

# **TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB**

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## Editorial

Another bumper issue, thanks everyone. Keep them coming.

Graham Steggles Ed.

### CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – MARCH 2003

I have now had verbal confirmation from the MSA that they intend to support ALL applications for NEW (as in brand new) radio sets on the new FM frequency. This does not, however extend to new applicants (only to those replacing existing licenced sets). Sadly the support will not be available in year 1 (i.e 2003) and will be spread over the next year or two.

So – assuming Committee agree we will determine the level of subsidy TMC are willing to give and make a “best guess” regarding the ultimate MSA contribution. Please do not hold me to this but I anticipate around £85 in total being available, and if we do not get many “new” applications (none so far!!) then we can subsidise everyone. This means I will need a cheque for around £165 (£210 plus vat = approx £250, less £85 = £165). We must get these sets before the end of May and will need to order well before that – say end of March. Please start allocating funds now if you want to proceed! I will confirm the price as soon as possible – so please ask!

Hopefully you will all be out on the Lookout, either as an Official or Competitor, and as the rally year gets under way lets have some good competition, including our own “Perfect 10” Championship.

Take care all.

Rod Parkin

## Secs Bit

The Lookout rally is running on the 16th March. Regs are available on the web site and, I'm led to believe, are now produced for mailing if you want a set. Its no good phoning myself or J.Plevey as we don't have any. Contact D.Lee. G.Steggles

## Something different?

The Fantasy Sport Midland Speed Championship; proved to be one of the most closely fought championships in the country in 2002. After 21 rounds the top three all had 8 maximum scores and the championship would be decided by the tie breaker at the last round at Curborough. John Palmer in the Puma powered Westfield just pipped reigning champion David Marshall in the Road Modified Peugeot 205 Gti to become the 2002 Champion.

With 159 drivers registered for the championship in 2002 and 116 competitors already registered for the 2003 Fantasy Sport Midland Speed Championship, this goes to show the level of competition and the success of the championship to date and with a new scoring system for the 2003 championship designed to keep things even closer we have a thrilling season in prospect.

The Fantasy Sport Midland Speed Championship is made up of 22 rounds at different sprint and hillclimb venues in the Midlands, Wales and Yorkshire and with only your best 8 scores to count it means you don't have to travel great distances or compete at every round to be in with a chance.

There are classes for all types of cars from standard road cars up to ex F1 powered single seater racing cars with the classes further separated by cubic capacity to give everyone the opportunity to win their respective class

If you would like to register for the championship you should contact the Championship Co-ordinator :

John Phoenix Tel. 0121 378 0432

Or alternatively, check out our website at [www.midlandspeed.org.uk](http://www.midlandspeed.org.uk). You can download the regs, check out the competition in the classes and follow the championship through out the season. If you want further advice or would like to talk to someone about the Championship, further contact details are available on our website for the Championship Committee.

## Trophies

This is the selection of Trackrod Trophies and how to win them. Some are not run at the moment but Trackrod is always looking for organisers so have a go. At least 3 contenders per trophy except Spy 44.

### Rally and Speed Shop Trophy (Autotests only)

Trophy for the winner and runner up. All types of event count.  
Best 8 scores.

### Dickinson Trophy (PCT only)

Trophy for winning driver. All events to count. Best 8 scores.

### Marshals Trophy

All events to count. Scoring 5 points per day.

### Service Crew Trophy (Stage rallies only)

All events to count. Scoring 5 points per day.

### Outside events Trophy (off road only)

All events to count. (Rallycross, autocross, races, hillclimbs, sprints, etc.) Best 8 events.

### Yorkshire League Award (Larkspeed)

All events, max 10 in league to count.

### Spy 44 Trophy.

Events to count are (driver only) Autotest, RallyX, Sprints, PCT, hillclimbs and (driver/navigator) road and stage rallies.  
Best 5 events, but these must include 3 different types.

### Ladies award (best lady competitor)

All events to count. Best 8 scores.

### Hunters trophy

All navigational scatters and treasure hunts. Best 5 to count.

