

RELOCATION PLANS GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

During the winter months there has been a lot of progress made with the proposed relocation of our outdoor track away from Wolverton Park. In case you'd forgotten this is because the track and Bowls Club area is due to be developed for housing and flats. The excellent news is that plans have been drawn up to relocate the Bowls Club and ourselves to the Mill Mead Hall complex on a roughly like for like basis. This would mean that both our indoor and outdoor tracks would be located next to each other.

The exact area for the track is at the top of the grass area as you come into the Mill Mead Hall giving us a track area of approx. 750sqm, compared to our existing track area of 550sqm. An extract of the plans is shown overleaf. The area has a natural slope which should give excellent drainage. Car parking will be in adjacent wooded area although there will be no parking directly adjacent to the track. The rostrum will be similar in style to our existing one but with a roof for wet weather protection.

Subject to any unexpected hiccups then the final plans are expected to be approved by April with work commencing early Summer. Both the track and the Bowls Club facilities should be ready in time for the start of next year, if not sooner. The construction work costs will be funded by English Partnerships although we expect to have to pay for and organise the finishing touches, such as track design, curbing, etc.

Unfortunately the area does not permit a long straight with the maximum length being approx. 33m (currently our straight is approx. 38m) but we don't believe that this is a significant problem.

Summer Race Meetings

Summer Series

The **Summer Series 2005** consists of 12 half day meetings with the best 5 scores to count.

The Touring Car series will follow the same format as the club's Winter Champs, the **Stock** class is split into 4 formula's which are run as separate mini-championships in their own right with each driver graded on their ability.

Modified and Super Stock classes will be open championships where drivers will score towards overall points. If enough drivers enter, then the classes may be split into separate formulas but this is dependent upon numbers entering.

Big 6 Champs consist of half day meetings with the best 3 scores to count. The number of rounds and dates have yet to be decided and is dependent on numbers entering. This is an open championship with drivers competing for end of series trophies.

Wednesday Warrior

Back by popular demand, the Wednesday Warrior Series will be an open championship consisting of 12 rounds with the best 5 to count.

Drivers will be competing for end of series trophies. Classes for Stock, Super Stock and Modified.

The series starts on the 18th of May and finishes on the 3th of August. Racing starts at 7.30pm and finishes when it gets too dark to race. Entry fees will be as per standard club meetings

No online booking for these meetings, just turn up.

Calendar

A full list of dates are shown elsewhere in this newsletter and on-line at www.mkrctc.org.uk

Timing Equipment

We have been fortunate enough to be able to replace our lap timing equipment with a more modern version. This is possible because we have been able to do a deal with another Model Car Club who were looking to down grade their system.

The new AMBrc system is compatible with Personal Transponders (PT's). These are small transponders that you buy and fit in your car to avoid having to fit in the hand-out transponders. The advantages of using PT's are;

- No more rushing to and from Race Control to pick up or return a hand-out transponder
- Can be used at other clubs / venue's which run AMBrc.
- No more drilling your nice new bodyshell with a transponder hole.
- It is your transponder for life. If you change to a different class of RC racing, you simply take it with you!
- You are less likely to lose a Personal Transponder from your car during a race. A replacement hand-out transponder will cost you around £80 if you lose one.
- The weight of personal transponders is included in the 1500g minimum weight, so you save a few extra grams!

Discounts For Club Members

As a thank you for supporting the club we are offering transponders for purchase via the club to all existing and new club members at a heavily discounted rate of £45 (they retail at £62 via BBK). An added incentive to join the club if you are not already a member!

Even better, if you were a club member during 2004 as well then you will get a further £5 discount making a new Personal Transponder price just £40.

This offer is only available for a limited time and sorry can't be retrospectively applied if you have already purchased a PT independently.



Schumacher BTCC

We are pleased to host round 1 of the 2005 Schumacher BTCC Championship. The championship is open to any make of car with classes for Modified, Super Stock, Stock and Big 6.



At the time of writing there are a few spaces left for the MK round so don't leave it too long to get your entries in. There are trophies for the top 3 in each final and loads of prizes given away courtesy of Schumacher. Entry forms can be found at race control or via Schumacher's own web site – www.racing-cars.com

There are control tyres which are Sorex 28R (same as last years) and Sorex 32R (for even longer life).

South Midland TC Champs

MKRCTC and Bedworth RCCC have put together a four-round Inter-club Challenge for the Summer 2005 calendar.

2 venues, 2 rounds at each with the best 3 to count for the overall championship. There is also a Club Championship which is open to any club with 6 or more drivers.

