

## WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP'S



Winter Series 2005



At the recent AGM the format for the Winter Championships was agreed. Although by the time you will be reading this it will already have started. As usual there will be loads of trophies and £100's of prizes to be given away at the final round, and both Schumacher & The RacingDrome are sponsoring the series.. Everyone will get a raffle ticket for each round that they have competed in 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 formula's 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 maybe 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.

## Cheaper Racing

As the club is no longer expecting to have to fund a significant amount of the relocation work and having already purchased the AMBrC system during the year is not expecting any major significant capital outlay this coming year. This means we are able to align the membership and race fee's to meet the budgeted costs.

We can now offer reductions in both race fee's and memberships.

Members race fee's are now;  
£4 adult, £3 junior.

Non-members will pay £1 extra. Championship rounds will also pay a further £1 towards the prize fund.

Membership fee's are now £15 adult, £10 junior. These figures exclude BRCA membership which is an additional £12 each.

Season Ticket prices are;  
£130 adult, £100 junior

This includes club and BRCA membership and all MKRCTC racing fee's excluding where we host rounds of national championships such as BTCC and STCC.

These prices come into effect immediately.

### Membership Renewal.

Just a reminder that your membership is due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 and attached with this Newsletter is the form to renew your membership. Please note that if you do not opt to have your BRCA membership via the club then we will need to see your 2006 BRCA card as soon as you get it as proof of your insurance cover.

If you are not already a member of MKRCTC then you can join for 2006 and get the remainder of 2005 membership for free. As a MKRCTC member, the biggest benefit is reduced racing fees.

## Christmas Fun Meeting

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December will be a fun meeting consisting of;

**Chariot Racing** – build a chariot to fit behind a normal touring car – note it must be articulated (like a caravan is attached to a car) and not as an extension of the car. Prizes for concourse and the race winner.

**Demolition Derby** – we've threatened it for long enough but this year we are actually going to run a figure of 8 track. Entry is optional but make sure it's an old car you run. Unfortunately no modifications to deliberately damage other cars (such as metal bumpers), or travelling around in the opposite direction. Otherwise anything goes including full on contact!

**Endurance racing** – 2 hour team endurance race. Race control will sort you into teams to try and keep everything fairly even. Please make sure we have an accurate list of all the radio crystals you have and bring as many charged battery packs as you can.

**Last man standing** – 1 track, 1 pack of batteries per car, 30 cars all racing at the same time. The objective is to be the last person going around the track. If you crash and can't get going again you are out, and just to spice things up a little gentle contact is allowed between cars.

There are festive prizes for all the winners of each of the above competitions.

## Racing Drome

Are opening a new shop in St Leonards Road, Northampton in mid-November. Further details when we get them.

Meanwhile they are running their mid-week series most Wednesday evenings at their Milton Keynes shop.

Combined with a fully stocked model shop is a permanent indoor circuit with a primatrack carpet surface. Racing Drome can be found at 30 Alston Drive, Bradwell Abbey, Milton Keynes, MK13 9HA Tel 01908 579797

## AGM – Key Points

This year's annual general meeting was held at Mill Mead Hall on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. A full account of the meeting is available via our forum but a summary of the key points are;

### Treasurer's report

The club made a small profit this year and has carried forward approx. £800, plus income for the remainder of the calendar year.

See elsewhere in this newsletter for details regarding race and membership fees.

### Membership report

61 members

### Priorities for the coming year

- Continue to progress as quickly as possible the relocation of the track.
- A sustained publicity campaign in a variety of media to help increase racing numbers.
- Greater involvement of the committee and club members in the day to day operations of the club.

### Committee for the coming year

Chairman: Ian Devonshire

Treasurer: Dave Treacy

Secretary: Gill Carter

Competition Secretary: James Newbould & Nick Daman

Web Master: Derek Newbould

PR: Frank Hopkinson & Phil Degavino

General committee: Nigel Stark, Gill, John Gallagher, Bob Dove, Bryan Hodgson, Andrew Smith

### Rule changes

Brushless motors shall be classified as modified motors, regardless of the users setting.

Scrap all of the Big 6 rules (with dwindling numbers this is no longer an official class for the club - although will cater for them on an ad-hoc basis if there is demand).

Rule 5.3 Amend to: Tyre additive may be used indoors proved it is of the odour-less variety (as approved by the BRCA 1/12 Section). For outdoors, those smelling of or containing Wintergreen are specifically banned.

## 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
- As Mill Mead has recently been redecorated, do not stick results or For Sale adverts to the walls. Use one of the display boards in stead.

## Wolverton Park Update

An area close to M1 Junction 14 at Pineham has been identified as the only practical option for relocation. The area is owned by Milton Keynes Parks Trust (MKPT) and the developers have come to an agreement that MKPT will take the lead in developing the new facility.

