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Please ensure that contributions for the April issue are in the Editor's hands not later than March 14th.

\* Have you paid your subs yet ? If not we regret that this will be the last Exhaust you receive. Membership lists will be inspected on 1st March and names of members who have not paid will be removed from the mailing list. \*

# EDITORIAL

My first task this month is to apologise for the shortage of interest-matter in this issue. Reasons are many and varied, the main factor though being a distinct lack of time to organise report writers for the three main events which have been run since last month - the Semi-Sporting Trial, the Mobil Trophy and Empire Trophy Rallies. Stories on all these, plus the Shiplside Trophy Rally and the March Mixture will appear next time.

Also on a somewhat apologetic note, I must refer to Denys Britton's resignation from the position of Honorary Treasurer and the way this was handled last month in this newsletter. No official announcement was made, for the reasons quoted on page 8, but as you know a certain letter was published. This letter has caused such a barrage of comments and opinions that I must offer my apologies to all those people who felt that the only purpose the letter served was to stir things up innecessarily. It is quite true that the full facts about Denys's decision were not at that time widely known but doubtless they are now. I have received several letters which, although as worthy of publication as John Isaac's, will not be printed as I feel that the majority of members would now wish the matter to be quietly closed. One point I must bring out into the open is the unanimous vote of thanks to Denys for the marvellous way he has served the club over the last decade and a half.

On a lighter subject - Commercial Vehicle Driving Tests. "Commercial Motor" who promote the Lorry Driver of the Year Competition have honoured the club by inviting us to organise one of the qualifying rounds. This will be held at the Newark Showground on May 31st. and will be quite a day. The thought of 10-tonners and artics thrashing around in the Harkins/Gardner/Young fashion makes the mind boggle. Jack Glazebrook is head of the organising team and will doubtless welcome offers of help for that weekend. More details next month.

See you all on the March Mixture.

## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

During the last natter I had the pleasure of meeting Philip Hodges who, on behalf of his company, Jesse Hodges, the tyre distributors of Huntingdon Street, Nottingham, offered the club a new major award. The new trophy is to be awarded annually to the outright winner of the Autumn Rally, which this year is being organised by Messrs. Atkins, Hubbard and Young and is to be run in September - R.A.C. permitting.

As well as a new trophy, Philip has offered to give all club members 25% discount off any tyres on production of a current membership card. They will also contribute a further 2½% to club funds so by saving yourself money you help the club. Technical advice is also readily available and all you have to do is to contact either Philip or his brother David and they will help with any problems you may have. Philip has made a very generous offer here, this is the type of support we need so let us take advantage of it as we all need tyres at some time. May I, on behalf of the club, say many thanks to both Philip and David.

The name of a recent rally makes one wonder how people spend Friday nights, is it true that competitors on the Hangover Rally can only enter if they have bloodshot eyes and red noses? If so Eastwood did well out of it, cleaning the event by finishing 1, 2, 3. The winning crews were John Salsbury/John Chadwick, Glyn Hubbard/Bob Atkins in the new Tin Can (oops, sorry, that's a typographical error, Ed.) and Tony Crisp/Gerry Gardner. Just think of the points we would have picked up had this been a championship event (knock, knock). Even so this is the best result Eastwood have had for quite some time and hearty congratulations go to all three crews, it's good to see E.D.M.C. returning to its proper place on results sheets.

I would like to thank Ian Reynolds for the 12 car event he put on in January, it was his first go at organising and he made a good job of it. Let us hope we can see his name on more events.

# THE MARCH MIXTURE

SUNDAY 1st MARCH

START 2.00 p.m.

The social event crew, the enthusiastic navigational event crew, the driving test enthusiast and above all the family crew have been catered for in this event.

It will take place off the road.

Providing the weather is kind to us there will be a number of Gymkhana type tests - if not competitors will be kept mobile, inside their cars !!

There will be a route to follow for part of the event (and right now it can be anybody's guess as to how this will be defined).

Tests of driving capabilities will be included as will tests of the crews without their cars.

The venue will be denoted by arrows from the B 5400 at MR 121/439253 $\frac{3}{4}$  (The B 5401 through 121/444 $\frac{1}{2}$ 260 is a non-goer).

Entries will be accepted up to 2.30 p.m. on the day of the event but anyone who wishes to do so may enter by telephoning details of vehicle and crew to Colin Adkin on Nottingham 249683 any evening.

Colin would also like to hear from people willing to marshal on this event, several will be required.

All members, relations and friends will be welcome as either competitors, marshals or spectators.

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## NATTER, & NOGGIN

WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH

Organised by Vernon North and due to start at 8.0 p.m. prompt, the evening will feature entertainment to cater for all tastes. Main films of the session will be of the March Mixture and one entitled "Ride the White Horses". This latter one is from Ford and makes a change from motor racing films, highlighting the 1969 Round Britain Powerboat Race, the longest and most exciting event in the international powerboating calendar, lasting eleven days and covering 1700 miles (the event not the film).

# EXPERTS' NIGHT OUT

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH

Run this year as a twelve car rally, the Experts' Night Out will be slightly biased towards navigators rather than speed. The route covers about 45 miles on map 121. The start is at Hooley's garage, Melton Road, West Bridgford MR 121/582364 and the finish will be at an eating and drinking house approximately 10 miles from Nottingham.

