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RAC MSA AFFILIATED, NO. 1230

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – JAN/FEB 2007

Those of you who attended the last AGM may recall a discussion on “benefits” for club members. Your Committee took these ideas on board and in an attempt to ensure that ALL members were able to receive some reward have, I hope, produced a scheme which will appeal to everyone. Competitors, marshals and social members all can take part.

A personal letter detailing the scheme, which will run for an initial 2 year period, was sent to everyone in December and a copy is reproduced in this Magazine which, incidentally, is a combined January and February edition. News is always slow at this time of year and with the current copying difficulties we thought we would try to “get ahead” and send the magazine out early of the next month. Please feel free to contribute articles – I know Andrew would very much appreciate it!

The Trophy Points system will continue with a few “tweaks” and will run in addition to the rewards scheme – watch out for details soon.

Hope you all have a great New Year and look forward to seeing you all at the Dinner Dance.

Happy motoring!

Rod Parkin
Chairman

TO ALL TRACKROD MEMBERS.....

Firstly an apology – the printed version of the monthly magazine has had problems at the printers. We are working hard to resolve this and will try to be on-time for the new year. Attached to this letter is the December Magazine and details of the Dinner Dance (27 Jan 07)

Now for the GOOD NEWS!!!

For a trial period of 2 years we are proposing to run a members' bonus scheme designed to reward all Trackrod members whether they be competitors, marshals or just social members.

Firstly the “small print” – your Committee reserve the right to decline or refute claims which are outwith the spirit of what follows or which are not considered “correct” So – here goes!!

COMPETITORS

For those current members who have paid at least 3 consecutive up-to-date membership fees the following rebate will be given as “start money”: To be paid back after the event

Rally Yorkshire £50

Lookout Stages £20

BBQ Hill Climb £10

(To be paid back after the event, One claim per crew)

SOCIAL

Subsidised Dinner Dance tickets – max £20 per person (including guests of members)

At least 6 main clubnight activities plus visits to local attractions – watch out for details

AGM

Pie and Pea supper provided FREE

“POINTS MAKE PRIZES”

A trial run of 2 years (2007 – 2008) awarding “points” for marshalling and attending main club night meetings. Points may be claimed in addition to the existing Trophy Points system.

1 point per full day of marshalling on any event relative to Trackrod Motor Club – this includes “set-up” days. Does not include competing, organising or “service crews”.

1 point for attending the main club night - (1st Tuesday in month)

Points may be “cashed-in” yearly (Dec) but may also be accumulated for the full 24 months – a suitable record form will be published in the January magazine and available on the web.

What can you get – Trackrod Clothing, that’s what!

30 points Winter Jacket

25 points Fluorescent Jacket

20 points Hi-vis Fleece

15 points Fleece Zip Jumper

10 points Sweat Shirt

So – just attend a few club nights, do some marshalling and you get your membership fee back, maybe several times over!!

Hope you enjoy your motorsport – let’s see how the above works!

Rod Parkin

Trophy Points

Further to the details in Rod's article printed in the mag last month, I will outline below the competition awards for 2007. There will be NO Perfect 10 Championship in 2007 due to lack of interest in 2006, but there will be the following:

Stage Rally Driver and Navigator 1st 2nd 3rd
Single Venue Driver and Navigator 1st 2nd
Multi Venue Driver and Navigator 1st 2nd

Road Rally Driver and Navigator 1st 2nd

All awards and places dependant on number of entrants, and all points will be awarded as per ANCC scoring tables as was this year

Marshal's Trophy: 5 pts per day including set up and tear down

Service Crew Award: 5 pts per day

Ladies Award : Best Lady competitor. Min of 3 events to count

Newman Cup : Best All round lady. Points added together for both marshalling and competing

Trackrod Trophy : Best allround club member

Named in regs 10 pts

Others 5pts

Competitors 5 pts for a finish, 3 pts for a non finish

Spy 44 Trophy. This trophy has traditionally been awarded for competing in a minimum of 3 types of events. We are changing this slightly to include marshalling as one of the disciplines.

Committee Awards

Myers Memorial Shield : Awarded to best Novice

Forster Shell : Most Deserving club member

Chairmans Trophy : Awarded by the Chairman with advice from Committee!!!!

The above awards are the main ones I will be concentrating on this year, but all previous years awards are available for winning providing there is sufficient interest. We have tried to reflect the current trends of interest in the club with the Rewards programme outlined last month, along with the simplification of the awards list, and balance that with the need to keep our active competitors happy.

I hope we have gone some way to doing that.

So for next year get your points in and lets have some new names on the trophies

One final point, the year will run from DEC to NOV. At the end of the year please get your points in asap as I have very little time to collate all awards before the Dinner Dance.

