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Official Notice

**Trackrod's AGM will be taking place on 4th 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)**

40th Anniversary Dinner

In 2010 Trackrod Motor Club will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary the dinner is been held on 4th September at the Marriott Hotel, Leeds

We are planning to hold a grand dinner and would love to hear from former members and for them to join us.

If you are a former member or you know of any who are and would be interested in the event. Please get in touch with us. E-mail Caroline Marston at caroline@trackrodmotorclub.co.uk

More information will be available but make a not in your diary.

I'M BACK!

Well, you asked for it! Or rather, Retrospective did. Reminded me that it was 10 years ago since my burst of penmanship brought Trackrod such gems of motor-ing history as My Fords and My Motorbikes. So here is the latest update. I still don't own a Ford. My current steed is a Skoda Octavia 1.9TDI, 140bhp and torque to die for. Not a looker, it's true, but a really well thought out car. It has the DSG gearbox, the technology of which is well beyond me, but it's very smooth, and nice to be able to change gear myself sequentially when I feel the need. And if I feel socially disadvantaged at any time by the Czech name, I just open the bonnet and gaze at all those Audi four ring symbols on every bit of plastic. As Audi diesels have won Le Mans for the last several years, it does have a sport-ing pedigree.

Talking of Le Mans, I went there last year, to see the 24 hours racing, but in July. Yes, even though it was a month later than the 24 Heures du Mans, there was 24 hours of racing. It was the Le Mans Classic, for cars that raced from the 1920's to the 1970's. It is made up of 6 classes, for cars in different age groups, 1929 to 1934, 1935 to 1940, etc, and they race 3 times during the 24 hours for about an hour each time. Its great fun, and much easier to follow than the other race. Lovely to see the GT40's and the 917's again, all really going for it, too. And how Le Mans has changed! The circuit now has really first class eating, drinking, and toilet facilities. Very civilized indeed. It was Porsche's 60th birthday last year, so we went in my son's Boxster, which is also very civilised (and fast). Even slept in it, though there was plenty of space in the car parks for tents, etc. Just no space in the Boxster to take such niceties. This race is held every 2 years, and is highly recommended.

And you can get quite close to the paddock, to see all those lovely Weber carbs on those beautiful V8's. Very nostalgic. These days, under our own bonnets, plastic is all you can see. The mere driver is not allowed to look at his engine anymore. We might attempt to do something to it, then sue the maker when it all goes pear shaped. Where have all the carbs, coils, distributors and plugs gone? Not that I miss the distributor, concealing that instrument of 20th century torture, the contact breaker. Oh, the hours I spent getting those things to work effectively at the right time, on every stroke. And don't mention water! I did, many times, especially when a hairline crack in the cap let all those precious volts escape to earth, instead of going into the cylinders, where they could produce a nice big bang! No. the distributor is extinct, many cheers.

Her indoors does still have the Mazda MX5, (which is very close to being a Ford) and I do still have my Suzuki DR350 motorbike. Both now over 10 years old and both going strong. I joined the ranks of senior citizens a couple of years ago, and we don't need 2 cars any more, So every autumn we say, that' s it , we sell the MX5 next Spring. We said it last year. But this spring, no-one has any money left

to spend on frivolities like 10 year old sports cars. We may take advantage of the 2 grand scrap value offer by that nice Mr. Darling, but it is still such a lovely car to drive. Especially on the 2 or 3 days a year when we go topless because it is summer. So, it looks like another 12 months of canvas top motoring for us. And that is the car with the Trackrod badge on it.

I don't suffer any such problems with the Suzuki. It suits me and it's cheap to run and it keeps going and that is just fine by us both. Sure it ain't fast and sure, I fall off now and again (slowly, on the rough stuff), but I can fix it myself, so I do. No contact breaker, though, and OHC, so no tappets, either. I renewed the brake lines this year, so now it has bright yellow Goodrich pipes front and rear, really livens the old girl up! It's great on the tracks on Salisbury Plain, just up the road, so long as I can avoid the Army, and all their camouflaged weapons of war, that litter the area.

But I saved the best till last (you were hoping , weren't you). I've just watched Jenson win in Turkey, and I just have to tell you. The same man that taught him to drive also taught my son! Eh! How about that! Links don't get much better, do they. Cause dear old JB lived down the road from us in Frome, until he entered the super dooper tax bracket, and went off to foreign fields. And I used to auto-cross against the same bloke. The picture attached shows me doing just that in 1966, my original 997cc Anglia in a four wheel drift round a muddy field. So, fame by association at last.

But isn't it ironic that the wicked old FIA banned those bargeboard things for this year, because they were obscuring some of the sponsor's logos. And now, the car that features on TV most is Jenson's, that has no advertising on it anyway! Funny old world.

Well, that's it for now; see you in another 10 years.

Best wishes to all in Trackrod,

Steve Lloyd



STEVE LLOYD - 105E ANGLIA AT MENDIP AUTOCROSS - 1966

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - JULY 1979 - AGM coming up and as Chairman Richardson was standing down after 4 years, he was banging the drum for some new Committee members.

