

## Winter Series



Winter Series 2005



The winter series is almost complete with only the final round to go. There will be loads of trophies and £100's of prizes to be given away at the final round, both Schumacher and The RacingDrome are sponsoring the series. Everyone will get a raffle ticket for each round that they have competed in. These will be handed out on the finals day when the prizes will be given away.

**Touring Cars** 9 rounds with the best 5 scores to count. There will be classes for stock motors with the usual 4 formulas and an open class for 19T, modified & brushless motors. Restrictions will be on tyres and weight only. The tyre options are either carpet dragon on any insert and wheel or pre-mounted Schumacher Sorex 24r tyres (available from RacingDrome). Tyre additive may be used provided it complies with the BRCA approved list

**1/12 championship** Will consist of 4 cell 19T motors and 4 cell modified / 6 cell stock classes with 6 rounds and the best 4 to count.

[Pre-booking](#) to secure your place is recommended.

## Goodbye Wolverton Park

The Wolverton Park developer has asked (well insisted) that we vacate Wolverton Park by 31st March 2006.

This is to allow easier access for the construction team, and minimise health and safety risks. If we refuse to do so then the money they are making available for our relocation will be at risk. So really we don't have much of an option.

We will be working through the impact of this on our summer calendar over the next few days and weeks. But almost certainly the majority of the summer calendar will be held indoors.

This is very sad news, especially as we had been given assurances that we would be allowed access to the site.

In the meantime we will continue to work towards a new track to be ready in time for the start of 2007.

## Alternative Site

An area of land, just off Queen Eleanor Road, Stony Stratford (close to the car park for the County Park) has been identified as the latest potential site for us. Frustratingly, we still do not know where or when we will be relocated. Discussions are still on-going and as soon as something more definite is known we will let everyone know.

## Summer Championship

Please see the Calendar for full details.

The rules and regulations will be published shortly.

## STCC

This takes place over the Easter weekend but will now be held at Bedworth.

We are expecting many people so would encourage you to arrive early to get booked in. Registration starts from 8am.

For those who have been "bumped out" of the heat, it is worth turning up to get a reserve spot.

## SMTCC

The inter club challenge between ourselves and Bedworth takes place again this year.

The meetings will be the same format as last year but with all rounds being held at Bedworth. The dates are

April 30th  
May 28th  
July 2nd  
Aug 6th

Entry forms are available from the home page or at meetings.

If you are interested, please send your entry forms in as soon as possible.

## Buggies

We've had a few requests about allowing buggies to race.

So for a trial period, on club days only, we will run a heat or two. So either dig off the dust from your buggy or spread the word and if there is demand it is likely to continue.

## Driver Grading Changes

Before the forthcoming Summer Club Championship, everyone's driver grading will be reviewed based on the computer's ability rating.

The driver's ability is rated 1 to 100.

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)

## New Race Timing Software

We have upgraded the race timing software. There are no major changes, although it does allow the following features, which should make life a little easier and also allow some new format racing.

Racing to Laps – Races can be run for a specified number of laps, just like in full size motor sport.

Class Grouping – Classes can now be grouped together, ideal if some classes have a small turnout. We can just combine them with a different class for that meeting. Drivers will still score points in their own championship and can still race in separate finals, or stay grouped together for the finals as well.

Transponder Graphs – Transponder strength graphs are now shown on the race and practice screens, so we can identify problem transponders straight away.

Improved Race Screen – the race screen now has highlighting to show who has improved, who has not and who is still racing.

Interference finder – Immediately see all drivers at the meeting on a specific crystal.

2.4GHz radios are now supported – making sure the club supports this great new technology.

Consecutive race crystal clashes can be avoided. This helps speed up meetings by reducing interference and related problems.

Increased crystal spacing – Crystals can be sorted with a two crystal spacing to help reduce interference.

BRCA/TORC championship format is supported, where each leg of finals counts as a separate championship round.

