



## FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Member,

You will already be aware of the reports of the other Centre Officers and will therefore know that a very satisfactory year lies behind us.

A successful season at Harewood, both competitively and financially, culminated in the celebration of twenty five years of hill climbing at Stockton Farm. Once again, we were accorded the accolade of running our second Guyson/USA British Hill Climb Championship round in one season and so a superb day's sport was assured, with top quality entries in all categories.

We were also honoured by a visit by the Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress of Leeds and I feel that this civic recognition is an important factor in the standing of the Centre and the sport in our area.

The Chairman of the B.A.R.C. Council and several Council members also paid us a visit and, from the kind and complimentary comments I have received from them, I know that they were impressed by what they saw.

The Twenty Fifth Anniversary of Harewood Hill Climb was something which I was anxious to have well marked and my thanks go to everyone involved in making the day so successful.

A band of people who contribute consistently to the running of our events at Harewood are the marshals and we are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and well trained team. We are very grateful for their work which often involves standing out in awful conditions for long periods and I would like them to know that they are greatly appreciated.

We have been very fortunate over the last few years in having a good number of sponsors of our events. These have been both on an individual and large scale basis and also as members of our Centre Sponsorship scheme. They have provided, and are continuing to provide, a very valuable back up for the Harewood events and we are very thankful for their support.

Our landlords at Stockton Farm, Harewood Hill Ltd, continue to be of great assistance to the Centre and the Directors' enthusiasm to ensure that we enjoy the best possible facilities for our events is echoed in the improvements which are there for all of us to see and use.

The comments I made about Club

Night attendances in my report last year are equally valid this year. Some excellent and also some novel evenings have been organised, but attendance at most of them has been disappointing. They will, nevertheless, be continued and I commend them to members as enjoyable and lighthearted evenings out.

My final remarks concern the Officers and Committee members, without whose determination and dedication the Centre would not be in the satisfactory position I believe it now occupies. The thanks of the members are due to them all.

Those of you who have been coming to Stockton Farm over the last few years, especially as competitors, will undoubtedly know the name of David Scratchard, for he has been the man you either love or hate, with the unenviable job of timing the Harewood meetings. As you all know it's a position in which you just can't win and I bet that David and his enthusiastic wife June, have lost count of the times that they've heard the statement "Oh come off it, the run couldn't have been that slow" or words to that effect. Yes, it's a common occurrence for the poor timekeeper who always seems to take the rap when something goes wrong, but David and June have taken all these little problems in their stride for many years now.

Not for the above reason, let us hasten to add, David has decided to retire from timekeeping, which is a very exacting, demanding and time consuming occupation, involving far more work than most competitors appreciate. However, David and June will certainly not be lost to the us and will still be playing a very active part in the activities of the Centre. David has in fact indicated that he is more than prepared to write reports and feature articles for the Times and we are also hoping that he may be persuaded to wield the axe and persuade other members to do likewise. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking David and June for their hard work in the timekeeping division at Harewood over the years and look forward to seeing them at our events and then reading their thoughts in the Times.

That concludes my report and I look forward to seeing you all during the 1988 season, not only at our competitive events such as Harewood, but also at the most enjoyable Club Nights which we shall be staging during the year.

*Jimmy Johnstone.*

## SUPERSTAR SIMON, JUST!

Our Times editor, ace commentator and speed hill climb ambassador, Robin Boucher travelled to the Queens Arms, Chapeltown, Leeds from his West Midlands home on Wednesday, February 10th. to put on a very entertaining quiz which taxed a little more than our motor sport knowledge.

Jumping from a Mastermind situation to grappling with the idiosyncrasies of a radio controlled car, which appeared to have a mind of its own around the two driving tests and attempting to tiddle and wink in the correct order made for a varied and humorous evening.

Simon Clark once again ran out as the B.A.R.C. Superstar - can he make it three in a row by winning next February? Well it might be a little more difficult for him as last year's winning margin was considerably trimmed on this occasion and it's probably true to say that he only scraped home by the skin of his teeth. The other eleven competitors, headed by an on-form Denys Townsend attacked the current champion and ensured that Simon endured a nail biting session as the final scores, which were based on a bogey system, were totted up.

The occasion was greatly enjoyed by everyone taking part, (even the tiddly winks which saw some of our senior Centre members in full cry on hands and knees!), and we are indebted to Robin for his efforts.

