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Yorkshire League

York Motor Club's Sprint at Elvington on 2nd August ran as the seventh event in this year's Yorkshire League, Trackrod being represented by John Williams

Scores after round 7 are as follows

1. Ilkley	833.8
2. Airedale & Pennine	560.8
3. North Humberside	430.7
4. Beverley	364.4
5. Selby	363.5
6. Huddersfield	299.4
7. York	256.7
8. YSCC	227.5
9. Trackrod	214.1
10. Lindholme	213.4
11. Slaithwaite	147.1
12. David Brown	131.1

The next event is scheduled to be Selby Motor Club's Autotest on September 7th followed by Alwoodley's Autotest the following weekend.

For any further information on these events please contact me.

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Forthcoming Events

Transport Extravaganza Otley 14th September

This show, run for charity, usually has about 200 exhibitors consisting of Vintage and Classic cars, bikes, trucks and tractors together with the odd stationary engine and traction engine. It is held in a field off the Pool road in Otley and has been a very popular event for a number of years. I originally assisted with my Otley Motor Club hat on but have gradually been involving Trackrod members over the years. Duties are generally traffic management both of the exhibitors and visitors together with car parking but if we have a reasonable number of people you do get to look round as well. You also get a free packed lunch! This is an entertaining day out – well worth a visit. If you can help at all or just fancy a look round and want more information please let me know.

Trackrod Rally Yorkshire**27th September**

I don't think I need to tell you much about this event! I assume most members are involved with the clubs premier event in some way or another – if not then I am sure Simon Marston would value your help on the Pickering stage.

Tour of Mull**10-12 October**

The Tunnocks Tour of Mull is scheduled to run on the 10-12th October, a wonderful event based on the Isle of Mull. There is a contingent from the club that make the trek up to Mull every year to assist on this event (it is very addictive) but the 2300 club who run the event are requesting further marshals. So, if you have always fancied the event but never quite made it, how about giving it a go this year. There is an assistance package for marshals (see the flyer elsewhere in your mag) so it is not quite as expensive as you might think. Give me a call for further details.

Malton Forest Stages**2nd November**

Trackrod have been asked to assist on a stage on this event, one of the few events in the Yorkshire forests. If you would like to assist please let me know

Lombard Revival Rally**6-9th November**

Leg one of this endurance event starts from the showground, Harrogate on the 6th November before heading north, eventually returning to the Showground on the 9th. North Humberside Motor Club are running the first and last selectifs on the event and have asked for bodies for both runs. Let me know if you would like to help, but if not it could well be worth a watch. I hear Rudding Park are hosting a test which should also be entertaining.

See <http://www.lombardrally.com/index.html> for further details.

Roger Albert Clark Rally**14-17th November**

We will be running a stage on this event again this year so another opportunity to see some of the classic machines and drivers in full flight. Not many details at the moment but hopefully soon all will be revealed. Keep the date free!

Neil Howard Memorial Rally**23rd November**

The third event of the year at Melbourne airfield, this event being run by Bolton le Moors car club. All assistance welcome either on the day of the event to marshal or prior to the event to carry out further venue improvements.

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Tyneside Stages June 2008

As there wasn't much forest rallying about at the time Ian Jemison asked me if I fancied a trip up to Otterburn to do the Tyneside Stages rally in Ian's Boxster. Never having been there before but having competed on Epynt it sounded fun.

The format was scrutineering on Saturday followed by a recce with 90 stage miles on Sunday, so good value for money.

An entry was put in and the first shock was that we were seeded at number 3 having put down exactly the same results as the North Humberside were we ran at number 46.

How's that for consistency. Pace notes arrived which showed there were 11 stages with a sting in the tail as Stage 10 was 13 miles long and Stage 11 was 20 miles long.

So we ended up at a very wet and windy service area on the longest day of the year. Scrutineering was brief as there was no shelter so no one wanted to be out in the wind and rain long. Signing on completed we queued up for the convoyed recce. As we couldn't use the rally car and it seemed an expense to take up a car just for the recce so we used the van fully loaded complete with service crew. Not ideal but at least it gave us a flavour of the stages. Very narrow twisty and undulating, in the soaking conditions it was going to be a challenge. I'm sure it's a place where local knowledge equals a lot of horsepower as it's very easy to be caught out as we were to find out.

Half way through the recce we were running out of diesel so it was a quick run up the road to fill up and the second shock £1.45 a litre and then the had put a maximum limit of £20 which we had to ignore as we wouldn't have got any where. So it was then back to complete the remaining stages.

