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EDITORIAL - SEPTEMBER 1974.

Well here I am back again in the 'hot seat' after my hols down in Cornwall, doing my best to try and keep on a surf board and my second objective to drink the Hotel dry!

Unfortunately, I didn't succeed on both counts but I had a damn good try - anyway I had a good try.

Now back to business of the Motor Club. It appears to me that on a Thursday night the number of members attending seems to be getting smaller and smaller. I don't know the answer, but I would like the members to put down on paper their reasons why and perhaps some ideas might be fruitful - anyway send me your letter.

Also I have started in this issue a series of articles - I hope by you the members on your holidays - any funny, sad or interesting stories you think other members might find interesting.

R.S.

"BITS FROM HON. SEC."

The Club Secretary extends a sincere welcome to the following new members on behalf of the Club:-

No. 208 Richard McLaren Shepherd, 3 St. Peters Avenue, Anlaby.

No. 209 Angela Elizabeth Prince, 10 Brooklands Road, Bridlington.

No. 210 Leslie Roberts, 1a Westbourne Grove, Hessle.

NORTHALLERTON MOTOR CLUB

AUTUMN STAGES RALLY - 22nd SEPTEMBER 1974

Status - Closed/Co-promoted

Invited Clubs:- Ripon M.S.C., Synchro '68', Stockton D.M.C.,

Normanby D.M.C., Hartlepool D.M.C.

(N.A.C. Membership for the rest of 1974 = 70p.)

Maps 90, 91. 16 Special Stages with an approx. total mileage of 30 miles.

Starts at Northallerton at 10-30 a.m. and finishes at approx. 17.00 hrs.

Regs available from me, entries close 9th September.

Fee £9.00 including service pack.

Max. entry 60, if oversubscribed 40 places settled by ballot.

YORK M.C. "ARMSTRONG STAGES RALLY" 21st September 1974.

We are marshalling 2 stages on Dalby Forest, hope you will volunteer to help.

N.H.M.C. "CRYSTAL STAGES RALLY" 13th October, 1974.

Have you rung me to volunteer to help? If not please do it now.

We need 100% effort from all members.

AUTOTEST

Co-promoted with Reckitts Motor Club, on CATFOSS, 27th October 1974,
for further details contact:- Comps. Sec., Graham Oddy.

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TRACKROD MOTOR CLUB'S "COSTA DI PLENTI RALLY"

24th AUGUST 1974 - Sponsored by SHELL

The start of the Costa Di Plenti Rally was on Full Sutton Airfield, which proved to be a good venue for the start being well away from any habitation. Scrutineering was very strict and included a noise meter. However, everybody passed at the first attempt although some crews had a spare exhaust in the boot just in case. After signing on we were issued with a long list of blackspots which took us quite a while to plot.

North Humberside were well represented with 10 crews all having joined Trackrod as it was a closed status event.

At the appointed hour we were issued with the road book which was in booklet form, with separate tear out time cards which made life a lot easier. The route was easily plotted in the hour allocated and we were flagged away at 3 mins. past midnight.

The route took us North to TC1, on a white just out of Bossal. Then followed a relaxed section to TC2 near Flaxton. Two competitive sections followed using a passage control manned by Ian Sadofsky taking us to selective 1 on Yearsly Moor, this was a quick 2 miler up to Ampleforth. After a craftily located passage control we came to selective 2 on the top of Sutton Bank. This selective used the infamous Caydale Mill ford which drowned many cars out. Fortunately somebody had stopped in the ford and we were routed through a field by-passing the water. A right hand hairpin shortly after this caught two Humberside crews out, both hitting the bank when taking it too fast. Eric Craven's bodywork was damaged but he managed to carry on. Unfortunately Brian Svenson's was too badly damaged to carry on. By now it was obvious that all neutrals and quiet zones were going to be well marshalled, thus keeping annoyance to a minimum. The route now continued North via several long selectives including the well known Cockayne loop and one over Danby high moor to the half way at Sealing Dam.

After fueling up we had an hours halt in a layby just out of Sealing Dam; we now headed South again to selective eight which used a long loose and fairly rough white finishing near Danby. Selective nine was a 9 miler taking in another long white and then some long open yellow roads up to Egton Bridge. The next part of the route included Grosfont ford; luckily it was shallow and the causeway was easily visible. We then came to a junction marked on the road book as extreme care; it turned out to be a 'T' the other side of which was a very steep drop blocked only by a stone wall. Unfortunately, Neil Harness had decided to take a closer look. His Mini having gone through the wall with its front wheels hanging over the edge.

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The last selective was a fast open section using the long white down to Stape, more familiar as the road used to gain across to the Cropton RAC stage, the two bricked over fords causing some surprise to some crews.

Seven time controls now took us to the finish via the long yellow through the Castle Howard arches and over the blind brows down to the final control near Whitwell Hill. Breakfast was at the Four Alls on the Malton-York road. As the car park was full we parked on the grass verge; unfortunately it was a clear way, as was pointed out by a passing Policeman later on in the morning.

As a closed status rally the organisation was well up to, or even better than, some restricted rallies. Provisional results were soon posted to competitors finishing off a very good event.

