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Editors Bit

Well here we go again - another month has gone by.

All year round I have been asking for articles to go into the magazine but very little was forthcoming, hence the articles off the internet.

Some of our members did not consider these of particular relevance to Trackrod Motor Club, however as long as they were of interest to a few members it was probably better than blank pages.

Anyway it is time to hang up my hat, time will become harder to come by with family on the way, so this will be my final issue

Is there anyone out there who fancies a stint as editor?

If so please contact a member of the committee.

Richard Goldie
Editor/Trophy points

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – DECEMBER 2011

By the time you read this Christmas will be almost upon us - so may I take this opportunity to wish you and families all the very best at this festive time.

Plans are already underway for 2012 with the teams now formed for both major events - our single venue at Melbourne and Rally Yorkshire which is the final round of the MSA British Rally Championship. The Lookout team at Melbourne are already planning some more improvements to tackle the ever increasing problem of damage to the road surface. Literally tons of concrete and tarmac have been placed over the past few years, and we are hopeful that the MSA will continue to grant some Club Development money towards this important work which should ensure that we retain a good local facility.

Sadly we are not able to run the Boxing Day Autotest this year, but are planning again in 2012 - Mark Sherburn has agreed to take on the role of organiser and we will work with him and the other clubs (Wakefield and Huddersfield) to present the opportunity for some easy motorsport on Boxing Day morning.

The MSA is once again running training seminars in the early part of 2012 for unlicensed officials. If anyone wants to learn more about how our sport is controlled (mainly Stewards and Clerks) then please contact Simon Marsden who has details of where the seminars are held.

Finally, a plea for help - Richard would like some assistance (or someone to take over) from his role as Editor - a very important role within Committee (but it need not be a Committee Member!) - so if anyone fancies a "go" at keeping members informed please let us know.

As always - enjoy your motorsport, and, once again, have a Happy Christmas!

Rod Parkin
Chairman

SOCIAL

2012 Awards Dinner Party – 28th January 2012

The Awards Dinner will be held at Castle Grove in Headingley. Dinner is 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm followed by the Prize Presentation, the cost per person will be £23. As in recent year's Club will be subsidising the cost of the tickets.

As usual there are various menu options available. Because of this, each couple/person attending the dinner will be required to fill out and sign a booking form to confirm your preferred menu choice. No bookings will be taken without the accompanying form and payment. Please print your first name and surname clearly as this will be used for your place card.

Members wishing to attend the Dinner must post their completed forms and remittance (cheques made payable to Trackrod Motor club) to Caroline Marston (24 Pasture Close, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds, LS25 6LJ) by 21st January 2012.

The booking form is enclosed in this month's magazine and can also be downloaded from the website.

Minestrone Soup

Yorkshire Pudding with Red Wine and Onion Gravy

Smoked Mackerel Pate

Braised beef steak with red wine, olives and shallots

Saffron and rosemary marinaded chicken breast

Pink peppercorn cod loin on smoked haddock and spinach risotto

Lemon torte

Rhubarb & ginger sponge with custard

English Cheeseboard

Coffee/Tea with mints

Thank you

Another busy motorsport year has come and almost gone, I would like to thank you everybody that has assisted me with the running of stages throughout the year, I know that the organisers of the events are grateful for your efforts as without your knowledge and dedication they know that their events would not succeed.

Trackrod Motor Club has a reputation for running well set up and safe stages with a professional approach and that is why we keep getting asked to run stages on some of the country's premier events.

I have no doubt that we will be asked to do the same in 2012 and I will be knocking on doors for help.

Once again thank you

Simon Marston

Stage Commander - Trackrod Rally Yorkshire

Jim Clark Rally

Roger Albert Clark Rally

Volunteers in Motorsport Training Day 29 January at York

I recently contacted Bob Wright to establish what training courses are available at the next session in York - here is his reply.