### Perfect 10 Championship: In this mag

Best stage rally driver	Arnold G Wilson trophy
2nd	Lloyds stage trophy
3rd	Crest trophy
Best stage rally navigator	Dickinson navigator trophy
2nd	Gordon Jefferson trophy
3rd	TBA
Best road rally driver	FSB driver trophy
Best road rally navigator	FSB navigator trophy
Best 8 scores	

Trackrod trophy (All rounder)

TMC events only to count. Scoring;  
 Organising events-15 pts for Sec of meet & CofC.  
 10 pts for named in regs.  
 5 pts all others.  
 Competing on events-5 pts all finishers  
 3 pts non finishers.  
 Social event organiser, max 3 people-5pts per event.  
 Any clubnight with signing on sheet-2 pts

Newman Cup. (All round lady)

scoring as for Trackrod trophy (ladies only)

Willy Wonker Trophy.

Best crew on indoor rallies. All rounds to count.

Scalextric trophy

FTD wins this.

J&B trophy

To all clubs best organised event. (By committee)

Myers memorial shield (best novice)

(By committee.)

Forster Shell trophy

For best trier through the year. (By committee)

**NB: Points to be in 1 calendar month after the event!**

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## Rolling Calendar 2003

### March 2003

1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alternative Sign Centre Robin Hood Rally – Notts – ANCC
4 <sup>th</sup>	Marshal Training Evening for Licenses – Gildersome Con Club
8 <sup>th</sup>	Malcolm Wilson Rally - BTRDA
9 <sup>th</sup>	Harewood Hillclimb Training Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	British Rallycross Championship – Croft Circuit
9 <sup>th</sup>	FIA Australian Grand Prix
16 <sup>th</sup>	Trackrod MC Lookout Stages Rally – Melbourne Airfield
22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rally Of Wales – PBRC
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Binbrook Stages
23 <sup>rd</sup>	FIA Malaysian Grand Prix
29 <sup>th</sup>	North Humberside Rally – Yorkshire Forests – BTRDA – ANCC
30 <sup>th</sup>	Harewood Hillclimb Practice Day

### April 2003

1 <sup>st</sup>	Marshal Training Evening for Licenses – Gildersome Con. Club
5 <sup>th</sup>	D'Isis Stages Rally - MIRA
6 <sup>th</sup>	FIA Brazilian Grand Prix
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ilkley Jubilee Rally & Run. See <a href="http://www.jubilee-rally.org">www.jubilee-rally.org</a>
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Rally New Zealand - WRC
13 <sup>th</sup>	Harewood Hillclimb – Spring National Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup>	Twyford Wood Stages
20 <sup>th</sup>	FIA San Marino Grand Prix
20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	BTCC – Mondello Park
25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Pirelli International Rally – PBRC
26 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset Stages - BTRDA
27 <sup>th</sup>	Wheelmeister Rally - ANCC

### May 2003

3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	BTCC – Brands Hatch (Indy Circuit)
4 <sup>th</sup>	FIA Spanish Grand Prix
7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Rally Argentina – WRC
10 <sup>th</sup>	John Overend Memorial Rally - Manby
10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Harewood Hillclimb – MSA British Championship Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup>	FIA Austrian Grand Prix
24 <sup>th</sup>	Proflex Stages – ANCC
24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Dragon Rally - BTRDA
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bloodhound Stages – Swinderby
25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	BTCC - Thruxton

### June 2003

1 <sup>st</sup>	FIA Monaco Grand Prix
4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Acropolis Rally – WRC
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	BTCC - Silverstone
8 <sup>th</sup>	Harewood Hillclimb – Jim Thompson Trophy Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup>	Phoenix Stages – Fullbeck
13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	RSAC Scottish Rally – PBRC
15 <sup>th</sup>	FIA Canadian Grand Prix
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cyprus Rally - WRC
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Autospares Dukeries Rally – Notts – ANCC – BTRDA
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	BTCC - Rockingham



