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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – MARCH 2007

Another excellent Dinner Dance at the end of January saw over 50 members and friends congratulate the winners of the 2006 trophies. As usual we were treated to some very good food and service at Castle Grove plus a disco which at least allowed everyone to still talk to each other (definitely must be getting old!!!)

Many thanks to all who helped organise and especially to Caroline and Russell for their hard work – probably same venue and timing next year!!!

Take a look at other pages in this month's magazine to note that your committee has planned a few social "extras" this year including a table top rally, a Scalextric evening, a Marshal training session and a visit to a kart track. All these events need YOUR support.

Also remember to keep a note of your Trackrod activities, including the 1st Tuesday of the month club night, to claim your points which make prizes!!

The pie and pea supper is planned for the AGM – yes we are trying to encourage more of you to come and let us have your views at really the only "formal" gathering of the Motor Club – we are a limited company and need to ensure that our legal obligations are met in full.

Enjoy whatever motorsport you have planned for '07 – there is plenty to do.

Happy motoring!

Rod Parkin
Chairman

Scottish Correspondent

February 2007

Already the end of January and one Rally finished more of that below! Plus please see the update below re the Pirelli.

RALLOY MULL FOREST STAGES – 20th January

What a great kick-off to the New Year with a great weekend on Mull. Since we only live 2Hrs from Oban it was easy to collect Ewan from school and drive across. Unfortunately Calmac run a winter schedule so it was either a 4PM ferry, or 9.30PM! It was good to bump into Chrys Worboys and team who were 'visiting' Mull for the 1st time, I guess they enjoyed it! We were staying at our 'normal' cottages north of Tobs, so with log fires going it was very nice and cosy. We then had to have a few glasses of relaxing liquid to solve all the worlds problems!!!!

Saturday morning come and it was a great start, lots of sunshine and the views were excellent. The stage start was less than a mile from the cottages and we had checked it the previous night, so all that was needed was the boards put up and some minor alterations.

Our stage was the 'last of the 1st and 2nd loops' so there was a very short delay and we were off and running. We had a great team with Susanne, Ewan, Bob, Sarah and Dot helping on the start, with then Paddy, Garry, Craig, Gra-hame and others on the finish, and Ron Cowan in the middle of the stage. Our only incident was the last car on the road broke its front suspension 200m from the start, so that took a wee while to extract.

For the second run we had a short delay since on the stage prior to us they kept falling off the road! Including the course car!

So other than a couple of very short hail showers we were very lucky with the weather until when we were starting to tidy up and it started to rain then snow! So it was time to get back to the cottages to warm up. A great meal was then had by all, and after all the fresh air of the day we were soon relaxing in bed and sleeping VERY well!!

The ferry off the island for us was a very civil 5PM, which got us home for just after 8PM. So from 2006 with high 30 entries, to this year with mid 50's a great improvement. So a great weekend with great company, this will be in our diary again for 2008!!

Dates for 2007

SNOWMAN FOREST STAGES – 17th February

Based in Inverness and is usually good fun. Not sure how it will fit in with family life.

PIRELLI INTERNATIONAL – 20th & 21st April

BIG CHANGE Unfortunately the organisers advised me the other day that the PZero stage will not be available this year, pity but that is life. However they have asked us to run a forest stage, likely to be in Kershope.

I am pleased to say a lot of you have already confirmed you are available, great news, so if anyone else is interested do get in touch – plus if you would like to do a specific job then I will try and accommodate, but you have to ask!

Friday at approx 19:30, then Saturday at 12:00, with signing on 1.5hr in advance, latest.

Accommodation we are planning to stay in same place (caravan site just east of Carlisle), since it will be only ish 20miles from the stage, and we will hopefully have PZero again in 2008!

JIM CLARK INTERNATIONAL – 26th & 27th May

Never been able to go on this event since we are usually on Holiday in July, but with the date change we hope we will be OK.

KNOCKHILL FEEDFAIR 2007 – 21st & 22nd July

A great time in 2006 for the 'kick off event'. Plans are already coming together, with people like Stirling Moss being mentioned for this year! The rally part is likely to be on the Saturday, so a social able Saturday night could be planned for since we live less than 30 minutes from the venue! Then on Sunday to go along and watch, and then home – all hopefully in good weather!!!

MERRICK STAGES RALLY – Sat 8th September

Was called the Park System, now a new sponsor! This was a great sociable weekend in 2006, let's see what 2007 brings!

Tunnock's Tour of Mull – 12th to 14th October

What can be said about this event that hasn't already been! Our accommodation is all booked and paid for, all beds sold again.

