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EDITOR

Dear all, I don't want to start this months magazine off this way but, unfortunately I have no choice. When you look further into this months issue you'll see an anonymous letter from a club member (an article a least). The way this has been done is sly and above all **disgusting**.

I've only been Editor of the magazine for three months, **YES I ADMIT**, the magazine has fallen short of previous issues and to the standard we've all seen. The printing firm who copied and collated the magazine are no longer able to read our computer software. This has resulted in me using another members printer to print a hard copy and then copying and collating it myself. Half a dozen member's assisted me at Switchgear last month, a big thanks to all that did.

I've said this in previous magazine's, I can only put in what I'm sent, if nobody sends thing's, then that's what you get - **NOTHING** - I can't make up six, eight or even ten pages of articles myself, I **NEED YOU THE MEMBERS**. Trackrod is "The Norths Leading Club" how many events do you

the members marshal, compete and organise - put pen to paper and let's fill the magazine.

I'm sorry to all those club members who didn't write this letter, **BUT** to the person who did take some advice : **TAKE A LONG WALK OFF A SHORT PIER !!!** (I would like to say something stronger but can't). Would you, the ghost writer, like to take over as Editor of the club's magazine, if so, please ring me and you can take the P.C. off my hands and get on with it. Like many other people, I have plenty to do with my time.

What's on this and the coming months:

10th November, 1996 :- LOOKOUT RALLY
we need as many club member's as possible who can come and marshal.

23, 24 & 25th November :- R.A.C. RALLY
See John Renry, he needs all sort's of assistance.

10th December 1996 :- Christmas Party
Admiral Hawk, Boston Spa, Hot food.

18th January, 1997 (yes 1997):- Dinner
Dance, Castle Grove, Headingley. Ticket's 17.50, Start paying now: See Caroline Marston.

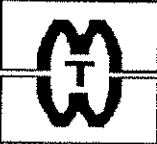
FANCY A TRIP TO THE MOTORSPORT
MOTOR SHOW IN JANUARY 1997 let Caroline know and we'll see what we can do.

That's all folk's. Let's see how further issues of the magazine go.

Brian Walters
Editor

P.S. Thanks to Andy Apperley for the picture on the front Cover.

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First of all I would like to apologise both to Brian and to you the membership for not putting pen to paper for the last couple of months. Due to personal pressures and missing the editor's deadline dates. I would like to say that despite the amount of effort that Brian has put in to doing the magazine we have encountered a few problems which we are endeavoring to overcome, so please bear with us.

You will see that the committee has had a slight shuffle round, with Caroline Marston taking over the task of Social Secretary and she has already got a few ideas for some social events in 1997. As always help and assistance from you the membership would be invaluable, so if you can help Caroline in any small way, she would be most grateful. She has therefore handed over the Membership Secretary's job to hubby Simon who tells me that he is getting ready to collect membership renewals from you all in

the next few weeks! Brian Walters is now the full time Editor. The quality of the magazine is only as good as its content, so we need your reports, story, comments, photographs, etc. to make the magazine as good as possible.

Dates for your diary - 16 November. The Larkspeed League Disco and Prize Presentation at the Parkside Hotel, Pontefract (just off the M62). Tickets from me at £5.00 each. There was a leaflet in last month's magazine with all the details. Please give your support to this event as it shows the appreciation of Alan & Ellen Larkin of Lark-speed Performance Centres for their continuing contribution to motorsport by sponsoring the Yorkshire League.

18th January 1997. Trackrod's Annual Dinner Dance & Prize Presentation being held at the Castle Grove, Headingley. Remember to book early as places are limited, so see Caroline Marston or myself for details.

John Renny is the Stage Commander for the Network Q RAC Rally at Temple Newsam on Sunday 25th November so see John A.S.A.P. to get a marshalling post. There will also be the Leeds - RAC International Historic Rally which will be going through twice.

Finally I would just like to say congratulations to Nigel Drayton who has been appointed a place on the RAC MSA Safety Committee. Well done.

Till next month (honest) safe motoring.

Derek Lee
Hon Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

I made a promise to myself some years ago that I would not be negative or complain about the lack of support for club activities. As a committee I consider we have always been open and accepted comment and advice whenever offered.

This month it saddens me deeply to see (published elsewhere in this issue) an anonymous personal letter to Brian regarding the quality and content of your magazine.

Only a fool or a blind person could not see that the recent issues have fallen short of what had previously been a very high standard, and it is doubtful that Brian needed prompting. Those of you have had to master a new PC, learning to type etc. will know how difficult and time consuming it can be. But at least he is doing it, and will, with encouragement, get there.

Personally, Brian has my, and the committees, grateful thanks for being editor, and we will all help him as much as possible - unlike the anonymous writer who offers

neither help, support or constructive criticism.

I am not a psychologist, but I know a man who is. He reckons that anonymous writers are, at best, part of the "wasters" in this world, with low self esteem, immature and under developed personalities, and, if they were to be honest with themselves, a dislike of their own body and mind.

