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EDITOR

Allow me to introduce myself - I'm your new Editor. Derek has gone onto a higher plain - namely Secretary. He'll be a real hard act to follow, but I promise I'll do my best to ensure TMC mag. retains the high standards which Derek has set over the last 2 years. If I get nothing else right, I think you might see an improvement in the spelling (I like you really, Derek).

The new Committee have at last been allocated jobs, with Captain Barry Dove at the helm and Vice Chairman Russell Holdsworth. John Renny either loves pain or is very brave and retains the esteemed title of Treasurer. And, of course, Derek Lee as Secretary. I'd like to say thanks to the "old" Committee and welcome to the new.

Being new at this job, I need all the help I can get, so please give me lots of articles for the mag. That means you too my female counterparts - no excuses - even if you don't have an interest in motor sport and don't go rallying, there must be something you can write about. (Like what you get up to when your other half is involved with motorsport??? No, perhaps not!) Maybe I'll throw in the odd crossword puzzle (with a prize for the winner) so that all you poor marshalls who go out in the wee small hours, can sit in your cars and keep the brain going at least.

Anyway, must dash, I'm being "trained" today by my predecessor. Don't forget, please let me have all your prose by the deadline date.

ANNE MOFFAT

**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE IS
TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 1992**

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi folks, well firstly my thanks goes to Richard for another excellent term in office. It has now become my task to take the reins of Trackrod Motor Club and I hope it will be made easier with the assistance of Russell Holdsworth as Vice Chairman!

A hearty well done to Nick, Stephen and Paul for a fabulous Treasure Hunt, with good weather, good route, clever clues but a bit tight on time.

When you read this the BBQ Hilleclimb will have run, so there could be articles further in the mag or in next months. Hoping the weather holds!

Well short but sweet, more next month

Barry Dove
CHAIRMAN

SECS BIT

Well, look at this, I have been relegated to page three, but do not panic I am not going topless! As you will have gathered by now we have a new Editor in Anne Moffat. I am glad to see Anne back on committee as she is a good hard worker and enjoys being involved with the running of the Club. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome to committee a couple of new faces and know they will put in as much effort as the retiring members have done over the last twelve months.

As those of you who attended the AGM, I was unfortunately working away at the time in Leicester, will know that we did not have a Chairman by the end of the meeting. Well the committee had a meeting and Barry Dove was voted on as Chairman and we also co-opted on Russell Holdsworth as Vice-

Chairman. We have also co-opted Sharon King to help Mark Midgley with Social and Julie Davison to help Peter Rutterford with Comp Sec. With Rod Parkin and Jill Woolin also at hand, this must be the largest committee ever. I wonder how many times we are all together!!

On a different note, I unfortunately missed the Trackrod Treasure Hunt on Sunday 23rd August ably and efficiently organised and executed by Messrs Stevens, Lancaster and Scruton, which I have been informed was a rounding success with 23 people signing on and forming about 8 crews to compete for some impressive prizes. Thanks must go to this new team and lets hope that it is not as long to the next one. However, I attended a Timekeepers seminar held by the ANCC at Cleakheaton. Being a member of this club for some 17 years now (but don't tell Richard Ineson!), I have been involved in timing of many different types, from stop-watches on autotests to start and finish clocks on international rallies, and this meeting was like a refresher course. Also there were quite a few new people who wanted to get involved with timing events and they were given practical examples of setting a digital clock (Wharton) and we ran a stage in the class room. Well we had the control points around the room with clocks and did a demonstration of the timing of a special stage. We were also asked if any other members of our clubs wanted to become timekeepers to let the ANCC know. So this is where you come in. If you would like to do some timekeeping on any event let me know and I will tell ANCC who can tell you what's what. There is a shortage of timekeepers for Speed events, like Hillclimbs so if you feel you could contribute some of your time to one or two events let me know. If you are already an established timekeeper we would also like to know so that you can be put on an approved timekeepers list.

