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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB LTD
RAC MSA AFFILIATED, NO. 1230

Official Notice

**Trackrod's AGM will be taking place on 5th August
2008 at Old Modernians Sports & Social Club.**

Starts 9:30

**All nominations to the Hon Sec at least 7 days before
also for "any other business" items**

**Nomination form is available in the middle of the
magazine or downloads part of website**

**Pie and Peas are going to be provided
(so leave room)**

Motor Club Equipment

We are presently starting to compile an asset register of all the club equipment. This is primarily to get an idea of what equipment we have (and where it is) but also to allow us to ensure that any safety testing or calibration is carried out at the prescribed intervals.

Since we have a considerable range of electrical equipment, some of which is used outdoors, it is particularly important it is all tested in the appropriate manner to ensure the safety of any person using it.

To this end, could anyone who has any club equipment (of whatever type or value) please let me have details so that I can add it to the register and schedule any testing required.

Thanks

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Yorkshire League

As some of you may well know the Yorkshire League has been resurrected for 2008. It is running to similar rules as previous years – ten qualifying events and the top ten clubs in the league at the end of the year then being invited to nominate an event for the following year.

The Lookout Rally has been our nominated event for a number of years (not this year since the League was only up and running in April) and it would be nice to be able to run the event within the League in 2009.

We therefore need to be in the top ten clubs at the end of this year!

Events still to come in 2008 are as follows:

22-Jun	Car Trial	Ilkley & District	
29-Jun	Sprint	Sheffield & Hallamshire	Curborough
19-Jul	Opposite Lock Stage Rally	Huddersfield	Manby
02-Aug	Sprint	York	Elvington
07-Sep	Autotest	Selby	
14-Sep	Autotest or Autosolo	Alwoodley	

If any of you would like to enter any of the above events please let either myself or Derek Lee know, we will then ensure that you get regs when they are published.

Andy Turnbull
Comp Sec

Malton Stages Rally

We have been asked to assist on the Langdale stage on this event

Plenty of warning of this one - the event is not until the 2nd of November.
But, if you are interested in helping marshal on this get the date in your diaries.
I will let you know details nearer the time.

Andy Turnbull

Now for something completely different (at least to us).

Britpart MSA British Cross Country Championship Round 2 at Driffield 7-8th June

Having seen in MN. about the above event and that Howard Chopping from Trackrod was to make his debut in the BCCC in a Tomcat in the clubman class, Stuart Marsh, Steve Hitchcock and myself decided we would go marshal on this event, unfortunately Steve had to drop out as he was getting his Shogun back on the road.

We were to marshal on the Sat. sign on by 9-00, FCD 10-00 which due to a problem with the timing equipment was nearer 11-00. I had been e-mailed a colour stage plan of the 5 mile single lap stage including the big yumps, and we were to man the quarry sector which was bigger than the one in Dalby, complete with large puddles, great for competitors with no side windows. We were made to feel welcome by the chief marshal, safety officer and other marshals / radio cars in our area.

There was an entry of 60+, which included a wide variety of Land Rover derived vehicles including Bowlers, plus Peugeot 206's with mid engines like Andy Burtons, Milner R4's, Matseratti Millington (the same engine Alister McRae is using in his off roader apparently), a couple of Range Rovers and other purpose built specials.

We had speed, noise, spectacle of airborne cars, water splashes, dust, an 88" Land Rover that twice at the hairpin was only degrees off rolling he was so high on 2 wheels, and a Milner R4 that managed it stopping on its roof. Cars run a minute intervals, the stage was not stopped and a recovery truck put him back on his wheels and towed him back to service. A Peugeot 206 stopped with a broken front strut with us, as did 2 Land Rovers that rolled tyres off, they all cut back to service. We later discovered as long as you complete the 6 stages which were all the same in the day you can do this, so some had 7 stage starts therefore or more! Competitors had no stage plans it was all on sight, all the "navigator" had to do was use his eyes and memory, we could hear some of them shouting directions to their drivers, and obtain their times (a sack of spuds?). Day 1 finished at about 6 (it was meant to be 5).

At the end we went back to the service area for a closer look at these amazing vehicles with WRC performance. The guys with the Milner that rolled told us it would need a new body, it had a Lexus engine with 400bhp. A couple of lads with a Suzuki with a Cosworth V6 in told us they used to stage rally under Ilkley M.C., but it got to expensive and now do this. Ed Cobley who writes for The Land Rover Owners International Magazine, told us about his Bowler Wildcat which is ex Paris - Dakar with a Rover V8 and 0 to 60 in 4 seconds, £1000 of Ohlins on each corner, and an enormous Unimog back up vehicle (there was an article on the Wildcat in last years LROI mag cost £94,000 when new in 06). Car 9 another 206 was for sale, he told us it was £15,000 and he finished 7th o/a in 2007 and is 3rd this year after 1 round. We asked why competitors wore wrist bands, apparently to stop people swapping crews! and had to be worn all weekend.

