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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 Mars-ton at caroline@trackrodmotorclub.co.uk

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

Scottish Correspondent

June 2009

Well what a busy year it has been, I think it was March 2008 when I last hit the keyboard with some words – the Mull project has been taking all our spare time, and more! We have 'more or less' finished the house, and now started on rebuilding the pier – 70m long, so a lot of work to be done. We have had great support from friends and the 'motorsport mafia' and in June we had 25+ ton of wood arrive and replanked as far as the 'T'. We laid 180 planks that are 16' long (sorry old sizing since built in 1900!) and now another 150 are on order. Have a look at the renovation gallery at www.salenpierhouse.co.uk if you are interested!

Since I am crazy busy on Mull and at home with building works, motorsport will be very much on 'back burner' again this year but hope to see a number of you during 2009. I cannot even make the Trackrod, since its my parents 50th wedding anniversary that weekend.

Dates for 2009

RALLOY MULL FOREST STAGES – 24th January

What a weekend it was, and week prior, weather wise! It was a fun time with a very frosty time, we had sheet ice on the STOP line, so a few cars slid by!

SPEEDFAIR 2009 at KNOCKHILL – 18th & 19th July

I have been asked to help run some tests at the event, mainly on the Saturday from 2pm to 8pm. Interested people do let me know, the house is then only 30mins away for a BBQ, assuming the weather is good!

TOUR OF MULL – 9th/10th/11th October

This is the 40th event, so it will be VERY busy! I have been asked (well actually I think I asked!) to run SS1 and 2 – the Tobermory stage through the town. I was at the planning meetings on the island in June, and the reception by the island has been to date 100% There is also a very interesting SS3 and 4, running through Dervaig, so a very fun weekend is expected.

If anyone is interested in helping on SS1/2, then please do get in touch, I have a number of roles to be filled.

Book your accom now, we have, the house is fully booked!

KINGDOM STAGES, CRAIL – 1st Sat in November usually

ROGER ALBERT CLARK – Sunday 15th Nov.

I have been asked to be Scottish Regional organiser again, and been 'told' that the event will be happening again, this is great news. There will be 3 double run stages in Scotland, so any offers of help will be appreciated.

RALLY of SCOTLAND – Saturday 21st Nov.

This is a new event and will be based in Stirling, 20mins from our house!!! I have been asked to be SC on 'Achray' stage on the Saturday, with cars due at 08:00 and 13:00 (marshals to be in 3hrs in advance). The event starts on the Thursday night at Scone Palace in Perth, with a double run stage there, then stages on the Friday north of Perth, followed by Saturday near Aberfoyle finishing at Stirling Castle.

All help will be greatly appreciated for this since the word is there could be a lot happening!

So that's it for now.

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 peterstanhope@hotmail.co.uk)

Safe motoring.

Peter Stanhope

Historic Rally of the Midlands

Arriving home from work on Friday 19th June I was expecting to do nothing more exciting than painting my garage door. A phone call at 5.15 changed all my plans. It was Richard Jackson did I fancy doing the Historic Rally of the Midlands tomorrow. He had entered late and been put on the reserve list and had just received a call that someone had dropped out and he had an entry if he wanted it. As he hadn't a co-driver he rang me. In view of the alternative I said yes and we agreed to meet in the morning.

Richard had entered in his 1965 classic Porsche 911 in the historic part of the rally. This was based on Hinckley and used 4 locations including MIRA and Malory Park all used twice. The modern event started on the Friday night and the historic event joined in on Saturday.

We met up at 6.30 to drive to the start, can't remember the last time I drove to the start of a rally in the rally car. When we got here they were waiting for us at scrutineering as we were the last but one car to arrive. No problem with noise or scrutineering so it was off to documentation to see what I had let myself in for. Fortunately we were able to purchase some pacenotes as the stage maps were not that easy to follow.

Our start time quickly came round and we were off to the first stage MIRA. This was 14.5 miles so there was no chance for a get to know each other short stage as we had never competed together or for Richard to get used to rallying again as it was almost a year since he had competed. The event was running late so we had to wait for the modern cars to complete the stage. It was then our go, we were the last historic car and just before we were due to start it started to rain so whilst most of our competitors had a dry start we had a completely wet stage.

