



NEWSLETTER No. 67 – April 2010

Introduction

If you are new to the club, can I on behalf of the committee, extend a warm welcome to you and say that I hope you have enjoyed racing with us through the winter. The coming summer season will be a new experience for us that I'll talk about later.

Winter Championship

It was good to see some excellent racing that is reflected in the closeness of the final scores. New this winter were the GT's and the F1's which a few years ago seemed as if they were going to be really big. Then they almost disappeared, but now, hopefully, with popularity increasing they are back to stay. Having spent the morning racing you can now go home and experience it all over again by watching Andy Ashman's videos on YouTube - thanks Andy. Trophy presentations along with the prizes from our sponsor, Schumacher, will be made possibly at the second indoor meeting.

Results – Touring Cars

1 st	Tim Harrop	2388	Points
2 nd	Andy Ashman	2356	“
3 rd	Dave Mills	2336	“
4 th	Iain Bone	2292	“
5 th	Grant Riddall	2247	“
6 th	Jez Clarke	2227	“
7 th	Luke Riddall	2188	“
8 th	Tim Hancock	2089	“
9 th	Spencer Stokoe	2025	“

Results – GT's

1 st	Ben Winters	2407	Points
2 nd	Tim Fry	2363	“
3 rd	David Piper	2338	“
4 th	Simon Taylor	2315	“

Results – Minis

1 st	Team Riddall	2386	Points
2 nd	Shawn Herrington	2363	“
3 rd	Rhys Herrington	2348	“
4 th	Keith Wale	2335	“
5 th	Dan Hamblin	2327	“

Committee

Your Committee continue to meet regularly to decide how the club is run. All Committee members wear a badge to make them easily recognizable to new members, so feel free to ask them any questions that you have. This year as we have exactly the right number of applicants there will not need to be an election. So your committee members for the coming year are, alphabetically, James Brooker, Tim Fry, Dan Hamblin, Brian Mills, Dave Mills, Grant Riddall, Ian Skilling and Simon Taylor from whom the officers of the club will be chosen.

Membership

Can I remind you that everyone's membership will expire on the last day of April and that you will need to renew if you want to continue paying race fees at members rates. It would help me greatly if you renew BEFORE the first indoor meeting by either joining and paying on-line or downloading the membership form, filling it in and sending it with a cheque to the address on the bottom of the form. There have been no increases to the cost of membership for many years.

Race Fees

Race fees for members also remain unchanged at:-

Seniors - £4 per meeting

Juniors - £3 per meeting

However there are discounts if you pay in advance, meaning that you get all 11 meetings for the price of 9:-

Seniors - £36

Juniors - £27

If you are a member of Eastbourne Electric Car Club you don't have to join West Kent but can race with us for the same cost as racing at your home club, on production of your EECC membership card:-

Seniors - £5 per meeting

Juniors - £4 per meeting

EECC members can also take advantage of the pay in advance discount if they wish:-

Seniors - £45

Juniors - £36

The cost for anyone to do a second class remains at £2 whilst all visitors (irrespective of age) pay £7 per meeting.

Summer Indoor Championship

In what is a departure from the norm for us we have decided that this summer for the first time we will race indoors on carpet because the last two summers have been pretty dire weather wise. This year is an experiment to see what level of support there is so we can decide a plan for next year. We will be introducing a heat of 1/12th scale to see what the response is, as well as running the regular 1/10th touring cars, mini's and GT's. I think it's fair to say that any class that is continually poorly supported will not be allowed to continue. The best 8 from 11 will count towards final scores. Hopefully there will be some sponsorship in place for the championship.

Club Car

We now have a Mini that we can loan to prospective new members who want to "try before they buy". We will have it available at the Summer Championships.

The Big Meet

Originally January 17th was set aside for another Enduro, but after some discussion Tim Fry hit upon the idea of an ordinary style meeting but just bigger - hence The Big Meet. I think the massive rostrum that the school lent us made for a big improvement. We hope that when the school builds the new storage area at the back of the sports hall this summer we may be able to use some of the space to store our planned rostrum replacement.

The all day format of the meeting worked extremely well with trophies and prizes at the end plus a raffle. Hopefully this will be something we can repeat at a later date.

Web Site

Thanks to Dave for updating and maintaining the club's site for us. The forum remains a useful method of spreading information about what is happening in the club and for listening to members comments.

Off Road Racing

This year the club will not host any off-road BRCA regionals. However another club is using the site at Leigh, and at least for now the Committee is happy for them to continue using the rostrum, track edging and rope that belongs to WKRCC. This will be regularly reviewed by the committee.

BRCA

For those who don't know, the BRCA (British Radio Car Association) are the sports governing body who themselves are affiliated to the MSA. It is a requirement of racing at our club that you are a BRCA member because membership entitles you to the benefits of their public liability insurance. If you are new to racing you can run at up to three meetings before you have to join the BRCA. Tim Fry is the Committee member in charge of all BRCA renewals - if you have any questions please speak to Tim.

Thank you

On behalf of this winter's drivers I would like to thank all those who have made racing possible. Steve Hamblin who looks after transponders, Grant for track design, Ian for acting as Race Director and James for updating the points. Thanks to all those who arrived early to help with setting up and those who stayed late to clear away. Thanks also of course to all those of you who turned up and gave us a great seasons racing.

Contact on Race Days

Should you need to contact the club for any reason on race days our number is **07790 625278**. The phone is off at all other times. Please don't ring home numbers on Sunday mornings.

Finally

Lastly don't forget this is a hobby so do please.....**enjoy your racing.** *Brian. April 2010*

Indoor Summer Championship 2010

Round 1 & AGM	9 th May 2010		Round 7	1 st August 2010
Round 2	23 rd May 2010		Round 8	15 th August 2010
Round 3	6 th June 2010		Round 9	29 th August 2010
Round 4	20 th June 2010		Round 10	12 th September 2010
Round 5	4 th July 2010		Round 11	26 th September 2010
Round 6	18 th July 2010		No Meeting	10th October 2010

Winter Championship 2010/2011 (Provisional)

Practice	24 th October 2010		Round 5	16 th January 2011
Round 1	7 th November 2010		Round 6	30 th January 2011
Round 2	21 st November 2010		Round 7	13 th February 2011
Round 3	5 th December 2010		Round 8	27 th February 2011
No Meeting	19th December 2010		Round 9	13 th March 2011
Round 4	2 nd January 2011		Round 10	27 th March 2011