John Westmoreland and Hugh Mantle reported on the June Jesters Autotest that they co-organised. It took place at Tockwith and had 32 entries on the only sunny Sunday in a run of 6!! The abbreviated results reveal names familiar to some :- Phil Whatmough (RS2000); John North (VW); Chris Cotton (Datsun); Brian Kitching (Sunbeam); Tom Riordan (Minor 1000); Mike Penrose (Mini); Graeme Bradford (Mini); Russ Swift (1275 GT) - oh and somebody Ineson took FTD !!

Derek Lee reported on the sportonoggin held at the Crest Motel - 6 tests(one of which was done blindfold with the aid of a navigator) were completed by 10pm - an excellent laugh with awards being won by Bob Stoker; John Renny and Beryl Stoker.

An interesting article from Sue S? on riding sidecar on the IOM TT - no mean feat that as one needs to be agile; heavy, in order to provide movable ballast and definitely deficient in the grey matter department !!! Oh and be very brave!! Certainly a different option to rally co-driving!!

20 YEARS AGO - JULY 1989 - John Renny gave us the 2nd instalment of his reprise of his 1979 outing on the 1000 Lakes - sounded like a plea to the ferry companies to allow Team Shoestring to sail with them in the future hinted at a little ott behaviour on their boats on the return journey !!!!

The competition calendar up to September contained 2 full pages of events - all of them local!! Amongst them was a planned trip to see the car collection of Lord Mexborough, organised by Peter Stanhope.-20 people already interested! - Oh yes and a waternoggin to be held on the river in Otley!

10 YEARS AGO - JULY 1999 - Peter Stanhope gave a brief report on the Lookout Stages at Melbourne - all ran well even though the day dawned with a thick mist covering the airfield!

AGM coming up next month at Gildersome.

Peter Stanhope also reminded all about Mull and also reported on the recent running of the Craik Stage on the recent Scottish Rally which involved a good few members who made the trip to assist.

A trophy point's update showed that Simon Marston; Caroline Marston; Stuart Drabble; Andrew Apperley and Richard Padgett were leading in the 8 awards for which scores had been registered.

TRACKROD _____ ENDS

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 2009**

TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB LTD

AGM NOTIFICATION

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TRACKROD
MOTOR CLUB LTD WILL TAKE PLACE AT 21.30HRS,
TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2009 AT Old Modernians Sports
& Social Club, Cookridge**

MAIN COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM 2009

NOMINEE NAME

SIGNATURE

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POSITION

Wheels

BTCC boost for Go Motorsport

Britain's top racing series, the HiQ MSA British Touring Car Championship, is backing *Go Motorsport* which was set up by the MSA to help guide people into all areas of motor sport, be it as a competitor, spectator or volunteer.

MSA Chairman, Alan Gow says: "With exciting racing and extensive live television coverage on ITV4, the BTCC package is clearly the best promotional stage within UK motor sport and thus a great platform from which to spread the Go Motorsport gospel."

CCPR Sports Club Survey, 2009

The information below is included in *e-Wheels* so that it reaches the nominated contact in each club. If you are no longer undertaking that role, please forward this e-mail to the person who is and advise the MSA of the change of contact details.

Would you like to win £200 of Decathlon vouchers for your club or a weekend in a top-class London hotel? If so, please help with this survey, which is being conducted with motor sport clubs on behalf of the MSA and in partnership with the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR).

CCPR is the umbrella organisation for national governing and representative bodies of sport and recreation in the UK. Its mission is to 'protect, promote and provide' for sport and recreation. The information you provide will be extremely useful for CCPR as it lobbies Government to promote the welfare of sport and argues for increased support and funding for sports clubs.

Please answer the questions in the survey document as completely as you can. They are about your club – including its membership, volunteers and finances. You will need a copy of your club's annual reports and accounts from the last two years in order to answer some of the questions. Please make sure you have this information to hand *before* you start to fill in the questionnaire.

Your response will be kept confidential and anonymous. The survey is being administered for the CCPR by the Sport Industry Research Centre at Sheffield Hallam University. If you have any queries about the survey or require assistance, please telephone David Barrett on 0114 225 2298 or email d.barrett@shu.ac.uk.

To begin the survey, click on the following link: <http://sircspss.hwb.shu.ac.uk/ccpr>

Channel Islands travel

The bilateral agreement between the UK and the Channel Islands, which provided free access to immediate necessary primary medical care whilst visiting the Channel Islands, was terminated by the UK Department of Health on the 31 March 2009.

As a result, from 1 April 2009 anyone travelling to the Channel Islands must ensure that they have adequate medical and travel insurance in place. The islands are classed as Crown Dependencies of the UK and thus are not part of the European Economic Area (EEA) and not covered by EU Regulations. The European Health Insurance Card is therefore also not valid in the Channel Islands.