Well I think that should be enough for the time being but if you have anything you would like to know you can always ask me and I will try to help you out or find someone who can help.

So till next month have fun and drive safely.

Derek Lee
HON SECRETARY

SOCIAL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Crown, Boston Spa (105/429 457)
OPEN FORUM
- 8 Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa (105/434 454)
FREE SANDWICHES
- 15 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)
- 16 **MARSHALS BRIEFING, RALLY CAR FOREST STAGES**
Carin Hotel, Harrogate (104/298 557)
- 19 **COSTA ROAD RALLY, YORK FARMING MUSEUM**
- 22 Windmill, Linton (104/390 467)
- 26 **RALLY CAR FOREST STAGES RALLY, HARROGATE**
- 29 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)
VIDEO NIGHT

OCTOBER

- 6 Crown, Boston Spa (105/429 457)
OPEN FORUM
- 13 Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa (105/434 454)
FREE SANDWICHES
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- 27 New Inn, Eccup (104/288 429)
VIDEO NIGHT

This month's listing have been done in a bit of a rush and I hope to get in to the swing of it by next month, with help from Sharon. In the meantime I hope to see you out on the Costa Road Rally on the 19th of this month.

Mark Midgley
SOCIAL SECRETARY

THE CLUB'S ENTRANTS LICENCE NUMBER IS :-

4497

COMPETITION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Selby & DMC 3 Swans Stages, Elvington
- 5/6 Sheffield & Hallemshire Rally of the Dams
- 6 Lancashire AC Hillclimb Scammonden Dam
Kirby Lonsdale MC Stages Rally 90, 91, 92
Lindholme MSC Gilders Sport Stages 111, 120
- 8 Manx International
- 12 Lincs/Louth S/V Manby Showground
Pendle S/V Stage Rally
- 13 Bridlington S/V Stage Rally 107
- 19 **COSTA ROAD RALLY, YORK FARMING MUSEUM**
- 26 **TRACKROD MC - RALLY CAR FOREST STAGES**
- 27 Darlington & DMC Rallycross Croft (Nat)

OCTOBER

- 9/11 2300 Club stage rally Tour of Mull
- 11 Otley MC PCT
De Lacy MC Parkwood Stages Rally Tong
- 17 N. Humberside MC Crystal Stages Rally
- 17/18 Pendle & DMC Road Rally 97, 98, 102, 103
Stockton & DMC Road Rally 98, 99, 100
- 18 Bury AC Autotest
- 25 Dukeries MC Premier Stages
- 31/1 Alwoodley Road Rally 98, 99, 100, 104

Don't forget that your help and assistance is required for the Costa Road Rally on the 19th September from York and also for Trackrod's Rally Car Forest Stages Rally, 26th September. We have also been asked to run a stage on the Crystal Ford Stages on the 17th October, Stage Commander John Smallwood. On into November and we have the Lookout Stages at Melbourne Airfield on 8th and of course the Lombard RAC Rally between 22/25th.

Peter Rutterford
COMPETITION SECRETARY

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As Organisers we would like to thank all the crews who supported the first Treasure Hunt that the Club has had for quite a long time.

There were five crews representing Trackrod M C with three crews from De Lacy and one from Alwoodley also giving support.

We had laid on a route of 39 miles over some testing roads with a large number of clues to be solved. It would seem that perhaps we had set too tough a challenge with many competitors threatening to lynch us at the finish, for this we apologise.

Awards were presented to the following:-

1st Overall - B.Dove/R.Kemp/R.Holdsworth/J.Woolin - Trackrod

2nd Overall - P.Rutteford/J.Davison - Trackrod (Team Misers?)

Humorous Answer - C.Heppenstall - De Lacy MC

Last Overall - Team Lotus - The Draytons - Trackrod

With John and Margaret Smallwood (representing Alwoodley on this occasion) almost winning the Funny Answer Prize, had they not insulted the organisers in one of the answers! It proved to be a close finish for all concerned.

