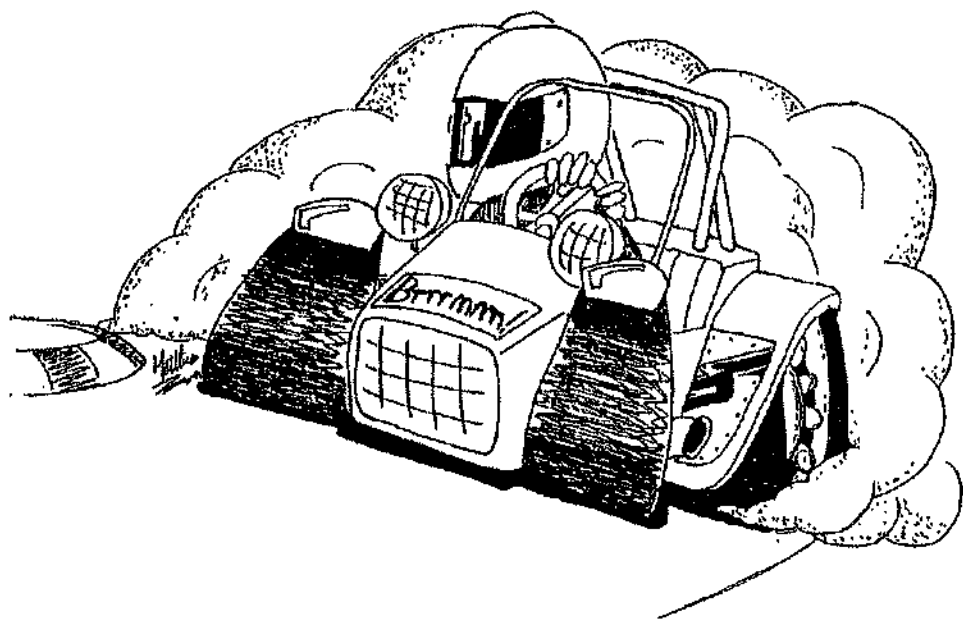




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EDITOR

There's been plenty to occupy many members in November but few reports to be published in the magazine, despite this there should be plenty to satisfy readers.

Many of you will now be thinking of next season and maybe finalising plans to rebuild cars after a busy year in '95. Perhaps some of you do not regularly compete but are in a position to help organise events next year. How about a treasure hunt, navigational scatter, 12 car rally, autotest or perhaps you are more inclined to social occasions, trips etc. If you can help please approach a committee member. If we can offer a full and varied programme we may attract new members and will, of course, enhance the reputation of Trackrod. I personally know of two other clubs who run championships where, in order to score points at the end of the season, each competitor must organise or officiate on at least one round of the series. Perhaps someone out there in reader land some one has the time to help steer this sort of thing.

Don't forget that this month sees Christmas. I would like to celebrate too so get your articles to me A.S.A.P. so that they can be printed in time. The magazine will be available on the 9th of January due to public holidays.

ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES

NICK STEVENS, (Editor)

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY ISSUE IS
TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER 1996

SEC'S BIT

Many thanks to all who competed or assisted on the Lookout Rally at Melbourne on 5th November. A dry summer and a dry Lookout are unheard of but everything went well in the end. Being the last round of the Larkspeed League, a few places were up for change but we managed to keep 7th place behind Alwoodley.

The prize giving and Disco was on 25th November at the Parkside Inn, Pontefract and my apologies to anyone who did not know about it or missed the advert at the Admiral Hawke. As I said, we finished 7th but Ilkley came 1st and are 1995 Larkspeed League Champions.

The Network Q RAC Rally came and went as usual. this time we had a stage very close to home, Temple Newsam, a 2.74 mile stage that seemed to go down well with most of the competitors. It was a long day including the Historic Millers Oil Rally coming through first.

Finally a quick note to remind you that membership renewals are now due see Caroline and also get your Trophy Points to vince to claim any awards.

See you at the Boxing Day Autotest or in the New Year.

Merry Christmas to you all.

DEREK LEE, (Secretary)

SOCIAL NEWS

FORTHCOMING PLEASE READ

19th DECEMBER - Crown Wetherby - Festive Fayre Sandwiches - FREE

9th JANUARY 1996 - Admiral Hawke - NEW YEAR'S FUN NIGHT
this is in place of our usual Xmas Party so don't miss it. **Hot food** will be provided at a charge of **only £1** (not just the usual sandwiches). There will

also be some other activities on the night. We will be raffling off **THREE DINNER DANCE TICKETS** on that night only - so be there and you may get to that event free.

