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If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

Is it possible to be totally partial?

Isn't it a little scary that a doctors work is called practice?

What did we do before the Law of Gravity was passed?

What is a free gift? Aren't all gifts free?

What is the speed of dark?

Race Director's Notes

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New Site Times: noise complaints brings in new track times.

Class Changes: more ideas to put your way.

Hidden Classes: classes we can run but currently don't

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New Site Times

Due to an official noise complaint letter from the local council we have had to bring in a revised site use opening times, this will of course be an inconvenience some of those that only use the track during the evenings and those attending race days.

New Weekday Times:

As from July 30th 2006 the new site open times are 10:00hrs - 19:00hrs Site closed to all on Thursdays until 13:00hrs, this is due to a pony ride section for infants, and we don't want to spook the pony's.

New Race day Times:

As from July 30th 2006 the new race day start times are as follows:

Electric Practice 09:00hrs - 09:45hrs

Booking-In Closes at 09:45hrs (sign placed on hut when open)

Drivers Briefing 09:50hrs

Racing Starts (about) 10:00hrs (must be completed by 18:00hrs)

IC Nitro Motors must not be started before 10:00hrs

The race control speaker system will not be used before 10:00hrs, so I will not be calling you up for booking in, also the use of the speaker system will be greatly reduced so you will need to keep an eye open for your heat, and to cap it all the computer will be on auto so unless I am in the hut to hit the over ride button it will not stop for those who are late for their heat (I now have to do my marshal stint as volunteers are not willing to come forward)

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Class Change : More Ideas

With 27T Stock Touring now being a main class and with the top drivers knocking in 18/19 laps we effectively no longer have a cheap Touring class, or to think of it, not even a Beginners class, so I have an idea:

Super Production:

Open to plastic chassis cars under £150 only (may make that £100):

(Some cars that fit the requirements, old and new)

Tamiya 4wd - TA01, TA02, TA03, TA04, TA05, TL01, TB01, TB02, TT01.

Tamiya 2wd - FF01, FF02, M01, M02, M03, M04.

CML - Hobby Engine RTR.

Kyosho - EP Alpha, EP Alpha 2, EP Mantis.

Schumacher - Atech ATX.

Yokomo - MR4-TC.

Nikko 9.6v cars

Limited chassis hop up options:

Yes to:

Upgraded Shocks.

Option Shock Springs.

Racing Wheels and Tyres.

Adjustable Suspension Rods.

Adjustable Steering Rods.

Ball and Cup joints.

Ballrace Bearings (replacing plastic / brass bushing in drive train)

Drive Shafts can be upgraded to U/J type.

Alloy Wheel Hexes

No to:

No Alloy Pulleys.

No Carbon Fibre / Carbon Composite parts.

No Alloy / Titanium Drive Shafts.

Cars must have changeable crystals.

Not yet thought on motor, but maybe (if we can guarantee supply) keep to the kit supplied Silver Can motor.

A possible Minimum Final Drive Ratio may be used to limit car performance, maybe be used as a success penalty (so a faster driver gets his top speed reduced).

Your feedback could be helpful on this idea, and whether it will make it to actual race class.

Post your thoughts on the Aldershot forum.

Odds and Ends

Heat Display Board

Those that attended the SLCC would have seen the heat displayboard that they use, this give race time, time until next race, heat number, car running order, and flashes on those cars that improved.

The down side to this unit is :

It was not waterproof.

It cannot be left out so needs to be hung every meeting.

It has to have a solid lead connection to the race control computer.

It costs over £1500 ready built.

The up sides are :

It gives you full race meeting display (as above) that can be seen from a long distance.

It will eliminate most of the things the speaker system is used for in the pit area.

The committee is undecided on this issue because of the costs involved, although it can be made up by us to reduce costs, but that involves many hours and a lot of wiring, and it cannot be used with our current heat display unit (which is now temperamental since it got wet).

IC Pitting

Due to the noise thing, IC Motors must not be started up or running in the small pit area by the food hut, it is recommended that you now pit in the main car park and avoid starting up the motors as much as possible.

Generators

Due to the noise thing we are having to clamp down on many things that make a noise, so the use of generators is no longer permitted.

Track Records			<i>(Latest Update : June 16th 2006)</i>		
<i>IC Scale Touring</i>	Mark Green	Serpent	23:305.63	DR 99	26.06.05
<i>Scale Modified</i>	Kevin Brunsdn	Schumacher	22:310.01	DR 94	17.04.05
<i>IC Scale Rubber</i>	Darren Johnson	Team Magic	21:300.45	DR 92	25.07.04
<i>19T Touring</i>	Kevin Brunsdn	HPI	20:303.22	DR 84	02.05.04
<i>IC Sport</i>	Nigel Moss	Kyosho	19:301.14	DR 76	01.05.05
<i>27T Stock</i>	Kevin Brunsdn	Schumacher	19:304.97	DR 74	02.10.05
<i>2wd Electric</i>	Neil Pilkington	Cross	15:318.06	DR 26	19.03.06