29<sup>th</sup> Lightning Stages Rally – Binbrook – ANCC  
 29<sup>th</sup> FIA European Grand Prix - Nurburgring  
 July 2003  
 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Harewood Meeting – MSA British Championship Meeting  
 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Jim Clark Memorial Rally  
 6<sup>th</sup> FIA French Grand Prix  
 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> BTCC – Croft Circuit  
 13<sup>th</sup> Armstrong Massey Rally – TBA  
 13<sup>th</sup> July Trackrod Motor Club BBQ Hillclimb – Harewood  
 20<sup>th</sup> FIA British Grand Prix  
 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Rallye Deutschland – WRC  
 26<sup>th</sup> Quinton Stages Rally - BTRDA  
 26<sup>th</sup> Opposite Lock Rally – Manby - ANCC  
 31<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Manx International Rally - PBRC  
 August 2003  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Harewood Hillclimb – Montague Burton Trophy Meeting  
 3<sup>rd</sup> FIA German Grand Prix  
 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Rally Finland – WRC  
 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> BTCC - Snetterton  
 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> St Wilfrid's Road Rally – Ripon MSC  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Harewood Hillclimb V.S.C.C. Meeting  
 24<sup>th</sup> Harewood Hillclimb – August Championship Meeting  
 24<sup>th</sup> FIA Hungarian Grand Prix  
 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> BTCC – Brands Hatch (Indy Circuit)  
 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Rally of The Dams – Sheffield & Hallamshire MC  
 30<sup>th</sup> Woodpecker Rally - BTRDA  
 September 2003  
 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Rally Australia – WRC – Provisional!!  
 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Ulster International Rally – PBRC  
 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> BTCC – Donington Park  
 7<sup>th</sup> Wolds Rally - Swinderby  
 13<sup>th</sup> Harewood Hillclimb – Greenwood Cup Meeting  
 14<sup>th</sup> Harewood Hillclimb – Championship Finals Meeting  
 14<sup>th</sup> Hamsterley Stages – ANCC  
 14<sup>th</sup> FIA Italian Grand Prix  
 20<sup>th</sup> Plains Rally – BTRDA  
 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> BTCC – Oulton Park  
 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Trackrod Rally Yorkshire – PBRC – Clubmans ANCC  
 28<sup>th</sup> FIA US Grand Prix  
 October 2003  
 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Rallye Sanremo - WRC  
 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Seven Dales Road Rally – De Lacy MC  
 5<sup>th</sup> Lindisfarne Rally – Otterburn Ranges  
 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Philips Tour Of Mull Rally – Isle Of Mull  
 11<sup>th</sup> Harold Palin Memorial Stages Rally – Manby – ANCC  
 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> British Rallycross Grand Prix – Croft Circuit  
 12<sup>th</sup> FIA Japanese Grand Prix  
 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Tour De Corse – WRC  
 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Rallye Catalunya – WRC

## LOOKING OUTWARDS

**M**aybe we've been looking in the wrong direction, inwards not outwards, when trying to analyse the reasons for falling interest in F1.

Tracks neutered? Maybe. But not that much and a generation that has never enjoyed, say, the old 'Ring in its full pomp can hardly mourn.

Team orders? Nothing new there. And if you think manufacturers will give them up completely, well, just don't pay too much if a nice man offers to sell you Big Ben when you're out without your carer.

The cars are boring? Race cars haven't gone sideways for ages so that can't be the reason for the falloff.

So if the 'show' hasn't changed that much, what has? I reckon *audiences* and their attitudes have, and quite rapidly over recent years. Attitudes to technology for instance. People now take hi-tech for granted, they're almost bored with it and assume anything's possible. They've invented a mobile phone that sings, dances *and* cooks a full English breakfast? Really...zzzzzzzz.

Now add in another change in public attitudes – the demand for immediacy and constant action, which has even led to scenes in TV soaps becoming briefer to stop people zapping off. In sport,

when Tiger Woods is on the course, every shot offers what could perhaps be called a 'moment of interest' to hold attention, similarly every time Beckham kicks a ball. In contrast, although the first few minutes of a GP are far more exciting than *any* other moment in sport (even I must admit, more exciting than a Dellow in full cry on the Lands End Trial), you have to agree that the rest can often be an action-free zone for the casual viewer.