JANUARY will be a five week month so we'll be visiting the Admiral Hawke twice and using **The Beehive at Thorner** in place of the New Inn so don't go to the wrong venue - you've been warned!

From February Jean Lee will be taking on the responsibility of booking Tuesday venues - so if you have anywhere you'd like to try talk to Jean.

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See You Soon

ANNE MOFFAT, (Social Sec.)

SOCIAL AND COMPETITION CALENDAR
DECEMBER 1995/JANUARY 1996

DECEMBER

- 5 Yorkshire Switchgear
 OPEN FORUM
- 12 Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa
- 19 Crown, Wetherby
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 SPECIAL
- 26 BEEHIVE, THORNER (104/376399)

JANUARY 1996

- 2 Yorkshire Switchgear - For the brave only
- 9 Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa
 NEW YEAR'S FUN NIGHT - DON'T MISS THIS!
- 16 Crown, Wetherby
 FREE SANDWICHES
- 23 Admiral Hawke
 FREE SANDWICHES
- 27 ANNUAL DINNER DANCE/PRIZE PRESENTATION**
- 31 Beehive, Thorner

FEBRUARY

- 6 Yorkshire Switchgear

Competition Calendar

December

2	Stage Rally	Stockport MC
2/3	Stage Rally, Cadwell Park	South Bank MC
	Beaver Rally	Beverley & DMC
3	Grizedale Stages	Clitheroe & DMC
	Hallamshire Sporting Trial	Sheff. & Hallam.
	Stage Rally at Flookborough	Ecurie Royal Oak MC
9/10	Road Rally	Knutsford & Dist
26	Boxing Day Autotest	Trackrod MC
30	Christmas Stages Rally	Northallerton MC

Peter Rutterford, Competition Secretary

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LOOKOUT STAGES RALLY **MELBOURNE AIRFIELD, NOVEMBER 5th**

It had been over two years since I last entered a rally and the itch to compete had returned. A casual conversation in the pub (you know how it is!) led to Stephen Lancaster offering to navigate on the Lookout.

At this stage I thought it would be wise to look at the car. To my eye all that was needed was a dusting off of the cobwebs and a bit of paint. How wrong can you be? After the last event I now remembered that the brakes were poor so investigated and found the rear calipers to be cream crackered! Rooting in the spares pile revealed a set of 1.9 205 GTi rears that had been donated some years ago and after a small amount of work some brackets were made by my service crew and fellow Sunbeam pilot Mark Winterburn of Saxon Fabrications at Morley.

Brakes done, welding completed, trailer borrowed, MOT passed things are looking good on the car side it's a pity the same can't be said for the driver and navigator. Stephen had "navigated" for me before when we ran a course car on the Costa and to say the least his technique had been varied with calls such as **"up hill to the top, levels out then goes down again"** and **"this road isn't straight"**, how would it work on a stage rally?

Saturday 4th November dawned early! I set off early to Melbourne where the enthusiastic organisers were still throwing tyres and bales around. Once the car was unloaded the small jobs were completed (heater switch renewed, windows wiped etc.) and we were ready for scrutineering. After a delay we passed both scrutineering and noise and retired to the hotel for a meal.

Sunday dawned, icy and cold, de-ice car and head to venue, de-ice rally car and get nervous. Then the mobile rings, the one man service crew has seized the engine on his Renault 19 Turbo a mile short of the venue, thanks to Ken Goodall for going to collect him.

SS1, we're off, "flat to merge, past ditch, straight to 90 right, I mean left" calls Steve! "pylon, chicane, long straight, flat right, straight, 90 right and straight to left keep out, and through piles of soil" this is fun "hairpin right" oh no under-steer! "flat left and 45 left to 90 right keep right" a quick glance in the mirror and I notice car 57 gaining rapidly "b****y tight chicane" move to the right to let him past, where's he gone? move to the left, there he is as I inadvertently cut him up! "90 left straight to 90 right and straight to double 90 left flat to grandstand" God this is quick! "hairpin right, tight gap, flat to merge" lap one completed lap 2 continues in the same style and we finish with no problems other than a l.o.o.n.g brake pedal that would get worse during the day no matter what was tried.