KINGDOM STAGES, CRAIL – 1st Sat in November usually

ROGER ALBERT CLARK – 16th to 19th Nov.

Current plans are that the Yorkshire stages will be on the Saturday, and the Scottish region on the Sunday. The usual Scottish forests (and Heathhall) will be used, but likely to be completely different stages! They will all be used twice as well, so a slightly longer day as well. That's all I can say for now, but at least book the dates in your diary.

GALLOWAY HILLS RALLY – 1st Sunday in December
Couldn't make it in 2006, lest see what this year brings!

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@hotmail.co.uk)

Safe motoring.

Peter Stanhope

LOOKOUT STAGES 2007

4th March

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

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Repeal NERC bill Petition

You may have already had an e-mail to sign a petition relating to road pricing etc and there is now one to repeal the NERC bill which resulted in the closing of green lanes and byeways.

Maybe we can and should make as much noise as the ramblers did to bring about these changes, to now try and get them reversed. It will not be as easy but this petition, if enough people sign it, could be the start.

Perhaps it might be sensible to use your list of e-mail contacts in the Association area and forward the details below for people to consider signing the petition.

If it is of interest to you follow the link below. It will only take a couple of minutes. Spread this about to as many people and motorsport >groups/clubs as you think may have even the slightest interest.

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/list/open?cat=521>

Letter to Committee

As recipient of the Chairman's award at the Dinner Dance, I'd just like to convey sincere thanks to the Committee, and of course the Chairman, who determine the destination of this and one or two other awards.

I must say that I was taken by complete surprise to be called upon to accept the award and somewhat touched to boot not to mention being more than a little proud to be recognised in such a nice way. Thank you all, very much.

Finally I would like to wish Tina Grant all the very best wishes for a speedy recovery and to thank her for having the strength to keep Russell going when times got tough!! (For those not in the loop - checkout 'Russell Holdsworth' on Yahoo and scroll down until you reach 'ten saved from stormy seas') We're lucky to have them back in the UK.

Richard Ineson

Forthcoming Events

Lookout Stages

4 March 2007

Our own event, as you are probably all aware, runs on 4th March at Melbourne Airfield as usual. Anyone who has not already been collared but who would like to assist in any way please contact the Chief Marshal for the event – Richard Goldie – who can be contacted on 01943 862836 or via E mail at richardg@theturnbulls.co.uk
Any assistance welcome!!

North Humberside Forest Rally

31 March 2007

Trackrod have been asked to run a stage on this event, this being Dalby which makes a nice change from Langdale which we have run for as many years as I can remember. This is a Saturday event, signing on about 8.00am. the Stage Commander being Derek Lee. If you are interested in assisting please contact me.

Ilkley Jubilee

15 April 2007

A local Historic Road Rally, an excellent event which is ideal to either watch or marshal on if you are into the Classic scene. Starting from Skipton and including 10 special tests including one run at Coldstones Quarry above Pateley Bridge – always worth a visit.

De Lacy Spring Stages

15 April 2007

Delacy MC are running the "Spring Stages" single venue stage rally at the Alamein Barracks, Driffield, The event is open only to 2 wheel drive vehicles and is the second round of the Yokohama 205 / Rear Wheel Drive Challenge and will offer approximately 60 – 70 miles of mixed surface stages.

Plenty of marshals and radio crews are needed, including marshals to run TC's, the start and finish areas, so if anyone can offer assistance please let me know, signing on will be from 06.30 to 07.45.

Pirelli International

20/21 April 2007

Trackrod are involved in this event again, thanks to our Scottish Correspondent Peter Stanhope. A bit of a change this year, we have run the P Zero spectator stage for the last couple of years but this is not running in 2007 so its back to the forests. Also includes Historics this year. Further details to follow but let me know if you wish to assist.

Jim Clark International**25-27 May 2007**

Another event where Trackrod run a stage, excellent event with good tarmac stages. Further details to follow

Dukeries**16 June 2007**

Further details soon

Rally of the Midlands**22-24 June 2007**

Details to follow

If you would like to help on any of the above events or would like further details please contact me:

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Social Events

Here is the list of social events that are planned to be ran in 2007. please support them so we can do more in the future.

