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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – DECEMBER 2004

Apologies to my reader who asked where the Chairman's Chat had gone!! Sadly despite new drugs (mainly alcohol!!) there are only so many waking hours a day and recently life has been hectic, both deadlines & time schedules seem to go into "warp mode" as they approach.

Therefore a belated, but never-the-less sincere, "thank you" to everyone involved in Rally Yorkshire. All seemed to run extremely well with no hold-ups or significant incidents to spoil the weekend. Many, many people are involved as you may expect and it is a real pleasure to be involved with a team of "experts".

The Roger Albert Clark Rally has just ended as I write this and seems to have been well received by the many spectators who braved the cold and managed to leave their beds in the early hours. I have yet to speak to any competitors but I do wonder if they found £2,500 good value for so few miles? Interestingly, the event seems to have re-kindled an interest in the old/historic cars which is surprising again since, for example, the Robin Hood event earlier in the year attracted over 90 Historic cars but little attention. Maybe the names of Hannu and Stig had something to do with it.

Please note that the Boxing Day Autotest is planned again (26th December of course) hopefully at Temple Newsum. Members of Wakefield and Huddersfield Motor Clubs are also invited. Entry Form elsewhere in this magazine. If you can't compete please come and marshal – all events need a few people to help!!

The accounts were basically agreed at the AGM in August but there was a minor query regarding fixed assets (the new radio's), this bookkeeping entry has now been corrected and the formal accounts produced. However we still need to formally accept them so an EGM is to be held on Tuesday 25th January (at the Admiral Hawke).

Finally, please, please, can you ALL consider where the Club should meet on the first Tuesday?? The Conservative Club in Gildersome have welcomed us for many years and the significant benefit is that it is a big private room. Sadly last meeting there were only a few members there and this seems to be the trend. We want to meet where YOU want to meet but please bear in mind we do need at least one private facility per month for AGM's, training, video's etc, etc. Please chat to any Committee member.

Regards to all,

Rod Parkin
Chairman

Wallets at the Ready

Its that time of the year again and membership fees will be due at the end of the month. You'll be pleased to know the fees remain the same again this year - £12.00 for Single membership or £17.50 for joint. If you haven't already received your renewal form you should do shortly.

As an aim to reduce printing/postage costs, the magazine will now also be available via email. There will be a new section on the membership form where you can state whether you wish to receive a hard copy or an electronic copy by email. Please make sure you tick one of the boxes and if you would prefer to receive it by email - make sure you give us your email address.

If there are no other amendments just sign the form and return it to me with your dues. If there are some amendments then complete the change of details and send it back with your dues.

Any significant savings on printing/postage costs will be put towards the main prize at this years dinner dance.

TMC annual fees are comparable to other clubs and offer good value with next year hopefully being well organised with more competing on offer.

Emma Bain (Membership Secretary)

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2004 DINNER DANCE & PRIZE PRESENTATION

29th JANUARY 2005

The Dinner Dance will this year be returning to Castle Grove in Headingley. Dinner is 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm followed by the Prize Presentation. The bar will be open until 12.00 am with the disco finishing at 12.30 am. The cost per person will be £23.50.

As in the past there will be various menu options available. Because of this, each couple/person attending the dinner will be required to fill out and sign a booking form to confirm your preferred menu choice. No bookings will be taken without the accompanying form and payment.

Members wishing to attend the Dinner must have their completed forms and remittance to Caroline Marston at Club nights or by post (24 Pasture Close, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds, LS25 6LJ) by Friday 21st January 2004. Payment can be made in full or in instalments between now and January.

The booking form is enclosed in the December magazine and can also be downloaded from the website.

Caroline Marston

2005 ANCC STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Association of Northern Car Clubs (ANCC) is pleased to announce the provisional calendar for it's 2005 stage rally championships. In a change to previous years the Association will run three different Championships in 2005, each consisting of seven rounds, with the five best scores to count.