The stage comprised two laps of the test facility including many of its features including speed bumps water splash and the banked section. It was certainly different coming down off the banking into a chicane. We set off and quickly found it was set up very twisty with many 90's chicanes and hair pins some of which were very tight. The stage contained 43 junctions and that was just on one lap so over the two laps there were 86 junctions. It certainly suited the Minis as we had little opportunity to use the Porsche's extra power. Whilst we did expect to catch the Mini in front of us we were surprised to meet it coming head on towards us having wrong slotted, that certainly woke us up. We then went on to catch the car in front of that one but were well beaten by an extremely rapid Mini Clubman and last year's winner. Without one missed turning and starting in the rain I'm sure we would have been second.

The next two stages were two runs through an army barracks again very tight and twisty. Again it was two laps, this time there were 16 junctions per lap but the lap was only 1.1 miles. Beginning to wonder if it should be called the Rally of the Junctions rather than the Rally of the Midlands. Certainly a rally for the Minis. The leader took another 6 secs out of us but we traded times with the one lying second.

Back to service for a quick check over and a look at the results showed we had a penalty for late arrival at MTC1. On checking it turned out the results had us down to start at the same time as the previous car so this was quickly rectified and the penalty removed. No work was needed on the car so it was out again for the remaining five stages. The first two were at Mallory Park which used most of the circuit but also a trip through the pits and part of the infield. Each stage consisted of three laps. Most of it was open and flowing but the chicane entering the pits was so tight we almost came to a standstill I'm not sure how the Aston Martin doing the modern event got through it. We took over second place during the first run but still lost time to the leader on both runs. It was then back to MIRA for a longer 17 mile stage which now included a yump and a section of very off camber road. We only lost 11 secs to the leader this time and the mini lying second had retired on the second run through Mallory Park.

This just left two runs through a stately home stage which had the least number of junctions, 13 but it was only 1.3 miles long. On the road section we passed the leader at the side of the road having lost a wheel. The stage was dry so not too slippery but narrow and twisty with a lot of very close trees and a severe speed bump. It was one of those you were never going to win a rally on but easy to lose one. The first run went OK and when we got back to the start for our second run the leader still hadn't appeared and was OTL so this left us in the lead. A cautious run through the second time and it was back to Hinckley town centre for the finish. We had won by 3 min 52 secs. Some how they had got our time for the last stage wrong but as it made no difference to the result it wasn't worth pursuing and delaying the results. We did the interview with the local radio station sprayed the champagne and then set off for the drive back home. We were back for 6.00 so in 12 hours we had driven 125 miles to the start completed the rally and driven back.

Overall an enjoyable day and it could have been so much better if they had just opened out some of the stages a little. I suppose I had better go and paint that garage door now!

Graham Wride

National Motorsport Week needs your help

Play your part and grow our sport!

Across the UK
8 - 16 August 2009

National Motorsport Week (NMW) is nine days of motorsport activities across the country from Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th August 2009. It will provide a platform to reach out and inspire newcomers to motorsport.

NMW's aim is simple; to **promote** and **inspire** the **excitement of motorsport to new audiences** – to generate more interest, more spectators, more competitors, more jobs, more marshals and more officials.

To achieve this the MIA needs **YOUR** support and encouragement to help introduce new fans, competitors, spectators, organisers, engineers, journalists, photographers, and highly-needed marshals to the most thrilling sport on the planet!

"National Motorsport Week is a fantastic initiative." **Jenson Button**

"National Motorsport Week is a very good thing. Britain has long since led the world in motorsport and it is important for the industry that we attract newcomers to the sport."

Sir Stirling Moss OBE

How can you help?

- You, the enthusiast – 'take a mate to motorsport'
- Clubs, new events and ideas to win enthusiasts
- Businesses, open your doors and let people get an 'inside look' into this exciting sport, we have good links with schools nationally that you could link with and invite students and their families along.

'Win your Club a Prize'

The Motorsport Industry Association (MIA) is awarding a **£500 prize for MSA affiliated clubs**. This will be awarded for the event which best captures the spirit of National Motorsport Week. To register your club please contact the MIA directly.