SS2 is a repeat of **SS1** and we pass a car at the first chicane after the pylon then are passed ourselves by car 57, this time without cutting him up! Then we pick up a puncture crossing the "**Grand Canyon**" at the 90 right less than a mile or so into the stage. No spare so **press on regardless!** Loads of over-steer but we finish without having to stop other than to let a car past at a tight junction. One and a half minutes lost along with the tyre although Ken Goodall has returned some of the side-wall to us!

SS3 passes without much drama other than a 2 wheeled moment entering the split on lap two when I hit the tyres. **SS4** arrival and Andy Cohen asks if we always run with **loose wheels!** Getting out to investigate I find the wheel nuts on the end of the threads so ... I tightened them! After the stage an oil leak is found. Crankshaft front seal gone AWOL, no spare, top it up and keep an eye on the pressure!

SS5 passes with no drama and we finish behind Steve Sanderson/Steve Hugill so will start behind them on **SS6**. Attack, Attack, flat out everywhere, avoiding an Escort on top of some tyres and visibly gaining on Sanderson/Hugill. Brain fade causes a **BIG** two wheeled moment after hitting some more tyres but we close to within 10 seconds through the dust at the stage finish. The gap has narrowed to 40 seconds but with only 2 stages to go, in the dark, it looks too big a margin to make inroads into. Even worse Stages 7&8 are shortened to 1 lap. We attack all the same and, despite another puncture, end up 11 secs. adrift at the end of the day.

Thanks to all those people who helped us get there and of course to all the marshals and officials who cheered us on in the cold and provided an excellent, if somewhat rough, event, I loved the dark bits! Results show us at 49th O/A and 6th in class and I was pleased to be able to match the stage times of the other 1600 Sunbeams, with 5 speed 'boxes they had an extra gear for the straights. Oh yes, and Steve actually smiled!! Now that I have "un-retired" there will be more events next year, all we need is a Lottery win and then we'll show them how (not) to do it!

NICK STEVENS/STEPHEN LANCASTER, Car 65

A TALE OF TWO ASTRAS - 83 & 84
THE 1995 FOREST STAGES RALLY

A few years have passed since the two drivers were last in competition with each other in 1990 - in fact the navigators had now swapped drivers (?) or should that be the other way round (?) Steve Hugill now navigating for Steve Sanderson and Rob Buchan for Stuart Bell.

Stuart approached Jacki Sanderson to ask her to navigate but she declined due to lack of funds - to say nothing of experience (Steve still maintains that Stuart was joking) but she suggested Rob would be happy to come from retirement. Stuart was now set to make his debut in his new 16V Astra.

The week before the rally a slight problem arose for both crews as their joint service crew had to unavoidably give backward. However the problem was supposedly solved when Jacki S. and Tracy hugill agreed to drive the Transit escorted by Rob's son Jonathan, I say supposedly solved as apparently they had their own problems (they say many thanks to Arthur Heaton!!)

SS1 three laps of Olivers Mount - great 41 secs faster than last year - oh dear Stuart and Rob were faster!

A quick service at Flask was followed by the hour long delay at the Maybeck

start of Langdale due to the unfortunate accident that befall Ian Tunney. Once the stage restarted Stuart and Rob overtook us - oh dear, is the whole day going to be like this?

Staindale next and we watched the extra power and better traction play their part - enviously it must be admitted. To make matters worse Stephen Sanderson decided to play football with a stray carton of juice whilst driving round the stage.

SS4 Newclose Rigg a good run and leaving the stage we manage to pass car 84 (they were stopped with Stuart under the bonnet), it transpires that part of the exhaust is missing. We proceed to service where Stuart and Rob manage to eventually join us after fearing that they would have to retire.

Unfortunately Stuart and Rob had to retire on stage 5 and leave at the Woodyard.

The next three stages are uneventful, although in our opinion Cropton was the best stage - or maybe this was the best stage - or maybe this is just because the driver had speeded up!

At the final service in Wombleton we wait for Stuart and Rob to arrive which they do in the road car having left the Rally car at home in Kirby Misperton.

Rob now joins the service crew who are now getting out of their seating (they are offended at being called the motley crew)

The final three stages went OK especially Boltby which was a good stage. We have finished (or so we think)

The car is going fine as we leave the passage control and then suddenly stops. We got restarted and than met the service crew outside Thirsk. They head off home, their ranks increased yet again by Amy Hugill and dog! Rob got a little worried as Jacki went all the way to York, round the outer ring-road unable to reach second gear thanks to Amy's car seat.

We finally reached the finish after having a few more anxious moments when

the car stops again.