3 rd April	Table Top Rally
15 th May	Aston Martin Restorers Visit (Provisional Date)
5 th June	Guest Speaker Richard Ashton from Calder Rescue Topic - "first on the scene" with Pie and Peas
TBC July	Go-Karting
7 th August	AGM with Pie and Peas
4 th September	Scalextric
2 nd October	MSA Training DVD
6 th November	Playstation Rally Game

If you are going to attend any of the night that Pie and Peas are provided please could you let the committee know before hand so we have an idea of how many pies to buy.

If anyone else wishes to do an event please get in touch with the committee at anytime.

New Marshals Grading Scheme launched.

Volunteers in Motorsport have introduced a new Marshals Grading Scheme starting in 2007 designed to provide a common framework for marshals and other volunteers across all disciplines of motorsport.

Designed to enable a clear progression path and to allow Event Organisers to determine that they have sufficiently experienced staff for events, the Marshal Grading Scheme is introduced for Race marshals and new Rally marshals in January 2007, Kart and Speed marshals later in the year and for existing Rally marshals in January 2008.

"The marshals grading scheme is designed to provide marshals with a clear route to progress through the sport," said Volunteers in Motorsport co-ordinator, Sue Sanders-Pepitt.

"Event Organisers need to know that they have sufficient people with the right level of experience to run events safely. The grading scheme helps identify the amount of experience a volunteer has had within the sport. The scheme has been revised to provide a common framework across all disciplines within the sport."

Volunteers in Motorsport is an MSA funded initiative with support from Motorsport Development UK. Its aim is to help motorsport clubs recruit and retain marshals and other volunteers.

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Supplied copyright free – Q&A with Sue Sanders-Pepitt follows

Further information: HYPERLINK

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Q&A with Sue Sanders-Pepitt -

What is the Marshals Grading Scheme?

The marshals grading scheme is designed to provide marshals with a clear route to progress through the sport.

Why is it needed?

Event Organisers need to know that they have sufficient people with the right level of experience to run events safely. The grading scheme helps identify the amount of experience a volunteer has had within the sport. The scheme has been revised to provide a common framework across all disciplines within the sport.

When is this applicable?

This revised framework will be introduced in January 2007 for Race marshals; it will be developed further to incorporate kart and speed marshals during 2007 and will be introduced for existing Rally marshals from January 2008, new Rally Marshals will be introduced into the scheme during 2007.

I'm already a marshal, how does it affect me?

If you are a race marshal you will still receive your registration with your grade on as you did in 2005, you will also receive a personal record card to record your attendance at events, training programmes and any specific incidents or experiences that are relevant to your progression through the sport.

You will find it easier to gain signatures for attendance, and it is now very clear what the requirements are for either upgrading or maintaining your grade. If you are a Rally Marshal you need to do nothing unless you wish to upgrade. If any marshal is happy to retain their existing grade the requirement is to attend 4 events per year and one training day at least every two years.

I want to be a marshal, how does it affect me?

We have introduced a Trainee Grade within the MSA which will recognise a new volunteer and will provide them with support during their initial events until they have gained sufficient experience to be classed as a marshal.

If you are between 11 and 16 you will enter the scheme as a cadet marshal and will be supported as if you were a trainee marshal.

What do I need to do?

If you are an existing marshal you need to do nothing, if you are considering becoming a marshal you should call 08450 94 00 94 or visit the Volunteers in Motorsport website (see below)

What are the basic requirements I need to fulfil as a marshal?

An enthusiasm for the sport, a willingness to learn, a responsible approach to a sport that is highly exiting and enjoyable, a willingness to stand outside in all weather conditions for long periods at a time, a desire to get involved in the action and help motorsport retain the reputation it has for a safe and exiting sport.

What if I don't fulfil the basic requirements?

If you have a disability of any sort, this does not preclude you from becoming a motorsport volunteer, it may mean that you are not able to undertake every role as a marshal but we will still welcome you and will try accommodate you and your needs, we do have many disabled marshals already – please give us a call and see what we can to involve you properly.

What are the different grades of marshal?

Cadet (between 11 and 16), Trainee for your initial events, Marshal, Experienced Marshal, Senior or Specialist Marshal and Senior Official.

Are the grades the same across different disciplines of motorsport?

These grades and descriptions are now the same across all the motorsport disciplines, there are of course different roles within the grades depending on discipline

How will my progress be monitored?

You will have a personal record card which you will have signed when you attend events, training sessions and also when you experience different incidents you can complete a section to identify what you did and when. This record card is yours to keep – you will need to achieve a certain number

Where can I find out more?

Visit

<http://www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk/>"www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk

or call 08450 94 00 94

What can I do to help my progression as a marshal?