The winning score was 186 points from a possible 210 and the mileage covered was, somehow, 38!!

Learning from comments passed at the finish and the problems encountered, we will aim to put on another event next year, hopefully without clashing with any other local events.

Thank you once more for your support.

Nick Stevens, Stephen Lancaster and Paul Scruton



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FOREST OF AE

Wednesday 25th November 1992.

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To assist the safety planning for the stage we would be grateful if you could complete the following questionnaire and return it by 15th August.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Brian

Brian Credland
(Stage Commander)

.....
Forest of Ae Staffing Information

Contact name.....

Address.....

Phone No.....

Number of marshals.....

Duties preferred

Any other specialised qualifications.....

Please return to :

Colin Jebson, 12a, Mulberry Close, Keelby, Grimsby, DN37 8EX.



Lombard RAC Rally
Organised by the RAC Motor Sports Association.



LOMBARD RAC RALLY

This is just a note to let you know that this year's Lombard RAC Rally will not be including any stages in the Yorkshire Region. This is due to the rotation factor of the different regions used, i.e., England, Scotland and Wales.

This year's event is based in Chester and the route will be as follows:-

Sunday - Chester out and back, usual spectator stages.

Monday - Chester/Wales/Chester.

Tuesday - Chester/Lakes/Kielder/Carlisle.

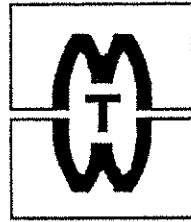
Wednesday - Carlisle/Scotland/Chester.

On the Sunday, the Rally Britannia will start and finish in Nottingham and use spectator stages prior to the main event as they did last year.

Even though the Yorkshire Stages are not being used, help on other stages would be gratefully appreciated, so if you would like to help, please let me know as soon as possible.

John Renny

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Bishop Get's Behind Wheel For Appeal

A Festive of Motor Sport due to be held at Croft Circuit on 6th September is to provide the backdrop for the Bishop of Ripon, the Rt. Revd. David Young to get behind the wheel of a sprint car in an effort to boost a £1.2m diocesan appeal that he is heading.

For the first time in ten years, the Croft racing circuit will be the venue for a round of the Cars and Car Conversions/B.A.R.C. Speed Championship, with over a hundred cars taking part in a sprint, racing against the clock over a measured distance.

The Bishop of Ripon who has already completed a London Marathon in aid of his diocesan appeal will undertake a 1600 metre sprint in a modified Peugeot 205 GTI. The aim of the appeal is to raise money for the Church Urban Fund for deprived Inner Cities, Church Schools, and the repair of the Cathedral and Parish Churches. Already over £600,000 has been raised.

Organised by the British Automobile Racing Club Yorkshire Centre and the Darlington and District Motor Club, the festival of motor sport will also include a monster truck, Russell Swift's Montego Display Team, the White Helmets Army Motorcycle Team and the Blue Helmets Army Parachute Team who will be dropping in on the event.

In addition, Army displays will include a tower with aerial slide, mini motor bikes and specialised heavy transport vehicles. There will also be a collection of classic cars, radio controlled miniature racing cars, and many other attractions for all the family.

Admission by Entry Tickets will be £4.00. Teenagers/Students/OAP's £3.00. Accompanied children up to 12years FREE.

RETROSPECTIVE

The pages of the September 1973 edition of the Newsletter seems to have gone missing, for the moment, will catch up when I find them, sorry!

If he doesn't, I'll break his kneecaps!! - ED

This is also a reprieve for those expectant "over-the-hill" members from days gone by. - SEC (ex ED)

Richard Ineson

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- 6] *Will your motoring organisation represent your views to Parliament?* YES or NO?
- 7] *Do you have a dedicated 0345 telephone number for membership enquiries?* YES or NO?
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