Richard Hart

There is a course for 'new to marshalling' which covers what it says. Some 'juniors' are well experienced from peer training / experience so I have to be careful when I say that the course is for them. All 'juniors' (or more precisely, in my opinion 'under 16s') are welcome .. providing that they are 12 and over I have had under 12s attending in the past with a parent or guardian but the were there to learn but not receive any signature of attendance as they are outside the age range for the MSA. All under 18s but over 16s must have a signed consent form from parent or guardian to say they may attend the *training day. if such persons are not in attendance. As for under 16s, the official line is that the parent or guardian must do the same signing but must also be in attendance but there is flexibility within this area to allow either parent or guardian to be on another course at the same venue or a party of under 16s to be in attendance when a sole parent or guardian is in attendance on the course or another course.*

There are 4 other courses, covering 'Radio', timekeeping, Stage commanders and 'In-stage' (setting up, spectator control, First response incident handling-management). There will be a practical incident handling session for the in-stage and trainees .. and possibly the other sessions if they wish It will be indoors using a little space frame car.

All sessions will have the benefit of a short presentation by a 'Paramedics instructor' and that instructor will be on site most of the day.

Application forms are available via the attached link

<http://www.britishmotorsport.co.uk/jmc?key=zx0K3jBh&formname=york> although replies / confirmations will only be sent when the monies from the Training trust have been confirmed, probably by the end of November. The day is underwritten by ANCC but they will only pay for any shortfall between subsidy and final costs so I must wait for the grant. I've never been refused finance.

As for basic details, signing on will be from 0815 to 0845 on the 29th January. Tea, coffee and biscuits available FOC at signing on. Bacon butties may be available, at a small cost. Mid morning Tea & coffee FOC and at lunch time there is a pre-bookable 'college student' type lunch plus a soft drink for about £4-50. The day finishes at about 15:45 after a 15 minute debrief ... commonly known as 'any questions' We manage to have about 80/85 attendees but have been up to 105 and we have space for 120. Plenty of sign posted car parking and the college is very easy to find off the A64 at the 'York bypass North' exit (A1237) roundabout, first exit, 200m to college entrance off the 'yellow' to Askham Bryan Village.
Or - 53-55-20.61N and 01-09-17.09W via a sat Nav to the college entrance or

http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&q=code=&q=Askham+Bryan+College,+York&aq=0&sl

AUTOSPORT INTERNATIONAL

Meet your governing body at ASI

The MSA will once again be on hand at Autosport International, which takes place at the NEC in Birmingham on 12-15 January.

MSA staff will be available throughout the show to answer your questions.

The governing body's stand will also feature the Reaction Race, allowing members of the public to test themselves against MSA Academy drivers on a BATAK wall.

Meanwhile the Go Motorsport stand will focus on a campaign to encourage visitors to 'Join Your Local Motor Club', featuring cars and personnel from a number of active clubs who will offer advice to those looking to get involved with the sport.

Motor sport companies and fans from more than 50 countries are expected to attend the show, which is Europe's largest motor sport trade exhibition. There will also be an entertainment programme including appearances from F1 driver Paul Di Resta, BBC F1 anchor Jake Humphrey and his co-presenter and DTM driver David Coulthard. Meanwhile special displays will pay tribute to both three-time F1 world champion Ayrton Senna and Britain's rallying heroes.

The MSA has teamed up with Autosport International to offer licence holders a £5 discount on entry to any of the show's four days. To register as an MSA member and receive the discount, visit www.autosportinternational.com or call 0845 218 6012 and quote MSA12.

Trackrod Motor Club Trophy Points 2012

Rally Driver	Points will be calculated as shown below 20 points for starting an event + Percentage of starters in class beaten
Rally Co-Driver/Navigator	As driver
Ladies Award	Best Lady Competitor Minimum of three events to be started Points calculated as <i>Rally Driver/Co-Driver</i>
Marshals	5 points per day (including set up and tear down)
Service Crew	5 points per day
Trackrod Trophy	Best all round Club member Non Competitor: 5 points per day per event marshalled/assisted on (10 points if named in regs) Competitor 5 points for a finish 3 points for a non-finish
Newman Trophy	Best all round Lady Club member Points awarded as <i>Trackrod Trophy</i>
Spy 44 Trophy	Points awarded for competing in three different disciplines (Marshalling may be counted as one discipline)
Juniors Award	Members must be under 18 at the beginning of the year to be eligible for this award. Points awarded as <i>Trackrod Trophy</i>

Stage Rally Review report published

The MSA-commissioned Review of Stage Rallying has been published following its presentation to the Motor Sports Council.

