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EDITOR

Well here I am again Sunday night sat in front of this keyboard and not a lot to put into this month's magazine. I am beginning to wonder whether it is worth doing the magazine for the membership of Trackrod Motor Club if the membership can not be bothered to put anything into it! Apart from the contributions from the committee, which they make every month (usually without fail), that is 12 articles a year! So come on one or two article per member a year does not seem to be too much to ask for is it!!

On the competitive front this month see the start of the ANCC Championships, which includes our own contribution to the ANCC Autotest Championship, the Aprilfool's Autotest Sunday 5th April. I have got Steve Lancaster to be Clerk of the Course this year so come on all you budding autotesters or marshals speak to either Steve or myself soon so that we can have another successful event. Also I would like to mention that Ronnie MacKinnon and myself are hoping to run the June Jesters Autotest this year, but with a bit of a difference, so keep your eyes glued to these pages over the next couple of months!

Well I have got all that off my chest for this month, I hope to see you all out competing or marshalling over the next few weeks. By the way do not forget to claim your trophy points on the loose forms in this magazine. If you require more contact Ronnie or Michelle or get them from the noticeboard.

DEREK LEE

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

FROM THE CHAIR

March again already!! Things are very quiet on the competition front at the moment, but that is all about to change, the ANCC Road Rally Championship gets underway on the 7/8th with round 2 on the 21/22nd. Also commencing is the ANCC Autotest Championship on the 15th with round 2 being our own Aprilfools' on the 5th April. Steve Lancaster and Derek Lee will be needing your assistance on the day so please offer your services for marshalling/timekeeping etc. With any luck we should have a number of competitors out on these events who will be keen to blow away the cobwebs!

Of late our clubnight venues seem to have been polarising on the Wetherby/Boston Spa area, and I am sure that those among you who live at the other side of Leeds would like to see an occasional visit to a hostelry on your own patch - so what about it ?? Please try and locate a venue with a (free) private room and report to our Social Secretary or any Committee Member!

You will have doubtless noticed that the contents of the Magazine of late have been somewhat mundane, despite the efforts of our erstwhile Editor. With the exception of Martin Douglas, competition reports have been rather thin on the ground. Perhaps the aforementioned re-start of the new "season" will encourage all you building champions to pass on, via the written word, your knowledge and experiences of events in which you compete to the rest of us. The Trophy Points Secretary now says that contributors (not single liners!) will gain valuable points towards the Trackrod Trophy. - Go for it..!!

Richard Ineson
CHAIRMAN

Cover picture, Stig Blomqvist on the 1990 Mobil 1 Challenge.
Photograph courtesy of Dave Speck.

SECS PIECE

Hi there !

Sorry Ronnie but the Post Man let us down, he didn't get your piece to us on time, so Derek has asked me to write something. He may regret it. He has gone to do the washing up while I'm doing this, I hope I have got some pots left when he has finished !!

We have been knocking the house about a bit and I have been clearing out some cupboards. I found some old photographs of awards presentations, so beware. If some of them will copy OK they may appear on these pages. Some of them make me feel quite old.

April Fool's autotest is nearly here again, by when I will have added another year. Hope to see many of you down there.

I don't know if I will attempt this again, I have had at least two other pairs of eyes watching while I did this, if I do it will be after the kids have gone to bed. Anyway, my programme is on the telly now, Coronation Street, so I'm off. Ronnie please try and get your piece to us on time next month.

Jean Lee
ED'S WIFE

DON'T FORGET THE CLUB'S NEW ENTRANT

4497

SOCIAL CALENDAR

MARCH

- 3 Crown, Boston Spa (105/429 457)
OPEN FORUM - [QUIZ NIGHT (see below for details)]
- 10 Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa (105/434 454)
FREE SANDWICHES
- 17 Beehive, Thorner (104/376 401)
- 24 ***** Stanhope Arms, Rodley - to be confirmed next week *****
- 31 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)

APRIL

- 5 **Sunday. APRILFOOLS' AUTOTEST, WEST STREET CARPARK**
- 7 Crown, Boston Spa (105/429 457)
OPEN FORUM
- 14 Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa (105/434 454)
FREE SANDWICHES
- 21 Beehive, Thorner (104/376 401)
- 28 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)
VIDEO NIGHT ???

QUIZ NIGHT

This has been deferred until April, mainly because I have been unable to contact the other clubs and arrange a Quiz Master. If anyone wants to give the old stages a rest get in touch with me A.S.A.P. and I will arrange it - no need to be the brainy type, it is all for fun!

NEW VENUE

We will hopefully be trying out a new venue this month (24th), after renewed comments about all our venues being "the wrong side of Leeds". The answer to this is really simple - find a suitable pub! While the pubs we have now are booked up for the next few months, there are a few open dates where we could perhaps try your local!!

Stuart Marsh
SOCIAL SECRETARY

YORK NATIONAL

SATURDAY 28th MARCH

We have been asked to assist De Lacy MC on Stage 2 Cropton. As yet we had no firm details but it should be a mid-morning start, so if you could give me your names and jobs you will be available to do A.S.A.P., on a clubnight or on 0904 706257.

