

Race Calendar

Sun 4 th Jan	Aldershot MCC	Club championship – Series 1, Rd 1
Sun 11 th Jan	West London London RCC	Winter, Rd 3 Winter, Rd 4 (Brooklands, Kent)
Sun 18 th Jan	Aldershot MCC	Club championship – Series 1, Rd 2
Sun 1 st Feb	Aldershot MCC	Club championship – Series 1, Rd 3
Sun 8 th Feb	West London RC London RCC	Winter, Rd 4 Winter, Rd 6 (Brooklands, Kent)
Sun 15 th Feb	Aldershot MCC	Club championship – Series 1, Rd 4
Sun 7 th Mar	Aldershot MCC	Club championship – Series 1, Rd 5
Sun 21 st Mar	Aldershot MCC	Club championship – Series 1, Rd 6
Sun 28 th Mar	Tibshelf	BRCA I/C Circuit National

Websites for National Race Series :

BRCA	www.brca.org
Tamiya Eurocup	www.tamiyaeurocup.co.uk
Schumacher BTCC	www.racing-cars.com
Kyosho Cup	www.ripmax.com/kyosho/KWC.html
STCC	www.clubmanscup.co.uk

Articles urgently required for the Newsletter !

If you have an idea for a future article then don't be shy. Articles can be on any subject connected to RC car racing - a race report, technical advice, product review, comments on BRCA rule changes - basically anything that you think others may find interesting.

If you don't want to write the article yourself then let me know your idea anyway.

Send an email to :- pub@amcc.org.uk or see me - Neil Pilkington - at a race meeting.

First of all, as this is the first Newsletter of 2004, I would like to wish everyone a very happy & prosperous New Year. Secondly, I'd like to introduce myself as the new editor of the Newsletter. I hope you will enjoy reading it throughout 2004. If, during the year, you have any ideas on how to improve the Newsletter or have any other comments to make then please feel to let me know. Thank you, and happy racing !.

Neil Pilkington.

2003 AGM Report

This year's AGM was held on 12th December and saw 41 members attending. One of the main tasks of the AGM is to elect a new committee. This year saw a number changes with several members becoming committee members for the first time - including myself. The full list of committee members for 2004 is given below.

Chairman : Nigel Moss	Vice Chairman : Ian Finch
Race Director : Nigel Moss	Assistant Race Director : Glen Westwood
Membership : Derek Smith	Treasurer : Nick Adams
Publicity & Website : Neil Pilkington	Club Scrutineer : Aaron Wearn
Assistant Scrutineers for Nationals : Keith Hurcombe & David Clift	Member Liaison : Keith Hurcombe Site Maintenance : David Clift

Nick Adams, as treasurer, gave his customary run down of the club's accounts for the year. The club is managing to keep it's head above water financially but will have to keep a tight control on expenditure in the coming year as a number of factors may tip the balance (rent increase, track & site maintenance etc.). With this in mind, the question of membership fees for the coming year was discussed. It was decided, by a vote amongst all those attending, that the fees would be reduced (the new rates can be found elsewhere in this newsletter). The general feeling in the meeting was that club needed to encourage more people to join (or re-join) and that a reduction in the fees might just do that. However, to protect the income into the club in was also decided that the race fees would remain the same as last year. These are in-line with most clubs and so shouldn't discourage members from coming down to race.

There were 2 proposals that were proposed and carried during the meeting - both put forward by Nigel Moss. The first was that a new electric open class be formed. This class basically combines the current Saloon Modified and GT/F1 classes. These classes are not currently well supported by themselves and so by combining them we may get the minimum 5 drivers required to run the class at race meetings. Nigel's other proposal was a little more controversial. It was to change the way points are awarded for the club championships. This proposal was carried by 14 votes to 11 but on the condition that it would be tried for the first series of 2004 only. Details of this and the other proposal can be found elsewhere in this issue. ■

New Championship Points System

It was decided at the AGM that a new points system for the club championship would be tried. Under this new system, points will continue to be awarded for qualifying position and final finishing position. These are then added together to arrive at the total points for the round. The difference comes when determining the points awarded for each position as follows :-