We were told it costs £800 to enter the 6 rounds of the championship, £75 for the 1 day clubman event (a bit cheaper than a single venue stage rally) on either day. The next round is at Castle O'er at the end of June with a 10 mile stage, and round 6 is at Seven Sisters in November. Control non aggressive tyres are used to cut down stage damage with an AT pattern.

We were impressed how friendly the officials were to us outsiders, and the same had to be said for the competitors as it was them who came to talk to us as we looked round, and as they said the service area was accessible unlike some rallies with no fences. There were very few spectators, this is the norm apparently which was odd given how spectacular the event was.

If you want to sample something different we can recommend this, we shall probably be back next year. Do we go to the BAJA GB 2008 in Aberystwyth or the Trackrod Rally? which are both the same weekend.

Results

1. Richard Kershaw	Peugeot 206 Evo9	1h 17m 50s
2. Tim Dilworth	Peugeot 206 Sti	1h 19m 13s
3. Martin Gould	Milner Protruck R5	1h 19m 48s
4. John Cockburn	Bowler Wildcat	1h 21m 15s
5. Ray Kempster	Protruck R4	1h 22m 08s

Richard Kershaw from Huddersfield now leads the Championship with 167 points.

Stephen Sanderson

PS. We went to marshal last weekend on the Dukeries Rally, SS3 & SS8 Sherwood Pines. The stage was stopped on the first run when Jon Neale / John McNicol rolled their Suzuki Swift, what were you doing lads? Is this another long lay off for Jon? Russell Brookes was watching his son Rob in Formula First in a Citroen at our junction for both runs, he now seems very amiable and chatty and for some bizarre reason shook our hands when he left, he has certainly mellowed.

POSITION

(Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Member)

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PROPOSER

SIGNATURE

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**THIS FULLY COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RECEIVED
BY THE HON SECRETARY BY 31 JULY 2008**

TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB LTD

AGM NOTIFICATION

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TRACKROD
MOTOR CLUB LTD WILL TAKE PLACE AT 21.30HRS,
TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2008 AT Old Modernians Sports
& Social Club, Cookridge**

MAIN COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM 2008

NOMINEE NAME

SIGNATURE

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POSITION

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - JULY 1978 - A picture of Paul Faulkner's Escort featured on the cover. Round 6 of the Shell League was a perambulating autotest around Tockwith, Sherburn Nostell Priory and suchlike. Alas, organisers, DeLacy, hadn't bargained on lots of traffic holding up competitors on the public roads - hence much hanging about for all concerned! Our team comprised the Mini of Chris Miller and escorts of John Renny; Ken Goodall; Brian Wainwright and Alan Powell, all of whom did us proud with 2nd team on the day. We were still 3rd o/a behind Ilkley and York.

Rick Jefferson put pen to paper to bid us all farewell as he was moving stateside - Is he still there?? - Hence he had an ad. For various bits - 4x Vauxhall rostyles for £20; pair Cibies for £10 and 4x brm alloys for £20.

Latest trophy points showed Ian Gurnett; Frank Stuart-Brown; Howard White; Alan Powell and Richard Jackson all in dominant positions at the half year.

Ronnie Moore provided a blow by blow account of the recent Barratt Oak rally with some 15 Trackrod crews involved. The route took in all the old favourites around Fountains Abbey; Leyburn and Catterick and our crews took the Team Award despite Dove/Bownass retiring with head gasket failure! Powell/Stuart-Brown suffered exhaust trouble but Derek Lee/Ronnie Moore provided a replacement clamp. Andy Mackay/ Ian Buchannan finished 3rd; John Bean/ Chris Rolls 9th & 1st novices; Lee/Moore 28th and Brown/Leuchars 30th.

20 YEARS AGO - JULY 1988 - Agitation in the ranks!! - Mr Angry's little rant last month upset The Dangerous Brothers who suggested that the former take a jump off a cliff or stick to sponsored knitting!!!

Pam White wrote about her outing on the Shell League White Rose Rally with Neil DuCros as navigator. Only 29 entries signed up for this plot and bash affair. Most crews got to the finish at the Millstones to find they had been excluded for being OTL leaving only 10 finishers. Pam and Neil were 6th - the 10th crew had attracted 99 fails and 88 mins lost!!!

Pam also reported on her outing on the Shell League hillclimb at Scammonden when she shared Peter Green's Nova with Peter Stanhope. Other members partaking were Alan Powell and Ron Mackinnon (also car sharing) sadly no results were included in the report but all enjoyed their day out and gathered a few more points for the Club.

Steve Lancaster gave us a brief account of the June Jesters autotest run by Ronnie Mackinnon who had devised some demonic tests to sort everybody out. It turned into a battle between David Haigh and Glen Simpson when a guy called Ineson broke the diff. on his mini on the last test!! David Haigh took ftd by 5secs at the end of the day.

10 YEARS AGO - JULY 1998 - Plenty of info re. Upcoming events - many of them north of the border thanks to Peter Stanhope!

Dave Hammond still had lots of bits for sale - obviously too dear as it didn't look as if anything had been sold since last month!!

