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Gail Buckley    John Hardman    Roger Riley    Robin Bloor

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FORTHCOMING EVENTSDINNER DANCE      SATURDAY NEXT 2nd MARCH

Tickets for this year's annual shindig, binge, or whatever you choose to call it are almost sold out, with only about ten places left. Quite a change from previous years! Guest speaker is the distinguished John Horton, and the other well accustomed entertainments are promised. See you all there!

PICTURE QUIZ      TUESDAY 5th. MARCH. Organised by Graham Sherwood. Will a new organiser bring a new look to the game?

SCATTER RALLY      SUNDAY 17th. MARCH Don't know the time or the venue, or even who is the organiser, but it will be the usual high standard of event! Full details will be announced at the club.

FILMS / VIDEOS      TUESDAY 19th. MARCH Don't know the titles or how many there will be yet! Further details before the night.

INVITATIONS RECEIVED

COLWAY TYRES LAKELAND STAGES      16 MARCH The first round of our own RAC RALLY CHALLENGE. So far, Colin Brennan, Simon Lord, Martin Wilson, Dace Pemberton have registered. The regs. are available at the club on Tuesday nights.

KEETON HARRIER STAGES RALLY      7th APRIL Organised by Rotherham Motor Club, a single venue stage event at RAF Lindholme near Doncaster. A good do, by all accounts.

APPLEBYS COACHES TOUR OF Lincs.      13th. APRIL Organised by Lincs. Louth Motor Club as a multi-venue event. We have been invited with only 13 other motor clubs to take part in this event, which has 20 stages (70 miles) based on Cadwell Park Race Track, for an entry fee of £50. There is a separate class for Historic Rally Cars.

ANCC AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP 1985 The Regs. for this championship are available from Steve Tweedale on Tuesday nights.

NEXT MONTHS' NEWSLETTER Will have a report from Deryck Peugeot on the National Breakdown Rally in a Pi kup 504 or something like that... Also news of the RAC Challenge, a report on the Dinner Dance, more typing errors... See You Then!

ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPFINAL POSITIONS

## DRIVERS

Peter Glenholmes (Avenger) 20

## NAVIGATORS

Richard Hudson (XR3i) 45

Kevin Troughton (Avenger) 20

The above have only produced one result for positions.

Well, here is the climax to a thrilling season's rallying with the championship in the balance right up to the last weekend! But, after this hard fought battle, the championship goes to the flying ambulance driver Peter Glenholmes, driving on this occasion his Avenger, in which I had the pleasure of sitting on a piece of foam in the back on a certain navigational test. (So I think it only fair that I have the trophy for six months for enduring two hours on the floor!)

The navigators title was even more hotly contested - phew! With Richard Hudson providing the opposition to Peter Glenholmes' navigator Kevin Troughton, I'm afraid the competition was a little too severe, since Richard navigates for the wild Ian Wild (High Moor).

If the championship continues this year like it did last, then I don't think I can stand the pressure!!

STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPFINAL POSITIONS

## DRIVERS

M H Slater (Mini) (9) 175

R Dale (Skoda) (6) 147

B Millard (TR7 V8) (4) 94

C Brennan (Corolla) (3) 91

D Pemberton (Astra) (5) 73

S Lord (Civic) (2) 40

I Savage (Sunbeam) (2) 37

J Wood (Astra) (2) 36

R Bloor (Mini) (1) 11

## NAVIGATORS

M Corfield (6) 147

R Hudson (7) 110

J Lowthian (2) 62

B Millard (3) 58

S Lord (2) 46

M Duffy (2) 44

P Whatmough (2) 36

N Cheetham (1) 28

N Sutcliffe (1) 24

R Bloor (1) 23

D Pemberton (1) 21

N Anderton (1) 16

G Buckley (1) 11

(The figures in brackets are the No. of events on which competitors claimed points. The best eight scores counted for the championship.)

Well, what can I say about this championship; everyone who has taken part has shown great interest in where they stood and who was winning, one person more so than any other, mentioning no names!

The title finally fell to the one and only M H Slater in his somewhat tortured Mini (poor thing). Mike managed to put in nine results in 1984, gaining a total of 175 hard earned points. The runner-up spot goes to the surprising Skoda of Mr. Raymond Dale with a series of finishes in his class on Shell/Autosport rounds to amass 147 points in our championship. The bronze medal goes to Brian Millard who produced good results when he got to grips with the TR7 V8 and finished the season with 94 points.

Whilst Ray Dale only managed second place in the drivers championship, his regular co-driver Mike Corfield has attained the number one spot in the navigators series. I think Mike can be thankful to the Mick Slater Co-drivers Club which saw quite a few changes in that hot seat last season. The runner-up and nearly champion in both road and stage sections was Richard Hudson, who has had a varied season as co-driver for Dave Pemberton in the Astra Challenge and Mick Slater, and navigator for Ian Wild on road events. However, he just fell short of toppling Mike. Third spot went to John Lowthion, who, with Colin Brennan in their Toyota Corolla, came with a late charge and some good results on a couple of National Events.

Neil Anderton

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#### PICTURE QUIZ RESULTS

The picture quiz organised by Simon Lord on Tuesday 29 January was supported by several members, with President Deryck Pickup claiming maximum points for the Social Championship with a score of 31. Tony Walker was second with 30 and Tim Meadowcroft third with 27, closely pursued by Adam Mitchell and Steve Tweedale.

