
| 25 | New Inn, Eccup | (104/288 429) |

MARCH

- | | | |
|----|--|---------------|
| 3 | Crown, Boston Spa
QUIZ NIGHT (see below for details) | (105/429 457) |
| 10 | Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa
FREE SANDWICHES | (105/434 454) |
| 17 | Beehive, Thorner | (104/376 401) |
| 24 | ????? New Venue ?????? See next Mag for details ?????? | |
| 31 | New Inn, Eccup | (104/288 429) |

QUIZ NIGHT - 3rd March Crown, Boston Spa

We are going to run another Quiz Night series along with the three rival clubs of Ilkley, Otley and Alwoodley. If anyone would like to join the Trackrod Team please come and give me your name as soon as you can. Also on that night we will need support from the rest of you, so please come to support and cheer our team along.

Stuart Marsh
SOCIAL SECRETARY

TROPHY POINTS 1992

No real changes this year over last years, as everyone seemed pleased with the 1991 format. An idea has been adopted to change the scoring system which will happen, and that is of moving to the same system as the Yorkshire League or more commonly know as the A.N.C.C. System. This system of scoring will be fair for events with large classes, and should again help "the Trier's" within the club.

Extra points will also be awarded for overall positions in all events as per the regulations. 20pts for 1st overall, 18pts for 2nd overall and so on down to 2pts for 10th overall.

5pts for starting and 5pts for finishing in Restricted Events.

15pts for starting and 15pts for finishing in National Events.

25pts for starting and 25pts for finishing in International Events.

The Marshals Trophy this year will include all Sector Marshals, Timekeeping Crews, Noise Officials, Judges of Fact, etc., but they must sign on with the particular organising club, as checks may happen!!

The Trackrod Trophy now includes 5pts for a write up on an event in the magazine. If more than 1 write up is received for an issue, the Editor will amalgamate the articles, and credit all writers.

Lastly, all points must be claimed by the individual on the official form. No Form - No Points. Forms are available on the notice board and will be put into the magazine this year as a loose sheet. So you have no excuse. Remember the 3 month deadline on claims !!!!

Anyway that's it for now. Any questions? See me or Ronnie and we will put you right!!

Michelle King & Ronnie
TROPHY POINTS SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP

Now that we have got the Dinner Dance out of the way and you all want to start competing for this year's Trophies, then the first thing you must do is RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.....!! You have only got till the end of this month so come and see me now or post it to me A.S.A.P....

At the moment membership stands at:-
21 renewals (4 joint), 3 Honorary, 3 New members.

Rebecca Kemp MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

1991 TROPHY WINNERS

Another Dinner Dance and Prize Presentation has been and gone, this last one being Trackrod's 21st - Coming of age? For those of you who were unable to be with us on this occasion (shame on you) below is a list of the Trophy Winners for 1991.

P.C.T. Trophy	- Arthur Heaton
Autotest Trophy	- Richard Ineson
Runner-up Autotest	- Ronnie MacKinnon
Off Road Shield	- Arthur Heaton
Jacwil Trophy	- Steve Sanderson
Service Crew Shield	- Rebecca Kemp
Marshals Award	- Phil Andrews
Yorkshire League Trophy	- Richard Ineson
Spy 44 Trophy	- Ronnie Mackinnon
Best Lady Competitor	- Rebecca Kemp
Trackrod Trophy	- Richard Ineson
Newman Trophy	- Rebecca Kemp
1st Stage Driver	- Alan Powell
2nd Stage Driver	- Derek Marshal
3rd Stage Driver	- Nick Stevens
1st Stage Navigator	- Barry Dove
2nd Stage Navigator	- Barry Atherton
3rd Stage Navigator	- David Coates
J&B Trophy Best Event	- Hillclimb
Myers Memorial for Best Novice	- Mark Midgley
Forster/Shell for Best Trier	- John Renny
Chairman's Trophy	- Alan Powell

We hope you all enjoyed last year and understood the simplified system of scoring and the re-hash of the trophies, a better spread has been achieved which lets more trier's be recognised.

All the best for 1992.

Michelle King
TROPHY POINTS SECRETARY

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COMPETITION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1992

2nd	Phoenix Stages, Cadwell	Eastwood MC
8th	Riponian Stages Rally	Ripon MC
15th	Breckland Forestry Rally	Eastern Counties MC
23rd	Des Winks Ryedale Forest Stages (De Lacy International)	Malton MC and Yorkshire Clubs
	Morecambe Bay Stages '92	Morecambe CC
29th	Opposite Lock Stages, Snetterton	West Essex MC
	Winter '92 Road Rally	One Eleven MC

Anyone wishing to help on the Des Winks Ryedale Stages please contact Barry Dove A.S.A.P...

