

Head-On Racers

An increasing number of racers have taken to driving the wrong way on parts of the track, this is happening during a race when a driver jumps the kerbs, but most incidents happen when cars are crossing the finishing line, some like to U-turn and drive back to the rostrum whilst others are still crossing the line at racing speeds. Innocent drivers have unfortunately suffered serious car damage from these head-on collisions. If you do happen to jump the barrier at any point of the track, do not drive the wrong way, you should turn your car round and wait until the car you were chasing or battling with passes, you may then carry on at racing speed. When you are crossing the finish line, do not turn your car around to face the on-coming traffic, you should either pull your car over to the pit lane barrier or, when others stop standing in it, turn in to the far end of the pit lane and then drive back to the rostrum. If you drove the wrong way on a full size circuit, you would be instantly banned from all forms of racing, with the exception of banger racing. If you are one of those who keep standing in the pit lane, could you please not do it in future, we have asked nicely on a number of occasions.

Kyosho and HPI 2000

Are you planning to do either the Kyosho or HPI championships or even both this year? If so, could you please pass your name and your planned class(s) details to Nigel Moss, this will enable me to keep the club informed, via this newsletter, of AMCC members successes (or failures) throughout the coming year. Are you planning for the Tamiya, BRCA, IC-10 or other championships, and think you could help me with the required information, please let me know ASAP.

Serpent Attack !

The new Serpent IC Scale car has recently hit the tracks, and will probably be the car to have in the IC Scale class. There has been some talk at our track about separating these cars from the regular HPI and Kyosho cars, but since the BRCA are to run a new National Championship for 200mm Nitro cars, it would be very unwise for us to make any hasty changes. During the Summer season, some of these IC Scale cars will wander off and do rounds of a National Championship, which there are currently three to choose from:

Kyosho World Cup
HPI Challenge 2000
BRCA Scale Rubber Series

Towards the latter part of the year we will review the situation, but until then the class will stay open to all Rubber shod IC Scale and Super Scale cars.

Track Closed

Please note that the track and Kiln site will be 'Out Of Bounds' to all Aldershot Model Car Club members over the weekend of March 11th/12th. Non-members should not be on our site at any time except race meetings.

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New Style Starting System

A new style of starting system may be tried out for the I.C. heats in the near future. This being the system currently used by the 'Kyosho World Cup' series in their European and World finals. Under our current starting system, cars go out for their warming up period, they are then being called round to the start line where they are being held until the race controller shouts out that cars race number. The start system used by Kyosho still has the cars going out for a warm up period, but the drivers are then told '30 seconds to start' (this allows for any fuel tank refills), this is followed by a 20sec, a 10sec and then a 'race started' announcement, drivers start their race clock the next time they cross the start line, it gives the drivers a rolling start instead of a standing start for their qualifying heats. Some of the benefits to be gained from this style of starting system are:

1) getting the races turned around quicker, 2) less oil being dropped onto the track by race control, 3) less mud being walked onto the track by race control, 4) less dependence, for some, of a pit man, 5) less shouting required on the speaker system (we have been having complaints about the excessive use of the speaker system).

Are you on email??

Do you have an email account? If so we can contact you a lot quicker and send you this newsletter hot off the press. If you want this facility send an email request to either Chris Mann (webmaster@amcc.org.uk) or Andy Carless (andy.carless@vodafone.net).

Driving Standards

The standard of driving in the Scale-Stock class fell to an all time low in January, I know the name says 'Stock', but this is to be interpreted as '27T Stock Motors' not, as most in this class seem to think, 'Stock Cars'. If you want to go crashing and bashing then I that suggest you go and race elsewhere. All classes raced at Aldershot are 'non-contact' classes, although contact will happen as that's a part of racing, the act of deliberate contact is not to be practised. Fact: The cleanest Scale Stock race, as far as contact in concerned, was last December when we raced on the snow, anyone know the answer to this?

Nitro Rally Cars

How do you fancy Rallying a Nitro powered car?. Looking through the 'Radio Race Car' magazine I noticed that the '1/10th Nitro Truck Racing Group' is to expand in to other areas, one of these being a class for 1/10th Nitro Rally cars. I'll be checking this out myself as I have a Kyosho FWD Mantis Nitro chassis looking for a place to race. Radio Race Car Int - March 2000 - Page 9.

Some Racers just Cannot Read

There are clearly visible signs displayed around the track about food and drink, yet some still choose to ignore these signs. If you do not understand the meaning of these signs, please ask, we will explain it to you in simple english.