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#### SCATTER RALLY - SUNDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Since only four crews turned out when Peter, Linda, and Roger organised their Scatter Rally in summer, they decided to run it again as the first such event in the 1985 season. To make it fairer for those crews who did not compete last time, several of the clues (including the compulsory ones) were changed, and a surprise Auto-test was thrown in for good measure.

Crisp deep snow and an icy, easterly wind greeted competitors at the top of Blackstone Edge for the start; weather not dissimilar to the blizzard during the first

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#### FROM THE LEFT-HAND SEAT

#### THE JOE GOODWIN RALLY

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Our due time arrived and we set off to the first selective at Lupton Hall with a round trip of Killington.

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ever Scatter Rally two years previous. However, the roads in and around Rochdale were clear, and only after the Auto-test at 'Sutty's' yard, when the Rally moved onto Map 110, was there any significant snow on the tarmac. In fact, it became clear to us, after the Auto-test, that the contest would be won or lost on mileage - provided no-one got stuck in the snow (which Peter Buckley & Peter Butterworth did!) - and as we arrived at the finish Terry Mills and Neil Anderton had been waiting for some time. Their claims to have their mileage reduced to take account of wheelspin were to no avail, and Martin Butker and I relieved them of first place. Martin and Frank Ward and Tony Walker had claimed third place, but were demoted to fourth when it was realised they were experts, and the two Peters thus moved up into the top three.

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But, arriving at the finish control of the last selective before Petrol, the realisation was we were two minutes OTL, so slightly dejected, I handed in the Time Card to be told we would collect only one fail for this and we could carry on.

The start of the next selective was covered with snow and the Metro struggled even to get off the line; after about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile down this narrow section we came upon a tight 90 right between two banks, and again the Metro proved allergic to turning right and we hit the bank with the left wing and valance: after pulling the wing off the wheel, we continued on our way once more.

I was beginning to doubt the wisdom of my decision - a car with no roll-cage or full harnesses, and this was Malcolm's first rally since 1969 in a Mini which he managed to write off on a Motoring News round!

After our off the roads got progressively worse and Malcolm wisely slowed down in order to get the all-important signature and not inflict further damage to his Metro which had to take him to work on the Monday. The last selective start came and as we waited for the countdown, the idea was 'softly softly' and finish the rally, but halfway down the section Malcolm seemed to have a rush of blood: after a half-mile straight there was a 45 right, 45 left kink, which Malcolm decided was flat in third, and indeed it was, having survived to tell the tale, but it's the closest I've come to going through a hedge sideways - I was leaning on Malcolm by the time he'd controlled the slide which had the glass the only thing between me and the hedge!

The pulse rate was now returning to normal as we went through Damage Control and to the final MTC at the finish Hotel where a splendid breakfast awaited our arrival. The Metro made it home with a few creaks and groans, and in the daylight the damage didn't look too serious. We have since learnt we were credited with 26th. overall and 8th. in class; Cheers Malcolm, for the entertaining ride!

Neil Anderton.

SOCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

POSITIONS AFTER FOUR ROUNDS

|   |                |    |     |                     |    |
|---|----------------|----|-----|---------------------|----|
| 1 | Neil Anderton  | 37 | 7   | Terry Mills         |    |
| 2 | Simon Lord     | 35 | 7 = | Richard Hudson      | 18 |
|   |                |    | 7   | Deryck Pickup       |    |
| 3 | Peter Buckley  | 28 | 8   | Peter & Linda Sast. | 16 |
| 4 | Steve Tweedale | 26 | 9   | John Wood           | 15 |
| 5 | Martin Butler  | 23 | 10  | Martin & Franf Ward | 14 |
| 5 | Tony Walker    |    |     |                     |    |
| 6 | Rokin Bloor    | 19 |     |                     |    |

After four rounds of the 1985 championship 53 members have scored points.

The aroma of burning 12 volt motors filled the air at Hornets for the annual four lane Scalextric Contest, run this year as a team event with pairs of members doing battle on the plastic black stuff in an attempt to take away 2 trophies donated by Alan Bancroft.

It soon became apparent that the BMW on the inside lane was the 'bum draw' as most of the young hopefuls fell by the wayside. Twenty four teams of two had entered the contest, and thus after two rounds, we were down to the final six teams. Lindsay and Darryl Collins got little further; nor did Martin Hall and Dave Pemberton (who was later observed falling off his chair laughing at the antics of the finalists); and John Lowthion and Peter Whatmough also fell by the wayside at this point.

The final three teams raced each other to see who would go forward into the Grand Final, and at last we saw the defeat of Simon Lord and Robin Bloor. But he didn't take home his track, and it was left to the Tod. Lads to take the honours from Brian Millard and Mike Duffy in the Grand Final. Richard Hudson and Neil Anderton had done it again! Well done Tod Lads, and thanks to Simon for the use of his toys, and to Alan for the trophies. A good night was had by all!

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#### RAC MSA CLUB NEWS

In the February edition of the RAC Club newsletter which is sent to all motor clubs belonging to the MSA are the following items:

1985 RAC Rally will be based in Nottingham, starting Sunday 24th. November and finishing Thursday 28th. November.

Club Level Competitions. From 1986 the RAC is proposing to replace Closed Co-promoted events with a new category called 'Clubmans' Status. The Clubmans event will be open to nine clubs (including the organising club), which is more than can be invited under the present system, but the main difference will be that RAC Competition Licences will be required by all competitors. To offset the increase in costs to the competitors, the RAC are promising commercial discounts and 'other benefits' to the holders of Competition Licences.

If you would like to see the Club News please ask Steve Tweedale.

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