Watch almost every other sport to ours, and you can see the players' faces, count every bead of sweat; you can even tell what pleasantries soccer players are exchanging with the ref when booked. Motorsport? Difficult to tell team cars apart let alone team mates and you certainly can't see facial expressions.

So if our technology doesn't impress and we lose out to other sports offering more excitement and a greater feeling of involvement, should we panic? Of course not. The sport has had its ups and downs over the years and can come strong again but I think that instead of looking inwards, up our own exhaust pipes, we must look outwards. Start for instance by asking 100 people going *in* to the next few races or rallies what the fastest lap or stage time was the

previous year. I'll bet no more than 2 will know (both will be wearing anoraks). So what? So it suggests that absolute speeds are not that important and if cars were several seconds a lap slower nobody would mind all that much. Then think how costs could tumble through adding those seconds. Trickle the savings downwards and the whole of motorsport would benefit.

The reduction in the hi-tech allowed in F1 makes a significant start, but to avoid falling out of fashion like the old time music halls did, in future motorsport will have to constantly review what its customers want, infuriatingly fickle though they may be with their changing tastes. And by customers I mean the people who watch on TV or pay to spectate, not sponsors, because without the former there won't be the latter.

Stuart Turner



### COD FILLET QUIZ

1. Which GP driver was sadly killed after setting a new Water Speed Record on Lake Windermere in 1930?
2. Which is the oldest Motor Club in the World?
3. Which is the biggest car ever to appear at Brighton Speed Trials?
4. What was the difference between a BT7 Mk11 and a BJ7 Mk11 Austin Healey?

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## **New Event Dates**

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Club secretaries received a 16-page *MSA Club Bulletin* 1/2003 at the beginning of February with some revisions to the Fixture List and many updates to the List of Recognised Clubs.

## **Young Talent**

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The MSA has joined with Renault UK in two new annual awards – Renault MSA Young Journalist of the Year and Young Photographer of the Year. The first awards went to Will Gray and Jakob Ebrey respectively and were presented at the Night of Champions at the Royal Automobile Club in January.

## **Under 25s**

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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities, designed to support the personal and social development of young people aged 14–25, regardless of gender, background or ability. Motor sports is listed in the Skills section of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award – an opportunity that at least one motor club has taken advantage of. More details on <[www.theaward.org](http://www.theaward.org)>

## **More Training Days**

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This year's British Motor Sports Training Trust training day programme for marshals and

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volunteer officials is well underway. It's not too late to attend and you can download the programme from [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org) (go to Member Services, then Rally Marshals, then Marshals Training Days – Listings for 2003.)

## **Rally Marshals**

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MSA registered Clubs and Organisations can now request data from the MSA Rally Marshals Register – which has over 4400 rally marshals. Your Club Secretary, Competition Secretary or (if your club has one) Chief Marshal must make the request in writing to the Licensing Department at the MSA. Full details in *MSA Club Bulletin* 1/2003 a copy of which is on [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org) (>Member Services>Club Information).

## **Radio Change**

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Details have been circulated to MSA Radio Co-ordinators, Radio Controllers, Radio Licence holders and Rally Rescue and Rally Recovery personnel of the changes required to enable the move to a new FM frequency by 1 June 2003. Grant Aid is now available to help with the purchase of new sets. Contact Allan Dean-Lewis (tel: 01753 765000) for more details.

## **Data Protection**

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If your club holds records of members either manually or on a computer system, there may be an implication with the various Data Protection Acts.

Visit <[www.dpr.gov.uk/downloads/selfassess.doc](http://www.dpr.gov.uk/downloads/selfassess.doc)> and

follow the self-assessment procedure. This will enable you to decide whether your club is 'notifiable' under the Data Protection Acts.

This information updates the advice provided in Guideline 5 of the MSA Motor Club Manual.

## **National Plan**

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The MSA has recently released its National Development Plan. Too large to detail here, a summary of the main points follows.