Sunday dawned a bit brighter and it had stopped raining so we headed for the first time control to the next shock. Car 1 was having problems with noise and car 2 was a non starter so we were first on the road which was a new experience for me. Anyway it was off to stage 1 which from the recce was the one with the most jumps. Which we quickly found out were much much bigger in the rally car than the van However we got through it OK 11th fastest taking it fairly steady to judge the conditions which had dried up surprisingly quickly. Stage 2 was just down the road. That was about as far as we got it was an immediate 90 right followed by a 3 left over crest jump deceptive. We landed with one back wheel on the grass which spun us into a bank, across the road and then backwards into a stream and that was that. No way we could push or drive out so we had to be winched out after all the cars had gone through and we were OTL. Not much damage done just the rear valance and Ian had a stock of spares so it was quickly repaired when back home.

There was a spectator taking photos and he sent me some through along with some of 4 other cars doing the same of us on previous rallies. As I said local knowledge helps a lot.

Having said all that I would recommend anyone to go up and have a go, it is different it isn't rough and it's good value for money. I would certainly go back.

Graham Wride

RALLY YORKSHIRE 2008

Well we must have done a good job last year as they have asked us back again!!

Yes, that time is nearly on us again it's time to start gathering bodies together to run the stage at Pickering showground.

**Marshals are required PLLLLLEASSSSSE.
This is our club event, please support your club.**

**Thanks
Simon Marston 07889 152 580
Stage Commander**

Petition to the Government

There is a petition on the petitions to the Government website (at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/livewithit/>) that you might consider signing and bringing to the attention of your club members.

The text of the petition is

"We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to introduce a green paper proposing ways, that, where complaints have been instigated by resident(s) against a long standing activity (for example, church bells, sports facility, local airfield and similar), and where residence has been taken up since the start of that activity (providing there has been no significant increase in activity), a presumption should be made to protect the continuation of that activity and reject such complaint."

The further information on the petition is

"There are increasing cases of new residents moving into a location, then to complain and campaign against activities that have taken place for many years, especially when such noise would or should have been obvious before choosing to live in the locality.

Effectively, I am proposing "Grandfather rights" to well established activities and a presumption of rights to continue. This would typically include moving near to a church, only then to complain about the bells, a playground only then to complain about children screaming or shouting, near a village airfield, then campaigning for its closure, a riding school, objecting to the horses, the noise of sports fans at a local pitch and other such long standing amenities or activities.

In addition to the benefits for those who have long enjoyed the facility, such a policy will ensure clarity for those making choices on places to live.

Please support this petition to protect long established activities with the presumption, that, providing there is no significant increase, such activities may continue; thereby protecting the traditions and facilities that make the UK such a great place to be."

e-Wheels

Duty of care to marshals

How long should marshals be on duty before they have a break? In view of the range of different motor sport events – from autotests to international race meetings and rallies – it is not possible for the MSA to be specific.

MSA regulations [A(a)] 52 and 53 (*MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook 2008* page 87) make specific reference to race meetings, (requiring marshals to be relieved after six hours of continuous racing). It is recommended that opportunities for adequate breaks are planned and provided for marshals and volunteer officials within the structure of an event, bearing in mind the nature of different locations and prevailing weather conditions. Provision should also be included for toilet facilities for both genders, wherever possible. Of course, the nature of the sport is such that unexpected incidents can result in deviation from the original programme but this should not prejudice the duty of care to marshals and volunteer officials.

Club appeals for marshals

The MSA now has more than 12,000 Registered Marshals across all disciplines. However, with around 100 MSA permitted events running most weeks and the increased cost of travelling, it is still common for organising clubs to appeal for more marshals.

Please consider the wording of such appeals. 'Previous experience not essential' should attract newcomers and reflects the level of training provided – from an appropriate briefing for straightforward marshalling tasks to pairing up with more experienced marshals for potentially demanding tasks. Of course, marshals should always be encouraged to attend supplementary training sessions to improve their self-development and competence.

Phrases such as 'no experience needed' would still encourage newcomers but could send out the wrong message about the level of training and support available.

Junior autocross

Autocross is a good entry-level form of motor sport and is one of the more affordable disciplines. In 2006, a junior class was introduced for 14 to 17 year olds and interest in it has developed steadily. Competing against the clock on an off-road circuit with a constantly changing surface provides useful experience in vehicle control within a relatively safe environment.

The Junior class is part of the MSA British Autocross Championship, which has been revived for 2008, and because of the way points are awarded, it is possible for a competitor from this class to become the MSA British Autocross Champion.