This makes the Championship affordable to many. the current class-based scoring system will continue and there will be an overall Champion, counting the best 8 scores from any events in the three calendars.

The Championships are as follows:

TARMACADAM CHAMPIONSHIP

15 Jan Jack Frost Stages, Croft
19 Feb North West Stages, Various
28 May Proflex Stages, Leyland
26 Jun Torque BAC Stages, Swinderby
28 Aug Pendragon Stages, Penrith / Warcop
12 Sep Hall Trophy Rally, Weeton
23 Oct Cheviot Stages, Otterburn

FOREST CHAMPIONSHIP

6 Feb Riponian Stages, Ripon / North Yorkshire Forests
13 Mar Robin Hood Forest Stages, Nottinghamshire Forests
2 Apr North Humberside Forest Rally, Hull / North Yorkshire Forests
18 Jun Dukeries Rally, Nottinghamshire Forests
4 Sep Hamsterley Stages, Hamsterley Forest
8-9 Oct Trackrod Clubman's Forest Rally, Malton / North Yorkshire Forests
3 Dec Grizedale Stages, Coniston / Grizedale Forest

MULTI-USE CHAMPIONSHIP

15 Jan Jack Frost Stages, Croft
16 Apr Phoenix Stages, Fulbeck
15 May John Overend Memorial Stages, Melbourne
28 May Proflex Stages, Leyland
26 Jun Torque BAC Stages, Swinderby
223 Jul Opposite Lock Rally, Manby
12 Sep Hall Trophy Rally, Weeton

I hope that the Championship will appeal to a wide range of ANCC club members. Regs will be issued towards the end of the year. Please contact me if you would like to receive a set.

As in previous years, selecting the events to be included was difficult. I would urge any event that was not included to seriously consider looking at the gaps in the calendars for guidance for 2006 - I am in particular interested if events were to run in November or August.

Please note that the calendar must remain provisional until accepted by the MSA and all events have accepted the rules of the championship and paid the necessary fees.

Mike Yates
Championship Coordinator

Marshall's Training Dates

Since the inception of a MSA Marshall's register in 2002, over 6,000 people have undergone training with nearly three and a half thousand progressing to Grade 3, 2,225 people reaching Grade 2 status and over 800 registrations for Grade 1. The training/upgrade sessions are held each year at venues around the country.

The dates and venues for the 2005 are as listed Myerscough College, nr Preston on 22nd January, Askham Bryan, York, the following day, 23rd January then at Northumberland College, Ponteland on the 29th. Rodbaston College, Penkridge, Staffs on February 27th, Rhyl College on March 26th and Cherwell Valley on 6th March.

Other dates for areas around the Country are yet to be confirmed but these are expected within the next few weeks.

Everyone is catered for at the Training events from New Marshall to Stage Commanders and Radio Operators. As well as how to perform the may aspects of Marshalling, the reasoning and consequences are explained. The day finishes with the opportunity to get a signature on your registration cards and a certificate.

Application forms for all the Training Days will be available on www.BRMC.org.uk this weekend.

BRITISH HISTORIC RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP – SECOND HALF

To quickly recap, after 5 of the 9 rounds we were lying 1st in the up to 1600cc class in our Escort Mexico. We had decided not to go to the Isle of Mann for the Manx so our next round was the Tour of Flanders.

This was a 2 day closed road all tarmac event based on Roselare. As Dave lives in Kent this was his local event. Following Class wins on the previous 3 rounds and a summer rebuild, including a change of colour scheme from blue and white to red, hopes and confidence were high.

The format was recceing on Wednesday and Thursday followed by scrutineering on Friday with the rally on Saturday and Sunday. The recce revealed some interesting stages including one round an industrial estate which you lapped 4 times!

Scrutineering was different in that on arrival you were given a time card with a target time for scrutineering and for documentation. You then had to return to the Service Area via the start ramp and hand your time card in. The ramp was indoors inside a large sports hall complete with bar seating and area. One for you to work on Rod but it must have been noisy when the WRC cars and the Porsche GT3, which was competing, were there.