- To encourage a general awareness of motor clubs and motor sport events.
  - To develop initiatives to encourage the participation of target groups, especially women, families, youngsters, disabled people and minority groups.
  - In tandem with the development of the sport, we will provide opportunities to acquire social and life skills.
  - To reduce the dependency on 'temporary-use' venues through the development of new dedicated motor sport centres.
  - To adapt existing national training and coaching initiatives to best suit the needs of club level motor sport.
  - To accommodate and encourage new automotive technology and safety-related development.
  - The United Kingdom must seek to maintain its respected position as the heartland of world motor sport.
- The Plan can be downloaded from [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org) (>News>News Items).

It may be seen as a starting point in motor sport and inexpensive club racing, but make no mistake about it karting is a real hot-bed of action when it comes to finding the odd fraction or so – the winning edge.

Sneaky rocker fuels, jungle juice to soften tyres, and all manner of illicit mods to engines have been picked up over the years making it a sport where tight scrutineering and close attention to detail are all important.

There are classes like the top Formula A where just about anything goes. But in virtually every other there are tight controls to make the racing as close as possible and keep costs to a minimum.

Indeed the latest classes like the TKM 4-stroke make use of engines which are sealed at the factory and must only be returned there for servicing to guarantee that everyone has exactly the same equipment.

At championship events tyres are held in parc ferme, sometimes even fuel tanks, so there can be no chance of them being doctored.

At club level of course not quite the same levels are operated... but very close attention is still made to the engines especially in classes like the largest – TKM 2-stroke – where every engine has only the very smallest amount of mods allowed.

It may give the scrutineers grey hair but it helps produce very good drivers!

**MERCEDES & BENZ AT INDY. George Wingard available from Motorbooks. £59.95. ISBN 0 97168982 01.**

Regular visitors to the Festival of Speed will be aware of Wingard's outstanding collection of Edwardian racers. His passion runs deep and this is his second self-published book. From Barney Oldfield's Benz to the Penske team's failure to qualify in 1995, Wingard balances insightful story with a wealth of illustrations, and highlights the fascinating hybrids such as Al Boyle's Hispano V12-powered brute and Joel Thorne's W154 with sparks 'six'. This landscape book is packed with wonderful photographs and the perils of early Indy action are luridly illustrated by the shots of Charles Merz' 1909 smash. Just 500 copies have been printed: guaranteed to be collectable.

**BENTLEY-LIGHTER MOMENTS WITH OUR HEAVY METAL.**  
Published by the **WO Bentley Memorial Foundation. £16.50 including p&p; tel: 01844 208233.**

Car club journals are packed with gems only seen by members. The WO Bentley Memorial Foundation had the inspired idea of compiling a selection of humorous Bentley-related nuggets in one compact volume. The work of Red Daniels, WH Charnock, 'Steady' Baker and cartoonist Brockbank are packed into this handy 185-

page title. Bentley drivers have no trouble laughing at their stereotypes and section topics range from 'how to get started' to 'the problems of ageing membership'. *Small Ad* by Charnock is typical: 'Improverished motor has to sell, one owner driver, grand old lot, smokes far too much but goes like hell; blood pressure, seven hundred, hot.'

**JAGUAR AT LE MANS – Every race, car and driver, 1950-1955. Paul Parker, Haynes. £25. ISBN 1 85960 632 6.**

This celebration of the big cat's Le Mans performances shows what good picture research can do. It's packed with great images of XK120s Cs, Ds, lightweight and low-drag Es and Jaguar's return in the '80s, beginning with Group 44's lovely XJR-5s and culminating with the eventual victory with the XJR-9 in '88. The fascinating pictures lead you through the pits, scrutineering, on-track and on to the podium, but a favourite is the works team in a trio of C-types roaring into a transport café on the way home in '53. The only complaint lies in Haynes' usual sober design effort.

The text is fact-packed yet accessible in a rigorously chronological format. There is a detailed appendix of runners, riders and results at the end, and comprehensive index makes it a fine reference. An absolute bargain.

