



January/February 1988

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Member,

This is my first letter of 1988 and the first thing I must say is something I somehow omitted in my last letter of 1987.

As has been the case for as many years as I can remember, the exacting task of selecting, purchasing, arranging for engraving and, where required, organising the posting of the Awards and Trophies, has been undertaken by Barbara Mason. Barbara seems to enjoy this job and that is borne out by the efficient and very thoughtful way in which she does it. Many thanks Barbara and long may Harry allow you to continue!

The planning for the 1988 RAC Rally is already proceeding apace and while I am in no position to tell you anything definite about a Harewood Hill Stage, as I said in last month's letter, Rally Headquarters will be in Harrogate. And now the search is on for daylight stages in the Harrogate area, for the beginning of the event. Watch this space!

Another important topic which was well ventilated in the last edition of The Times was that of the suggestions made at the Speed Events Forum, held back in November. Robin Boucher's letter in the same issue brought out several points which were discussed at the Committee Meeting at the beginning of December. The Committee were of broadly the same opinion as Robin and I am sure you will find that the relevant points have been "accommodated" when the Regulations for 1988 events are published shortly.

Mention of Robin reminds me that he is, once again, to organise one of his Quiz/Superstar nights for us. Full details will be given elsewhere. Please come along and support Robin. Last year's event was very enjoyable and I would like to see Yorkshire Centre members outnumbering the Midlanders this year!

At the January Committee Meeting it was decided to ask Tim Smith if he would join as a co-opted member to help with pre-season planning and preparation for the 1988 Harewood Hill Climbs. Tim is a past Committee Secretary, whose recent business activities have prevented him from making a full commitment to the Centre. However, Tim now feels that things have relented sufficiently to allow him to take on some of the load. He has accepted and he is very welcome. I hope that this time he will not be spirited away from us by undue pressure caused by the need to earn his crust.

The Annual General Meeting of the Centre approaches - notice elsewhere - and so please make a note of the date and get yourself along to the Parkway to

make any points you wish to bring to the Committee's attention.

One last plea for action goes to our marshals. Please help David Dalrymple, our Chief Marshal, to sleep at night by sending back your Availability Forms which were included within the last two editions of "The Times". This will also save John English from having to record that "Mr. Dalrymple reported that few marshals have indicated their intentions for the forthcoming season".

See those of you who are fit and ready at the Harewood Training and Practice Day on Sunday March 20th.

Jim Johnstone.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting Of

January 4th. 1988

The development of the return road at Harewood and the expansion of activities to include such events as motoring press test days is likely to be one of the features of 1988, thanks to the generosity of Tony Fall of General Motors. This development would enhance the appeal of the site for Stage Rally use and a very exciting RAC Rally stage has been suggested - remember that this year's "Lombard RAC" starts just down the road at Harrogate.

The newly developed barn is available for hire now, prospective hirers should apply to Harewood Hill Ltd. for further details.

The use of tyre warmers will not be permitted at Harewood during the 1988 season, which brings the Yorkshire Centre into line with organisers of several major hillclimbs who have already taken this step. Competitor's entry fees will unfortunately need to be increased, that's the bad news, the good news is that we have been able to limit the extra amount to just £1.00 as we hope that insurance and permit costs will remain stable and that other costs can be contained.

The March Clubnight will take the form of the Centre's Annual General Meeting which will be held at the Parkway Hotel on March 24th. Please note, this is a change of date from that originally published. Full details of the Annual General Meeting will be found elsewhere in this edition of "The Times".

The 1988 Dinner-Dance will be held at the Parkway again, the date, Saturday, December 3rd. Please put this important date in your diaries now.

The first Harewood event of the year is not too far away now, it's surprising how the Winter break slips away isn't it? The Harewood Practice and Marshal's Train-

ing Day will be held on Sunday March 20th. It is more than likely that at least one brand spanking new Pilbeam will be in attendance. Please don't forget, we shall need marshals. If you can help please contact David Dalrymple as soon as possible.

On the subject of Harewood we are hoping to attract sponsors for the individual classes at our hillclimb events. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a class please contact Simon Clark. Don't forget, the sooner you do this, the bigger the choice of classes available to you.

Finally, your committee also discussed the subject of spectator admission charges and it was agreed that for the first meeting of the year at the venue (Easter), the charge will be £3.50.

GEOFF DICKINSON

The British Marshalling community has been dealt a tragic blow recently with the news of the sudden death of Geoff Dickinson, who died in hospital on Monday, November 16th, after a relatively minor operation.