On Saturday it all went downhill, we arrived at the start of Stage 1 and as we got to the line the engine died. It wouldn't restart, our start time came so we got out and push started. It quickly started and we jumped back in but in the rush that followed we ended up going in to a series of bends too fast and slid off into a ditch. Damage was minimal but there was no chance of getting out without a tow. So that was it 2 days of recceing to end up sat in field of leeks not having read a pace note. After getting towed out it was a very quiet ride back.

This non finish meant we lost our lead in the Championship and we had to have good finishes on the last 2 events as we had now not scored on 2 rallies.

The next round was our own Rally Yorkshire. This was as well organised as usual and as we were running at the front of the field it meant we got the best of the stages even if it was an early start.

A quick run through the showground opened the proceedings followed by Cropton and Gale Rigg. A quick spin on the tarmac in Gale Rigg (very slippery) left us second in class at the first Service. Into Dalby we upped the pace returning to Service just in the Class lead. Back into Cropton and Gale Rigg for the last stages which had now dried out and were far less slippery. Managed to clip a gate post on the inside and then whilst wondering what had happened hit a gate post on the other side so both rear wings damaged.

At the finish we found out we had won the Class by 5 seconds in another tight finish. We then had to go to post event scrutineering but no problems there confirmed the victory. Thanks to Simon Marston for helping us out in the Service Crew.

This maintained our second place in the Championship but as the leader finished 3rd it still meant we needed a good result on the final round The Bulldog.

This rally was based in Shrewsbury with all the preliminaries and the finish there but the start was 60 miles away in Sweet Lamb. We were in Wales again and it was raining on Friday at scrutineering and at the start on Saturday morning and it was still raining as we packed up at the finish. I'm sure there was some very lovely scenery between stages but you couldn't see a thing.

Any way the Stages were great including Dyfi and Dyfnant. As we were again running in front of the main Khumo field they hadn't been cut up except for the first Stage in Sweet Lamb which had been used a couple of weeks earlier. The second Stage was Taliesin which was 6 miles long but only contained 2 junctions, I thought I had a page missing from the roadbook. Had to drive through a river on the way to Stage 3 as this was going more over the bridge than under it, then on to Dyfi. A quick call home to Andrew who was following our progress on the internet confirmed we had been quickest on all the first 3 Stages and lead the Class by 40 seconds.

Isn't it the case that when it starts looking good the problems start. First the starter motor stopped working and then halfway through Stage 4 steam started coming from under the bonnet. I thought this was just from the wet conditions but a voice in my ears says we are on 3 cylinders and I think the head gasket has gone. Service was next and on the way there it kept trying to run on 4 so perhaps it was just a plug. A change at service confirmed this theory and restored us back to full power with just the starter motor to worry about. Lead was still 30 seconds.

Stage 6 was the longest of the rally at 13 miles and passed without incident as did Stage 6. Another quick call to Andrew and he told us we had extended our lead by another 50 seconds over these 2 Stages. This just left the last Stage through Dyfnant which was fine until a particularly slippery downhill section through logs kept the spectators amused as we fish tailed our way down it, I thought here we go another rear wing but we managed not to hit anything. Luck or skill? depends who you ask.

A long run in to the finish to find we had finished 4th overall as well as first in Class so our best result of the year. Even though our nearest Championship challenger finished second in Class it meant we had won the Championship Class by 11 points and I had finished 2nd overall in the Post Historic section.

Overall a great season with the highs being the first Class win on Epynt and winning the Championship and the low being going off after 500 yards in Belgium.

Since then Dave has sold the car to a Brit in France and is looking to build a 2 litre one for next season, should be fun!

Graham Wride

TEAM TAS Andrew Apperley & Simon Taylor

TAS Motorsport were delighted by the performance of their Subaru development car this season on the British International Rally championship which was decided this weekend on the final round, the Tempest South of England Rally.