Classes for Stock, Super-stock & Modified / Brushless electric touring cars.

The Rules: simple & relaxed for maximum fun.

- Open tyre & bodyshell choice
- Weight limit of 1500grms, excluding handout transponder
- Booking in closes at 10.00am & Racing starts at 10.30am
- 3 qualifying heats & 2-leg finals

Entry fee is £6.50 if paid in advance or £7.50 on the day. Entry forms are available at race control or via the clubs web site.

STCC



The final series MKRCTC is involved with is the Corally Southern Touring Clubman's Cup. The MK round is on 31st July with all of the other rounds based around the South East.

There are classes at each round for Stock, Super Stock and Modified. Stock motors maybe ball raced and modified motors are a spec-based restricted cost 12 turn control motor. There are trophies for the top 3 in each final at each round and championship winners will be given a new Corally RDX Touring Car.

Tyres for all classes are the pre-mounted Corally SSB type which gives good levels of grip and excellent life.

Entry is via on-line booking only and can be accessed, together with further information about the series at <http://www.clubmanscup.co.uk/sys/>

There is also a club championship and MKRCTC are the defending champions. So if your planning to enter don't forget to register us as your home club.

Winter Series Review

Kindly sponsored by Racing Drome & Schumacher

Not yet over with all classes fiercely contested. It has been noticeable that the amount of controversy is significantly less than last year. Meetings are a little less packed which may have contributed to a more relaxed atmosphere.



What ever the reasons the reduced moans is greatly appreciated by all of the committee.

Don't forget that the final round is now on 3rd April and we will have over £1000 of prizes to give away, plus trophies for everyone who has competed in the minimum number of rounds.

For each round you entered you will be given a raffle ticket on the 3rd April, so even if you are not in contention for one of the championships it is still worth racing just to get additional raffle tickets. Don't forget to bring any raffle tickets you collected when renewing your membership or in lieu of the packing away levy.

Raffle Tickets. To help you not to lose your raffle tickets ahead of the main prize raffle, we won't be giving out raffle tickets when booking in. Instead we will keep a tally of how many meetings you attend and then on the day of the prize raffle you will be given the corresponding number of raffle tickets. No excuse to lose them.

Race Format

As reported in the last edition, it was agreed to review the race format following the AGM decision of 2 qualifying heats and 2 leg finals. All drivers in attendance at the first meetings of the new year were asked to vote which format they preferred having used the 2+2 format for several weeks. The vast majority voted to revert back to 3 qualifying heats and one final, although when time permits 3 qualifying heats and 2 leg finals will be used.

Outdoor Track Preparation

To get the track ready for the forthcoming outdoor season there is a track work day on Saturday 19th March. We want to jet wash the track and repair the damage inflicted to the sheds over the winter

(mainly replacing the perspex in race control and repairing the boards that cover the windows).

As many hands make light work your assistance and help would be most welcome. We aim to start at 10.00am and lunch will be provided.

Easter Meeting

As a warm up for the outdoor series – the first meeting on the outdoor track will be Bank Holiday Easter Monday, which will be an all day meeting.

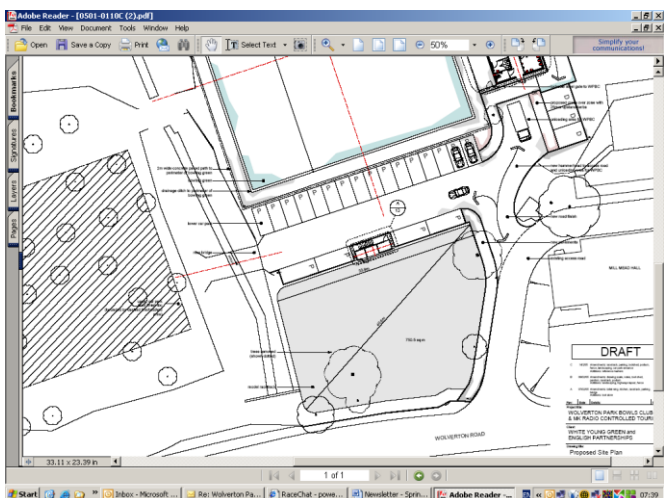
Set Up Sheets

Have you found the perfect set up for your RC car at either Wolverton Park or Mill Mead Hall? Then why not share that with everyone else and e-mail your set up sheet to Derek to load onto the Web site: setup@mkrctc.org.uk. You can find the ones submitted to date at <http://www.mkrctc.org.uk/SetupSheets/index.htm>