Undertaken over the past 12 months and chaired by Steve Stringwell JP, Chairman of the Motor Sports Council Judicial Advisory Panel, the Review aimed to understand the challenges facing this discipline of the sport and propose recommendations to address them where possible.

The 21-page report provides details of the Review Panel's recommendations, analysis of licence and event statistics, and feedback from MSA Officials Seminars. It can be found on the MSA website or by clicking here: <http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/RallyReviewReport.pdf>

"I don't think that anyone expected the Review to come up with a quick overnight fix, but we have made a number of recommendations for action and we have drawn conclusions for others to consider," said Stringwell.

"Some of the issues within the report are already being addressed, such as a review of component lifing, the trial of FIA Appendix K regulations on three major rallies which will extend to the MSA British Historic Rally Championship next year, and the approval of FIA R/GT regulations for implementation in January 2012."

Snape appointed Officiel d'Honneur

The MSA has bestowed its highest accolade, Officiel d'Honneur, upon Brian Snape in recognition of his outstanding contribution to UK motor sport.

Snape has served the sport through many years' membership – and past Chairmanship – of the MSA Timekeeping Advisory Panel, and the mentoring of countless trainee timekeepers.

The MSA's Allan Dean-Lewis, who presented the accolade, said: "It is a pleasure and a privilege to have the opportunity to make this very special presentation to Brian Snape to recognise what he has done to assist the success and safety of our sport over many years, especially in the area of Rally Timekeeping. He joins an elite band of around 25 other people who hold the Officiel d'Honneur title, which says much for the respect that so many people hold for Brian in what has been a lifetime interest in our sport."

GO MOTORSPORT

Butler-Henderson and Mikkelsen tackle 12-car for television

Five's Fifth Gear will shine a spotlight on one of the most affordable forms of motor sport today (Friday 9 December) with a film in which presenter Vicki Butler-Henderson navigates for Intercontinental Rally Challenge champion Andreas Mikkelsen on a 12- car navigational rally.

More than 300 such events are organised throughout the dark winter months by MSA-registered motor clubs across the country, and no special equipment or licences are required beyond a road-legal car and an ability to read a map. Competitors are given a set of clues, which they must crack while averaging 30mph between a series of checkpoints. As in stage rallying, crews set off individually at one-minute intervals and incur penalties for not sticking to the route or prescribed schedule.

Butler-Henderson and Mikkelsen contested Loughborough Car Club's Zebulon Pike Memorial 12-Car Rally in rural Leicestershire aboard a standard Škoda Fabia vRS. "I didn't really know what to expect and map reading isn't my specialist subject as I can get lost in a car park!" said Butler-Henderson, a Go Motorsport ambassador. "It was a terrific way to spend an evening. You exercise your brain, enjoy plenty of good banter and participate in a great sport with some healthy competition... all for a £15 entry fee and the cost of a few litres of fuel."

Mikkelsen added: "It was very different to anything I have done before. It was great fun, though, and clearly a fantastic way to start in motor sport. It's important for a young driver to gain experience any way he or she can and, more importantly, it's the perfect place for a budding co-driver to start off. I can now see why Britain has produced so many top world championship co-drivers over the years."

Autotest Committee creates guidelines for taster events

The Autotest Committee has created a set of guidelines for running grass-roots taster events, which have proved to be an effective way of bringing new people into the sport.

Be prepared to think about running events in mid-week evenings, Saturday or Sunday, whichever may prove more popular.

Keep the regulations short and simple. Use the chart in Section M, page 204, to choose which permit(s) you need for the sort of event YOU want to organise.

