

Race Calendar

Sun 7 th Mar	Aldershot West London Brookland	Club championship – Series 1, Rd 6 Winter, Rd 5 Winter, Rd 7
Sun 14 th Mar	Tolworth	Winter championship
Sun 21 st Mar	Aldershot West London London RCC	Club championship – Series 1, Rd 7 Winter, Rd 6 Winter, Rd 4 (Brooklands, Kent)
Sun 28 th Mar	Tolworth Tibshelf Brookland West London	Winter championship BRCA I/C Foam Summer, Rd 1 Summer Rd 1
Sun 4 th Apr	Aldershot Ashby Mendip	Club Championship – Series 1, Rd 8 TORC, Rd 1 BRCA I/C Rubber
Sun 11 th Apr	West London Brookland Bedworth Ipswich Tolworth	Beginners Meeting Summer, Rd 2 BTCC, Rd 1 STCC, Rd 1 Winter championship
Mon 12 th Apr	West London	Summer, Rd 2
Sun 18 th Apr	Aldershot Halifax Stafford	Club Championship – Series 1, Rd 9 BRCA I/C Foam TORC, Rd 2
Sun 25 th Apr	Snetterton West London Bedford Tolworth Brookland	BRCA I/C Rubber BRCA Electric Stock, Rd 1 BRCA Electric Modified, Rd 1 Winter championship Summer, Rd 3
Sun 2 nd May	Aldershot West London Bedworth	Club Championship – Series 1, Rd 10 Tamiya Eurocup TORC, Rd 3
Sun 9 th May	Aldershot Tolworth Brookland	BTCC, Rd 2 STCC, Rd 2 Summer, Rd 4
Sun 16 th May	Aldershot West London Wrexham	Club Championship – Series 1, Rd 11 Summer, Rd 3 TORC, Rd 4

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

Welcome to the year's second issue of the AMCC Newsletter. The year has started ok for the club. A significant number of new members have joined the club and a few old faces have returned. The total number of members so far is, however, lower than in previous years. Although this may, to some extent, be due to a new club starting up in the local vicinity, I'd like to think that there's room for both clubs. Here at Aldershot we all have a role in encouraging new drivers to become members. This can best be achieved by demonstrating that the AMCC is a friendly and fun place to race. It's surprising to learn that even though the AMCC has been around for many years there are still people in the R/C world that don't know of our existence. So please spread the word about the AMCC !

Have fun racing !

Neil Pilkington. (Editor/Publicity)



Committee News

There's not too much to report this month but here's a few bits of information you might find interesting.

- As of 4 March, we have 109 members of which roughly 25% are new to the club.
- The BTCC meeting to be held on the 9th May is very nearly full. The Modified and Big-6 heats do have a few spaces left and there is space in the meeting or one more heat. This is likely to be either a 27T or 19T stock class heat.
- The landlord has yet to tell us whether the rent will increase this year and by how much. We currently pay £6000 per year.

GT/Touring Class – Nigel Moss

Do you race Electric?

Do you want more track time within a meeting?

Did you know your 27t Stock or 19t Super Stock car can be run in the GT/Touring class?

That's right, your 27t Stock or 19t Super Stock car can also be run in the GT/Touring class with no changes to the car, or you can change the motor and/or changes to foam tires if you want. If you have the batteries then there's nothing to stop you from running your car in two classes in the same meeting, (tell a lie, there is one thing, the race meeting entry limit). If we can get the minimum of five interested racers for this class then it will run and it will have its own championship points and end of season trophies (presented at the AGM). ■

Pre-booking & non-members

We're getting quite a few enquiries from people who want to come and try-out racing at the club who live a long distance away. One recurring concern for these people is whether there will be space in the meeting for them to race as guests (non-members). In order to allay their concern it has been decided that non-members can now use the pre-booking system. This way they can be more certain of having a place at a meeting before travelling. If, however, the meeting is over-subscribed then priority will be given in the following order :-

1. Members who have pre-booked
2. Non-members who have pre-booked
3. Drivers who book in on the day - on a first come basis

Obviously at the moment with the number of drivers we currently get this is not a problem> Nigel (the Race Director) would like to encourage drivers to pre-book as much a possible as this makes his life easier on Sunday mornings.

To pre-book you can use the web-site (www.amcc.org.uk) or send an e-mail to Nigel Moss (rd@amcc.org.uk). If you haven't got access to the internet then phone Nigel up to 9pm on Thursday (text message preferred) on 0797 311 0043. Please note : Nigel cannot accept late entries/cancellations on this number.