## RESULTS

1. Simon Clark
2. Denys Townsend
3. Graham Wride
4. Jim Johnstone
5. John English
6. John Staveley
7. Harry Mason
8. Martin Boast
9. Anne English
10. Robert Smith
11. John Smith
12. Kyle Gibson

## TRAINING DAY

The British Automobile Racing Club (Yorkshire Centre) held its annual Marshals Training Day on Sunday March 20th. 1988, at the Harewood Hillclimb course, Stockton Farm, near Leeds, the very important occasion forming part of the annual Harewood Test Day which was well supported by competitors, several of whom were fielding machinery which was new to them.

With help from Ford Motor Sport, who provided a Sierra Cosworth rally car and one of their top "works" drivers, Jimmy McRae, local motorsport marshals were given training in basic accident first aid. They were shown how to remove injured drivers from vehicles whilst also receiving practical instruction on that most important of subjects, fire fighting.

The Harewood Training Day was one of several held nationwide, in conjunction with the R.A.C.M.S.A. Training Trust, the aim being to provide vital instruction to motorsport marshals who so often are willing volunteers, but at many events are regrettably, not trained to deal with a serious situation should it arise.

The training given not only benefits motorsport, but is of course also applicable to road accident situations. With this in mind the Yorkshire Centre were more than happy to co-operate with the University of Leeds Clinical Science Unit who made a film of the day. This will now be used for the training of medical students. A further version of the film will also be available for use during first aid courses and by other interested groups.

Safety in motorsport is of course one of the chief priorities of all those involved and it is hoped that the lead set by the Yorkshire Centre in conjunction with the Ford Motor Company and the R.A.C.M.S.A. may be followed in other parts of the land. Such a scheme can only serve to re-assure the competitors in particular, several of whom have recently voiced opinions as to the inadequacies of rescue and first aid facilities at some other venues which shall remain nameless.

## MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Needless to say your Committee were again very busy during the meeting at the beginning of March. Several points have arisen which should be of interest to our members.

Firstly, we look forward to the end of the year and November when the Lombard RAC Rally will again be visiting the Harewood Hill Climb. The date of the stage is Sunday November 20th. but three days earlier (November 17th) there

will be a "reconnaissance day" which will give competitors and the gentleman of the press a chance to view the stage. With the rally start now re-located at Harrogate, the running of the stage at Harewood on Sunday November 20th. is sure to result in an extremely large crowd, not to mention the fact that the entry should be far less reduced than in past years as our test will be coming earlier in the event. It all looks like being a superb day out, but we shall of course be requiring plenty of help, please!

Our old friend, the Harewood "Control Bus" has been re-fitted and re-painted and new arrangements which have been instigated will hopefully mean that competitors and officials will find that the new system produces a quicker service all round in 1988.

As reported elsewhere, David Scratchard, who has been our Harewood Timekeeper for no less than eighteen years, is declaring in 1988, although, along with wife June, is still taking a very active interest in the Centre. The Committee recorded their appreciation of David's outstanding service in this very demanding post and the Centre is greatly indebted to David for all his hard work and good advice over the best part of two decades.

The May Club Night will take place on Wednesday the 11th. and will take the form of an indoor cricket match (see separate panel).

The Committee were also pleased to learn that the Marshal's dinner was a great success and thanks were recorded to Shell and Design and Fittings for their sponsorship.

## STUART HARTE

It was with deep regret that we learned of the recent untimely death of Stuart Harte. Stuart was a well known figure in Northern speed events and a true clubman.

A single seater competitor with his Chevron, Stuart as often as not would be found, not in a competitive role, but helping out with the organisation at meetings as either an RAC Timekeeper or in persuading the P.A. and electricians to work.

Stuart will be sadly missed, especially amongst his many Longton and District Motor Club friends. His passing is a great loss to Northern motorsport and the Yorkshire Centre Committee and members would like to offer their condolences to his family and friends.

## BRITISH AUTOMOBILE RACING CLUB LIMITED - YORKSHIRE CENTRE

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 1988-1989

At the Centre's Annual General Meeting which was held on March 24th. 1988 the following were elected to serve for the coming year:-