If anybody needs any further information don't hesitate to contact me

Russell Holdsworth

Dinner Dance

Don't forget the Dinner Dance on 27th January at Castle Grove, Headingley. ONLY £20

An Application form should be with this magazine. If not download one off the Trackrod website. Then send them back to Caroline ASAP

The Trackrod MC Boxing Day Gravel Autotest

This was the final round of the 2006 WATMC Inter-club championship and took place on the excellent gravel stages of Temple Newsham House.

This was the 10th year since the event moved from the Leeds city centre tarmac tests to this popular gravel venue. It was especially important as the organizers were being observed for a possible upgrade by officials including some from Leeds City Council.

The popular event unfolded with its usual compact and cost effective (£5 entry fee) club sport format. Documentation took place at a leisurely 9.15am with Car1 flagged off by Mr. Rod Parkin of Trackrod Motor Club into the first of the 8 Long Gravel tests at 10am prompt. A good number of spectators as usual had gathered on the sunny high green grass banking overlooking the tests.

This event uses a unique trademark “tandem” test format. The tests were simple and easy to follow, with two identical tests run simultaneously providing a slick and interesting twist to the event as the spectators can easily see who has the edge on each test.

The early leader on the event this year was Wakefield rally driver Chris (Pud) Wood in his Fiesta who set the fastest time on the first test of 43 seconds. By test number four Andrew Apperley had chipped away at Woods lead putting pressure on the front wheel drive rally ace. Dave (the ice-cream man) Hemmingway who was sharing Woods nimble Fiesta Special was meanwhile having a battle for Third with mini specialist Geoff Watson also from Wakefield.

Going into the penultimate test no 7 Wood trailed Apperley by just one second and knew he had it all to do when he made a rare mistake of doing an extra lap of the far cone. Usually a Co-Driver Simon Taylor who was sharing the leading 205GTi with Andrew Apperley finally woke up and put on a turn of speed on the last few tests to snatch a class award and the award for first Trackrod Member. Steve Carter having missed out on a Class award did win 1st Wakefield Member.

The Times and Award Winners were as follows:

FTD 1st O/A Andrew Apperley, Peugeot 205 GTi, Class 3, 299s

2nd O/A Chris (Pud) Wood, Fiesta, Class2, 304s

3rd O/A Dave Hemingway, Fiesta Class 2, 310s

Class Awards: Class 1 Geoff Watson 313s, Class 2 Steve Carter 320s, Class 3 Simon Taylor 329s. 1st Novice Jack Watson on 352 seconds.

The Awards were presented at 12.30pm at the finish venue the Brown Cow PH.

Times for each competitor were as follows:

Test Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1st O/A Andrew Apperley, 205 GTi Class3	44	42	39	36	33	33	37	35
Total 299s								
2 nd O/A Chris (Pud) Wood, Fiesta, Class 2,	42	42	34	34	35	35	44	36
Total 304s								
3 rd O/A Dave Hemingway, Fiesta Class 2,	45	43	37	38	36	35	39	37
Total 310s								

Class Award Winners:

Class 1 Geoff Watson, Mini 1000	47	44	37	39	36	36	39	35
Total 313 s								
Class 2 Steve Carter, Fiesta Beasty	47	47	39	38	37	36	38	38
Total 320 s								
Class 3 1 st TMC Simon Taylor, 205 Gti	46	46	46	37	35	38	39	42
Total 329 s								
1st Novice Jack Watson, Mini 1000	52	51	48	40	39	38	40	44
Total 352 s								

Thanks to all who helped and competed on the event.

Congratulations Allister.

Well done to Trackrod member Allister Wells on finishing 20th o/a and second in class 1 on the Neil Howard Memorial Rally at Melbourne. Allister has not had an easy year in 2006, despite starting with a beautifully re-shelled Nova for the first event at Swinderby the engine expired after 2 stages. The rebuilt engine managed just one stage at Manby before trying to destroy itself again.

A little bit of help from John Cope (remember him?) saw the remains of two engines put together in the correct order and Melbourne selected as “do or die” event in November. While the organisation of the event left much to be desired, Allister’s driving and car preparation was spot on and despite a dodgy navigator an excellent result was achieved (although the car trailer fell apart on the way home!)

Apart from building a fine rally car Allister has other talents. He builds a pretty good website – examples of his work;

<http://www.aswrally.co.uk/>

<http://www.fuzznag.com/>

He is also a handy bloke if you need vinyl signs for your rally car (or anything else).

<http://www.rallycargraphics.co.uk>

He has a “proper” job as well and managed to get married (to Bev) recently. So congratulations all round are in order and well deserved.

John McNichol.