We will work with TV, radio and press to raise the profile of NMW and look forward to hearing all about your planned activities and ideas.

***Let's all 'take a mate to motorsport'
in National Motorsport Week 8 to 16 August***

For further details visit the National Motorsport Week
please visit www.nationalmotorsportweek.co.uk

For more information please contact Charlotte Austin on
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RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - AUGUST 1979 - John Richardson paid tribute to the outgoing committee and reflected on the time and effort required to administer an active motor club - no small commitment indeed!

John Westmoreland won the treasure hunt with 211 points out of a possible 240 - 14 crews took part - an excellent turnout!!

Editor Charlie Palmer thanked all contributors over the last 12 months and it worth remembering that he was the 1st editor not to be voted on to the main committee (obviously none of the committee wanted the job !!) - Proving that you didn't need votes to be at the hub of things - still applies in 2009 of course!!

Vince Fletcher reported on the CD Bramall Rally from back in June (only just got the results!!) A good number of crews retired in the Bolton Abbey area as Plod was out issuing tickets!! - Among them were Beecroft/Millington. Alan Powell blew his head gasket (the car wasn't well either) and Ian Gurnett lost control (did he ever have any??) when a steering rod broke. However Trackrod did feature in the results with Pearson/Parkin 5th o/a and Waters/Fletcher 11th o/a.

20 YEARS AGO - AUGUST 1989 - Editor Roland Cross (RAT) was fresh out of hospital and offered all the gory details to anyone who would buy him a pint - nobody did get the details!! He also provided his scientific (!!??) thoughts on 4 wheel steering leaving him with the view that it may promote better turn-in - it was so good that it isn't used on production cars in 2009 !

Coming up were the Autoglass Tour of Britain and the Mobil 1 Rally Challenge - more next time.

20 members visited the estate of Lord Mexborough near Helmsley to peruse his rather fine car collection which included Porsches, Ferraris and other fine examples of classic cars. - Thanks to Peter Stanhope for organising the trip.

!0 YEARS AGO - AUGUST 1999 - Now then, here we have a slight problem - this issue of the magazine is missing from my archive!!! I do wonder if there actually was one - maybe production fell between 2 stools and got lost in the handover from Roland Cross to the new Joint Editors Rebecca Kemp and Susanne Stanhope. Anyway if anyone out there can supply a copy your historian would be most appreciative!!!

TRACKROD _____ ENDS

Richard Ineson

PS - Good to see that Steve Lloyd shelled out for some more ink!! It says something when 2 old buffers provide most of the magazine content with reminiscences, day to day chit chat and history!!!

e-Wheels

RDOs are Go!

The MSA has appointed eight Regional Development Officers to activate a new school visits programme as part of Go Motorsport. All eight have in-depth motor sport knowledge and proven communication skills – some are competitors others work in the media.

The eight Regional Development Officers will be pushing the MSA's widely praised Let's Go Karting scheme which allows children aged between eight and 16 to have a structured first experience of karting for just £5. On top of this, they will also be highlighting many of the other forms of MSA licensed motor sport accessible to those who are still too young to drive on the roads. For those aged eight and over there are Junior Dragsters and Cadet kart racing, while special classes in autograss, autotests, rallycross, circuit racing and rallying cater for those who've turned 14.

"This is not about trying to find future world champions," said MSA chief executive, Colin Hilton. "We want to ensure that all those who have an interest get the chance to get involved with motor sport at whatever level they desire."

Schools interested in hosting a Go Motorsport presentation should contact the campaign via [in-fo@GoMotorsport.net](mailto:info@GoMotorsport.net)

Go Motorsport Regional Development Officers: Anthony Dunn (North East), Tom Gaymor (London and South East), Mark James (Wales), Steve Johnson (North West), Jonathan MacDonald (Northern Ireland), Rob Manger (South West), Ed Pead (Midlands), Duncan Vincent (Scotland).

Detailed information about Go Motorsport is available at <http://www.gomotorsport.net>

Green light for RGB

The MSA has agreed to underwrite the cost of running the 2009 Rally of Great Britain, to be held in Wales from 22 to 25 October 22nd to 25th.