You can attend various training programmes around the country which cover all different aspects of the sport, you can also become involved in more than one discipline and could develop a specialism such as: timekeeping, radio, scrutineering, training, rescue and recovery, spectator management or become one of the main event organisers. If you really want to learn more about the sport and develop, find an MSA Buddy to help you, they have been trained in coaching skills and are experienced marshals themselves. You can also visit the Volunteers in Motorsport website where you will be able to find out more about the specialisms and the training events in your area.

Jim Clark voted 2006 BRC Rally of the Year

The ever-popular Jim Clark International Rally are proud recipients of the 2006 MSA British Rally Championship Rally of the Year Award

The Jim Clark, which is organised by Border Ecosse Car Club and Berwick and District Motor Club, was short-listed to a final nomination of three rallies which included two previous winners, the Isle of Man and Rally Yorkshire.

A congratulations to all that went to help on the Jim Clark from Trackrod, they couldn't have done it without us 😊

The 2007 Jim Clark International Rally has moved to the late May bank holiday weekend, 25th to 27th May and is the second qualifying round of the 2007 Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship.

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1977 - Howard White was on the cover in the Rs1600 at the Janus Autotest at Tockwith.

Leeds Crest Stages Rally coming up next month - 40 stage miles and it was our Shell League event in the just published calendar. Indoor Rally Championship lead unchanged after 5 events - Jack Coulthard still leading.

Martin Kemp/Steve Holden gave us their written version of the 3 Swans Rally - which they won! - So all was good. John Renny/Richard Spurdens were 3rd o/a so pats on back all round!!

New members this month were: J.R.Fullerton; Chris Greasley; John Fenton; Paul Halstead; C.J.Rushworth; John Embleton; Simon Verity; P.Swale; John Dwight; Peter Thompson and Peter Gledhill who was re-joining.

Merchandising Officer F. Stuart-Brown had an advert for wares bearing the club logo - all the usual fare at what now seem like bargain prices!

20 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1987 - Photo within of Ron Mackinnon in the infamous Bitza at the Wellington Street Autotest.

Peter Stanhope let us all know there had been a working party round at his place to clean up the club caravan and carrying out some improvements and making the brakes work - well due to all involved.

Phil Sykes reported on his and Carolyn's antics on the 3 Swans Rally where Carolyn finished 38th on her 1st time out as a driver - very fortunate to have a fine dry night as snow had been expected. Mr Angry was ranting again - this time about how boring the Nat. Breakdown Rally had been after the first few cars had gone through what with group A & N cars not having enough power to provide spectacle!! (different story from behind the windscreen though Mr. Angry). Barry Dove reported on our Stage at Dalby as there had been plenty of action because of the deep snow which had livened things up - though obviously not on Mr Angry's corner!! - Maybe the cold had got to him!!

Scoop Munis had written an open letter to the Committee having a good old go at the trophy points system and award allocation and all asking why the 1986 AGM was not yet finalised 6 months after the Meeting!! Watch this space for the response!

10 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1997 - Cover shot of the Fiat Uno of Andrew Apperley on the Network Q.

Bit of a thin Issue otherwise - mention of the Larkspeed League calendar and a bit of drum beating by Captain D. Lee to get our troops to go out and win it!! Vince Fletcher updated us on trophy point's procedures and Arthur Heaton gave us a very brief account of the Beaver Rally on which he and Andy Anderson were our only representatives and finished 26th and 30th respectively.

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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

March 2007

- 6th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge
- 13th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 20th The Yeoman – Otley
- 27th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

April 2007

- 3rd
- 10th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 17th The Yeoman – Otley
- 24th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

May 2007

- 1st Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge
- 8th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 15th The Yeoman – Otley
- 22nd Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 29th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

Events Calendar 2007

March 2007

- 4th Lookout Stages Rally**
- 10th Robin Hood Stages - Nottinghamshire
- 18th Phoenix Stages - Lincolnshire
- 25th Practice Day – Harewood Hillclimb
- 31st North Humberside Rally - Humberside
- 31st-1st VK Derbyshire Road Rally - Chesterfield

April 2007

- 8th Oak Leaf Stages - Desborough Airfield
- 8th Twyford Woods Stages - Twyford Wood
- 15th Spring National Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb
- 20th-21st Pirelli International Rally - Kielder
- 29th Bloodhound Stages - Swinderby

May 2007

- 6th Three Sisters Stages - Wigan
- 12th May Open Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb
- 13th May MSA Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb
- 13th John Overend Memorial Rally - Melbourne
- 26th-27th Jim Clark International Rally - Kelso

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