JANUARY

Jan 2nd Sun ?

Jan 9th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series
MACCLESFIELD BRCA Winter On-Road Championship 2/5
ASHBY Club - Winter 3

Jan 16th Sun WEST LONDON Club - Winter 3
BEDWORTH Club - Winter 3

Jan 22nd Sat ALDERSHOT Track Closed
Jan 23rd Sun ALDERSHOT Track Closed

Jan 30th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series

FEBRUARY

Feb 6th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series
BOURNEMOUTH Club
ASHBY Club - Winter 4
RACAL DECCA Club

Feb 13th Sun PLYMOUTH BRCA Winter On-Road
Championship 3/5
WEST LONDON Club - Winter 4

Feb 20th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series
BOURNEMOUTH Club
RACAL DECCA Club
BEDWORTH Club - Winter 4

Feb 27th Sun ?

MARCH

Mar 5th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series
BOURNEMOUTH Club
RACAL DECCA Club
ASHBY Club - Winter 5

Mar 11th Sun ALDERSHOT Track Closed
Mar 12th Sun ALDERSHOT Track Closed
HRC BRCA Winter On-Road Championship 4/5
WEST LONDON Club - Winter 5
SOUTHEND Club

Mar 19th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club
BEDWORTH Club - Winter 5

Mar 25th Sat RACAL DECCA Endurance
Mar 26th Sun ASHBY HPI Challenge 2000 1/8
WEST LONDON Tamiya Eurocup 1/8
STAFFORD Rally Series
SOUTHEND Club

APRIL

Apr 2nd Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
SOUTHEND STORC - Southern Series 1/6
ASHBY TORC - Northern Series 1/13
BOURNEMOUTH Club
RACAL DECCA Club

Apr 9th Sun ALDERSHOT HPI Challenge 2000 2/8
CHESTERFIELD BRCA Winter On-Road Championship 5/5
WEST LONDON BTCC Schumacher Cup 1/10
MACCLESFIELD Tamiya Eurocup 2/8
SOUTHEND Club

Apr 16th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
ASHBY Kyosho World Cup 1/6
STAFFORD TORC - Northern Series 2/13
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club
WEST LONDON Beginners Meeting

Apr 23rd Sun BEDWORTH BRCA Summer Touring 1/7
SOUTHEND Tamiya Eurocup 3/8
Apr 24th Mon WEST LONDON Club

Apr 30th Sun MENDIP BRCA IC-10 National 1/8
TIBSHELF HPI Challenge 2000 3/8
BEDWORTH TORC - Northern Series 3/13
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club

MAY

May 1st Mon WEST LONDON Club

May 7th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
BEDWORTH Kyosho World Cup 2/6
STAFFORD BTCC Schumacher Cup 2/10
TIVERTON STORC - Southern Series 2/6
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Charity Endurance

May 14th Sun ALDERSHOT Kyosho World Cup 3/6
TIBSHELF BRCA IC-10 National 2/8

STONEHAVEN HPI Challenge 2000 4/8
CASTLE COOMBE Tamiya Eurocup 4/8
ASHBY TORC - Northern Series 4/13
WEST LONDON Club
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club

May 20th Sat RACAL DECCA Endurance
May 21st Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
STAFFORD BRCA Summer Touring 2/7
SOUTHEND Club

May 28th Sun ASHBY BTCC British GP
SOUTHEND BTCC Schumacher Cup 3/10
BOURNEMOUTH Club
RACAL DECCA Club
May 29th Mon ASHBY BTCC British GP
WEST LONDON Club

JUNE

Jun 4th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
SOUTHEND Kyosho World Cup 4/6
BROXTOWE Tamiya Eurocup 5/8
TIVERTON STORC - Southern Series 3/6
WREXHAM TORC - Northern Series 5/13

Jun 11th Sun ALDERSHOT BRCA IC-10 National 3/8
TIVERTON BTCC Schumacher Cup 4/10
BEDWORTH HPI Challenge 2000 5/8
WEST LONDON Club
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club
STAFFORD Rally Series

Jun 18th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
ASHBY Kyosho World Cup 5/6
WROUGHTON (TBC) Tamiya Eurocup 6/8
STAFFORD TORC - Northern Series 6/13
SOUTHEND Club

Jun 25th Sun MENDIP BRCA Summer Touring 3/7
ASHBY BRCA IC-10 National 4/8
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club

