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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

This time of year there seems to be an event every weekend to get involved in - and sometimes more than one!

Hopefully whatever branch of the sport appeals to you is being featured somewhere. The Karting day seems to have been well received and I am sure if you now have "the bug" there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Whilst Trackrod doesn't "major" on Karting there are several clubs around who do - and Wombwell Kart Circuit, and Three Sisters are well within easy reach.

For those of you who don't know you can start as young as 8 years old - wish I could have been able to get into a Kart at that age - I certainly can't get into one now - and if I do - I can't get out!! They are even tighter than rally seats!!

But it is a good starting discipline and provides good grounding in controlling vehicles at speed - most GP "stars" start off with Karting.

For those of you who think it's still kid's stuff and slow - well it's not! Modern superkarts reach speeds over 130mph - and with your backside 2" from the ground I bet that feels real fast.

Anyway on to matters rallying - preparations are well under way for our annual Mintex round in September - if you haven't got a job yet (providing you want one that is), please ask now!! We are based in York this year and require lots of help around Rally H/Q.

There are plenty of other events of course - including the closed road all tarmac Jim Clark Memorial Rally - a contender for the British Rally Championship if the rumours are true. A good event by all accounts and it makes a change from the gravel - no doubt we will know the winner by the time you read this.

I have to end on a sad note this month - elsewhere you will find more eloquent words than mine to mark the tragic death, at 45 years old, of Steve Rathbone - well known for his rallying in the 70's, a competitive and supportive member of Trackrod at the time.

We were represented at the funeral by myself as well as Frank Stuart-Brown, Ian Gurnett and Marsh Newman and I extend, on behalf of us all, our sympathies to Steve's family and friends.

Rod Parkin

THIS MONTH'S BARGAINS

Offered for sale:

Mk 2 up and over exhaust Section	£10
Mk 2 RS Back Box	£20
4 No. Blue Sparco Harness Pads	£15
2 No. Red Sparco Harness Pads	£8
3 No. 4 Point Sabelt Harnesses	£30
1 No. Willans Aircraft Harnesses	£40
Works Astra Quick Rack Mk 3 (r/p)	£40
Leather Steering Wheel 10"	£20
Lancia Front Fast Road Springs	£20
Medium Pro Rally Sparco Helmet	£230
Medium Nimrod Full Face	£20
7 13" RS Alloys	
5 V. Good Forest Colways	£275
2 Good Intermediates	£100
(will split or cheaper for the lot)	
Ring Dave Hammond	

Tel:-01924 220816 or 0378 016625

MERCHANDISE

If you or your family require any Trackrod Motor Club T-Shirts / Polo Shirts / Sweat Shirts / Hats / Sew on Patches then contact either Jim Pievey or Simon Marsdon, who will be happy to go through the styles available and take your order.

Just see one of them at a club night or ring them on; 0402 277995 or 0113 248 1323 respectively.

SEC'S BIT

12TH Sept

York MC
Sprint at Elvington

Well, that's half this year gone already, but still there are plenty of events to keep you occupied for the other six!

The following events are still looking for support from anyone who has the time to go and marshal:

The Virking Tour Sunday 12th July
(Wakefield require help on Eskrick)

Slaithwaite M.C. Opposite Lock Rally
(Manby Saturday 25th July)

Malton M.C. Stages Elvington
(Saturday 1st August)

Don't forget also that Trackrod will require all the help we can get for the :

Barbecue Hillclimb Harewood
Sunday 30th August
The Trackrod Forest Stages Rally
Saturday 26th September

As much help as possible will be appreciated. We need to reciprocate help other club's give to Trackrod on our own organised events. So please give as much help as you possibly can.

Many clubs in the area are looking for ways to increase or collate a list of marshals to call upon for local events. So keep an eye and ear open for any information that is sure to come out over the next couple of months.

Larkspeed League. After the Keighley Autotest 24th May we move up to 11th overall, just out of the Top Ten. Then followed the John Overend Stages Rally at Manby where with a team of just three we managed to scrape our way up to 9th but we still have a long way to go to be in the class of Ilkley MC who are looking at a fourth consecutive Championship. So I am looking for a team or teams to compete on the last three rounds which are:

26th July	PCT	Ilkley MC
9th August	Autotest (possible grass)	Y.S.C.C.