# MARSHALS POST

by the BMMC |

We started talking about changes to the 'Blue Book' - UK motor sport's 'Bible,' last month.

Let's look at a few more changes that affect marshalling in one way or another.

One important change is to the sticker that is used to indicate a competitor has a medical condition or disability. It used to be an orange circle with a 'D' in the middle, but it has been changed to a blue circle with a 'D'.

Obviously, marshals need to take extra care when helping a competitor with a medical condition or disability. Remember, if there are two competitors in the car, the sticker should be on the door closest to the competitor with the condition or disability and remember too that the sticker may also be used to indicate an individual is

taking blood thinning drugs. Only the Chief Medical Officer will know, so take particular care to control any bleeding if you have to assist a competitor with a 'D' sticker on their door.

The Blue Book introduces a new Rally competition, called a Rally Time Trial. There aren't many details about just what a Rally Time Trial is, but the Blue Book does say that no passenger is to be carried, so Rally Time Trials look as though they could be anything from a Gravel Sprint to a Multi-Use Stage Rally, run without a navigator.

The other main changes in rallying are additional responsibilities for marshals safety for Stage Commanders and the introduction of a 'Spectator Safety Officer.'

The Stage Commander is now responsible for ensuring there are 'an adequate number of marshals,' who are in locations where they are not 'exposed to significant risk' and who are 'accompanied by experienced

colleagues' if they lack suitable experience themselves.

The new Spectator Safety Officer will be responsible for accommodating spectators in 'suitable areas,' and arranging appropriate access to those areas and preventing them from going elsewhere.

There is also an important change in the regulations for competitors covering 'OK' and 'SOS' boards. In the past they simply had to report that they had seen an OK or SOS board at the stage finish. They still do that, but, if they see an SOS board, they must also stop at the next official radio point and report its location, in addition to telling the finish crew.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Sir Henry Segrave
2. ACF (Automobile club de France) founded 1896
3. The Swandean Spitfire 27 Litre Rolls Royce Merlin Sept 1953
4. The BT7 was the 2 +2 and the BJ7 was a convertible

## Would you like to write for Motorsport News?

If you are young, passionate about grassroots motorsport and interested in a career in journalism, we'd like to hear from you.

Drop us an e-mail, with a contact number, to [mn.letters@haynet.com](mailto:mn.letters@haynet.com) and tell us in no more than 350 words how you think James Thompson will get on in this season's British Rally Championship and BTCC.

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Correspondence to Stuart Turner, c/o MSA, Motor Sports House, Riverside Park, Colnbrook, Slough SL3 0HG

# TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM

Members Name

Competitors tick  appropriate boxes below and provide evidence (results)

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Organising Club:

Trackrod

Other

Autotest

Economy Run

Hillclimb

PCT

Road Rally

Stage Rally M/V

Stage Rally S/V

Type of Claim:

Driver

Navigator

Marshal

Service Crew

Organiser :

state position

Treasure Hunt

12-Car

.Other -

.state type

Event Status

Clubman CM

National "A"

National "B"

International

.ANCC Round

.LARKSPEED Round

Other

**For Official Use Only**

**RESULTS**

Date received

Your Entry No

Processed by

Position Overall

Awards eligible for

Position in Class

No. in Class

**ALL claims to be made within 1 month from the date of the event and must include a copy of entry list and final results sheet.**

## SOCIAL SECTION

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Two evenings have been put aside for Official MSA Marshal Training Evenings at Gildersome. These are intended to be used to enable any members who have not yet got a Marshal's Licence get one. Both evenings will be run independently so you only need to attend one not both. The training will fill the evening and you will therefore need to be in attendance by 8.30pm prompt.

**A Bowling Evening will be taking place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2003 so deposits of £3 will be required in advance of the evening. The format is yet to be finalised but we are hoping for up to 3 games and possibly a basket meal included.**

**The club has been in recent discussions with the tenants of the Admiral Hawk about utilising some of their space for our trophy collection. They have been approached by the club committee and are currently seeking permission from the Brewery for us to go ahead with this. If you have any queries on this point, please speak to any member of the committee. Notices are also being placed in the pub to announce that Trackrod Motor Club Limited regularly meet on their premises.**

**Any future ideas for events will be gratefully received.**

#### **Simon Taylor**

Thank's to everyone who came out on the Kall Kwik.