JULY

Jul 2nd Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
HALIFAX BRCA IC-10 National 5/8
WEST LONDON HPI Challenge 2000 6/8
BEDWORTH TORC - Northern Series 7/13
SOUTHEND Club

Jul 9th Sun ALDERSHOT BSTCC Schumacher Cup 5/10
BEDWORTH Kyosho World Cup 6/6
TIVERTON British National Rally Championship 1/6
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club

July 15th Sat RACAL DECCA Endurance
Jul 16th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
ASHBY Tamiya Eurocup 7/8
BROXTOWE TORC - Northern Series 8/13
SOUTHEND Club

Jul 23rd Sun HALIFAX BRCA Summer Touring 4/7
BEDWORTH BRCA IC-10 National 6/8
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club

Jul 30th Sun SOUTHEND HPI Challenge 2000 7/8
BEDWORTH BTCC Schumacher Cup 6/10
WEST LONDON Club

AUGUST

Aug 6th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
STAFFORD Tamiya Eurocup 8/8
WEST LONDON STORC - Southern Series 4/6
BROXTOWE TORC - Northern Series 9/13
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club

Aug 13th Sun TIVERTON HPI Challenge 2000 8/8
ASHBY BTCC Schumacher Cup 7/10
WEST LONDON Club
SOUTHEND Club

Aug 20th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
BROXTOWE British National Rally Championship 2/6
STAFFORD TORC - Northern Series 10/13
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club

Aug 26th Sat SOUTHEND Tamiya Eurocup UK Finals

Aug 27th Sun ALDERSHOT BRCA Summer Touring 5/7
SOUTHEND Tamiya Eurocup UK Finals
Aug 28th Mon WEST LONDON Adrian Jacob Memorial Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Sep 3rd Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
TIBSHELF BRCA IC-10 National 7/8
SOUTHEND STORC - Southern Series 5/6
BEDWORTH TORC - Northern Series 11/13
BOURNEMOUTH Club
RACAL DECCA Club

Sep 9th Sat RACAL DECCA Endurance
Sep 10th Sun BROXTOWE BTCC Schumacher Cup 8/10
WEST LONDON Club
SOUTHEND Club

Sep 17th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Summer Series
HAMPSHIRE British National Rally Championship 3/6
WREXHAM TORC - Northern Series 12/13
BOURNEMOUTH Club
SOUTHEND Club
RACAL DECCA Club

Sep 23rd Sat ALDERSHOT Track Closed
Sep 24th Sun ALDERSHOT Track Closed
WEST LONDON BRCA Summer Touring 6/7
HALIFAX BTCC Schumacher Cup 9/10
MENDIP BRCA IC-10 National 8/8
SOUTHEND Club

OCTOBER

Oct 1st Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series
WEST LONDON STORC - Southern Series 6/6
ASHBY TORC - Northern Series 13/13
BOURNEMOUTH Club
RACAL DECCA Club

Oct 8th Sun WEST LONDON BTCC Schumacher Cup 10/10
STAFFORD Rally Series

Oct 15th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series
ASHBY BRCA Summer Touring 7/7
BOURNEMOUTH Club
RACAL DECCA Club

Oct 22nd Sun MACCLESFIELD British National Rally
Championship 4/6
WEST LONDON Club

Oct 29th Sun BOURNEMOUTH Club
RACAL DECCA Club

NOVEMBER

Nov 5th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series

Nov 11th Sat ALDERSHOT Track Closed
Nov 12th Sun ALDERSHOT Track Closed
WEST LONDON Club
BOURNEMOUTH Club
RACAL DECCA Club

Nov 19th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series
WORKSOP British National Rally Championship 5/6

Nov 26th Sun BOURNEMOUTH Club
RACAL DECCA Club

DECEMBER

Dec 3rd Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series

Dec 10th Sun BOURNEMOUTH Club
WEST LONDON Club
RACAL DECCA Club

Dec 17th Sun ALDERSHOT Club - AMCC Winter Series
TIVERTON British National Rally Championship 6/6

Dec 24th Sun BOURNEMOUTH Club

Dec 30th Sat ALDERSHOT Track Closed
Dec 31st Sun ALDERSHOT Track Closed

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Jan 7th Sun ?
Jan 14th Sun WEST LONDON Club
Jan 21st Sun ?
Jan 28th Sun ?

Feb 11th Sun WEST LONDON Club

Mar 11th Sun WEST LONDON Club