We make it to the prizegiving along with Rob who has finally got home. Disaster strikes when we get back to Rob's and the Rally car refuses to start! Poor Rob, yet another trip to Hambleton (real team co-operation on this rally) Fortunately the AA discover a minor electrical fault next day.

This is my 10th entry in this event and I still can't manage to win. Still I can't complain 38 starts and finishes in this car. But in this event the hare and the tortoise started - but the hare failed to finish. We managed 58 O/A and 3rd in class.

Thanks again to the organising team for a superb event.

Thanks "Motley crew"

STEPHEN SANDERSON/STEPHEN HUGILL

THANKS...

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**SS7 (TEMPLE NEWSAM)
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JOHN RENNY, (Stage Commander)

RETROSPECTIVE

From the pages of the Trackrod magazine of December 1976 (Issue 74)

Cover Picture: Tony Marshall (MGBGT) in the Shell League PCT at Pateley Bridge back in April 1976. Perhaps mention should be made of our back page advertiser, Associated Tyre Specialists whose advert featured the Mini of Rick Stevens who they then supported.

The Chairman thanked Jim Pick for the use of his land at Bickerton for our recent Bonfire.

We had a club-night at the Dyneley Arms - our fist with a live cabaret!

Our indoor rally championship was being led by FSB/Ian Gurnett with Jack Coulthard 2nd and Geoff Moorhouse 3rd. Ikley beat us in the Darts and Doms match - drat it!

Advert featuring the Christmas Party at the Follyfoot Village Hall on 17th December - members free - non members 25p - including supper - must be the bargain of the year!!

Now after 9 events we were still 3rd O/A in the Shell League - seemingly unable to make any impression on the leaders though 900 points ahead of 4th placed Huddersfield with only one event to go. Our team on the 9th event (YSCC's Autotest at Hartshead Moor) comprised Steve Mills, Richard Ineson, Steve Lloyd, David Taylor and Ken Goodall. Mickey mouse tests not liked by anyone, Steve Mills got a washout on the final test which dropped him to 21st in class (Yes! that many!) Ken G. could make best use of his LSD on the tight tests but he still managed a fine 2nd in class. Steve Lloyd finished 3rd in class, Richard Ineson 2nd and David Taylor 18th.

Trackrod.....Ends

RICHARD INESON

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See you all there

Donnella Fernyhough, (Social Sub-Committee)

TROPHY POINTS - CURRENT STANDINGS

Stage Rally Driver

S.Sanderson	271.1
C.Rowson	106.0
S.Drabble	75.4

Stage Rally Navigator

S.Hughill	222.2
D.Hammond	106.0
R.Buchan	48.9

Road Rally Driver

A.Heaton	164.7
A.Larkin	50.5

Road Rally Navigator

J.Taylor	63.8
A.Heaton	14.0

Larkspeed League Driver

N.Drayton	142.5
S.Sanderson	133.3
A.Heaton	63.8
A.Larkin	50.5

Larkspeed League Navigator

S.Hugill	84.4
J.Taylor	63.8
R.Buchan	48.9

Autotest Trophy

N.Drayton	65.8
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Off Road Events

A.Heaton	114.7
N.Drayton	76.7

SPY44 Trophy

A.Heaton	293.4
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Trackrod Trophy

N.Drayton	45
S.Sanderson	15
S.Hugill	15
A.Heaton	10
C.Sanderson	10
N.Sanderson	10
J.Sanderson	5
R.Buchan	5

Newman Cup
All Round Lady

N.Sanderson 10
J.Sanderson 5

Service Crew

C.Sanderson 15
N.Sanderson 15
R.Buchan 10
R.Whiteley 5
J.Sanderson 5
S.Hugill 5
S.Hugill 5

S.Sanderson 5

Marshals Trophy

N.Drayton 125
A.Heaton 105
L.Goodall 20
P.Scruton 20
S.Sanderson 15
D.Lee 10
C.Sanderson 10
N.Sanderson 10
J.Lee 5

Owing to work and personal commitments this year I have not been able to keep you all informed as to current standings as I should. Many apologies and also I shall not be sticking rigidly to the three months rule but please don't bring in claims dating back to last January!

I shall be trying my best to attend every club night until the end of the year, so if you have any queries, complaints or need advice please ask. If you can't see me at club-nights you can ring me at home or pass on a message through any committee member.

VINCE FLETCHER

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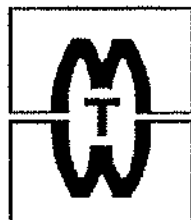
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