New membership forms

Due to legislation we've had to amend the membership form in relation to junior members. The new form now asks for the date of birth for members under 16, and also asks for a signature from an adult. Please ensure you use the new form when applying to become a member. For those of you who joined before the new form was available please don't worry. You won't have to fill in the new form until next year. ■

Website

I'm currently in the process of giving the Website a bit of a face-lift. Although the content will be much the same as it is currently, I'm taking the opportunity to review it all and correct anything that has become out of date. One thing I need for the site is more photos. If you have any recent pictures then please send them to me. e-mail to : web@amcc.org.uk

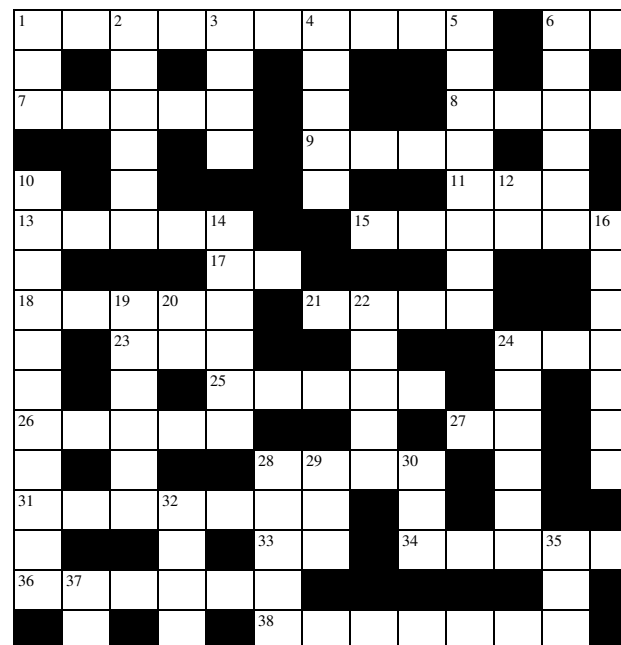
I'm hoping the new site will be ready in mid-March. Please check it out. ■

Stop Press !

A few drivers have recently enquired about whether they can race the Schumacher Nitro Fusion. The current IC classes don't cater for this type of car as it comes with a .21ci engine. The committee have discussed this and decided that a new class will be created for these cars. The exact rules have yet to be finalised but it will allow any make of saloon car i.e. not just the Fusion, with engines up to .21ci (3.5cc). The name of the class is yet to be decided. Any suggestions? ■

Pit your wits !

All the answers relate to model car racing – manufacturers, technical terms, people etc. Some of the clues are straight forward, some are a little more cryptic. First person to complete will get the "reward" of being mentioned next time (sorry no prizes here !)



Across

1. _____ Electric, USA (10)
6. _eam _osi, USA (1,1)
7. servo _____ (5)
8. Wheels (4)
9. National racing Body in the UK (4)
11. ___ Racers, Scottish model shop (3)
13. Mike _____, motor man (5)
15. The black stuff (6)
17. Engine on the map ? (2)
18. Not a speedy hoover ? (5)
21. Need to hit this in the bend (4)
23. A little spendthrift (3)
24. Abbreviation for the size of a wheel (3)
25. Very small (5)
26. Gets the cars going at the beginning ? (5)
27. Type of modulation (2)
28. Top of the mountain (4)
31. Makers of the T-Maxx (7)
33. Not electric (2)
34. Only 27 of these allowed for Stock (5)
36. Crash result ... sometimes (6)
38. Do the cars hiss ? (7)

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Down

1. No locks with this (3)
2. Vicious monster ? (6)
3. Motors from Orion (4)
4. Race track in Moira (5)
5. US makers of RTRs (8)
6. Huge Japanese models makers (6)
10. Emits radio waves (11)
12. The other type of modulation from 27. Across (2)
14. Recently turned to shaft drive (6)
16. Dutch car makers (7)
19. Popular body shell (6)
20. Not direct currently (2)
22. US based makers of R/C and Slot car products (5)
24. A wet shock ? (6)
28. Tyres are normally sold in these (5)
29. Speedo (3)
30. Not a RTR (3)
32. Hudy car (4)
35. Don't eat it ! (3)
37. Not GP

Heat Information Display

The race management/timing software we use in race control allows for a second monitor to be connected. This can then be used to display information about the current heat. In order to try this out we need another monitor. Does anyone have a spare monitor which they wouldn't mind donating to the club ? It doesn't have to be up to date as the output from the program is optimised for 640x480 resolution. Please see a committee member if you can help. ■