Top 10 qualifying/A Final positions	100	95	92	90	88	86	84	83	82	81
Next 10 qualifying/B Final positions	80	75	72	70	68	66	64	63	62	61
Next 10 qualifying/C Final positions	60	55	52	50	48	46	44	43	42	41
Next 10 qualifying/D Final positions	40	35	32	30	28	26	24	23	22	21
Next 10 qualifying/E Final positions	20	15	12	10	8	6	4	3	2	1

This system removes the 1 extra point for FTD. As this is a new system it was decided that it would be tried for the first championship series of 2004. At the end of that series a decision will be taken on whether to continue with it or to revert back to the old system.

The scoring of rounds during the championship series remains the same :-

Number of rounds run	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Number of round to count	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	1

If you have any other questions then please see Nigel Moss (Race Director), or email him at rd@amcc.org.uk.

It's time to renew your membership

Now is the time to renew your club membership. The good news is that following a decision at the AGM the rates for 2004 have been reduced. The new rates are as follows :-

Adult	£30 + £10 BRCA membership
Junior (under 16)	£20 + £10 BRCA membership
Student	£30 + £10 BRCA membership
Family	£45 + £10 BRCA membership for <u>each</u> member

Note. For family membership each member must be related and living at the same address

Membership forms are available at club meetings from the new membership secretary - Derek Smith. A supply of forms will also normally be available in one of the pockets on the scoring board. Alternatively, the form can be downloaded from the web site at : www.amcc.org.uk/membership.html

The race fees for 2004 remain the same as last year :-

£5 per class for Adult members
£3 per class for Juniors
£8 per class raced for non-members/guests

Non-members/guests are always very welcome to come and race. In the event of a club meeting being oversubscribed, members will be given preference over non-members. ■

Important notice regarding the gates

One of the things that makes the AMCC different from many other clubs in the country is that members are free to use the track for practising 7 days a week. This is made possible by the fact that the landlord of the Kiln complex allows the club to grant members access to the site by giving them the combination code for one of the locks on the main gate. Recently the club has been accused of leaving the main gate open. Whether this is true or not is open to debate. However, we do need to appear that we're making every effort to rectify the problem. It also appears that there is some confusion among members as to whether the club's gate (the one separating the main car park from the small car park next to the track) should be locked. The club therefore wishes to provide the following rules and guidance to members regarding both the main gate and the club's gate :-

- If you are the last AMCC member to leave the track area then always lock the club's gate. This car park is for AMCC members only.
- You may want to think about closing the club's gate behind you when you first arrive at the track. This will prevent non-AMCC cars "sneaking-in" to the small car park and will also provide a measure of security for your pit equipment when you're on the track practising.
- If you are the last person to leave the site, always lock the main gate.
- If you are the last AMCC member to leave but there a few other cars still in the main car park and doesn't appear to be much activity in the Kiln building then lock the main gate. Locking the gate in these situations should make it abundantly clear to whoever owns the cars that THEY must lock the gate.
- If when leaving the site there are still other AMCC members using the track, gently remind them about locking the gates.
- Follow the above procedures regardless of whether the gates were locked or not when you first arrived at the track.

In order to help prevent non-members who were members in the past from using the track (and possibly leaving the gates open) the lock combination will soon be changed. The new number will be printed on the 2004 membership cards (both gates use the same combination). This is another reason to get your membership renewal in soon !

New Electric Class – GT/Touring

In order to cater for drivers wanting to run cars which do not currently fall in to our other three regularly raced electric class (27T Stock, 19T Super Stock and 27T Formula 1) a new class has been created – "GT/Touring". The rules for this class are as follows :-

- Any body shell providing that the wheels are not exposed when viewed from above (no F1 shells)
- Any commercially available tyre – foam or rubber – up to 70mm max. diameter
- Any electric motor – including brushless
- 6 cell battery packs
- Any chassis configuration – 2wd, 4wd, Pan etc. – maximum width of 200mm

Although this class primarily combines the Scale Modified and GT/F1 classes, remember these can still be run at race meetings provided the minimum requirement of 5 drivers is met. ■