Names to either Caroline Marston or myself if you would like to compete on these events and be apart of the Trackrod Team.

Finally a big thank you from Peter Stanhope and myself for the crews who marshaled on this years Scottish Rally. A beautiful sunny, dusty Friday with two runs of the stage at Yair. With the Historic crews coming through first headed by the legendary Jimmy McRae in a Mk1 Lotus Cortina GT. The barbecue at Peter's on the Saturday was a bit of a washout. Well you can't have the good weather all the time, but with a bit of tree felling the day turned out quite interesting.

A quick note that the next event in Scotland is the Tour of Mull you will have to be very, very quick if you are thinking of going, as accomodation is at a very high premium and hard to get if you have not already booked!

Derek Lee
Hon. Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF
TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB
LTD.**

**THE COMMITTEE HEREBY
GIVE NOTICE THAT THE
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING WILL
BE HELD AT GILDERSOME
CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON
TUESDAY**

**AUGUST 4TH 1998
8.30 FOR 8.45PM**

NORTH OF THE BORDER

Perth Scottish Rally - SS3/6 Yair

Friday 5th June

Well, another event past, this time a bit drier than previous years, thank goodness!

Like the past few years it was very nice to see friends coming up from Trackrod Motor Club, it was a pity that the Alwoody team was 'not available' again, apart from Andy and his friend, thanks for your help. Most arrived on Thursday afternoon/evening so we had many hands to help set-up the stage, but this year it was dry! Thank you all for your help. Yair is an interesting little stage, approx. 5.5 miles long in some beautiful countryside in the Tweed valley. So it did not take us long to finish staking ready for the arrows and signs to be installed in the morning. We had to build two chicanes, with limited brushwood but I had arranged via ATS to have 30 truck tires delivered to the appropriate locations making life a lot easier.

The rest of the setting up went without incident; all the Marshals were in place on time ready for the historic event. The area co-ordinator arrived on time, then the historic course car, and the first historic car. It was nice seeing the older cars, including Lotus Cortina's, Porsche 911's, Volvo, etc.

There was then a short gap before 000, 00 and 0 cars and the main event. The main event past without any major incidents, along with the Army Land Rovers that traditionally do this event, some people were suggesting that we should alter the clocks to 'Days, Hours, Minutes', how could they suggest that? They were in fact faster than some of the tail end cars.

Then a short rest before they all came back again. There was a short delay (3 minutes) when the International course car went through the stage and tried to clear a car that had 'parked' on a pile of logs - it was well parked and took a long time at the end of the stage to clear, all good fun.

Once all the cars had completed the stage for the second time we had a short delay before the course closer would enter the stage. Again this year the organisers had allocated this duty to the Area Co-ordinator, but they still had to call through to HQ, even though all the cars out of service had gone through the stage. It would work a lot quicker with a proper course car!

The stage was then cleaned up very quickly and we were all off home to freshen up ready for the BBQ. The food was excellent, great company, good weather, plenty of booze, so a good time was had by all.

We hope to have a similar BBQ next year when all marshals are welcome again.

We hope to see you all again next year, and hopefully more (a little space available for a couple of more tents, or B&B/Hotel accommodation can be found).

Best regards,
Peter Stanhope
Stage Commander

TOUR OF MULL

9th - 11th October 1998

I am again involved with the organisation of this event and Marshals are always welcome. The event is unique in the UK and as such attracts competitors and Marshals from all over the UK. Closed roads, during the day and night, a friendly atmosphere, and plenty of celebrations/commiserations on the Sunday (afternoon and night) make this a very enjoyable event for all the family.

Expected format similar to last year - Friday night, Saturday afternoon (more this year), Saturday night, all on closed roads. We have two cottages that are FULLY booked, accommodation is VERY difficult to find, so if you would like to visit the event book your room now! Do not leave it to the last minute!

If anybody would like more details then please contact me (01259 760611H, 0378 413283M).

Safe motoring.