Well done to Arthur & Michael.

Busy month coming up so I hope you can get out to some events

- (1) 1st & 2nd March ROBIN HOOD we are doing Clipstone North 2 runs s/o time 08.00am
- (2) 8th March MALCOM WILSON STAGES RALLY if you wish to go tel 01524 822574 Ron Sandham.
- (3) LOOKOUT STAGES Melbourne airfield York if you can help on this event see D. LEE
- (4) HUMBERSIDE STAGES I' v no details about this event yet but if you can make it let me know asap

see ya Phill Andrews.

# LARKSPEED LEAGUE LIST 2003

ROUND	DATE	CLUB	EVENT
1	16 MAR	TRACKRÖD	LOOKOUT STAGES RALLY
2	27 APR	YSCC	AUTOTEST
3	4 MAY	KEIGHLEY	AUTOTEST
4	18 MAY	N. HUMBERSIDE	JOHN OVEREND @ MELBOURNE
5	15 JUN	AIREDALE & PENNINE	PRODUCTION CAR TRIAL
6	29 JUN	SHEFFIELD & HALLAM	SPRINT
7	13 JUL	BEVERLEY	* RALLY ? *
8	26 JUL	HUDDERSFIELD	OPPOSITE LOCK
9	27 JUL	ILKLEY	PRODUCTION CAR TRIAL
10	14 SEP	YORK	AUTOTEST
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\* 13 JULY  
7 DECEMBER  
27 JULY

ARMSTRONG MASSEY subject to Venue !  
BEAVER ROAD RALLY alternative  
ILKLEY may have to change date to accommodate  
Huddersfield rally.



The Trackrod Motor Club  
2003 Leisurewear Range.

<b>Rugby Shirt</b>			Navy, Black or White	<b><u>£20.99</u></b>
<i>S(36)</i>	<i>M(40)</i>	<i>L(44)</i>	<i>XL(48)</i> <i>XXL(50)</i>	
<b>Polo Shirt 1 – Plain</b>			Black, White, Grey or Navy	<b><u>£9.99</u></b>
<i>S(41)</i>	<i>M(43)</i>	<i>L(45)</i>	<i>XL(47)</i> <i>XXL(49)</i> <i>XXXL(51)</i>	
<b>Polo Shirt 2 – 2 Colour (Collar)</b>			White, Navy or Bottle Green	<b><u>£11.99</u></b>
<i>S(41)</i>	<i>M(43)</i>	<i>L(45)</i>	<i>XL(47)</i> <i>XXL(51)</i>	
<b>T-Shirt 1 – Round Neck, Plain.</b>			White, Grey, Navy, Black or Royal	<b><u>£4.99</u></b>
<i>S(40)</i>	<i>M(43)</i>	<i>L(45)</i>	<i>XL(47)</i> <i>XXL(50)</i>	
<b>T-Shirt 2 – ‘V’ Neck, Plain.</b>			White, Grey, Navy or Black	<b><u>£5.99</u></b>
<i>S(36)</i>	<i>M(38)</i>	<i>L(42)</i>	<i>XL(46)</i> <i>XXL(50)</i>	
<b>Dress Shirt 1 – Denim Style</b>			Denim	<b><u>£15.99</u></b>
<i>S(46)</i>	<i>M(48)</i>	<i>L(50)</i>	<i>XL(52)</i> <i>XXL(53)</i>	
<b>Leisure Jacket – Lightweight</b>			Navy, Royal Blue or Black	<b><u>£26.99</u></b>
<i>S(37)</i>	<i>M(41)</i>	<i>L(44)</i>	<i>XL(48)</i> <i>XXL(52)</i>	
<b>Motorsport Jacket – Heavyweight</b>			Navy, Black/Grey or Black/Red	<b><u>£44.99</u></b>
<i>S(38)</i>	<i>M(41)</i>	<i>L(44)</i>	<i>XL(47)</i> <i>XXL(50)</i>	
<b>Fleece Jacket – Warm!</b>			Black, Navy, Grey or Blue-Violet	<b><u>£19.99</u></b>
<i>S(38)</i>	<i>M(41)</i>	<i>L(44)</i>	<i>XL(47)</i> <i>XXL(52)</i>	
<b>Summer Cap – With Suede Peak</b>			Black/Red or Black/Grey	<b><u>£7.99</u></b>
<u>One Size Fits All</u>				
<b>Cricket Hat – Keep The Sun Off</b>			Navy	<b><u>£4.99</u></b>
<u>S/M or L/XL</u>				
<b>Beanie Hat – Look Cool</b>			Black or Navy	<b><u>£6.99</u></b>
<u>One Size Fits All</u>				
<b>Fleece Hat – Keep Warm</b>			Navy, Black, Grey or Royal Blue	<b><u>4.99</u></b>
<u>One Size Fits All</u>				
<b>Fleece Scarf – Keep Even Warmer</b>			Black or Navy	<b><u>£6.99</u></b>
<b>Fleece Hat and Scarf Combo</b>			Black, Navy or Mix	<b><u>£9.99</u></b>
<b>Naviator’s Bag – Stay Organised</b>			Black or Navy	<b><u>£7.99</u></b>
<b>TMC Car Sunstrips</b>			White	<b><u>£4.00</u></b>