CORRECTION.....

A mistake was made in last month's Competition Calendar. In the ANCC Ti Motors Rally Championship, the Des Winks Stages on 19th April is being run by Malton MC and not Grimsby. There is also a round on the 31st May, the Bloodhound Stages being run by Grimsby, this is a Multi-Use Tarmac event.

ANCC ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 1992

DATE	EVENT	CLUB	MAPS
7/8 Mar	Northern Lights	Leeds U.U.M.C.	99, 100, 104, 105.
21/22 Mar	Clitheronian	Clitheroe MC	97, 98, 102, 103.
11/12 Apr	Autowindcreens	Matlock MC	119, ?
18/19 Apr	Keighley Rally	Keighley & DMC	98, 99, 103, 104.
16/17 May	Dunfab Danum	Lindholme MC	?
30/31 May	Alwoodley Rally	Alwoodley MC	98, 99, 100, 104.
6/7 Jun	Summer Rally	Pendle & DMC	97, 98, 102, 103, 104.
1/2 Aug	Costa Road Rally	Trackrod MC	99, 100, 104, 105.
5/6 Sep	Rally of the Dams	Sheffield & Hallam	110, 119.
17/18 Oct	Three Rivers	Stockton & Northallerton	93, 99, 100.
14/15 Nov	Butterwick Trophy	Whitby & DMC	93, 94, 99, 100.
5/6 Dec	Beaver Rally	Beverley & DMC	100, 101, 106, 107, 112, 113

That's all for this month, hope to see you out and about.

Peter Rutterford
COMPETITION SECRETARY

LARKSPEED LEAGUE 1992

Another year of our highly successful Yorkshire League begins and again this year being sponsored by Larkspeed. Thanks must go to Alan and Ellen Larkin for their continuing support for this Inter-club League. The time is NOW to start preparing your motors for 1992, so take a trip to one of Larkspeed's 3 shop's and show a little bit of appreciation to Alan and Ellen for their support. They do carry many parts you will be needing, and will only too happy to help you out with their advice.

As in past years the League have various types of events for us all to have a go at, and I hope this year you will give me and your club more support than over the past 2 year's. We are really going to have a go at winning this Championship this year (aren't we), but remember that it is a TEAM event and we need a minimum of 5 cars out on each round, so lets start and get our act together for 1992!!

The events this year are as follows :-

1. Navigation Road Rally	Keighley & DMC	18/19 April
2. S.V. Stage Rally	N. Humberside MC	25th April
3. Autotest	Airedale & Pennine MC	17th May
4. Autocross	Shipley & DMC	14th June
5. Autotest	Y.S.C.C.	21st June
6. S.V. or M.V. Stage Rally	Beverley & DMC	12th July
7. Autotest	Alwoodley MC	19th July
8. Production Car Trial	Ilkley & DMC	26th July
9. Autotest	York MC	16th August
10. Lookout S.V. Stage Rally	Trackrod MC	8th November

I really hope we can do well this year and show the other clubs we still do have a Competitive Membership.

Ronnie Mac.

LEAGUE CAPTAIN

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HILLCLIMB SURPRISE

It was with great pleasure and a surprise that the Barbeque Hillclimb was voted Best Event of 1991 especially after voted the same in 1990. I would like to extend my thanks, on behalf of the team, to our event sponsor Morley Waste Traders, and also to the marshals and competitors for making a great day's motorsport possible.

The date for this year's event is 30th August, Bank Holiday weekend, and we hope to see you all again attend to give your support.

Peter Stanhope
CLERK OF THE COURSE

P.S. If any of you members are considering entering, do not forget when ordering your licence that you will need a Speed Licence or a Clubman RS.

READING READING INTO '92

Beric Ewin/Martin Douglas From Otterburn to Epynt in 2 easy steps.

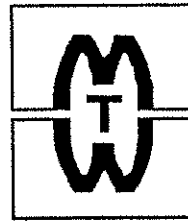
In this chapter we are car 51 on the Budget Cheviot Stages on Otterburn and car 39 on Powys Factors Mewla National.

The two ranges are probably the best 2 tarmac venues in Britain and are normally closed to the public, leading to there being no opportunity to check the pace notes that are to be used. The organisers of the Cheviot provide the notes and they are the only ones to be used whereas on Epynt - anything goes!

Both events have noise and scrutineering the night before necessitating at least one night's accommodation, in the case of Otterburn this was free. There had to be one advantage of being an ex-patriot Geordie, whereas in Epynt a bed and breakfast in Howey near Llandrindod Wells fitted the bill nicely.