"GIN TWINS"

RESULTS:

No. 17 N. Harness/B. Needham	Cooper S	Retired due to stone wall.
No. 31 J. Dixon/M. Walmsley	Cooper S	46th (gearbox troubles)
No. 45 B. Svenson/M. Thompson	Escort TC	Retired with damaged steering.
No. 55 D. Thorne/W. Barr	Mexico	31st.
No. 62 P. Adams/G. Price	Escort 1600 GT	43rd.
No. 63 J. Newlove/R. Newlove	Escort Sport	22nd.
No. 67 E. Craven/M. Knowles	RS 1600	38th (damaged suspension)
No. 70 S. Hewick/N. Kirk	Anglia	Retired (cause unknown)
No. 72 P. Craven/G. Craven	Escort GT	23rd.
No. 75 T. Allsop/Miss A. Prince	Viva	Retired (fuel problems)

HOLIDAYS STORIES 1974.

After breakfast on the second Tuesday of my hols at Crackington. I was having a hectic workout with my morning paper and the paper won 3 falls to nil. Anyway I decided to take a run down to Tintagel and other points South.

Leaving the side road from the Hotel, I put my foot down and "lo and behold" my exhaust decided to part company with the car. The car sounded like a Formula 1 Lotus and forced me to have it fixed in true Cornish fashion in a one-man shop in Tintagel - slow but good workmanship. By the time it was fixed the day was almost over so I decided to return to the Hotel and have an early bath and a drink before dinner.

So there I was sat in the bath, thinking about the cost of the repair and soaking away the sunburn when there was a strong smell of smoke followed seconds later by the fire-bell and a strong fist on the bathroom door and a voice like doom shouting "get out of the bath, the Hotels on fire".

Well there I was sitting in the bath and you've never seen anyone get out so quickly, don a dressing gown and move. Upon leaving the bathroom and seeing the whole place filled with smoke, only one thought in mind was self-preservation. I made for the fire exit and finding the door closed I put my shoulder against and went through the door only to find myself in the middle of the street watched by 30 or 40 people who gave me a round of applause.

Trying to look composed, smiled and walked round to the car park, only to find the rest of the residents assembled there, also in dressing gowns and similar types of clothing. One poor girl of about 24 also caught in the bath, was wearing only a shortie nylon dressing gown was in vain trying to cover her vital parts. Another fella was in the middle of a shave with one half shaven and the other half still covered in soap.

Meanwhile, the staff of the Hotel had managed to get the fire under control with the use of fire-extinguishers but "big John" from the bar, all in good faith was hacking away on the roof of the Kitchen with an axe, but like a man possessed and disappeared through the roof without injury - Thank God.

About 25 min. after the alarm went up the local volunteer fire brigade appeared and took charge. You have never seen a more motley crew in your life, one 6 ft. tall, one 5 ft. and a peanut, one fat and one thin and dressed in anything from a green Castrol suit to a farmer's smock, but they did a good job, including cutting off the power, water and gas.

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Eventually we, in the car park, were allowed back into the Hotel and got dressed, much to the relief of the "dolly bird" and the disappointment of yours truly. Upon dressing we assembled in the bar and were told the Kitchen was the cause of the fire and there was no dinner for us and no power. Upon hearing this there was much murmuring from the assembled group and the wife of the Hotel owner said "not to worry I've made arrangements for you to have dinner at another Hotel". So at about 7-30 p.m. we assembled in the car park followed the owner in convoy up to the other Hotel and we all "trouped in" like a lot of refugees and sat down to dinner at one table. At this point I had to laugh and remark that it reminded me of a "Birthday Party" without the fancy hats.

After dinner we all trouped back home and found the power back on. This filled my heart with joy because the bar was saved and the bar was back on all safe and sound.

The Hotel owner said to us "thanks for not causing any trouble and the drinks are on us". Yours truly made the most of it and retired to bed very happy.

The following morning again we all trouped back up to the other Hotel for breakfast and we thought we would also have to return for dinner the following night but fortunately the local workman did a marvellous job of getting everything back in working order.

Anyway yours truly can claim the record of the Club for being the first "near streaker" of 1974.

Now lets have your stories. I don't want to be the only one in the Club with a hair raising experience.

R. SIMPSON.

Many apologies to Jeff Prince/Pete McDonald.

This fearless team came 29th on the Calderford Rally and not 39th as printed in last month's magazine.



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Letter from the Motoring Editor of the 'Guardian.'

Dear Club Member,

As a Member of a Motor Club, you are no doubt conversant with the various motoring magazines that appear on the newsagents counters. You may not be aware that every Monday readers of The Guardian are able to enjoy a column containing many items of interest to the motorist, edited by Charles Cook, Guardian motoring and transport correspondent.

Had you taken The Guardian recently, amongst many delights you would have been able to enjoy an examination of advanced driving training, you would have learnt something of the risks of driving when unfit; read a "drivers view" at the wheel of a double decker bus; had the opportunity to study details of the first production electric car to be offered for sale; and been given advice on anti-rust treatments, with a look at alternative fuel sources thrown in for good measure.