To the 120+ of you who did not write this letter I sincerely apologise for you having to read this. To the person who did, I have a message - "GET A LIFE" - preferably as part of another motor club.

On to more pleasant matters I am pleased to report once again the very successful running of two of the clubs' main events, the Morley Waste Traders Bar B Que Hillclimb, and the Forest Stages Rally. Both these events were well supported by club members and I am sure the same support will be forthcoming for the Lookout Rally on the 10th November.

I am proud to be part of Trackrod, I hope you are too.

Rod Parkin
Chairman.

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Sunday morning 5am, a rather bleary eyed run out to Beverly for scrutineering at Armstrong Massey Rover Garage, signing on and back to the carto to look through the road book, the road book showed 3 new stages, one at Holme on

Spalding Moore and two at Escrick near York, plus the usual blast around the superb Elvington air field.

09:18 am pull up to the main time control (MTC1) and head off to SS1 Beacon Hill, a 2.7 miler round a farm track, into ATC1 helmets on pull up to the start..... 5.4.3.2.1 GO flat 500 to tight "K" left and immediate 90 left, 500 90 right over dyke 400 big bump and 400 90 right over dyke flat 500 caution over bumps to 90 left and 50 to 90 left caution building on exit!! 400 90 left 200 90 right over bump 200 uphill fast "K" right and long "K" left, caution telegraph pole on exit, 400 very tight 90 right and 90 left to finish..... No problems to report on SS1 but it was very dusty and the marshals deserved a medal for their efforts.

SS2 Holcars, 28 junctions in 3.75 miles of very narrow and slippery woodland just off the A19 at Escrick, no problems except being over cautious on the narrow bits. SS3 Escrick, 1.6 miles in the grounds of a private school on good quality gravel and tarmac, again no problems except junction 5 when we had a bit of a moment on the incredibly tight hairpin right. Service was at Elvington before SS4/SS5 two identical stages 6.4 miles in length run back to back. A tidy run around saw us catch and pass two cars, back to service remove slicks and refit gravel tyres for SS6/SS7 Holcars 2 and Escrick 2, again no problems and the interim results showed us just outside the top ten so we must have been doing something right.

Back to Elvington for second service, where the car was given a quick spanner check and some very worn looking races were fitted, the heat and those long fast Elvington corners were taking their toll on the brakes and tyres. SS8/SS9 two 8.1 milers around Elvington, after about 5 minutes the brakes were beginning to fade quite badly making the chicanes interesting, after SS9 back to service and a look at the brakes which revealed that the bleed nipple caps had melted and run down the calipers (no wonder the brakes were fading).

Off to SS10 Beacon Hill 2 we were now running 7th on the road as the pressures of the day saw off many a competitor, SS10 was a reversal of the morning stage and was drama free so a steady run to the finish at Brantingham Park for a welcome drink and the results which showed us 12th overall and only 30 seconds off the top 10 !!!!!!!.

Thanks to Jim and Jason for the servicing and also doing the chase car, well done to Beverly and Buccaneer Motor Club for putting on an extremely well run and imaginative event "We'll be back next year"

Jim Dixon and John Neale

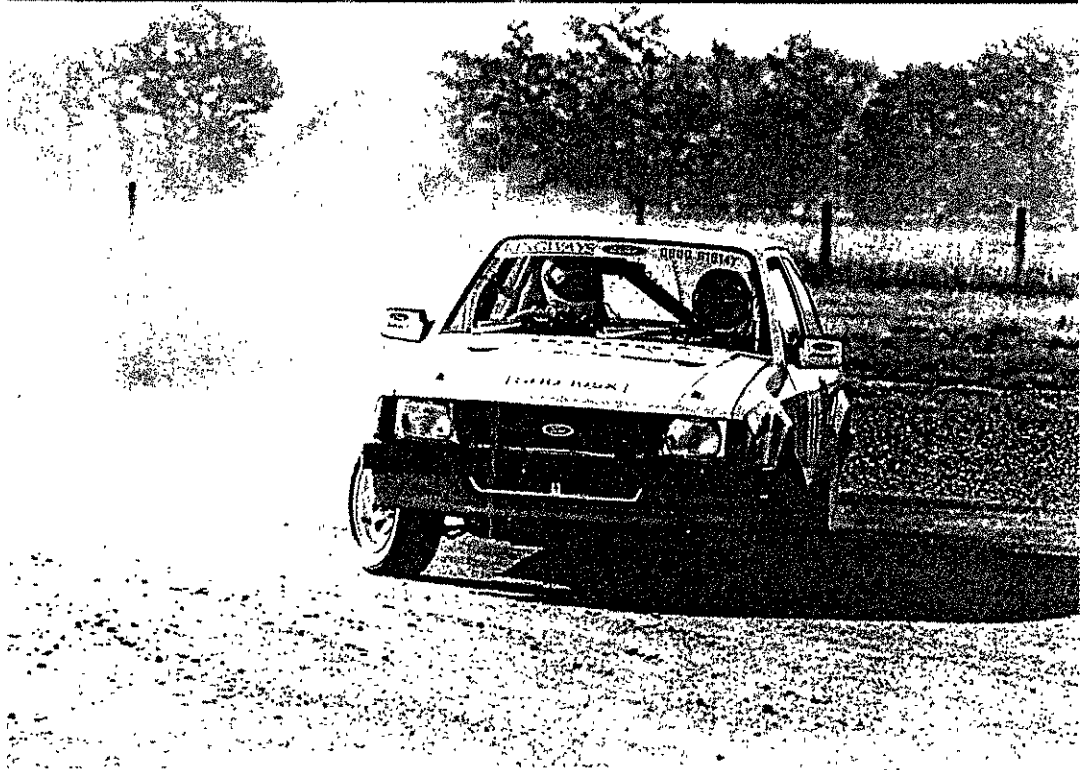
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Dear Editor,