MKPT will also provide some of the funding required. It is MKPT's wish to provide facilities for both tarmac on-road and grass off-road circuits as the area identified has previously been used as a RallyX track venue. It is unclear what previous clubs intentions are regarding reforming and what, if any, problems regarding frequency clashes this will cause.

We are expecting a meeting with MKPT and the relevant other agencies within the few weeks to discuss the next steps and likely timescales.

In the mean time it is likely that we will continue to have access to the existing outdoor track until the end of June 2006.

## Club Calendar

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

Date	Meeting	Meeting2
Sun 30 Oct	Winter Series Rd 1	
<b>Sun 06 Nov</b>	No Racing	
Sun 13 Nov	12 Circ Round 1	Club Meeting
Sun 20 Nov		Club Meeting
Sun 27 Nov	Winter Series Rd 2	
<b>Sun 04 Dec</b>	12 Circ Round 2	Club Meeting
Sun 11 Dec		Club Meeting
Sun 18 Dec	Xmas Meeting	
Sun 25 Dec	No Racing	
<b>Sun 01 Jan</b>	No Racing	
Sun 08 Jan	12 Circ Round 3	Club Meeting
Sun 15 Jan	Winter Series Rd 3	
Sun 22 Jan		Club Meeting
Sun 29 Jan	Winter Series Rd 4	
<b>Sun 05 Feb</b>	Winter Series Rd 5	
Sun 12 Feb	12 Circ Round 4	Club Meeting
Sun 19 Feb		Club Meeting
Sun 26 Feb	Winter Series Rd 6	
<b>Sun 05 Mar</b>	Winter Series Rd 7	
Sun 12 Mar	12 Circ Round 5	Club Meeting
Sun 19 Mar		Club Meeting
Sun 26 Mar	Winter Series Rd 8	
<b>Sun 02 Apr</b>		Club Meeting
Sun 09 Apr	Final Rounds*	

The venue for all of these meetings is Mill Mead Hall.

## Help Offered

Our resident mega-star and national winner, Phil Degavino, is offering all of his experience to club members to help with your car set up and driving skills.

If your interested in receiving Phil's help then either speak to him direct or register your interest at Race Control. Obviously Phil's time is limited so it will be on a first come first served basis.

## Indoor Tyre Additive

With the decision to allow additives on touring car tyres indoors, unfortunately the choice is much less than tyre additives for outdoors. This is because the BRCA have found that certain makes of additives do not work together and when on the carpet provides less grip for everyone. Also certain others will rot the carpet.

The approved list which may be used is;

Corally TC2 (Jack the Gripper) Silver can - pink writing (13779)

LRP Top Traction (Blue Factor) White can - blue writing (6501)

Orion Street Juice (TC Traction F1) clear bottle - purple writing (44101)

Orion Foam Juice Formula clear bottle – yellow writing (44105)

CS Grip Tyre Conditioner – High Grip clear bottle white label (C6400) - Or short tin can - white and yellow label (C6400)

## Services Offered / For Loan

**Set Up Station** – Integy car set up gauges (with metric wheel nuts). Free for all club members to borrow on a weekly basis. See Ian Devonshire.

Various set up gauges are also available for loan from Andrew Smith.

**Spring Gauge** – Integy digital shock and motor spring gauge. With prior notice available to use free at any MKRCTC race meetings. See Ian Devonshire

**Motor Zapper** – Re-zap your motor's magnets. £2 per motor. See Phil Degavino

**MRT Bug Booster** for use with AMBrC PT's. Eliminates any power related missed lap problems where your PT misses the occasional lap. Available for loan to see if this cures your lap counting problems. If it does then you can buy one with confidence.

**Fully Functioning RC Car** - A ready to run Yokomo is available for loan if any newbie wants to have a go before shelling out on a new car. Please book via Andrew Smith to ensure he has it on the day you wish to attend. If you have a service you're willing to offer or a gizmo you're willing to loan, let us know and it will be included within the next newsletter.

### 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.

## Interference?

We've all suffered from radio interference ranging from cars glitching to full scale uncontrollability. In many cases the cause is often down to the wiring in the car, a problem with the motor or loose crystal. Unfortunately some times it is down to other people switching their radio on when they shouldn't.

To help identify when this happens, we now have a frequency checker which will be available at race control. If you are suffering from bad interference then just ask someone at race control to check the frequencies in use (of course it will mean your transmitter needs to be switched off) then at least you will know if it down to a problem with your equipment or someone else.

## 1/12 Tourers

Although there will be no formal series for these, we will cater for them when possible. Usually this is done via the forum under the Mini-Tourers thread although dates when there is no championship is on are the favourite.

## That's All Folks

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

This will be the last newsletter published before Christmas so from everyone at MKRCTC have a very merry festive season and a trophy filled New Year.