#### CHAIRMAN

J. Johnstone

#### VICE CHAIRMAN

J.R. Hardcastle

#### HON. SECRETARY

J.M. English

#### HON. TREASURER

D.N. Townsend

#### HON. COMPETITIONS SECRETARY

T.D.F. Thomson

#### HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY

T.D.F. Thomson

#### COMMITTEE

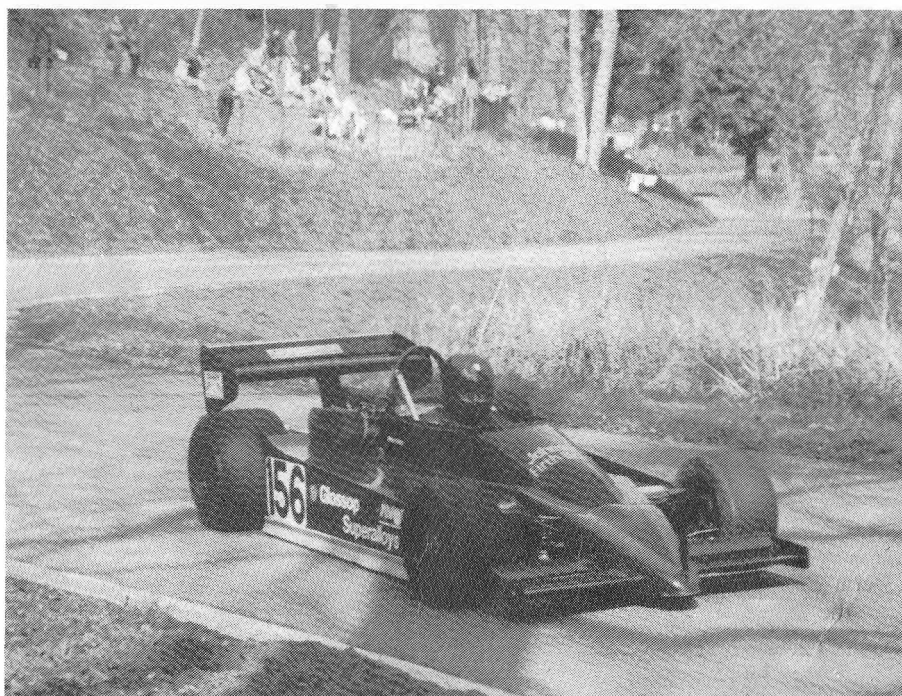
S.N. Clark  
D.M. Dalrymple  
M.J. Frost  
A.J. Hodgetts  
R.G. Hooper  
A. McKinney

D. Naylor  
I. Pashley  
C.G. Seaman  
D. Spark  
J. Staveley  
G. Wride

# EASTER HAREWOOD HILLCLIMB

The weather did its utmost to put a dampener on the proceedings when the Harewood Hillclimb season got under-way on Easter Sunday. As ever, the now traditional clash with the first round of the Guyson USA British Hillclimb Championship at Loton meant that the very top single seater drivers were not present, but this left the way clear for what looked like a John Lambert win. Fielding his ex John Meredith Pilbeam BMW single seater for the first time, John started the day as favourite, but as it transpired luck was not to be on his side. The changeable weather meant that the first run was the one which mattered and on this ascent John unfortunately suffered an oil loss problem and failed to record a time. Although he tried hard on the second run, he had been beaten by the weather and FTD had fallen to a sports racing car.

Having done well at the previous day's Strathclyde Hillclimb, Alex Graham ventured south of the border with the Team Scottish Farm/Essport Mallock BDA and was in great form. An on the limit ascent in the front engined machine nearly put "Wee Alex" through the 42secs barrier and this ensured him of a comprehensive win, his time being 1.4secs ahead of Peter Varley's March/Pilbeam. Such were the conditions that it was the mighty TVR Tuscan of Paul Tankard which emerged with the third fastest time of the day, a brave sub 44secs climb in the V8 powered machine ensuring that the "Tin top" trailed Varley by