Trackrod Events 2007

March 4th Lookout Stages Rally - Melbourne Aorfield
June 17th BBQ Hillclimb - Harewood Hillclimb
October 5th - Rally Yorkshire - Pickering
December 26th - Boxing day Autotest

Co-Driver Wanted

I have just finished building my MK2 and its ready to go - just need someone daft enough to sit next to me. I have not rallied for many years and I am rusty- so it should be good fun!

I plan to do tarmac and some loose - A co-driver who has just started would be fine - some contribution to entry would be helpful

If your interested contacting me direct on 01937 581 769 - best time to get me about 7pm

Clive Wilson

It has taken me some three years- yes that's right 3 years- to build this car!!

LOOKOUT STAGES 2007

4th March

**IF YOU ARE A RADIO CREW OR MARSHAL
AND ABLE TO HELP PLEASE CONTACT ME:-**

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RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1977 - On the cover was a photo of (the late) Steve Rathbone and Frank Stuart-Brown in the Vauxhall Firenza on the 1976 Calderford Trophy rally (Best regards Frank if you're reading this). Club nights this month were at the Square and Compass; Shoulder of Mutton and The Fox and Grapes!! (What goes around comes around!!). Our Solicitor was in the process of finalising the 1st stage of our becoming a limited company.

Finally finished 2nd o/a in the Shell League (such heady days!) after an ultra successful team outing on the Moonraker Rally. We also 'won' the shell caravan for club use - subject to us paying the asking price (Sue Stuart-Brown drew our name out of the hat amidst shouts of "fix")!!!

Brief thanks to marshals on our Boltby stage of the RAC - Fastest times by Arikkala, Pond, Alen, Blomquist and Drummond!! - No mention of event winner Albert Clark!!

Among the 13 new members this month was one Alan Larkin!! When will we next see such an influx in one month??

20 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1987 - Editor McNichol wished all their perfect New Year - still a pipe dream!! and Chairman Mackinnon couldn't understand what it took to please the membership as no one seemed interested in anything!!

Stuart Marsh gave us a detailed account of life on the flying finish of the Harewood House stage of the RAC Rally - colour TV and all!! - Very decadent!!

6 crews out on the Larkspeed Trophy Rally - best placed being John Cope/John McNichol in 4th - Powell/Mackinnon 14th; DuCros/Dove 43rd; Whittaker/Fletcher 58th.

The Boxing Day Autoest was won by a guy called Ineson but the real praise went to Peter Stanhope who put on the event at very short notice and turned a potential non-event into a raging success with 23 entries!!

Needless to say there were some issues - but with an organisation team of 3 what do you expect!! The pub afterwards made it all pale into insignificance!!

10 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1997 - Another slim line issue boosted by an account of the RAC Rally of 25 years previous by Malcolm Jagger - the event that changed his life forever and got him involved in motorsport!!

There was also a Retrospective - for Jan 1978 - so I'll be returning to these pages in 12 months time as I've already written part of this column!!

Trophy Points were all but final and the published scores gave an idea of the award winners for 1996 - results next time!

TRACKROD _____ ENDS

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1977 - On the cover was the 1275GT of Elvin Garnett/Steve Mills on the 1975 Costa. Other photographic content saw Dave Lawton practising 'somewhere inside the Leeds boundary on public roads! Steve Lloyd in the Mexico at the Tockwith autotest and wife Mary doing similar at the Pudsey civic hall car park!

A comprehensive report from captain Ineson on the '76 Shell League and looking forward to doing better in '77! A report also on the recent Boxing Day Autotest on Woodhouse Moor - won by Alan Powell in his Mexico closely followed by Ronnie Mackinnon in his brother-in-law's 240Z. The Ineson/Marshall mini (Tony had now got a share in it) broke its diff and went home in disgrace!

20 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1987 - Yet another bumper issue from Ed. McNichol - Chairman Mackinnon taking up 2 full pages with general clap-trap on the last month's happenings whilst Hon.Sec. Tefal DuCros made do with 2 paragraphs!!

Dalby was to be our stage on the upcoming Nervous Breakdown Rally - run twice, 1st at 10 am 2nd at 12.30 - in position by 07.00. Along day in store!! (Especially if you were setting up the day before!! Malcolm Jagger gave us his view of recent events and some venues came in for criticism together with dinner.dance ticket price at £12.50!! . The committee responded to each of the issues raised and offered Malcolm a place on the Committee!!! There was a supplement outlining what you had to do to qualify for each of the Club Trophies and a list of award winners at the d/dance - the names McNichol;Westmoreland; Cope; North; Jagger; Sanderson and Simpson featured strongly.

Paul Chambers/ Roland Rat (Cross) reported on their outing on the Lark-speed Trophy Rally which they finished 29 secs. Inside their OTL!! Roland claiming that all was under control!!!