As a member of Trackrod Motor Club, I would like to say two things to you:

- 1) I think since you have taken over as Editor, the content of the magazine is deplorable and non-existent.
- 2) When are you going to do something about it. It is a waste of club member membership.

I look forward to an improvement in future issues.



**CAN YOU FILL THIS
EMPTY SPACE IN NEXT
MONTHS MAGAZINE IF SO
PLEASE SEND ME YOUR
ARTICLES.**

**HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING
YOU WANT TO SELL ?? IF
SO, LET ME KNOW AND
I'LL PRINT IT FOR YOU !!!**

SOCIAL CALENDAR

LOOKOUT RALLY
10th NOVEMBER, 1996

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DECEMBER

3RD YORKSHIRE SWITCHGEAR
10TH ADMIRAL HAWKE, Boston Spa
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free sandwiches
24TH SQUARE & COMPASS

DON'T FORGET THE FOLLOWING :

16TH NOVEMBER: LARKSPEED LEAGUE
DISCO & PRIZE PRESENTATION, HANDOUT GIVEN
IN LAST MONTHS MAGAZINE.

18TH JANUARY 1997: TRACKROD'S
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE & PRIZE
PRESENTATION. START PAYING NOW, SEE
CAROLINE MARSTON.

**NEXT MONTHS DEADLINE
FOR ARTICLES WILL BE
THE 26TH NOVEMBER 96.
Cheers.....Brian**

RETROSPECTIVE

FROM THE PAGES OF TRACKROD
MAGAZINE, NOVEMBER 1977 - ISSUE
No 85.

On the cover - Bjorn Waldergard in the
Stratos - No other pictures this month.

A whole page of forthcoming events of a
competitive and social nature taking your
diaries right up to 10th January, 1978.
Noggin venues included The Royal, Boston
Spa; Leeds Crest Motel (also one of our
better autotest venues of the day), Shoul-
der of Mutton, Square & Compass and
Leeds Chamber of Commerce !!!

E.G.M on 8th November to discuss the
abolition of "Out of Town" membership.
Ken Goodall & Howard White also down for
organising a P.C.T. at Rose Farm - as-
sisted by Eddie Baker.

Chairman Richardson just returning from
Stateside and was still jet lagged. However,
he reported that 40 (!) members had been
to the Isle of Mull for the annual pilgrimage.
Editor Leuchars apologised for delays get-
ting the October issue out, sudden influx of
new members left him short on copies.

Back to Mull and we had six crews compet-
ing with Steve Rathbone/Frank Stuart-
Brown; Ian Gumett/Jack Coulthard; Alan
Powell/Hugh Edwards; Martin Kemp/Jeff
Dealtry; Elvin Garnett/Steve Mills; John
Renny/Rick Stevens and Dave Marshall/
Graeme Kellett all flying the club flag. John
Renny spent some time leaping in and out
of ditches and his cars wings & valances
were even more bent than when he arrived
on the Island !!. "A Spectator" submitted a

"Mull Ode" which was published along with
"Navicomps" event report.

Rob Buchan/Steve Sanderson won the
Indoor Rally with Nick Leuchars 2nd and
Marcel Girardier/Eddie Baker 3rd.

Chris Miller was seeking a set of Cooper "S"
Discs & Hubs - willing to pay any price (!)
- wonder if he's still looking ?????

Pete Silberberg was offering canvas tool
holders at £4.50, reported to be a give away
price - think you can buy them elsewhere
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R.A.C. Rally looming - Boltby our stage 8.00am signing on - Chief Marshal Nigel Drayton.

Nick Leuchars gave us a comprehensive report on the recent Pennine Rally, by Alwoodley M.C. entitled "flat out and boring" - nuff said. Jack Coulthard was alongside that well known hot shoe of the day Jack Tordoff in the SAAB Malcolm Wilson was also entered in his RS2000.

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Richard Ineson

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