Wakefield based driver Andrew Apperley and York based Co-driver Simon Taylor finished the season with a spectacular fight back from 44th position overall to take a fine Third Place in the Prodrive Cup Championship for Showroom class group N cars.

The Final top 5 looked like this.....**2004 BRC**

The Group N (Showroom Class) Subaru Impreza driven by Andrew Apperley lost

Prodrive Subaru Cup

1	Dorian Rees	Llanybydder
2	Rob Gill	Worksop
3	Andrew Apperley	Wakefield
4	Simon Redhead	Banbury
5	Robert Gough	Ludlow

Turbo Boost on the Friday night stages dropping the team down the leader board. The team managed to effect repairs and were soon back on the pace of the Top 20. Andrew Apperley the Driver commented... "The car was performing very well following another full rebuild prior to the event; we were delighted to be able to match the pace of newer vehicles some worth ten times the build cost of our trusty Old Red Subaru". After the event, TAS Motorsport Chief Engineer Steve Fell said. *"Andrews consistent pace and technical knowledge helps greatly with the data we need to collect both in testing and on events, his feedback is vital in the ongoing development and testing of our new components, this result illustrates that a great result is still possible even on a tight budget."*

Ends.-----

For More media Info you can speak to Andrew Apperley

Thank you.

TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM

Members Name

Competitors tick [✓] appropriate boxes below and provide evidence (results)

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Autotest []

Economy Run []

Hillclimb []

Organising Club:

Trackrod [] PCT []

Other [] Road Rally []

Type of Claim:

Stage Rally M/V []

Stage Rally S/V []

Driver [] Treasure Hunt []

Navigator [] 12-Car []

Marshal [] Other -

Service Crew [] state type

Organiser :

state position

Event Status

Clubman CM [] National "B" [] ANCC Round []

National "A" [] International [] LARKSPEED Round []

Other

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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.

Rolling Calendar 2004/2005

December 2004

4th Grizedale Stages Rally – Coniston - ANCC
12th Malton Forest Stages
26th Park Hall Stages-Bolton Le Moors
26th Boxing Day Autotest-Temple Newsum

January 2005

15th Jack Frost Stages-Croft
23rd Rally Marshal Training Day-Askham Bryan, York
29th Dinner Dance– Castle Grove

February 2005

6th Riponian Stages
20th Kall Kwik Rally
27th Marshal Training Day-Harewood

March 2005

4th-5th Malcolm Wilson Stages
6th Lookout Stages Rally-Melbourne
12th Tour of Cheshire Historic Rally
12th-13th Robin Hood Forest Stages
13th Practice Day-Harewood-BARC
19th-20th Border Counties Rally-Keilder
27th Spring National Hillclimb-Harewood-BARC

April 2005

2nd N Humb. Forest Rally
9th-10th VK Derbyshire Rally
17th Historic Rally—Ilkley DMC

May 2005

1st Bloodhound Stages
14th Open Meeting-Harewood-BARC
15th MSA British National -Harewood-BARC
28th Proflex Stages-Leyland Test Track

Club Nights

December 2004

7th Gildersome Con Club
14th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa
21st The Yeoman Pub – Otley
28th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

January 2005

4th Gildersome Con Club
11th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa
18th The Yeoman Pub – Otley
25th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa *EGM*****

Please note EGM to adopt the accounts 25th January 2005 at Admiral Hawke, Boston Spa.

Hi to all and Happy Christmas and a New Year. Thanks to all who turned out on the Premier Rally.

Rallies for December 04

1. 12th Malton Forest Stages. We have been asked to marshal and radio Pickering Show ground. Anyone interested please ring me or e-mail me ASAP.
2. 28th Christmas Stages (Croft) sign on 7:30-8am first car 9:30. Times may change

Thanks for all your efforts in 2004. Look forward to seeing you in 2005

Phill Andrews

There will be dates available for next years rallies on my website, as soon as I get them. www.rallyaround.co.uk

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Barry Stoner

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