Geoff, aged 40, started his marshalling career some 17 years ago and graduated through the ranks performing almost every duty, eventually up to Observer. Geoff's interests did not lie only with circuit marshalling - he had also been quite active in rally marshalling and did, on a couple of occasions, try his hand at navigating. He was a very active and reliable member of the BRSCC Northern Rescue Team and had also marshalled at Harewood over a number of years, in addition to being a member of the Harewood Marshals Association. Geoff, who will be sadly missed by all the other members of the Rescue Team and his fellow marshals. Geoff was in fact instrumental in the reformation of the Northern Area Rescue Unit and will not be forgotten, neither will his help and generosity.

Hailing from Methley, near Castleford, in Yorkshire, Geoff was a down-to-earth family man who worked for Yorkshire Imperial Plastics. Always a popular figure at British circuits, no one could fail to recognise his "larger than life" character. He always had a word for everyone... that was Geoff, with his broad but friendly Yorkshire accent, he will be sadly missed in the paddocks and on the circuits of England.

The British Marshalling fraternity, BMRMC, BRMC, BRSCC, the BARC (Yorks), numerous clubs and all Geoff's friends extend their condolences to Lorraine, Geoff's devoted wife, his loving daughters, Karen and Debra, and his father and family.

HAREWOOD HILLCLIMB CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1988

March 20th.	Practice Day and Marshals Training Day. Restricted Status.
April 2nd/3rd.	Spring National Status Meeting.
May 21st.	Novices Meeting, Restricted Status.
May 22nd.	Members Meeting, Closed Status.
June 11th/12th.	Restricted Status Meeting.
July 16th/17th.	National Status Meeting, British Championships Event.
August 21st.	Restricted Status Meeting.
September 24th/25th.	National Status Meeting.

Regulations for all the Harewood meetings 1988 will be published in book form and are expected to be delivered from the printer in the week beginning February 8th. These regulations will be posted to all current B.A.R.C. (Yorkshire Centre) members and also to those non-members who are regular supporters of Harewood. For those members attending the "Superstars Social" on February 10th. there is a possibility that the booklets will be available. Why not support the social and collect your 1988 Harewood Regulations at the same time. Uncle Denys has been known to smile kindly upon those members that support as many of the Centre events as possible!

MEMBER'S CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE

September 1970 Arkley with more than a little history. Built new by John Britten Garages for Kenny Jones (drummer with The Who) the Arkley is based upon a 1275 Midget. 13,000 miles ago the car was mechanically rebuilt and a half-race engine with "S" pistons and a 1.5" SU fitted. The engine features a tufrided crank and has been lightened and balanced and was fitted with a new gearbox, clutch and all ancillaries.

Since then it has only been used by the wife on the road (not raced etc!).

The Arkley has been properly re-sprayed and re-trimmed and has only done 50 miles since the last M.O.T. Test, at which time the king pins were attended to.

Price:- £1,500

Interested parties should contact Colin Edge on 0532 467119 (day) or Wetherby 62006.

The car can be viewed at Colin's home which is between Wetherby and Spofforth.



The hillclimb cars return to Harewood in March but will we see the works rally teams there in 1988?

THE B.A.R.C. (YORKSHIRE CENTRE)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE PARKWAY HOTEL, LEEDS 16
MARCH 24th. 1988

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the B.A.R.C. Yorkshire Centre will be held in the Linton Suite at the Parkway Hotel, Otley Road, Leeds 16 at 8.00pm on Thursday 24th. March 1988.

By order of the Committee

John M. English
Hon. Secretary

AGENDA

1. To receive and adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th. March 1987

2. To receive the reports of:-

- a) The Hon. Secretary
- b) The Hon. Treasurer
- c) The Hon. Competition Secretary
- d) The Hon. Social Secretary
- e) The Chairman

3. To elect Officers and Committee for 1988/89

- a) Chairman
- b) Vice-Chairman
- c) Hon. Treasurer
- d) Hon. Secretary
- e) Hon. Competition Secretary
- f) Hon. Social Secretary
- g) The requisite number of Committee Members.

4. To transact any other formal business which may properly be dealt with at an Annual General Meeting of the Centre.

Under Item 4 on the Agenda, time is given for discussion on any other business members may wish to raise. It is helpful, particularly where explanations or answers which will require reference to Centre are required, if advance notice can be given.

OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 1987/88

OFFICERS (Who retire)

Chairman: J. Johnstone
Vice Chairman: J.R. Hardcastle
Hon. Treasurer: D.N. Townsend
Hon. Secretary: J.M. English
Hon. Competition Secretary: T.D.F. Thomson
Hon. Social Secretary: T.D.F. Thomson

In accordance with the "Rules for the conduct of Centres" drawn up by the Club's Council under Article 39 of the Memoranda and Articles of Association of the British Automobile Racing Club Ltd., the Yorkshire Centre Committee makes the nominations for Officers for the following year.

The following nominations have been made for 1988/89.

Chairman: J. Johnstone
Vice Chairman: J.R. Hardcastle
Hon. Treasurer: D.N. Townsend
Hon. Secretary: J.M. English
Hon. Competition Secretary: T.D.F. Thomson
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COMMITTEE 1988/89

Retire 1988:-

D. Dalrymple, A. McKinney, J. Staveley and D. Naylor who retire by rotation, have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election. They have been nominated by the Committee.

Including these nominations there are a total of 4 vacancies to be filled on the Committee and nominations for candidates are invited.

All nominations must be made in writing, with the knowledge and consent of the nominee and must be duly proposed and seconded by two members of the Centre.

Nominations must be sent to the Hon. Secretary, J.M. English, 32, Farfield Avenue, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, HG5 8HB to reach him by or before the morning of the 17th March 1988.

Members are invited to bring along their families and friends who may attend the A.G.M. although they may not take part in any voting or discussion.

A bar will be open in the meeting room from 7.30pm onwards.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING

PLEASE ATTEND IF YOU CAN

**IT IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP
GUIDE THE CENTRE IN THE DIRECTION
YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO GO**

**WHO WILL BE THE B.A.R.C. (YORKS)
SUPERSTAR 1988**

**IT COULD BE YOU
WHY NOT HAVE A GO AT THE
FEBRUARY CLUBNIGHT?**

**A LIGHTEARTED COMPETITION TO
TEST YOUR SKILLS. NO PHYSICAL EXERTIONS
REQUIRED (HONESTLY).**

**ALL GAMES REQUIRE SKILL
(BUT ONLY A LITTLE)
AND ARE DESIGNED TO BE FUN**

WHY NOT JOIN US AT

**THE QUEENS ARMS, HARROGATE ROAD,
CHAPEL ALLERTON, LEEDS.**

**on
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10th.
1st TEST STARTS at 7.30pm.**

**A BAR WILL BE OPEN IN THE ROOM AND BAR
MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE BUT THEY MUST
BE BOOKED WITH JIM JOHNSTONE ON
WETHERBY (0937) 66407 BY
MONDAY FEBRUARY 8th. PLEASE.**

SEE YOU THERE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**at
THE PARKWAY HOTEL,
OTLEY ROAD,
LEEDS 16**

**on
THURSDAY MARCH 24th. 1988.**

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU THERE

PLEASE ATTEND.

**PLEASE NOTE,
THIS DATE IS DIFFERENT TO THE ONE
WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED,
IT IS
THURSDAY MARCH 24th.**

ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

**WITHIN THIS EDITION OF "THE TIMES"
YOU WILL FIND DETAILS AND AN
ENTRY FORM FOR THE CENTRE
ANNUAL COMPETITIONS.**

**THERE IS A COMPETITION TO SUIT
EVERYONE, SO WHY NOT REGISTER
AND HAVE A GO.?**

**COMPETITORS ARE ESPECIALLY
WELCOME, AS ARE MARSHALS AND
OFFICIALS.**

**WHO KNOWS, YOU COULD WIN ONE OF
THE EXCELLENT ANNUAL TROPHIES.**

**DON'T DELAY, REGISTER TODAY BY
RETURNING THE ENCLOSED FORM TO
BORIS HARDCASTLE.**

**REMEMBER
"NOTHING VENTURED,
NOTHING GAINED"**

RACING CARS RETURN

**THE FIRST COMPETITION CARS WILL
BE IN ACTION AT HAREWOOD
ON
SUNDAY MARCH 20th.**

**IT IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SEE
SEVERAL NEW CAR/DRIVER
COMBINATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME.
THE EVENT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT
AS IT ALSO FORMS OUR MARSHAL'S
TRAINING DAY.**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP IF
YOU CAN. IT IS A MOST ENTERTAINING
DAY ALL ROUND.**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T YET CONTACTED
DAVID DALRYMPLE WITH REGARD TO
MARSHALLING AT THIS EVENT,
PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**DAVID'S ADDRESS IS:-
MANORA, 30, MANLEY ROAD, BEN RHYDDING,
ILKLEY, WEST YORKSHIRE, LS29 8QP.**

Tel:- ILKLEY (0943) 609810.