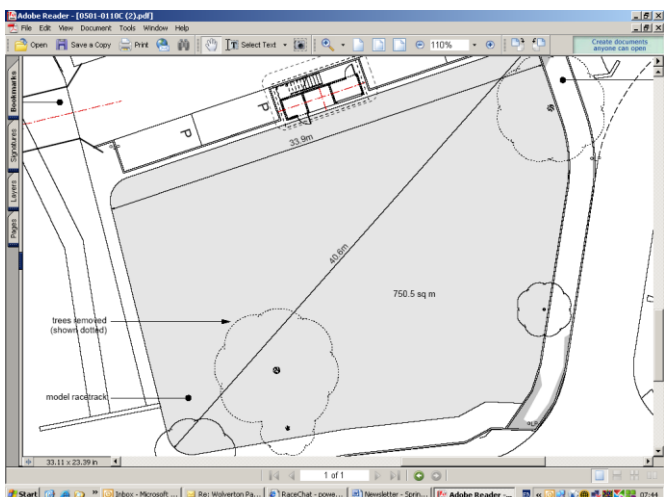
New Track

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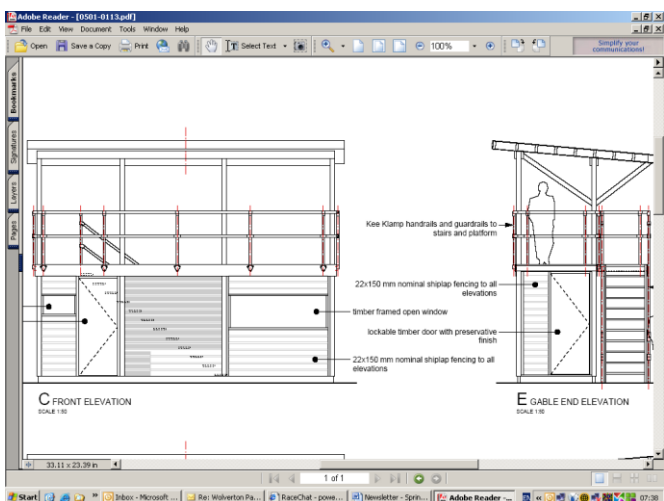
Area Plan



Track Area



Rostrum



Area Plan shows the track area in the middle, in relationship to the hall which is on the right. Between both of them is the access road you normally drive in to get to the hall. The bowling green area is partially shown at the top of the picture and the lined area at the left of the picture is the main car parking area.

Between the track and car parking area is a brook which is why we could not extend the track space beyond it's dimensions shown. However a new access bridge will be built for cars to get into the parking area. The parking spaces adjacent to the Bowls Club will be for their use, not ours.

Track Area zooms in on the space for the track to show the dimensions and positioning of the rostrum. The edge adjacent to the rostrum is 33.9m and the diagonal is 40.6m. The tree's shown within the track area will be removed!

Finally Rostrum shows the planned design which is roughly similar in dimensions and construction to what we already have – although note the roof!

Track Design

If you fancy having ago at coming up with a track design or two then be our guest.

The track should be 3m wide (ideally the straight should be 4m wide) where 1cm on the page = 1.5m, so 3m = 2cm. When we asked the question on the forum what sort of track layout people preferred the vast majority of you said they you wanted a multiple track layout so try to factor several different options into your design.

Wolverton Park

A reminder of the do's, don'ts and general information when racing at Wolverton Park.

- The track is available to club members 7 days a week to practice on.
- Please take your litter home with you.
- Tyre additives can be used with the exception of anything containing Wintergreen (which is very strong smelling)
- Personal generators instead of 12V batteries or to charge 12V batteries are not permitted
- Sunday morning racing starts at 9.30 – so you get an extra ½ hour in bed lie-in! The exception to this is 10th July, which will start at 9.00 to give us all chance to be pack up and back home to watch the Silverstone F1 GP.

Race Wear

Don't forget the MKRCTC Race Wear consisting of polo shirts, caps and fleeces. Both the polo shirts and the fleeces have the MKRCTC logo's embroidered onto them and come in a range of sizes and colours. You even have the option of having your name embroidered onto them.

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| Polo Shirts - £12 each | Fleeces - £25 each |
| Colours: Black, Navy, Red
White | Colours: Black, Navy, Red
Grey |
| Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL | Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL |
| Name option: additional £8 per item | |
| Cap: £6 each in black only. | |

Club Calendar

Want a recap of what's happening when? All day meetings are designated by an asterisk *.