## Transponders

Have you noticed that we have gone down to one set of transponders? This is because the majority of people are now using personal transponders. The second set has been loaned to the High Wycombe Club.

To help ensure meetings run smoothly, can you please return transponders to the rack as soon as your race finishes.

## Mill Mead Hall

Just a reminder that;

- Absolutely no soldering in the kitchen area
- If using additives or glue near or on Mill Mead's tables or work surfaces then please make sure the surface is covered with a towel or cloth.
- All 12V batteries must be in leak proof containers
- Mains powered chargers or soldering irons may not be used
- Do not stick results or For Sale adverts to the walls. Use one of the display boards instead.

## Equipment Sharing

Is there an item that you would like but cannot justify the expense of buying just for you? 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 might even be persuaded to purchase one and loan it out – although, this would depend upon the type of item.

## Technical Support

Phil Degavino, our resident expert has asked us to let you know that when he is at meetings and not racing he is very willing to offer advice on set up and so on.

If you would like help, please let Phil know.

## RacingDrome

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 you can at the RacingDrome, Milton Keynes.

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.

RacingDrome also have a shop in Northampton, which is open Mondays and then Wednesday through to Saturday.

RacingDrome can be found at

30 Alston Drive, Bradwell Abbey, Milton Keynes, MK13 9HA  
Tel 01908 579797

and

9 St Leonards Road, Northampton, NN4 8DL  
Tel 01604 677477

# Cool Can Fans

If you are thinking of getting one of those fans that keep the motors cooler, then Cool Can Fans are offering a 10% discount to club members.

They have a range of styles to fit most makes of car - see <http://www.coolcanfan.com/> or speak to Mal Hall next time he is racing at MK.

## Request for help

As you all know we will be running the Summer Series as normal but unless we can find an alternative the meetings will be indoors.

Does anybody know of somewhere that we can use for the Summer – ideally with somewhere secure to store equipment?

Perhaps, a school sports hall or company car park?

We will of course ensure that the site is left as we found it.

Please ask around and if you know somewhere please let a Committee Member know as soon as possible either at a meeting or via the forum.

# Club Calendar

Want to know what's happening when?

This is also on the web at [www.mkrctc.org.uk](http://www.mkrctc.org.uk)

Date	Meeting	Venue
09 April	Winter Champs Final Round	Millmead
16 April	STCC	Bedworth
23 April	Club day + Buggies!	Millmead
30 April	SMTCC Rd 1	Bedworth
07 May	Thunder Sunday Rd 1	Rockingham
14 May	Summer Champs Rd 1	Millmead
21 May	Club day + Buggies!	Millmead
28 May	SMTCC Rd 2	Bedworth
04 June	Summer Champs Rd 2	Millmead
11 June	Summer Champs Rd 3	Millmead
18 June	Club day + Buggies!	Millmead
25 June	Thunder Sunday Rd 2	Rockingham
02 July	SMTCC Rd 3	Bedworth
09 July	Thunder Sunday Rd 3	Rockingham
16 July	Summer Champs Rd 4	Millmead
23 July	Summer Champs Rd 5	Millmead
30 July	Club day + Buggies!	Millmead

06 Aug	SMTCC Rd 4	Bedworth
13 Aug	Summer Champs Rd 6	Millmead
20 Aug	Summer Champs Rd 7	Millmead
27 Aug	Club day + Buggies!	Millmead
03 Sept	Summer Champs Rd 8	Millmead
10 Sept	Summer Champs Rd 9	Millmead
17 Sept	Summer Champs Rd 10	Millmead
24 Sept	Club day + Buggies!	Millmead
01 Oct	Final Rounds of Champs Rd 11 for TCs Round 4 for 1/12ths	Millmead

## That's All Folks

I didn't expect to be writing another newsletter quite so soon, but after the news about Wolverton Park we wanted you to know that we are still here for you.

Please be assured that as far as we are concerned it is definitely, "business as usual" for MKRCTC.

I hope to see you at racing very soon.

# Gill