John Smallwood

APRILFOOL'S AUTOTEST

SUNDAY 5th APRIL 1992

Yes we are running our prestigious Autotest for the ANCC Championship again this year, and although we have been looking for a different venue at the moment our effort have not been fruitful, but we might for the June Jesters Autotest which will be run on the 21st June. So we are at our old faithful, West Street Car Park, Leeds.

Steve Lancaster has agreed to by Clerk of the Course for this years event. A couple of other new names are on the officials list, being Nick Stevens and Paul Scruton. So why don't you come long and help out by marshalling, line watching or timekeeping your assistance will be gratefully accepted. If all runs to timing then we should be finished by about 17.00 hours.

It is Round 2 of the 1992 ANCC Autotest Championship so we should have a good entry list. Last year we have an entry of 33, I think that will be hard to beat.

So let us have your names for Marshalling or your entry as soon as possible.

Derek Lee
SECRETARY OF THE MEETING

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FOREST STAGES RALLY

The Barkston Forest Stages Rally is running once again on 26th September 1992, the final round of the Mintex Rally series.

This year sees a change of start venue from Raven Hall to the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate. Consequently there will be plenty to do for everyone, so if you would like to get involved with the event, please contact either myself, Rod Parkin (Clerk of the Course) or John McNichol (Deputy Clerk of the Course).

At the moment, one of the positions requiring filling is a P.R. Officer/Co-ordinator - if anyone is interested, have a word any of the above at most clubnights.

Chris Sanderson
SECRETARY OF THE MEETING

MEMBERSHIP

If you are reading this magazine it means that you have paid your membership for 1992. If you know someone who has not received this issue it will be because he/she has not renewed, so give them a nudge and get them to send in their money and then they will get their own magazine.

At the moment our membership stands at 62, plus joint members.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and hope that they have a happy and long association with Trackrod Motor Club.

Rebecca Kemp
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

COMPETITION CALENDAR

MARCH

7/8	Northern Lights	R/R LUUMC	Res
14	Lakeland Stages	M/V Kirby Lonsdale	Nat
15	Autotest, Salford	Lancs/Cheshire	Res
21/22	Clitheronian	R/R Clitheroe	Res
21/22	Morning Mist	R/R Loughborough	Res
22	Autotest	Shipley & DMC	Res
28	York National	M/V York MC	Nat
29	Scammonden Dam, Hilleclimb Mid Cheshire		Res

APRIL

5	Aprilfool's Autotest	Trackrod MC	Res
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More updates next month.

Peter Rutterford
COMPETITION SECRETARY

RETROSPECTIVE

From the pages of the Trackrod Magazine dated March 1973.

Yes, the Newsletter was now a Magazine! (It took years to manage the conversion!!)

Still rattling on about the new auxiliary lighting laws, everyone had their opinions which served to confuse us all! The RAC and ANCC announced that 12 car rallies were not to form the basis of Club Championships!

New member John Spencer joined our ranks, John was a PCT man, also a member of Ilkley & DMC, who obviously felt our recent Wharfedale PCT showed the Club's potential in that field (pun intended!). Surprisingly enough we were already looking for alternative venues. SPY 44 was soon to have TUG 5 as a rival, carried on brother Alex's Asconal Secretary Lloyd, by now rid of all that Fiat rubbish was presented with a company Ford. Alas the RS 1600 ordered was delivered finally in the shape of a Mk 3 Cortina 1300 !!, described a big, smooth, quiet and slow, the MGBGT was for sale!

THE CASH LEAGUE KICKED OFF WITH THE ISOC'S AUTOTEST, a multi-venue affair in the factory yards of Morley. The test markers were the usual cones supplemented by lorries, walls, concrete pillars, etc. and tests were "tight", generally we had a bad day finishing 7th team out of eleven. I remember that one test saw cars enter a building for a 360° spin, but unknown to the competitors the floor was covered in some form of toxic dust and the Imp driven by Geoff Stewart (yes him who is still rallying) got its back wheels on some oil soaked rag and started a fire! The fumes were such that Geoff took a while to fully recover! Our own team comprised your scribe; Paul Adelman; David Taylor; Jon Solk; Alex Jackson and Steve Lloyd, not an auspicious start to our campaign, hopefully 1992 will be better!

Other RAC news was that they had put up their permit/insurance fees for Restricted PCT's from 75p to £1 - wow. Closed to club PCT's and Autotest's carried an RAC levy of 27p and 32p respectively - heavy stuff!

The results of the Seven Dales Rally were just squeezed in as a "stop press", Richard Jackson/Steve Hazeldine 3rd in class and 32nd O/A, Ken Goodall/Richard Ashcroft 7th in class and 42nd O/A, Steve Rathbone/J. Kitchell 80th O/A, that was the year that Albert Clark entered and won the event!

Final ad of the issue, Andy Mackay Recovery Service 15p per mile for a 50 mile round trip and 10p per mile for distances in excess of 50 miles - wonder if these rates still apply? Andy's number is !

Trackrodends

Richard Ineson

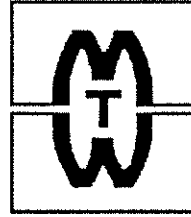
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It has been decided, by the Committee, to continue keeping the list of each member's abilities and experience.

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 _____

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