Make it as easy to enter as possible, be prepared to accept paper and e-mail entries, and make the closing date as late as possible, or close in two stages with appropriate fees.

Take advantage of inviting as many clubs as possible/ allowed, where the regulations permit. Consider contacting your local Regional Development Officer, colleges and road safety officers to encourage newcomers to motorsport.

Encourage as many different types of cars to enter as possible, put the emphasis on the standard road-going shopping car, but allow the more or specially modified cars, and frame the classes to suit.

Consider organising a multi-permit event, to include some or all of the options, taster events, autotests, production car autotests, and auto-SOLOs to maximise the attraction to parents and their children to compete, and hence the number of entries for the day.

Design and lay out the tests to allow the different types of event to use the same marker positions wherever possible, wherever the regulations permit. Don't make them too long, it's not an endurance event.

Design and lay out the tests to be user-friendly to the least experienced drivers and the most ungainly vehicle entered, the others will all make their own mistakes.

Have someone there to guide and advise the newcomers that you've encouraged (press-ganged) into competing.

Don't make the evening/day too long, let the pace be leisurely, announce the results promptly, and send them home happy, they'll come again.

Trophy points 2011
Winners

Driver = John Williams

Co-Driver = Graham Wride

Junior Award = Becca Revill

Lady Award = Gill Williams

Marshals Trophy = Andy Turnbull

Newman Cup = Tina Turnbull

Trackrod Trophy = Andy Turnbull

**There will also be some discretionary awards
awarded**

From the committee

Driver = John Williams (275.5)- Gordon Sneddon (166.4)- Howard Chopping (115.5)- Tom Stoker (70)- Gill Williams (20)

Co-Driver = Graham Wride (542.5)- Jonathan Turnbull (275.4)- Gill Williams (185.5)- Andy Riley (166.4)- Andrew Hobman (70)

Junior = Becca Revill (50)- Toby Revill (40)- Vicky+Rachel Sanderson (15)

Lady = Gill Williams (205.5)

Marshals = Andy Turnbull (90)- Jonathan Turnbull (75)- Tina Turnbull + Mark Sherburn (65)- Richard Hart (50)- Stephen Sanderson (45)- Stuart Marsh + Barry Stoner + John / Gill Williams (40)- Katy Sherburn (35)- Rob Buchan + Chris/Nicola Sanderson (15)- Stephen Hitchcock (10)

Newman = Tina Turnbull (70)- Gill Williams (55)- Katy Sherburn (40)- Nicola Sanderson (25)

Trackrod = Andy Turnbull (115)- Jonathan Turnbull (103)- Mark Sherburn (80)- Tina Turnbull (70)- John Williams (60)- Gill Williams (55)- Richard Hart (50)- Stephen Sanderson (45)- Stuart Marsh + Barry Stoner + Katy Sherburn (40)- Graham Wride (30)- Chris/Nicola Sanderson (25)- Rob Buchan (15)- Gordon Sneddon + Andrew Riley (13)- Stephen Hitchcock (10)- Howard Chopping + Tom Stoker + ANDREW Hobman (5)

TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM 2012

Members Name

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

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Autotest []

Economy Run []

Hillclimb []

Organising Club:

Trackrod []

Other []

PCT []

Road Rally []

Stage Rally M/V []

Type of Claim:

Driver []

Navigator []

Marshal []

Service Crew []

Organiser :

state position []

Treasure Hunt []

12-Car []

Other -

state type []

Event Status

Clubman CM []

National "A" []

National "B" []

International []

ANCC Round []

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 N

December

6th Old Modenians

13th Fox & Grapes

20th Rose & Crown (Otley)

27th Admiral Hawke

January 2012

3rd Old Modenians

10th Fox & Grapes

17th Rose & Crown

24th Fox & Grapes

31st Admiral Hawke

February

7th Old Modenians

14th Fox & Grapes

21st Rose & Crown

28th Admiral Hawke

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

Events Calendar 2012

Please contact Andy Turnbull for future events

All help is needed on a lot of events

If you require we can add you to the contact list so you will

Receive e-mails for events that are coming up

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