Entries should be made in the first instance by telephoning Colin Adkin (Nottingham 249683) any evening. Final instructions will be given at the start at 7.00 on the evening of the event - first car due away at 7.30 p.m. Starting order will be at the organisers' discretion and for the purpose of this event an expert or novice will be defined by Mick Pownall - anyone in doubt contact Mick at Nottingham 74328 (office) or 231993 (home). Penalties as R.A.C. S.S.R.s modified if necessary in the final instructions.

Would people prepared to marshal on this event please contact Colin - they need one or two.

The organisers are

Mick Pownall      ←      →      Colin Adkin

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## SHIPSIDE TROPHY RALLY

SAT/SUN 28 FEB/1st MARCH

220 miles pre-plotted on maps 122, 123 and 133. Targa Timing.  
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## HARD DAY'S NIGHT RALLY

SAT/SUN 7/8th MARCH

180 miles plot and bash on maps 105 and 114. Targa Timing. Selectives included, start and finish at Skegness.

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Further details and regs for these events are available from  
Gerry Gardner.

# THREE B's RALLY

SAT/SUN 14/15th MARCH

Although a well established favourite in the Dukeries calendar this year the event, organised by Tony Howarth and Robin Davis, is of restricted status, which means that we need to put on a good show and improve our championship position.

Starting from C.P.Evinson Ltd. in Mansfield, first car away 23.00 hrs., the route covers 190 miles on maps 112 and 122, taking in unsurfaced roads, and ends at the Nottingham Knight Hotel where the first car is due in at 07.00hrs.

The route will be all pre-plotted, with Targa timing being employed. Awards for experts, semi-experts and novices.

Further details and regs from Gerry Gardner or Barrie Barker's Garage opposite Haydn Road in Sherwood.

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## ADS.

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## NEW MEMBERS

The editor would like to take this opportunity of welcoming to the club the following:

Miss E.J.Glover of Nottingham

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R.A.Priestly of Mapperley

I.C.Douglass of Leicester

D.E.Pierce of Cleethorpes

P.B.Fowkes of Bestwood

C.S.Perry of Wilford

P.Thornton of Leicester

R.J.English of Beeston



# The Great Car Park Mystery

*From our Special Correspondent*

An astonishing story was revealed when I recently made an investigation at the car park of the Tollerton Flying Club. On view was a wonderful collection of motoring machinery on which much care and time had obviously been lavished to make them Road and Rally (and Girlie ? ) worthy. Among the assembled ranks were also various plush saloons.

The odd thing was that these cars were completely anonymous. There were various stickers in the windows, such as "Dukeries Rally", "RAC Competition Licenc Holder", "I like Groundhogs", even one saying "I like it !", but nothing to reveal who this band of specialist motorists really were.

These are the days of advertising, P.R. and Promotion, the era of Banner, Slogan and Ballyhoo. Members of bowls and social clubs, political factions, companies, sects and regiments, even eaters of cereals and marmalade, wear ties, lapel badges, cuff links, scarves, blazers, T-shirts and be-sloganned bloomers to proudly proclaim to lesser mortals their superior status.

What manner of people were these then? What could be their anonymous secret? By stealth and discreet enquiry your reporter scooped the astonishing truth.

These were members of the Eastwood and District Motor Club. Some young and impecunious, some, presumably from the plush saloons, older and affluent and pillars of the club for many years. All anxious to give time effort and sweat to uphold the honour of the club. Yet the greatest mystery remains, these superior mortals, proud of their unique status, motor around among the common crowd anonymous. There is a shop in a little black box at all meetings where can be had handsome car badges, or for those who cannot afford it (the weight of course!) there are very adequate transfers at less than the cost of keeping a Weber's second choke open for about five seconds.

The shop keeper told me "Unlike the trooper at Balaclava mine is to reason why, and the strain is driving me mad!!"

Members, his sanity and the solving of one of the strangest mysteries of our time is in your hands! Do something about it.

# JOTTINGS

Dear Mr. Hearsay!!!

MICK's new car is really an earth mover.

BOB likes Lotus Cortinas y'know.

PENNY is very good at getting wheel nuts off I hear.

People that haven't got one make up for it in other ways!

What are Compeshun (sorry Competition) results?

"Of course it's much easier at home on the dining room table".

"Yes, but not if it's got castors on it".

"True, but it's pretty good when it hits the wall!"

Did anyone notice BOB talking to himself at the S.S.T.?

"Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud"

"Hello JACK"!!!

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Most people will by now have heard that Denys Britton has formally resigned from the position of treasurer. This was not announced officially last month because his successor had not been appointed and Denys had kindly offered to keep the accounts in order until such time as he could hand them over to the new man. We are now pleased to be able to name George Ware as the new Honorary Treasurer - let's do all we can to help him settle in by paying overdue subs now and forwarding any monies in a sane and logical manner. George's address is 16 Marshal Drive, Bramcote, Nottingham. Telephone numbers to note are: Home - Sandiacre 3605 and Office - Nottingham 85660

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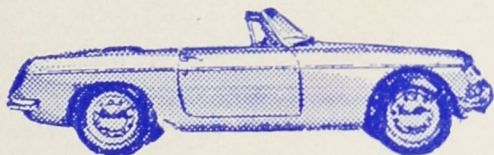


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