If individuals visiting the islands already have private medical insurance, the terms should be carefully checked as not all UK medical insurers include cover for Channel Island hospitals. The same restrictions now apply to visitors coming from the Channel Islands to the UK. They too will now be charged for any medical treatment required during their stay.

Let's Go Karting says MP

Hugh Robertson MP, the Shadow Minister for Sport and the Olympics, visited Buckmore Park kart circuit in Kent recently to experience first-hand the MSA's *Let's Go Karting* programme.

"I am delighted that the MSA is investing in the future generations and breaking down the barriers to make the sport more accessible to people from all walks of life," said Robertson.

For more information on *Let's Go Karting*, including a list of participating venues, visit www.lets gokarting.net .

Youthfulness no barrier

The MSA is again seeking nominations for individuals to fill the vacancies on 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, to discuss and debate new regulations and other issues. The decisions and minutes are communicated via the Committee Chairmen to the next MSA Council meeting for approval.

All applicants must be a member of an MSA-recognised motor club or Regional Association, which must 'sponsor' the application. However, there are no formal qualifications required other than the benefit of experience in motor sport. The role is voluntary, with expenses paid to cover travel costs to meetings at Motor Sports House, and the appointment is normally for a three-year term. No person will serve more than three consecutive terms, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

"We always try to ensure that the membership of the Specialist Committees is kept fresh," says Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive. "We would particularly like to encourage younger members of the motor sport community who might not realise that they are eligible to stand for nomination. If they can offer their experiences and perhaps bring a different perspective to the role, it would help the various committees to continue to do a great job in developing and shaping the sport. We would encourage anyone with a passion for their sport to think about getting involved."

How to apply

Applicants should submit a brief CV of their motor sport involvement and achievements, including any relevant qualifications, together with name, address and contact details to the sponsoring MSA-registered club or Regional Association. The sponsor will forward the application to Andrea Wren at Motor Sports House, Riverside Park, Colnbrook, SL3 0HG. This should be done as soon as possible as applications must be received before the end of June 2009 at the latest.

Applications are considered for the limited number of positions available each year, so the MSA encourages those who have applied before but not been successful to re-apply this year.

Club of the Year award 2009

The MSA Club of the Year award has been presented annually since 1993, and this year's competition, with the support of JLT Sport, gives another opportunity for clubs to win the top prize of £1,000 together with the prestigious JLT Sport Trophy and other benefits. There are second and third prizes of £500 and £250 respectively, with commemorative awards.

This year clubs are being judged on a range of factors:

- The general marketing and promotion of the club
- Initiatives (including training) undertaken to attract and retain marshals and other volunteer officials
- The attractiveness of membership to (especially) younger people
- Examples of partnerships in such areas as road safety
- Projects that benefit the local community

Entry for the first stage of the competition is by nomination from a Regional Association – which must be submitted to the MSA by 1 October 2009.

If you wish your club to be nominated, contact your Regional Association. Clubs which are not active members of a Regional Association or which are based in remote locations (e.g. offshore islands), may submit nominations directly to the MSA, marked for the attention of Allan Dean-Lewis, Head of External Affairs.

Marshal of the Year award 2009

With the support of JLT Sport, the MSA will again be presenting a Marshal of the Year award at its Night of Champions evening at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall in January 2010. The award will recognize excellence from any or all disciplines of motor sport.

Many of the 14 Regional Associations and the British Motor Racing Marshals Club already have their own marshals' awards and are being asked to submit their nominations for the Marshal of the Year award to the MSA by 1 October 2009.

If a club wishes to nominate someone, their name and brief reasons for the nomination should be submitted to the club's Regional Association as soon as possible.

Clubs which are not active members of a Regional Association or which are based in remote locations (e.g. offshore islands), may submit nominations directly to the MSA, marked for the attention of Allan Dean-Lewis, Head of External Affairs.

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 []

Other []

Road Rally []

Stage Rally M/V []

Stage Rally S/V []

Type of Claim:

Driver []

Navigator []

Marshal []

Service Crew []

Organiser : []

state position []

Treasure Hunt []

12-Car []

Other - state type []

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

July 2009

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

August 2009

4th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club
*****AGM*****

- 11th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 18th The Yeoman – Otley
- 25th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

September 2009

- 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

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

Events Calendar 2009

July 2009

- 4 & 5 Harewood Hill Climb
- 5 Armstrong Massey Rally
- 12 Greystoke Stages
- 18 Opposite Lock Rally
- 18-19 Drystone Road Rally
- 26 Fern Furnishing Autotest

August 2009

- 1 & 2 Harewood Hill Climb
- 8th-9th St Wilfrids Road Rally
- 15th-16th Richard Burns Memorial Rally
- 30 Harewood Hill Climb

September 2009

- 5th-6th Oaks Trophy Road Rally
- 6th Wolds Rally
- 12th-13th Yorkshire Retro
- 13th Lindisfarne Stages
- 19th & 20th Harewood Hill Climb
- 26th International Rally Yorkshire**
- 27th Adrian Barker Memorial Stages
- 27th Speedy Hire Stages

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