10 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1997 - Kall Kwik coming up - our stage was to be Gale Rigg - 1st car 13.30, a leisurely affair for a change - stage commander John Smallwood, volunteer now and choose your job!!

Steve Lloyd provided us with an insight into a day at Castle Come racing school which he and son Richard attended back in October - enjoying the single-seater experience immensely (although some of the time was spent in Fiestas) - enough to think about having another go at a future date - presumably Steve would have told us had it led to a career change and I don't recall anything along those lines from the Lloyd pen!!

Jagger was at it again - suggesting that we should have our own regular quiz to rival that of Cod Fillet!! (Still a damned good idea - go for it Malcolm!!!)

TRACKROD _____ ENDS

WINTER SALE ONE OF THESE RALLY CARS MUST GO ...SPACE REQUIRED!

2005 Subaru Impreza N11 Full Package

Ready to win in 2007, Motec M800 2 Stage ALS 32&34mm WRC Restrictor maps, Twin Scroll IHI rollerbearing Turbo. Just mapped on Dyno at 333BHP for 99RON still with massive torque FIA Custom Cage sill jack/stand points, This car is A1 never damaged. Both Tarmac and Gravel Brakes / Suspension included. 6 speed cr STi GpN box with Prodrive electronic active centre diff. Big 180mm Plated Sti Rear LSD . Prodrive guards, Lamp Pods. 20+ Tarmac and Gravel Wheels 100% Reliable with spares package New 5/6speed Dog Box. £POA May accept tidy PX pics on www.apperley.mysite.orange.co.uk

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Members Name

Competitors tick [☒] appropriate
boxes below and provide evi-
dence (results)

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Organising Club:

Trackrod

Other

Type of Claim:

Driver

Navigator

Marshal

Service Crew

Organiser :

state position

Autotest

Economy Run

Hillclimb

PCT

Road Rally

Stage Rally M/V

Stage Rally S/V

Treasure Hunt

12-Car

Other -
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Event Status

Clubman CM []

National "A" []

National "B" []

International []

ANCC Round []

Yorkshire League Round []

Other

For Official Use Only

Date received

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Awards eligible for

RESULTS

Your Entry No

Position Overall

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.**

Marshal Training 2007

Most of you will have helped out on your local events and have experience of the things required of you. Why not attend the training day nearest to you and get some recognition for your experience. . . . You might even enjoy it.

Introduction to Rally Marshalling

Aimed at newcomers and involving video's, some practical incident training, over views of how a rally is organised and run, plus a person's MSA License application countersigned and stamped

In Stage Marshal

Aimed at those undertaking in stage or Sector Marshal duties. Again this is classroom based so as to cover stage setup, stage safety, spectator control, a First Aid over view, how Rescue Units operate, an overview of the MSA Safety & Medical frequency (rally radio), plus practical incident training.

Timing

These sessions besides covering all the basic areas of event timing, time controls, Arrivals, Start, Flying Finish and Stop, also provide 'hands on' sessions with all the timing equipment commonly used in the UK areas of event timing, time controls, Arrivals, Start, Flying Finish and Stop, also provide 'hands on' sessions with all the timing equipment commonly used in the UK.

Radio

The history, why, Radio Agency rules, positive & negative reporting, 'A' system, 'B' system, 81, and RalliTrak are all covered, plus overviews of timing, first aid, practical incident training and practical radio training are all covered.

Senior Stage Officials

A course aimed at Stage Commanders, Deputy Stage Commanders, Stage Safety Officers, Spectator Safety Officers, or those aspiring to these roles.

Dates

28th January - Askham Bryan College, York

22nd September - Doncaster

For information on how to book your place
go to www.brmc.org.uk or tel 01524 410753

Club Nights

January 2007

- 2nd Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge
- 9th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 16th The Yeoman – Otley
- 23rd Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 27th Trackrod Dinner Dance**
- 30th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

February 2007

- 6th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge
- 13th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 20th The Yeoman – Otley
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March 2007

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- 27th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

Events Calendar 2007

January 2007

- 11th-14th Autosport International Show– NEC Birmingham
- 14th Jack Frost Stages - Croft
- 27th Trackrod Dinner Dance - Castle Grove, Headingley**
- 28th Marshal's Training Day - Askham Bryan College, York

February 2007

- 10th Silva Stages - North Yorkshire
- 24th Bill Cammack Memorial Trophy Rally - Lincolnshire

March 2007

- 4th Lookout Stages Rally**
- 10th Robin Hood Stages - Nottinghamshire
- 18th Phoenix Stages - Lincolnshire
- 31st North Humberside Rally - Humberside
- 31st-1st VK Derbyshire Road Rally - Chesterfield

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