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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – JANUARY 2005

Although we will be well into the new year by the time you read this, please may I wish you all the very best for the forthcoming year.

12 Crews tackled the Boxing Day Autotest and despite a last minute problem with the delivery of cones all went very well. Even a small event, really run for fun, takes significant organisation including MSA Permit, Landowners Permission, Insurance cover, writing regulations and entry forms, signing on sheets, equipment (cones, warning notices, tape, fire extinguishers, clocks/stopwatches etc) so many thanks to those who put it all together.

Other events have included the Grizedale Stages tackled by a few Trackrod crews and the Christmas Stages held at a frosty Croft circuit – all tarmac this year with a good route.

Elsewhere you will see we are once again running the "Perfect 10" Stage Rally Championship – 5 multi-venue and 5 Single Venue events. Please chat to Jim Plevy for more information on the events or see any Committee Member.

Hope you have all bought your Dinner Dance tickets?? Caroline will be pleased to reserve your chosen table and take your menu choices.

Please also remember the EGM at the Admiral Hawke (25 January) at 22.00 hrs. Whilst this is not a private room the accounts have already been seen and merely required a small book-keeping entry to be sorted, as previously explained. So I hope that the new accounts can be inspected individually and the necessary acceptance received in a short space of time.

Please, please, please can you all consider where you would like to meet on the 1st Tuesday each month – the Conservative Club in Gildersome offers excellent facilities and sensible beer but does not seem popular – only a handful of "regulars". As always it is your club and the Committee do need your guidance as to where you really want to meet (remember we DO need a private room occasionally!!)

Have fun!

Rod Parkin
Chairman

SOCIAL

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

Motorsport News - subscribe and help Trackrod

We have recently received an offer from Motorsport News. For every 5 subscriptions taken out by club members, the club will receive £50. Each member will also get 25% off over the counter price, so a 1 year subscription will be £72.60, rather than £96.90. This includes postage to your address.

To subscribe to this, telephone 08456 777 820 and quote MSA04 and the name of the club.

Please let someone on the committee (see back of magazine) know if you have subscribed.

BOXING DAY AUTOTEST – TEMPLE NEWSAM
26 DEC 2004

FTD	A APPERLEY	311	
1	J COATES	315	1 ST HUDDERSFIELD
2	J PLEVEY	347	1 ST TRACKROD
3	M ROWDEN	350	
4	PUD WOOD	351	1 ST WAKEFIELD
5	A WOOD	354	
6	S TAYLOR	361	
7	S MARSTON	364	
8	D HEMMINGWAY	404	
9	M SHERBURN	437	

LADIES

1	C MARSTON	440
2	K LEE	509

Many thanks to all who turned out and to those who helped marshal.

Yorkshire League Dates 2005

Next year Larkspeed are not sponsoring the league. They are looking for a new sponsor. If anyone is interested speak to Carl Davis on 01274 883566 or Andrew Varley on 01535 633097. Thanks to Larkspeed for the years of sponsorship.

6 th March	Trackrod MC	Lookout
17 th April	Sheffield MC	Sprint Curborough
24 th April	YSCC	Autotest
15 th May	North Humberside	John Overend
12 th June	Airedale & Parnine	PCT
26 th June	Ilkley & District MC	PCT
10 th July	Beverley & District MC	Single Venue or road rally
23 rd July	Huddersfield	Opposite Lock
11 th Sep	York	Autotest
6 th Nov	Alwoodley	Autotest

Perfect 10 Events

Multi-Venue

6 th February	Riponian	Ripon MSC
20 th February	Kall Kwik	DeLacy
2 nd April North	Humberside	NHMC
9 th October	Rally Yorkshire (Clubman's)	Trackrod
30 th October	Premier	Dukeries

Single-Venue

6 th March	Lookout (Melbourne)	Trackrod
28 th May	Leyland/Proflex	Clitheroe MC
26 th June	Swinderby	Bury AC
23 rd July	Opposite Lock (Manby)	Slaithwaite
13 th August	Shenpar Phoenix (Fulbeck)	Eastwood DMC