Please Note that all orders must be made with relevant remittance.  
Orders can be placed with the Merchandise Rep (Simon Taylor)

Trackrod Motor Club.  
"Perfect 10"  
Stage Rally Championship 2003

Yes folks it's back for 2003 the club sponsored rally series with awards as follows;

1st O/A Driver & Co-Driver	Trophies + £100 cash each
2nd O/A Driver & Co-Driver	Trophies + £50 cash each
3rd O/A Driver & Co-Driver	Trophies + £25 cash each;

- £12 TMC Membership Fee = Free registration.
- Points must be claimed in accordance with the current TMC rules (based on ANCC principles). Remember the one month time limit for claims.
- Events are a mixture of Single Venue and Multi Venue.
- Trackrod Motor Club decals and/or sunstips to be used.
- Your six best results will count from the following events;

16 <sup>th</sup> February	Kall Kwik	N.Yorks
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Lookout Stages	Melbourne
29 <sup>th</sup> March	North Humberside	N.Yorks
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Twyford Stages	Twyford Wood
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Proflex	Leyland
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Dukeries	Clipstone
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Opposite Lock	Manby
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Wolds Rally	Swinderby
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Rally Yorkshire	N.Yorks
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Premier	Clipstone

(Events are subject to change)

Have fun and good luck, we'll see you at the  
2004 Dinner Dance to collect your awards  
and prize money!

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## **DATES & VENUES FOR CLUB MEETINGS 2003**

### March 2003

- 4<sup>th</sup> Gildersome Con. Club – MSA Marshal Training Evening.**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> The Yeoman Pub – Otley – BYO Videos!**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa.**

### April 2003

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gildersome Con. Club – MSA Marshal Training Evening**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa.**
- 15<sup>th</sup> The Yeoman Pub – Otley – BYO Videos!**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bowling Evening – Kirkstall Road Leisure Park.**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa.**

## Obituary

### Joe Taylor

Joe Taylor died suddenly on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> from a perforated ulcer. Many members of the club will remember Joe as a keen, if infrequent, competitor on road and stage rallies in a number of unlikely vehicles (including a FIAT Panda!) . A recent debut as a stage driver gained a 2<sup>nd</sup> in class award. Joe was often to be found marshalling in forests from Keilder to Margam representing Trackrod. A very private man, he also had a great interest in the arts, particularly theatre where he spent many years working. His work with the Weobley Arts Project will stand as a lasting memorial to his unsung commitment to children's theatre. A great friend to many, he will be sorely missed wherever help was needed.

Joe was cremated after service at Dilwyn church on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

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