Chairman Rod told us of his stewarding duties at a recent kart meeting a suggested it was a good place to start in the sport. He mentioned that many competitors were under 15 and failed to acknowledge that that alone ruled out most of the membership on power-to-weight grounds and as the fact that we'd all started in other disciplines a long time ago, so it did seem to be a little off our radar!!!

AGM coming up and a nomination form was included for those wanting to make a real impact on club activities!!

TRACKROD _____ ENDS

Richard Ineson

MSA Club Child Protection Officers

Since the launch of the MSA's Child Protection Policy in 2007, the MSA's activity has been concentrated on encouraging Clubs to determine whether they need appoint a Child Protection Officer (CPO) and to process initial nominations. In order to keep these important volunteers more fully informed, the first in a periodic series of MSA e-bulletins has been circulated to CPOs. Any Club CPOs who have not received their copy, please advise Allan Dean-Lewis at: adean-lewis@msauk.org

A copy can also be accessed from the Members section of the MSA website by logging in as an official. The bulletin is not intended for general circulation.

MSA Council seeks nominees for Specialist Committees

The MSA is seeking nominations from individuals wishing to be on one of the Specialist Committees that represent the interests of the various disciplines of motor sport.

The Specialist Committees, covering Autotest, Cross Country, Historics, Karting, Race, Rallies, Speed Events and Trials, meet two or three times a year, normally at Motor Sports House. The topics of the day are discussed and new regulations and other issues are debated. The decisions and minutes are communicated via the Committee Chairmen at the next MSA Council meeting for approval.

No formal qualifications are required but you must be a member of an MSA-recognised motor club or Regional Association who must support your nomination. The role is voluntary, although expenses will be paid to cover travel to Motor Sports House. The appointment is for a three-year term, with each person serving no more than three consecutive terms, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive, says: "New recruits always bring a sense of renewed purpose and a fresh perspective – which is so important in this role. I encourage anyone with a passion for this sport to get involved and help to develop and shape it for the future."

There is no application form to complete. Just write down a brief outline of your motor sport involvement and interests together with your name, address and contact details. This should be sent by your MSA-registered club or Regional Association to Andrea Wren at Motor Sports House, Riverside Park, Colnbrook, SL3 0HG to arrive before the end of June 2008.

Beware the Norwich Pharmacal order

Hosts of internet forums, bulletin boards and the like should be aware of the potential pitfalls if they allow their websites to be used as platforms for defamatory material.

Recently, a High Court case was brought by a Championship football club against the owner and operator of a website. The club argued that some of the site's users had posted false and defamatory messages against the club and its directors. The club could not bring proceedings against those posting the messages, as their real identity was not known, only their screen name, so the only way to find out the identities of the message posters was from the website operator.

The court granted a 'Norwich Pharmacal' order in five of the 14 postings considered. This required the website operator to assist the victim by disclosing the identity of the wrongdoer. The judge held that the club's entitlement to take action to protect its reputation outweighed the rights of the message posters to maintain their anonymity and to express themselves freely.

Let the officials sleep

Contact information for club officials was mentioned in *e-Wheels* 10 May 2008 (past issues can be downloaded from the MSA website at: <http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/contentViewArticle.asp?article=2197&category=658>).

Another suggestion is to include a cut-off time for telephone calls such as: No phone calls to Committee Members or Event Officials after 9pm please.

Force majeure?

The day before a PCT, the field is flooded. On the morning of a rally, the main road to stage one is closed. Two hours before an autotest is due to run, the Clerk of the Course is still stuck at the airport due to a strike by baggage handlers.

With the smooth running of motor sport events dependant on so many factors these days, club officials would be well advised to pose a few What if? questions and plan for the answers. Competitors and volunteers are likely to be sympathetic to changed arrangements which have been thought through and are reasonable under the circumstances.

MSA Championships

The MSA British and other championships are now well underway and the latest positions, qualifying events and links to championship websites are on www.msauk.org

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 []

Stage Rally M/V []

Type of Claim:

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 [] Yorkshire League Round []

Other

For Official Use Only

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

July 2008

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

August 2008

5th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club
*****AGM*****

- 12th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 19th The Yeoman – Otley
- 26th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

September 2008

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

**Also any suggestions
for new places to meet
please contact any
member of the commit-
tee.**

Events Calendar 2007

July 2008

- 5th-6th MSA Championship Meeting—Harewood Hillclimb
- 6th Armstrong Massey Rally
- 13th Greystoke Stages
- 19th Opposite Lock Rally
- 27th Turnbull Trophy Rally

August 2008

- 2nd The Keith Pattison Memorial Sprint - Elvington
- 2nd-3rd St Wilfrids Road Rally
- 3rd Montague Burton Trophy Meeting—Harewood Hillclimb
- 10th Centenary Stages
- 24th Summer Championship Meeting—Harewood Hillclimb

September 2008

- 7th Wolds Rally
- 13th-14th Yorkshire Retro Road Rally
- 14th Tour of Hamsterley
- 21st Lindisfarne Stages
- 27th International Rally Yorkshire**

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