Similar items are ahead - car tests - motoring conference reports - the latest on motoring legislation - plus a great deal more, including articles on other forms of transport which affect motoring indirectly, such as rail electrification and travel on the inland waterways.

If not already conversant with The Guardian we hope enough has been said to stimulate your interest and that you will make certain to buy a copy of The Guardian every day and particularly on Mondays.

P.H.P. Gyton
Assistant Circulation Manager
The Guardian.

B.A.R.C. Letter.

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Barbeque - 6th September 1974.

Unfortunately, mainly due to lack of support, we have had to cancel the above event. I do hope this does not inconvenience you or your members.

We are, however, holding a dance at the Windmill Hotel, Seacroft, Leeds, on Saturday, 28th September, 1974, and if any of your members are interested in attending, tickets are available from myself at the above address. The prices of tickets are as follows:-

Dinner & Dance: £2.50 - Dance only 50p.

Once again, I am sorry to inform you at such a late stage.

Yours sincerely,
JAN WALKER, Staff Secretary.

R.A.C. RALLY 1974.

Once more this event looms near and N.H.M.C. have been invited to marshal Cropton Forest Special Stage.

This year the event, sponsored once more by LOMBANK, is planned for 200 entrants (at eighty quid apiece - late entries £95!) and a total distance of 200 miles.

As last year, there is to be a Clubman's Rally which will "top up" the entry to the original 200 on the Monday morning.

The outline, as I know it at the moment, is as follows, (all times are 30 m.p.h. times)

Saturday, 16th November 1974. Rally starts from York 09.00 hrs. S.S. Bramham 09.30 hrs.; S.S. Harewood Hill Climb (Stockton Farm) 09.48 hrs., S.S. Esholt 10.16 hrs., after which they push off to Welsh Wales, returning to York for 19.30 hrs. on Sunday, 17th.

On Monday 18th November the rally restarts from York at 08.00 hrs., all the "dropouts" having been replaced by clubmen. From York they go to S.S. Kilburn 08.52; S.S. Boltby 09.11 hrs., S.S. Ingleby 09.49 and then to Scotland via Croft.

Due time back at York is 20.00 hrs. Tuesday, 19th.

HERE ENDETH THE CLUBMAN'S RALLY.

On the morning of Wednesday, November 20th the top 100 runners will start from York at 07.00 hrs. and their first stage is at Cropton at 08.20 hrs. Then on to S.S. Pickering 08.44 hrs., S.S. Dalby South 04.15; S.S. Dalby North 09.52 hrs.; S.S. Leydale 10.35 hrs., S.S. Broxa 10.58 hrs. S.S. Wykeham 11.17 to a T.C. at Flamingo Park at 12.00 hrs. and finish at York at 13.00 hrs.

All those of you who can, and will, marshal this event please give your names to Harry Ahern. A working party will be needed for Tuesday 19th November, names to Harry once more please.

Final times to be published later.

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(30) 10.48

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Dear Secretary,

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Starting at 7.30 p.m. we will be showing several films on Motor Sport and we will have a panel of expert personalities to answer all your questions. The panel will include such people as Chris Selater, Jeremy Ferguson, Martin Holme, Alec Poole and Mike Greasley plus one or two others.

Refreshments will be available and we will be holding several competitions and raffles throughout the day.

Please extend our invitation to all your members, we look forward to seeing you.

Yours faithfully,

PETER HALKYARD.

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Dear Sir,

At last we have received enough provocation to write to the mag with a complaint, the last straw being the cancellation of our production Car trials at Dalby Weekend, because of lack of interest. In fact we only received one entry, thus all the time in documentation, finding a venue and also the cost of printing was wasted.

The general trend in the club being that nobody seems interested in entering events other than rallies, even a mini rally on Thursday Night had only 6 entries. Yet we still get complaints of lack of events, time and time again. It is the same old faces both organising, competing and marshalling, were are the other 150 members sat at home reading this letter

What do you want, lets have some letters to the mag, telling us what is required. Do we want a Social Club or a competitive Motor Club, or at least half and half. We know some events are a bit short notice, but if you are at all interested come on a Thursday Night or get in touch with the Comp Sec who can give you details of events on the go.

Yours Disappointedly

Joan and Alec & Newlove.

FUTURE EVENTS (RALLIES)

21st September	York M.C. Moss Rally	
22nd September	N.A.C. Autumn Stages Rally	Closed Co.
28/29th September	Shipley & District Motor Club Rally	
13th October	Crystal Stages Rally (Marshals required)	N.H.M.C.
23rd/24th November	Bullough Trophy	Kirby Lonsdale M.C.
30/1st December	ANCC Championship Event	Clitheroe D.M.C.
30/1st December	Moonraker Rally	N.H.M.C.

OFF THE ROAD EVENTS

29th September	Autotests Organised by Ken Hailstone, Venue - Beverley Clump. Scrutineering 11.00, First test 12.00 Further details contact Ken at Tel: 795981	N.H.M.C./York M.C.
27th October	Autotests at Catfoss Organised by Reckitts M.C. Co-promoted with N.H.M.C., York M.C., Auto '66', '62' CC, & Whitby M.C.	

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