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE MSA

MSA Delighted at Five-year Deal to Secure British Grand Prix

Following confirmation that the British Grand Prix will be staged at Silverstone for the next five years, John Grant, Chairman of the Motor Sports Association, governing body of motor sport in the UK, said:

"I would personally like to congratulate Bernie Ecclestone (FOA) and the BRDC on securing the future of the British Grand Prix for the next five years. This is fantastic news for everyone involved in British motor sport. Britain is viewed right around the world as the home of motor sport, and the British Grand Prix is the pinnacle of the UK motor racing calendar.

"Today's news ends many months of uncertainty and is also a vital ingredient in ensuring the ongoing success of the UK's world-leading motor sport industry."

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Trackrod Motor Club Limited
Trophy Points 2004

Stage Rally	Driver	1 st	Andrew Apperley
		2 nd	Steve Sanderson
		3 rd	Mark Midgeley
	Co-Driver	1 st	Graham Wride
		2 nd	Simon Taylor
		3 rd	Arthur Heaton
Single Venue	Driver	1 st	Mark Midgeley
	Co-Driver	1 st	Katy Lee
Multi Venue	Driver	1 st	Andrew Apperley
	Co-Driver	1 st	Graham Wride
Perfect 10	Driver	1 st	Mark Midgeley
		2 nd	Dave Marshall
		3 rd	Caroline Marston & Andrew Apperley
	Co-Driver	1 st	Simon Taylor
		2 nd	Arthur Heaton
		3 rd	Chris Hudson
Trackrod Trophy		1 st	Derek Lee
Newman Cup		1 st	Wendy Patrick
Autotest Trophy		1 st	S Taylor, A Apperley, E Bain & G Steggles
Marshals Trophy		1 st	Kevin Patrick
Service Crew Trophy		1 st	Richard Goldie
Yorkshire League Trophy		1 st	Simon Taylor
Ladies Award		1 st	Katy Lee

PUTTING ON THE STYLE

With several shows, including Autosport International at the NEC in January and the Historic Motorsport Show at Stoneleigh in February, there's plenty for enthusiasts needing an adrenalin fix before the new season gets underway. But as clubs plan for 2005, should taking a stand at a show be on the things-to-do list?

Well, when 75% of golf clubs which would once have deigned to put you on a long waiting list are now searching for members, when the cruisers have 'clubs', as do the people who car-share to get to work, maybe clubs do need to seize opportunities to promote themselves.

The big one make car clubs have plenty of experience in this area but smaller and non-specialist clubs may find the cost off-putting (altho' you could always try making an offer) but they could still look at town shows, charity functions and the local 'motor shows' that spring up, often dealer driven.

But whether taking a stand at Stoneleigh or in a field at a fete, many of the same principles apply. The first is to have a clear objective, whether it be to recruit, to show you're part of the community or to provide a meeting point for members attending a show. And have a clear budget too!

Then put one person in charge - this is one area where too many cooks really will get your broth bad reviews. And then decide

what image you are trying to project - cosy and mildly chaotic (you know who you are) or briskly and clinical efficient (so do you). That will influence the design of the stand. And if you think 'design' is too high falutin a word for a club stand, you're wrong. You don't have to hire the set designer of the *Rocky Horror Show* (not that that would always be entirely inappropriate) but do at least give a bit of thought to the layout - maybe someone in the club who is a window dresser or funeral director may bring a little style to what you do.

The most common mistake is to over-complicate. Cram your stand with so many cars that people can't move, festoon it with posters containing far too much information, and the casual visitor will just walk on by. Less will be more and will probably cost less too.

A video will help grab attention but put the screen to one side so that it doesn't totally dominate, and do double check electrical equipment and rental charges - these can be high. Giveaways are a must even if just a postcard or sticker with contact details; a simple competition may pull in visitors as will an opportunity for children to sit in a competition car.