The MSA agreed this course of action, in spite of the Welsh Assembly Government's recent unilateral and unwarranted decision to terminate its sponsorship contract for the event.

Give 'em a break!

The MSA is often asked how long a marshal should remain at their post before they have a break.

The MSA strongly recommends 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. Wherever possible, provision should be made for toilet facilities for both genders, relative to the type of event.

Under 18 Marshals Policy

Since the introduction of Cadet Marshals by the MSA during 2008, work has been going on to develop a proper and appropriate policy to reflect the different needs of the many disciplines of the sport for all under-18 marshals, given the variation of risk levels to which any intending marshals of any age may be exposed. A downloadable copy can be viewed on the MSA Website www.msauk.org by clicking on Officials>Form>Marshals. Please raise awareness of this document among marshals, officials, event organisers and clubs.

Conflicting interests?

The MSA is aware of a number of instances, predominantly on sprint and hill climb events, where the Championship Co-ordinators are also acting as Clerks of the Course for rounds of their own championship. The MSA believes that this is not in the best interests of the sport, as it could lead to challenge and conflict, and is clearly an area for a potential clash of interests. Clerks of the Course, Stewards and Championship Co-ordinators are therefore advised in advance that amendments to the *MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* are expected to be made to exclude such a practice in 2010 and beyond.

Online Manual

The MSA Motor Club Manual is a useful reference tool for Clubs and having been subject to a major revision can be viewed on the MSA website at: http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/msa_forms/Motor_Club_Manual.pdf

Within the next few weeks printed versions will be sent to all MSA Registered Motor Clubs who have organised Permit events in 2008 and 2009. Any other MSA Registered Clubs requiring a copy should request one from Allan Dean-Lewis at the MSA (adean-lewis@msauk.org)

CRB checks

As part of its Child Protection Policy and process, the MSA continues to undertake enhanced level CRB Disclosure checks (at no charge) for its volunteer Club Child Protection Officers and for those MSA Licensed Officials who declare that they work with under 18s in the course of their duties on MSA permitted events.

From 1 June 2009, the CRB Disclosure checking process was made available to Instructors of the MSA Schools Associations (ARDS, ARKS, BARS and AHASS). The previous Personal Declarations made by ARKS Club Examiners are also being upgraded to a full Enhanced level check from 1 July 2009.

Any enquiries regarding this process should be directed to Allan Dean-Lewis, as the MSA's Lead Signatory on Child Protection matters, at adean-lewis@msauk.org

Be an RLO

The MSA needs Route Liaison Officers (RLOs) for Hertfordshire and for Suffolk.

Route Liaison Officers assist in the smooth running of rallies and trials on the public highway by liaising between the MSA, event organisers, the police, national parks and residents en route.

Clubs send RLOs copies of their routes and public relations letters that must be approved before the event can run. A good knowledge of local geography and the ability to act firmly but diplomatically is obviously helpful.

These positions would suit someone experienced in motor sport, familiar with MSA and the Motor Vehicles (Competitions & Trials) Regulations, who is willing to act impartially and respect confidences when dealing with route information supplied by event organisers.

The MSA pays agreed out-of-pocket expenses.

Medics Day

The British Motor Sports Training Trust – the MSA's own registered charity – has teamed up with Castle Combe Racing Club to grant aid its running of a Medics Introductory Training Day on Sunday 6 September 2009. The event is available to any interested doctor or paramedic who wishes to attend and who is either currently active or would like to become active in supporting MSA events in a Registered Doctor or Registered Paramedic capacity.

The number of places is limited. For further information and registration please contact Brett Rocos BSc (Hons) MB ChB MRCS ST1 Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery, email APPLY@MSTCUK.COM or telephone 07973 628108.

CCPR Sports Club Survey – reminder

If you or a representative of your club has not completed this online survey (see article in *e-Wheels* June 2009), please do so.

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

Remember, there are prizes to be won!

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

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

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

October 2009

6th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club

13th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)

20th The Yeoman – Otley

27th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

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

Events Calendar 2009

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

October 2008

3rd Harold Palin Memorial Rally

4th Keith A Wood Memorial Rally

23rd-25th Wales Rally GB

25th Premier Rally

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