Our fortunes and experiences differed massively on the two events. Otterburn first, and drama followed drama, firstly on the first stage a rocker broke and the engine lapsed onto 3 cylinders. We had to do the next 8 miler on just 3, then we had ten minutes emergency service time to put it right, no problem and we did not drop any lateness and set off for the next lap, which included a 19 mile stage and 3 five milers. On SS5 a problem with the notes led us to sail off into the undergrowth within sight of the flying finish. Naturally there was only one flying finish marshal but eventually we managed to push the Sunbeam back onto the track and finished the stage.

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Again we made it to service where we attempted to get all 4 wheels pointing in the same direction, this we managed (just) within the time but did not have time to re-attach the exhaust. We then had to take a gamble, we booked into the next stage arrival and then set about tying it up with wire etc. This is against the rules as it is servicing out of bounds, but we figured the risk was worth it and we got away with it. (This time tut, tut, tut - ED)

The second part of the event was less dramatic and we got to know the ranges a bit better during the third leg. The fourth leg consisted of only 1 stage but it was 25 miles long (Sounds like Mull - ED), a quarter of the stage mileage so it was not yet time to lose concentration, and in addition it got dark and fog come down as well. The last stage finished with some very fast sections and the car was handling pretty badly leading to some worrying moments over the bumps at about 120mph! Our final result was around 50th O/A and well down in class, however it was a brilliant event and well worth the vote of Best Rally in the National Tarmac Championship.

The new year brought the Mewla Rally on Epynt, the most infamous venue in Britain, numerous blind brows and jumps have put the ranges into rallying folklore.

The change of date from August Bank Holiday to January 4th meant entries were down to 70 or so but all the top names were there including favourite and winner John Price. 16 stages and 100 miles were the order of the day and we covered these with very little drama, that was the problem really and we struggled to get on the pace all day.

A puncture at an arrival control in the afternoon did us no favours and we dropped around 15 places on the road and we then suffered from catching cars. Even if they pull over you will still lose 10 seconds each time, we actually had to come to a stop on the last stage as someone in a VW Golf who had rolled reversed up the track in front of us and then did a three point turn in front of us!! This and overtaking 3 other slower cars (including a Davrian T90) led us to get a time of 1 min 10 secs slower than the previous time. However we still made it to the finish 35th O/A and 8th in class. Another very slickly organised event and there are very few places as exciting as Devils Leap when you are not quite sure where the road goes on the other side, or when your notes say a crest is flat and when you get there it most certainly is not!! Some people get away with it, we did and were lucky. Lots of black lines disappearing down off the road show that quite a lot did not get away with it.

The next rounds in the Championship are much more local, Cornwall and Salisbury Plain and they are different types of events again.

Will Berics car last Cornwall? Will anyone's car last Steeple Ashton?
Will Peter Rushforth make it through Imber before cracking up?

See you next time.

Martin Douglas

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

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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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RETROSPECTIVE

From the pages of the Trackrod Newsletter of February 1973.

Frank Stuart-Brown resigned from the Committee due to pressures of work and was replaced by Richard Ovenden. Steve Lloyd was expounding theories on our success as a club and put it down to our wide and varied programme of events, much more than any other local club had on offer, does this still apply?? or have others followed our lead??

The Shell League calendar was published , 2 autotests, 2 P.C.T.'s, 2 sprints, an autocross, a stage rally, a road rally and a hillclimb. Richard Jackson was to be our Team Captain.

The Wynn's Nocturnal Rally was run in 8 inches of snow and had to be abandoned at half-way with Richard Jackson/Dennis Dickinson (240Z) retiring from the lead after TC 5 with loss of clutch, Ron White/Mike Abbott (Mini) finished 49th O/A (31st in class). Richard Jackson ventured to Lincolnshire with the 240Z and had a certain Tony Newsum in the hot seat, yes he of Newsum Rally Maps and now of RACMSA fame, bad move really, Newsum's Rally Maps proved to be wrongly "marked" resulting in two fails for WD's!!

The 1973 Mini Miglia was a round of the Escort Mexico Championship and Russell Brookes was out to show the locals a thing or two. The 240Z of Richard Jackson, now sporting Fletcher's of Leeds signwriting, the report, some 3 pages long ended by Bob Bean/Alan Greenwood being declared winners with Richard Jackson 26th O/A and brother Alex 29th O/A.

New members included John Birch, G.P. Dickinson and N. Liddell, where are they now?? Ian Wilson (he is still with us) had some 6 x 12" alloy wheels for sale for an Imp/Viva/Midget etc. and A.J. Foster had a fully prepared Mexico for sale (1972) at £1150. Steve Wren was offering a part share in his competition Mini for £130 and the club were offering for a deluxe caravan!!

Trackrod ends

Richard Ineson

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