Staffing is critical. You need enthusiasts who can stay cheerful for long periods and who don't just spend their time chatting with chums. The key is to give

everyone a written brief which in my book should extend to banning food and drink unless the stand is purely a meeting point for members - some stands can look like war zones. And have somewhere to stow anoraks, Louis Vitton briefcases and supermarket carrier bags. If the club has 'corporate' clothing then helpers should be asked to wear it. If nothing else, a few cheap L and XL T-shirts or fleeces with the club's logo on will help that all important image.

If you don't keep the overall impact in mind but simply scatter a collection of cars around, visitors will go away saying 'oh yes, there were some cars on show'. You want them going away remembering the name of the club and clutching something that tells them how to join it. But whether the decision is show or no show, I hope 2005 is a great year for the club.

Stuart Turner



COD FILLET QUIZ

1. Where did Patrick Depailler achieve his first GP win?
2. Can you name the three Rooster Group drivers who took Hillman Huskys on the 1959 African Safari Rally?
3. Who constructed the well known Shelby Special Spider?
4. A Japanese cork making company called Topy Kogyo later made what make of car?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 14

MSA Club of the Year

The Jersey Motor Cycle & Light Car Club has become the first offshore winner of the Alexander Forbes MSA Club of the Year Award – one of UK motor sport's most prestigious accolades. Second and third placed prizes respectively will be awarded to Sherington Kart Club, Oxon and Ross & District Motor Club, Herefordshire.

Officials from the Jersey club will be presented with their prize – a much sought-after trophy and £1,000 – at the Motor Sports Association's annual 'Night of Champions' on Friday 21 January 2005.

Entering its 85th year, the Jersey Motor Cycle & Light Car Club has a full calendar of 55 events across eight different disciplines. The annual Jersey Rally in 2004 attracted 73 entries, many from the UK mainland, and the club also hosted a round of the MSA British Hill Climb Championship. Motor sport tourism is now formally recognised as a significant contributor to the island's economy, thanks to club's activities.

Established in 1960, Sherington Kart Club is this year's runner-up and will receive an MSA Flag Trophy and £500. Founded in 1950, Ross &

District Motor Club claims third place and will receive an MSA Flag Trophy and £250.

Farnborough & District Motor Club, Hampshire, and Wigton Motor Club, Cumbria, have been highly commended by the MSA and will receive Commemorative Certificates.

Get 'em young!

The Chairman of the Motor Sports Council, Graham Stoker, has called upon all disciplines within UK motor sport to investigate how the sport can attract more young people into its ranks, in particular those aged under 16.

"There is ever increasing competition for the attention of young people," says Stoker. "If motor sport doesn't catch their interest when they're young, it's unlikely that we'll be able to get them later on. There are many ways of getting involved in motor sport that are not governed by age or financial restrictions and these are the areas we want to highlight to people."

Cost stability for forest events

The MSA and the Forestry Commission have agreed new fixed cost arrangements for the use of Forestry Commission land that will provide longer-term stability for both competitors and organising clubs. More details on website www.msauk.org

Welcome to Whale

The Board of the MSA has appointed Nick Whale as a non-executive director. This follows the recent implementation of a change in Board constitution that allows up to three additional non-executive director nominations.

As well as being a hugely successful businessman, Whale is also an accomplished competitor.

Having started in sprints and hill climbs, Nick had a number of enjoyable years in single-seaters, production saloons, the British Touring Car Championship and GTs, leading to membership of the BRDC in 1995. Now a keen historic rally driver, Whale won the Historic Challenge in 1999, the inaugural British Historic Rally Championship in 2000 and, more recently, the Manx rally in 2002 and the Killarney rally in 2003.

Marshals wanted in Northern Ireland

2&4 Wheels – helping car, bike and karting events take place in Northern Ireland – is aiming to get 5,000 (yes, 5000!) new marshals to events over the next year.

It has a free, easy registration system, prizes for new and current marshals, information for you to give out and much more. Go to www.2and4wheels.com or phone Pippa or Louise on 028 9030 3938.