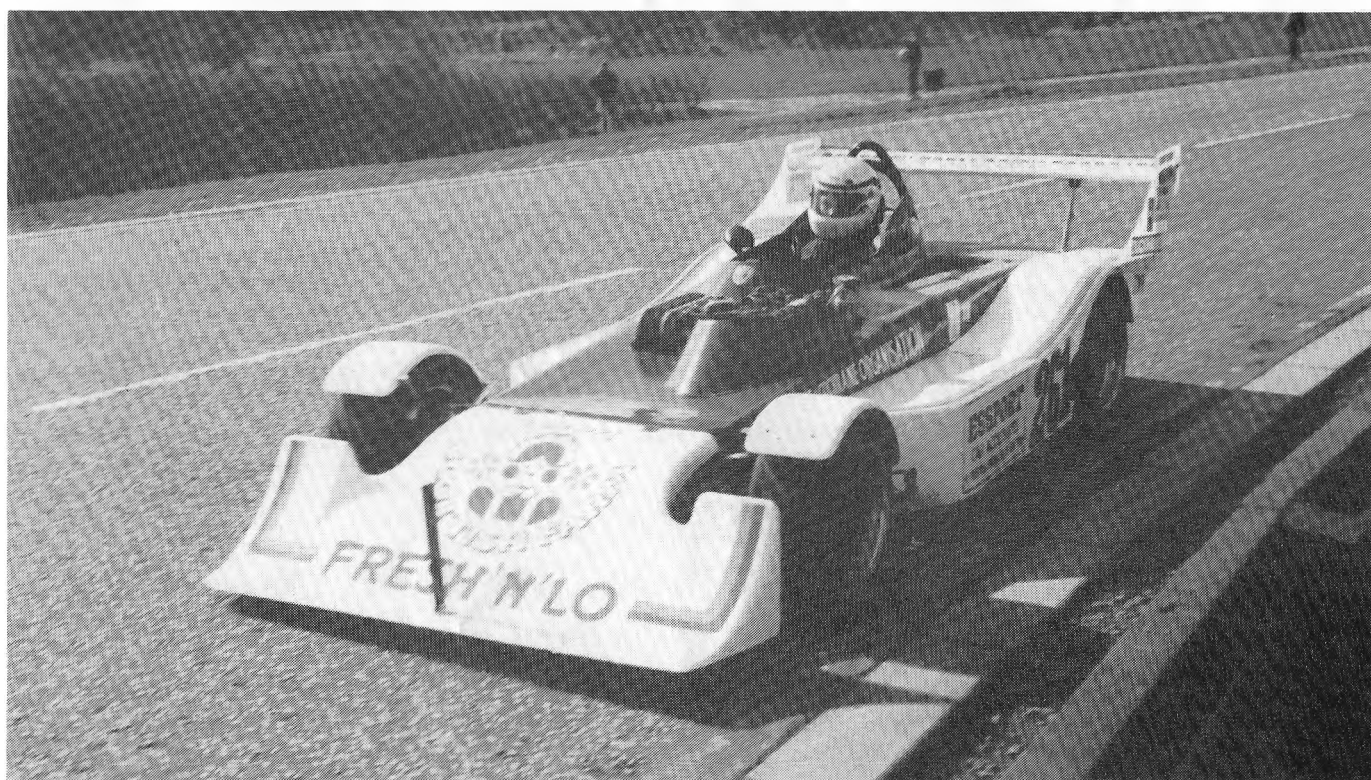


*Peter Varley has been travelling the country, competing at Prescott in April, but he commenced his season by taking the second fastest time of the day at our Easter Harewood meeting with his 1600cc March/Pilbeam*

less than half a second and headed the rest of the open cars at the event.

The weather which clamped in rather spoilt the Harewood FTD Awards run-off, many of the qualifiers deciding that there was no point in taking a run. The lack of appearance of more than a handful of the qualifiers has certainly caused some controversy in various quarters. As one competitor said "The conditions might have been wetter and slipperier for

the run-off, but they were the same for everyone and as the slate is wiped clean, why didn't they come out? Surely they owe it to the spectators and the organisers to run if humanly possible?" The arguments are likely to go on for ages, but those who have campaigned for the FTD Awards run-off to continue at Harewood certainly saw their case severely dented at Easter.



*First blood of the year at Harewood fell to the invading Scots. The Team Scottish Farm/Essport Mallock U2 BDA (pictured at the previous day's Strathclyde hillclimb in the hands of Bill Lord) taking regular Harewood supporter Alex Graham to a clear-cut overall victory in far from ideal conditions.*



# **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

## **MAY CLUB NIGHT**

**AFTER THE TIDDLEY WINKS!  
SOMETHING JUST A *LITTLE* MORE ENERGETIC**

**AN INDOOR CRICKET MATCH  
WILL BE HELD AT  
THE LEEDS INDOOR CRICKET WICKET CENTRE,  
SWEET STREET,  
LEEDS 11**

**On  
WEDNESDAY MAY 11th. 1988  
At  
8.15p.m.**

**A total of 16 players are required so please support your Centre.  
No equipment or experience is necessary  
Further details from Graham Wride,  
0532 453453 (Ext. 3244) during office hours**

## **HAREWOOD HILLCLIMB DOUBLE HEADER**

**SATURDAY MAY 21st.**

**THE ANNUAL NOVICES AND NEWCOMERS MEETING**

**Will this meeting add a new name to the long list of Harewood winners?**

**SUNDAY MAY 22nd.**

**MEMBERS CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING**

**It is hoped that several of the leading Guyson USA Championship contenders will  
be present having travelled across from the previous day's Barbon Manor event.  
This event could well provide a pointer as to the pacemakers in our own qualifying  
round on July 17th whilst providing a second all action round of the  
HAREWOOD HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP**