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Chief Marshal Bit

Hi and thanks to all who turned out last month. So I did miss a 6r4 at Harewood the entry on the Robin Hood made up for it. Great days rallying. Just to put a few people straight if I sign on as media that's what I do. If I sign on as a marshal that's what I do. Its obviously a problem for some members of the club. But to turn out a start crew at a drop of a hat and fill five corners + on each event all year round I must be getting something right (I think).

Anyway rally's for April

1) 2nd Humberside rally see D.LEE about Langdale s/o 10.30 - 11.15
Also see me or ring me if you fancy Cropton run twice s/o 8.15 - 8.45 or for second run
13.00 - 13.30

2) 16th phoenix rally Fullbeck airfield (Lincs) go and check out this venue and then tell me Melbourne rough
and on another note congratulations to Tom and Jan Irvine on the arrival of their twins a boy and a girl and also to Jim and Michelle Plevy on the arrival of their baby girl

Se ya Phill Andrews (Trackrod M.C Chief Marshal)



Some of our members enjoying mixed fortunes at the Lookout Stagers



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Lookout Stage Rally. March 6th

F 351 PLL Graham & Emma

Could have been at our Mum's houses but this was more fun.

Having, eventually, got around to fitting a new front hub and driveshaft after Decembers Grizedale stages we were signed on and through scrutineering for the Sunday event.

Sunday at 3:30 am we were up trying to find a reason to go back to sleep. This felt like our first rally again, being very excited. We arrived in good time and with the day breaking into a dry, bright yet cold morning.

Stage 1 went very well and we even had good speed but handling wasn't the best with a rear sway setting in at anything over 70 mph. I realised the front tracking was out and rectified this. Had to do it myself with no service crew! What is it coming to? Got my hands dirty and everything. Stage 2 went better but still had the rear end wag down the straights.

On stage 4 we lost all brakes after one long bumpy 45 right into tight chicane so had to take to the grass to avoid a very big accident. Having remembered this happening before at Melbourne I wound all the braking to the front and got a semi pedal back. We carried on at a reduced speed until I could confirm my suspicion. At service I found the rear calliper to have struck the chassis and been knocked off, but not only that the rear radius arm was hanging off as well. (Slight exaggeration but it did have a couple of inches play in it.) We decided to continue as was, with front brakes only and a very soft pedal and turned the rear arm play into a positive by saying it was helping turn in on the 90 degree corners as I had no hand brake now.

The following 4 stages passed at a slower pace and I had to make sure all the braking was over before the corner as too much entry speed would instigate understeer with no provision for the handbrake to turn us through it.

So we finished an amazingly well run event which had us laughing for most of it. It is refreshing to find that club rallying can be fun and not so serious and even then we netted a 34th – 11th in class with best TMC crew as a bonus. Just got to negotiate a rear beam now somehow.

G Steggles & E Bain

Lookout Stages Rally Report 2005

Motorsport News March 9th 2005

Written by Peter Scherer

Kevin Procter and Mike Gilby proved unbeatable on the Lookout Stages and won the eight stage event for the second successive year.

The event was held on Melbourne Airfield near York. Icy puddles necessitated caution on the opening stage, but Procter still opened a gap of 12 seconds over Alex Taylor and Colin Thompson on stage one.

Taylor's Impreza was running without third gear after problems on the previous day's Malcolm Wilson Rally in Cumbria.

Procter increased his lead to 26 seconds on SS2, while Walker up to second ahead of Taylor despite a spin and almost overshooting the finish.

Greg/David Wilkinson had been third after the opening test, but dropped to eighth with a turbo problem and a spin on SS2.

This meant Adam Ellerker/Andy Welburn (Mitsubishi Evo), Miles Taylor/Tim Crombie (Ford Escort Cosworth) Andy Elliott (MG Metro 6R4) and Trevor Smith/Craig Wadlow (Ford Escort Cosworth) all moved up the order.

Procter had a spin and stalled on SS3 and Walker managed to take 15 seconds out of his lead.

Smith upped his pace and moved ahead of Elliott, Ellerker and Miles Taylor. He now shared third with Alex Taylor.

Procter was delayed again on SS4 when an errant truck tyre was thrown into his path after it had been hit by another car.

Despite this, he still responded to the challenge from Walker and extended his lead by five seconds.

Wilkinson upped his pace and followed Smith into the top four, as Alex Taylor struggled with missing gears. Elliott quit at the end of the stage due to problems with his car's electronics.

On SS5 the leaderboard began to stabilise. Wilkinson and Miles Taylor both missed on the stage and dropped out of the top six.

Despite Walker's best efforts, Procter cleaned up the remaining three stages to seal his win, with Smith taking a clear third. Gavin Ruler/Mark Lebetter came to terms with their Mitsubishi Lancer to hold fourth as Alex Taylor's slide dropped him to tenth by the end.

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 1975 - A poem appeared which gave a remarkable account of the committee including poetic descriptions of the members which weren't necessarily flattering - in those days meetings were hwd in the 'snug' at the Fox And Hounds in Horsforth , and to this day I don't think anyone has owned up to being the author!

The stage practice day at Full Sutton was reported by Vince Girardier [it was just an excuse for a damned good thrash really!] and 50 'crews' had 5 runs each though Vince spnt much of his day in a ditch! - His brother Marcel was the self - appointed 'official photographer' and his best result was heard to be an orange blur!!

John Richardson reported on the Riponian Rally from the hotseat alongside Vince Girardier in his newly acquired ex- Paul Faulkner Escort RS1600, other crewsof note were Beecroft/Millington and Goodall/Hazeldine. The three ended up winning the team award after various ooohs and aaahs though Ken G fond himself approaching a cattle grid in sideways mode and was waiting for the big bang [he's still waiting !] when the car took control and missed the posts! The even was won by Geoff Birkett.

20 YEARS AGO - APRIL 1985 - Editor Andy Munnis apologised to those who turned up at the March clubnight to pick up their magazine and didn't get one - get this - he took 50 copies and ran out!! The postage bill for the magazine was then £6 and we were keen to keep costs down!

The Beehive at Thorner appeared on the social calendar.

John Bean was looking for Escort bits:oil cooler ;lowering kit;1/2shafts etc.and was even offering cash!

Mike Wood co-drove for John Rodgers on the LUUMC's Northern Lights Rally which was run again after a 12 year absence - their RS2000 finished 4th o/a. Peter Compton gave us an update on the Lada Challenge in which he was competing and Andy Munnis provided a brief report on his trials and tribulations on the National Breakdown Rally though he never actually told us who his driver was! [Chas Payne?].

10 YEARS AGO - APRIL 1995 - More drum banging for the Anniversary Ball seeking photos and memorabilia this time.

Nick and Jim Dixon reported on their Kall Kwik experiences which proved quite eventful though their finishing position wasn't disclosed. Apperently editor Nick Stevens demanded the article at the arrival control of the Trackrod Stage - nice one Nick - no promise of a report - no time!!!

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ENDS

Richard Ineson

Scottish Correspondent

April 2005

Well a busy month was February, 1st event of the year with the Snowman Rally which you heard a bit about last month, and then the Kncokhill stages. So here we go with this months update (no guarantee you will get this every month, just that I am stuck on a plane at the present with a few minutes to spare!!)

Knockhill stages – 26th Feb. A very cold but enjoyable time. I had only volunteered to help in the morning, but with the venue only being 25minutes from the house it wasn't far to go. I had been looking across towards the venue from the house for a couple of days, and it was looking very white, strange when there was no snow at our house. We arrived at 08:00 on the day to find that there was plenty of snow there that had been moved away, but overnight it had iced over, and there was LOTS of ice. Some parts of the paddock were just sheet ice, cars were sliding about everywhere.

Consequently the event start was delayed from 09:00 to 11:00 to allow 2 ton's of salt to be sourced and spread out. Once the competition got started it was fine. In fact the weather warmed up quite a bit and it was very pleasant in the sun (plus luckily there was no wind!!). Due to the delayed start we had to leave after SS2 due to prior family commitments, but a good morning was had. To next year when hopefully it will be a bit warmer.

Pirelli International – 20th/21st May. We have been asked to run the Super Special stage – 'P Zero'. This will be a purpose built stage and looks like it will be very good, hopefully I will have more details for next months mag. The location is just near Carlisle airport.

A number of you have already shown interest, so put the date in your diary now. The stage is to be a double run on the Friday evening and then again on Saturday morning plus the afternoon, yes four runs! So lots to see with it being BRC.

Plus just being near Carlisle then only a couple of easy hours drive North from Yorkshire. More details in next moths mag., or feel free to get in touch if you haven't already.

Scottish Rally – 10th to 12th June. Simon Marston will be the SC on this one again, so get in touch with him prior to him catching up with you!! Just remember the midge repellent!!!

UK Rally Challenge 6 – 17th July

Based at Knockhill just North of Edinburgh. We have helped on a number of the previous events. More details will follow later in the year, could make a good social event too and only 25mins from the house!!! Plus, since in middle of July then you could have a few days in Scotland on holiday as well.