2005 DINNER DANCE & PRIZE PRESENTATION

Castle Grove, Headingley
29th January 2004
£23.50 per person

Your Name:

Partners Name:

(Please print clearly, this will be used for your place card)

Please tick one box from each section for you and your partner.

	You	Prtnr
Leak and Potato Soup		
Garlic Mushrooms in a Cream Sauce		
Chicken Liver Pate with Warm Toast		

Braised Knuckle of Lamb with Mushrooms, Onions & Red Wine Sauce		
Oven Baked Breast of Chicken with a chasseur sauce		
Supreme of Cod with Crumble Topping		

Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard		
Rum Truffle Tort with Cream		
Continental Cheeseboard		

Coffee/Tea with Mints & Turkish Delight		

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Signature of Guest(s)

Please indicate below who you would like to share a table with (if possible).

Ticket No.

Major changes for international kart class engines seem certain to be introduced. Up until now the CIK (FIA) was heading towards the introduction of 4 stroke engines in all major classes but a major change of heart spurred on by the Italian engine manufacturers has forced a reconsideration by the governing body. As we write, these new regulations are being presented to the World Council that will bring in a homologated range of 125cc TaG (Touch and Go) 2 stroke kart engines for Formula A, ICA and Junior ICA. This move by the CIK reflects the popularity of the Rotax Max class worldwide and this engine is sure to feature in the new homologations due for next year.

4 stroke karts still feature in the long term plans of the CIK and the World Formula is already up and running as represented here with the AB&C World Formula UK class using the Briggs and Stratton engine. Further down the road the CIK still aims for new world championship 4 stroke engine classes so that the sport can achieve the demands for emissions reduction. In the USA mainstream karting has moved towards World Formula and 125cc TaG powered karts and you can expect other countries to mirror this trend.

2 stroke supporters argue long and hard that there is plenty of development left to satisfy the legislators. Purely on cost of ownership grounds these avenues should be explored otherwise there will be a lot of obsolete equipment gathering dust in garage corners.

FAST LADY - MY LIFE IN MOTORSPORT

Joy Rainey. Haynes. £17.99.
ISBN 1 84425 038 5.

Rainey's fascinating autobiography is a high-speed journey through a life inextricably linked with motor sport. This is no slick, ghost-written celebrity life story but a heartening tale of achievement against physical odds that the champion hillclimber dismisses in the first chapter and barely mentions again. From the early days touring with her race-obsessed father Murray - who, on one occasion, took his daughter as a passenger while racing his Morgan three-wheeler at Monza - to her successes at Shelsley and Prescott, and her completion of last year's London-Sydney Marathon, her recall is superb. The story is peppered with amusing anecdotes and great names from the past: Moss, Brabham, Brooks, Behra and Jackie Stewart, whom she snapped pushing Jim Clark into a pool only to find her film was dud. Good read.

SCALEXTRIC

The Definitive Guide.

Roger Gillham. Haynes. £25.
ISBN 1 84425 034 2.

Although this is the sixth edition of the popular history on the world's most famous slot-car system, the book has been so extensively revised that it deserves a fresh look. Now in full colour, with more than 700 photographs,

it presents the long development from crude Scalex and Startex to the latest two-wheel toy replicas of Max Biaggi and Valentino Rossi. As well as a complete review of slot-racing models, respected specialist Gillham also reviews the range of packaging, promotions, catalogues, kits and accessories and super-rare 1:24 releases, including a superb Ferrari 158 with miniature Surtees.

BLUE & ORANGE

The History of Gulf in Motorsport. Michael Cotton.
Coterie Press. £39.95.
ISBN 1 902351 20 7.

Funny how a few sponsors' liveries (Gulf, JPS, Marlboro) outgrow their money-man status to become as synonymous with great drivers, cars and eras as the poor sods who put in all the hard work. Such is life and, as this book painstakingly points out, it was a long, expensive journey for Gulf. This stylish, 200-page hardback follows the Gulf link from 1938-2002, with a foreword by Derek Bell, a useful appendix of results and wonderful pictures. There are a few bizarre design flourishes and Cotton's otherwise superb words occasionally read like advertising copy, but this is a comprehensive tribute to several of motor sport's most evocative eras. It's worth it just for the 917 and GT40 shots, plus the chapter on McQueen and Le Mans.

MARSHALS POST

by the BMMC

The new motor racing season is just around the corner now and some hardy folk will already be out rallying.

Marshals are in shorter supply than ever before, so if you've ever toyed with the idea of getting out there and supporting the sport, rather than just watching, now's the time! You'll be guaranteed a warm welcome.

You don't need any special equipment or skills to go marshalling – and the pre-season training sessions now underway around the country will give you a good, basic grounding in the do's and don'ts of marshalling.

The key thing, when you go marshalling, is to make sure you can keep warm, dry and well-fed and you remember the mantra "discretion is the better part of valour."

Always take plenty of layers of clothing with you – it's easy

to peel off a layer if you get too hot, but you can't put on clothes you don't have. Long combs and long sleeved thermal vests are a must early and late in the season if you are going to be stood in a forest or an exposed corner on a circuit.

Don't forget your head and feet, though. We lose a high proportion of our body heat through our heads and there is nothing more miserable than having cold, wet feet. Wear a woolly hat and some stout footwear, with decent treaded soles and enough room for a couple of pairs of socks inside.

A pair of thermal gloves that will fit inside protective marshalling gloves isn't a bad idea, either.

Make sure you've got some decent waterproofs as well. Finding fireproof waterproofs is difficult and they tend to be expensive, but heavy duty waterproof tops and trousers made from man-made materials are an acceptable alternative.

And, if you are buying waterproof trousers, look for a pair with full length zippers on

the outsides of the legs so that you can easily get them on and off over your boots.

There's nothing worse than getting wet by holding off putting waterproof trousers on because it's such a bind – unless it's getting soaked with sweat inside them when the rain shower has passed because it's too much trouble to take them off.

Put a pair of waterproof gloves in your pocket, too.

The other thing to remember is to take plenty of food, including a warm drink – soup or coffee.

And, if you are going rallying, make sure you have a torch and a whistle. Packing one of the modern head torches that you can get from outdoor pursuit shops isn't a bad idea, but, whatever your torch, make sure you have some spare batteries.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Monaco 1978 – Elf Tyrrell
2. Peter Harper, Paddy Hopkirk and Peter Japp
3. Basil Davenport. Coca 1926-46
4. Mazda

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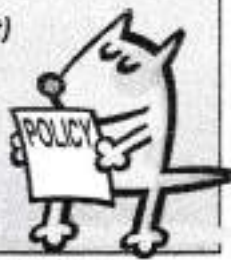
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LOOKOUT STAGES RALLY

6th March 2005

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Taxed Oct 04, MOT April 05

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Barry Stoner

Rolling Calendar 2004/2005

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—Ikley DMC

May 2005

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

June 2005

- 5th Jim Thompson Trophy Meeting - Harewood BARC
- 10th-11th RSAC Scottish Rally, Dumfries
- 18th Dukeries Rally, Mansfield
- 19th Airedale and Pennine-P.C.T.
- 26th M/U Stage Rally Swindon

Club Nights

January 2005

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

February 2005

1st Gildersome Con Club
 8th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa
 15th The Yeoman Pub – Otley
 22nd Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

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

BTRDA 2005 Event Calendar	
12 Feb	Wyedean
5 Mar	Malcolm Wilson
2 Apr	North Humberside
23 Apr	Somerset Stages
21 May	Red Dragon
18 Jun	Dukeries
9 Jul	Quinton
3 Sep	Woodpecker
24 Sep	Plains
5 Nov	Cambrian

ANCRO (Kumho) National Rally Championship 2005 Event Calendar	
25-26th Feb	Rallye Sunseeker
19th March	Border Counties Rally
6-7th May	Rough Manx
4th June	Mutiny
23rd July	Swansea Bay
10th Sept	Park Systems
22nd Oct	Bulldog