Peter Stanhope

**BBQ HILLCLIMB
30TH AUGUST 1998**

The now annual Trackrod Motor Club BBQ Hillclimb, held at Harewood, is rapidly approaching, and as chief marshal I need your help to staff the course on the day.

We need 35 marshalls to man both the track and the paddock, so any offers of assistance would be grateful accepted.

If you've never marshalled before, or at a hillclimb anyway, then come along and give it a go. You'll be put with an experienced marshal who will show you the ropes throughout the day.

There'll be an entry of around 100 cars and we hope to run two practice and four timed runs.

A BBQ will follow at the end of the day's proceedings, so why not come along and have a good day out.

Please contact :

Tim Bendlow 01937 520541

SOCIAL CALENDAR

July

7th. Gildersome Con. Club
14th. Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa
21st. Crown, Wetherby
28th. The Beehive, Thorne

August

4th. Gildersome Con. Club
11th. Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa
18th. Crown, Wetherby
25th. The Beehive, Thorne

TRIP'S

As Rod's Gran Canaria trip in December would seem to have been met with the "lead balloon" treatment, then how about some other ideas and suggestions!

Stock car racing at Oddsall Stadium;
TVR Tuscan racing at Croft; Aug15/16th;
Coy's Historic Rallysprint July 24/26th;
Mintex Rallysprint, Silverstone Aug. 22nd.
to name but a few.

If you have any good ideas don't keep them to yourself, let somebody know and if their is enough interest we'll get a trip organised .

Any takers? Tim Bendlow

EDITOR'S SPOT

Well another month's flown by yet again with some top class events having been run, as well as our very own karting event, organised by Paul Scruton, (thank's Paul).

We've had people involved on events like the Scottish, the John Overend Stages at Manby, the Kerridge and the Dukeries as well as all the goings on at Herewood hill climb over the last four weeks.

So what I cannot understand is why only one person has put pen to paper and written an article for this magazine, (thanks Peter).

At the end of the day this is YOUR Magazine and without any input from you it makes for very bland reading, so come on, it's not that difficult, please.

You can post your scribbles to me, hand them to a committee member on a club night or e-mail them to jim.plevey@virgin.net

Thanks in anticipation, Jim Plevey.

RIDING`S TROPHY RALLY **CHAMPIONSHIP**

AWARDS PRESENTATION

This is to be held at the Fox Inn, Stockton on Forest, near York on 15th. July 1998 starting at 8:30 pm.all welcome to attend. A buffet will be laid on, so come along and make a night of it.

Details of the 1998/99 Championship will be available from the Championship co-ordinator.

Further information is available from either Mike Dowell (0850 838022) or Derek Lee (01943 875231).



NOMINATION FORM

I hereby _____ wish to put my name forward in nomination for committee of Trackrod Motor Club Limited.

For position of Officer/Committee Member*
(* delete as appropriate)

Second _____

Reply to the Hon Secretary at least 7 days before the A.G.M. on 4th August 1998 :-

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1998 MOTORSPORT CALENDAR

July:

4/5 Harewood Hill Climb
4/6 The Jim Clark Memorial
12th Armstrong Massey Viking Tour
12th F1 Silverstone
18th The Enterprise Printing
25th The Quinton
25/28 WRC Rally of New Zealand
26th Larkspeed P.C.T. Ilkley
26th F1 A1 Ring Austria
31/1 Ulster

August:

2nd F1 Hockenheim Germany
9th Tyneside Stages
9th Larkspeed Autotest
16th F1 Hungaroring Hungary
21/23 WRC Neste Rally Finland
30th TMC BBQ Hillclimb Harewood
30th F1 Spa Belgium

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September:

5/6 Woodpecker
11/13 Manx Int. Isle Of Man
13th F1 Monza Italy
18/20 WRC Rally Of Indonesia
26th Trackrod Forest Stages Rally
27th F1 Nurburgring Luxembourg

October:

3rd Cambrian
3rd Bulldog
9/11 Tour of Mull
10/14 WRC Rally Sanremo Italy
11th F1 Kayalami S/Africa
18th Premiere Stages Dukeries

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