Date	Meeting	Venue
20-Mar-05	Winter Series Rd 7	Mill Mead Hall
28-Mar-05	BTCC Warm Up (B/H Mon) *	Wolverton Park
03-Apr-05	Winter Series Finals *	Mill Mead Hall
10-Apr-05	BTCC *	Wolverton Park
17-Apr-05	Summer Series Round 1	Wolverton Park
24-Apr-05	Summer Series Round 2	Wolverton Park
01-May-05	SMTCC Round 1 *	Wolverton Park
08-May-05	Summer Series Round 3	Wolverton Park
15-May-05	Summer Series Round 4	Wolverton Park
18-May-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
22-May-05	Club Meeting	Wolverton Park
25-May-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
29-May-05	Summer Series Round 5	Wolverton Park
01-Jun-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
05-Jun-05	Summer Series Round 6	Wolverton Park
08-Jun-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
12-Jun-05	SMTCC Round 2 *	Bedworth
15-Jun-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
19-Jun-05	Club Meeting	Wolverton Park
26-Jun-05	Summer Series Round 7	Wolverton Park
29-Jun-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
03-Jul-05	Summer Series Round 8	Wolverton Park
06-Jul-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
10-Jul-05	Summer Series Round 9	Wolverton Park
13-Jul-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
17-Jul-05	SMTCC Round 3 *	Wolverton Park
20-Jul-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
24-Jul-05	Club Meeting	Wolverton Park
27-Jul-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
31-Jul-05	STCC Round 6 *	Wolverton Park
03-Aug-05	Wednesday Warrior Series	Wolverton Park
07-Aug-2005	SMTCC Round 4 *	Bedworth
14-Aug-05	Club Meeting	Wolverton Park
21-Aug-05	Summer Series Round 10	Wolverton Park
28-Aug-05	Club Meeting	Wolverton Park
04-Sep-05	Club Meeting	Wolverton Park
11-Sep-05	Summer Series Round 11	Wolverton Park
18-Sep-05	Summer Series Round 12	Wolverton Park
25-Sep-05	Club Meeting	Wolverton Park

The location of Bedworth's track can be found at www.bedworthrc.com (just off M6 J3, approx 50mins drive from MK)

Modified Motors

In line with the recent BRCA ruling, we will be adopting a no motor limit at MK where modified class is catered for – good luck!

Racing Drome

Ever wanted more time to be able to practise or set your car up at an indoor venue without the demands of a race meeting going on? Well now you can at the Racing Drome, Milton Keynes newest model shop.

Combined with a fully stocked model shop is a permanent indoor circuit with a primatrack carpet surface. There is an hourly or daily charge to use the circuit. It is open Monday to Saturday between 10am and 6pm, Wednesday's 12pm to 6pm. Ideal for you to get used to racing on a tight indoor circuit where clipping a barrier can cost you a lot of time.

Racing Drome can be found at 30 Alston Drive, Bradwell Abbey, Milton Keynes, MK13 9HA Tel 01908 579797

The also run a Wednesday night race meeting during the winter using AMBrc lap timing so you can use you PT here as well.

Driver Grading Changes

Before the forthcoming Club Championship, everyone's driver grading will be reviewed based on the computer's ability rating. With the new software the drivers ability is now between 1 to 100 rather than 1 to 15 as before.

The nominal thresholds are;

F1 = Ability rating 100 to 86	(15 to 13 old rating)
F2 = Ability rating 85 to 60	(12 to 9 old rating)
F3 = Ability rating 59 to 26	(8 to 4 old rating)
F4 = Ability rating 25 to 0	(3 to 0 old rating)

However everyone's grading will be reviewed manually in light of relative performances over the last championship. Although everyone who won their respective formula will be automatically promoted. If you have any concerns speak to Derek or James.

For Loan

We have been kindly donated a Fastrack / Integy Car Set Up system which is available for loan by any club member. See Ian D for details. Note that the wheel nuts are metric size so won't be suitable for use with cars that use imperial size wheel nuts, such as the TC3.

Equipment Sharing

Is there an item that you would like but cannot justify the expense of buying one just for yourself? Then why not use the forum to see if there are any like-minded MKRCTC regulars who would be willing to share the cost and ownership.

If there is a big demand for a particular item then the club could even be persuaded to purchase one and loan it out – although this would depend upon the type of item.

That's All Folks

That's it for this edition. Don't forget to visit the web-site on a regular basis for updates and you can get interactive on the forum.