MSA Judicial Procedures

Each year, the MSA produces a *Judicial Procedures* booklet, which gives practical guidance to MSA Stewards on the process to be undertaken in the event of a protest or appeal being received at an event. This is supplementary to the formal and definitive process detailed in the relevant MSA Yearbook. This booklet is now also available to download by Licensed Clerks of the Course via the 'Members' section of the MSA website – click on Member Publications>Officials. It may also be a useful reference document for other Clerks of the Course to download.

Motorsport Vehicle Recovery – new training DVD

The Motorsport Safety Fund – a registered charity which works closely with the MSA to help improve safety training in motor sport – has produced a new film, *Motorsport Vehicle Recovery*. It provides guidance tailored to the needs of drivers, marshals and recovery operators. The DVD (which also includes a Motorsport Rescue section) costs £10 and is available from Stuart Turner on 01608 645029 or at turnerstuart@talk21.com. Details of the Fund's other publications and DVDs can be found at www.motorsportsafetyfund.com

Gloucestershire RLO

For the awareness of those clubs who use this part of the country, the MSA Route Liaison Officer for Gloucestershire has notified us of a recent change of address as follows: Martin Saunders, 44 Pilgrove Way, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 0WA. E-mail: ted163@gmail.com Tel/fax: 01242 530319. Mobile: 07798 584713

e-Wheels

Pdf versions of previous *e-Wheels* can be downloaded from the MSA website www.msauk.org by clicking on MSA publications>Wheels>e-Wheels. Some club officials have said it can be difficult to cut and paste from this format into some programmes and we are now adding a Word format version in the same section. Such feedback from club officials is always welcome.

Motorsport Alliance unveiled

The Motorsport Alliance is a new joint initiative between the Motor Sports Association (UK governing body of four wheel motor sport), the Auto Cycle Union (UK governing body of two wheel motorcycle sport) and the Motorsport Industry Association (the UK's industry association for motor sport).

The Motorsport Alliance will allow the MSA, ACU and MIA to speak on behalf of UK motor sport with a single voice, when appropriate or necessary.

Reid is Performance Director

Former World Rally Champion co-driver, Robert Reid, has been appointed to the newly created role of Performance Director. The MSA Performance Director will be the figure-head for all human performance within motor sport and will set the strategy for all MSA sports performance initiatives.

Go Motorsport gains support

SEAT Sport UK is the latest organisation to back the Go Motorsport campaign, which has gained support from a number of high profile motor sport people such as Lord March, David Coulthard and Malcolm Wilson.

As mentioned in the June issue of *e-Wheels*, to be included in the Go Motorsport initiative, motor clubs should complete a questionnaire, which is available from http://files.e2ma.net/2971/assets/docs/go_motorsport_questionnaire.xls. This will ensure the correct information is on the Go Motorsport website.

Club officials can return questionnaires by email to info@GoMotorsport.net or by post to Ben Taylor at Motor Sports House. If you have any questions, contact Alex Birley, who is co-ordinating Go Motorsport, on 07841 673012

Wakefield & District Motorsports Club Calder Rescue Talk

Wakefield & District Motorsports Club and Calder Rescue are holding a Talk Evening on 3rd September 2008

Richard Ashton and the team have kindly agreed to do a short presentation about the work they do as Calder Rescue.

The night starts around 9.00pm and is at our club headquarters - The Parklands Hotel, Horbury Road, Wakefield

For further information contact

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Malton Motor Clubs 45th Birthday Celebrations

As part of **Malton Motor Clubs 45th Birthday Celebrations** we would like to invite your club members to the following events at the Malton & Norton Rugby Club (map 100 / 975 723):

Monday September 1st:

Talk by Scrutineer Tom Watson on how to get through event scrutiny without problems and to clarify the rule changes for 2009. Starts at 9pm, open bar.

Monday September 15th:

Bring Your Car Night... This is when club members bring their cars to the club night for other members to have a look and poke at... A general 'Men & Motors' night with competitions and an award for the best presented car! Starts 8.30pm in the car park, open bar.

Monday September 29th:

Auto Jumble... Time to clear out all that junk in the garage and turn it into money! It's free to bring anything you like and sell it, and perhaps you will find what you have always wanted! From 8.30pm in the car park, open bar.

Friday November 28th:

Birthday Party! We are holding a party at the Rugby Club with Hot Roast Sandwiches and live band 'The Fund' playing... Tickets are £5 each and are available to pre book via Nicola Harper on 0777 568 0085 or maltonmc@yahoo.co.uk... Entrance will be permitted on the night at £7 each. Starts at 8pm and the bar closes at midnight... It'll be a rite good night out!

And just as a foot note... The **Malton Forest Rally** will be on November the 2nd, with regs available on line early September! An event Run by Competitors, for Competitors!

We hope you can join us, and are quite happy for you to pass this email around as well as putting it on club sites and in Newsletters!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Nicola Harper
Social Secretary
Malton Motor Club

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 1978 - Chairman Richardson made a plea for helpers on the upcoming Costa rally followed the weekend after by the Cres Stages which was going into the woods for the first time. Quite a hectic 2 weeks!!

Vince Fletcher reported on the St Wilfrid's Rally on which he and Gez Waters finished 11th o/a. Mick Ogden and Charlie Palmer tried a short cut that didn't and finally made the finish in a slightly shorter than standard VW !! John Stephenson had novice navigator Baz Dove along with him and made a very creditable 22nd o/a.

Julie Thompson (now Slingsby) reported on the recent Waternoggin at Otley - a sort of autotest in rowing boats - apparently there were quite a few washouts!!!

The Economy run was won by David and Jennifer Taylor in their Saab 99 with Howard and Diana White 2nd in the Midget.

Ian Gurnett announced that he had a new sponsor in the guise of Jackson's Distinguished Automobiles and that they would be happy to discuss a change of vehicle with any of our members!!

Ronnie Moore reported on the Wharfedale PCT at Rose Farm, Burley Woodhead, run by John Richardson and R. Ineson. Never being ones to shirk controversy they accepted an entry from pct specialist Barry Parker in a Mini Pickup which was ok with everyone until he won! Then things went pear shaped with a protest and a stewards meeting. Protest upheld - it's not a production car but a commercial vehicle!! Slapped wrists for organisers otherwise a darned good event by all accounts.

9 new members this month and Editor Nick Leuchars announced that he was standing down from pen pushing duties.

20 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 1988 - The new editor Roland Cross (rat to most people) reckoned he was going to get more members partaking in events and writing about their escapades by providing communication via these pages - the like of which had hitherto never been seen (yea, yea yea -bla bla !) New Secretary Richard Anderson also let us know he was present as did Chairman Richard Simpson via his column which proved very comprehensive on recent club activities. John Richardson proffered congratulations to Baz Dove and his team on the running of our first single venue rally at Manby - glowing reports were expected to appear next month. John McNicol, in a letter to the Editor, vented his spleen (he has done a lot of this over the years hasn't he !!) on the subject of inept navigators/co-drivers, as he felt a highish proportion of them didn't seem to have grasped the basic principles let alone being able to do basic addition. To finish he reckoned that there were no excuses for mistakes on a single venue events as even Jackie Smythe did it right and she was half Irish - Ouch!!

Trophy points showed that Peter Green; Steve Lancaster; Alan Powell; Richard Ineson; Ron Mackinnon; Barry Dove; Dave Marshall and Richard Anderson were all currently heading the tables but were reminded that there were still 3 months to go!

10 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 1998 - The only item in the magazine this month (not including the 'Wheels' supplement) was Chairman's Chat from RKP. The main focus of this was the recent AGM for which the accounts weren't ready so an EGM would be called in due course. Also mentioned was the proposal to print in the magazine a brief outline of what the Committee discuss on a monthly basis. (We'll look forward to reading of these discussions in future retrospectives - maybe the current committee could adopt the same idea !!).

TRACKROD _____ ENDS

TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM

Members Name

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

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Autotest []

Economy Run []

Organising Club:

Hillclimb []

Trackrod

[] PCT []

Other

Road Rally []

Type of Claim:

Stage Rally M/V []

Driver

[] Stage Rally S/V []

Navigator

[] Treasure Hunt []

Marshal

[] 12-Car []

Service Crew

[] Other -

Organiser :

state type

state position

Event Status

Clubman CM []

National "B" []

ANCC Round []

National "A" []

International []

Yorkshire League Round []

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

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

October 2008

- 7th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club
- 14th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 21st The Yeoman – Otley
- 28th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

November 2008

- 4th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club
- 11th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 18th The Yeoman – Otley
- 25th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

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

Events Calendar 2007

September 2008

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

October 2008

- 10th-12th Tour of Mull
- 11th-12th AB Motorsport Rally
- 19th Cheviot National Rally
- 26th Premier Rally

November 2008

- 2nd Malton Forest Rally
- 16th-19th Roger Albert Clark Rally
- 23rd Neil Howard Memorial Stages Rally
- 29th-30th Beaver Road Rally

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