McRae Stages – 1st October

Based in Perth so just an hours drive from here. No idea what we will be doing yet, but I am sure something if we are asked!!!

Tour of Mull Rally – 14th to 16th October

Plans are coming together for this event and I am sure as usual it will be a busy, fun and sociable weekend. The event has a new Chief Marshal, no less than Richard Webster of Trackrod fame. I am sure he will be keen to hear from new volunteers. Just remember though your accommodation, there are no spare cottages that I am aware of.

This year we are lucky that the Scottish October school holiday is the week after Mull, so we will be staying on the Island until the Wednesday. Should be a nice relaxing time to wind down after the event.

Kingdom Stages, Crail – 5th November

Single venue rally on a WWII airfield similar to Melbourne, but smooth tarmac! More details to follow later in the year, well recommend – either to compete or marshal, could make a good social event too!!! Plenty of space for caravans.

Roger Albert Clark (RAC) Scottish Region – 21st November

Similar format to last year based in the Dumfries area. Plans are starting to come together well for this and regs should be available in April/May period.

This year the organizers are promising us there will be more entries, so watch this space in the coming months for more details. Just get the date in your diary now.

If anybody would like more details on any of the above, then please contact me on 01259 760611H, 07793 662444 M – but not after 22:00! (eMail peter.stanhope@diageo.com)

Safe motoring.

Peter Stanhope

For Sale

FORD SIERRA 4X4 2.8 injection. Good straight & strong shell with multipoint cage, Ralloy tank and Brantz.

Needs new engine fitting. Lots of spares, 14 wheels and tyres and spare engine. Call for more info

Looking for best offer, take it all away. Doctor forces sale.

1600 Crossflow Inlet Manifold, alloy, by Peco, number IM67.

1600 Crossflow Inlet Manifold, alloy for twin 40's or similar.

Both in good clean condition, £50 each

A-Triple-F Fire extinguisher, 2.25 ltrs with mounting brackets. Was in my old Mexico, in excellent condition £80

5 alloy wheels, 5 ½ J x 13 x 28.5, Ford 4 stud with 76EBDB markings, thought to be ex Capri, but came on the Mex. Make me an offer.

Commercial engine crane, lifts up to one ton, very heavy duty, excellent condition £350

Nigel Drayton 07775 947660

1994 Peugeot 106 Rallye 1294cc

Taxed , MOT

White with spare set of wheels

For just £1500

Tel 0113 2853513 or 07860525546

Barry Stoner

MK2 ESCORT FOR SALE

1980 2 Door no sunroof in red
Ziebarted from new standard 1300 road car interior missing— would make excellent rally project

£600 OVNO

VAUXHALL 1.6 Ecotec 16v and 2.0 Ecotec 16v engines available suit above! - Please enquire

1983 ESCORT MK3 XR£

Non injection model—would suit ford enthusiast bodily and interior very good—Stratos silver

Offers invited!!

All of the above are for sale due to pending house move

Please contact Derek Marshall on 01673 857385 or 07909 578534
(Market asen Area, Lincs)



Philip White & John McNichol cutting it a bit too much on the Lookout Stages

TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM

Members Name

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

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Autotest []

Economy Run []

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PCT []

Road Rally []

Stage Rally M/V []

Stage Rally S/V []

Treasure Hunt []

12-Car []

Other - state type

Organising Club:

Type of Claim:

Driver []

Navigator []

Marshal []

Service Crew []

Organiser : state position

Event Status

Clubman CM []

National "A" []

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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.

Club Nights

April 2005

5th Gildersome Con Club
12th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa
19th The Yeoman Pub – Otley
26th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

May 2005

3rd Gildersome Con Club
10th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa
17th The Yeoman Pub – Otley
24th The Travellers Rest - Harewood
31st Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

Rolling Calendar 2005

April 2005

2nd N Humb. Forest Rally
9th-10th VK Derbyshire Rally
9th BRC LIVE!!!
17th Historic Rally—Ilkley DMC
23rd-24th International Rally of Wales

May 2005

1st Bloodhound Stages
14th Open Meeting-Harewood-BARC
15th MSA British National -Harewood-BARC
20th-21st Pirelli International Rally
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 Swinderby

July 2005

2nd-3rd MSA British Hillclimb Championship Meeting- Harewood Hill-Climb
8th-9th Jim Clark Memorial Rally, Edinburgh
10th BBQ Hillclimb - Harewood
10th Armstrong Massey – Melbourne
15th-17th Rally Argentina
20th Ilkley-P.C.T.
28th-30th Manx International Rally, Douglas

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