

FRANKLEY TALKING

FMCC Newsletter

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Hi and welcome to this issue of the Frankley Model Car Club Newsletter.

Let me bring you up-to-date on just what has been going on. Those of you who are very regular visitors to the track will have noticed that there have been a few changes! The major one being the mound at the end of the pit straight has now been levelled as it had been noted as a health and safety issue, this has opened the track considerably and all the feedback has been very positive. The 'Cheese' also had some work done on it and this is the bit that seems to be catching people out – doesn't look much different does it? The Bomb Hole has also been filled in and now allows a little more speed over the back section providing you get your lines right!

The really major issue has been the ditch at the back – this hasn't done its job for a very long time and we have had considerable flooding problems with the track. This has now been dug out a further 3 feet and in doing so, managed to release a blockage that now ensures the water now runs in the ditch and not onto the track. We have had several days of torrential rain since this was done and the problem of water on the track seems to have been resolved. We have also had a letter from the local Council thanking us as the flooding further down the road also seems to have stopped – we sincerely hope that we can now go forward and not have to dig the track up so often!

Most of this month has seen me very much out of action due to an intensive Radiotherapy course which has left me feeling very ill most of the time – I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their good wishes and banter – you have helped me and my family get through a very difficult time, with luck, I should be back to normal over the next few months. Rest assured that I do keep a beady eye on what is going on and have been able to get up to the track most practice days even though I have to be chauffeured!

So just what else has been going on I hear you ask. The FMCC Team went to Grantham for Round 5 of the 8th09 Series and the guys all represented us well – the results can be found on the www.racecentral.org site. The following Sunday saw our Summer Series Round 4 take place and this time, we were blessed with sunny weather and a good day was had by all.



Next it was off to DRCORC for the 8th09 Series again and this showed us just how smooth the Frankley track is! Yes I know we are off-roaders but crikey, those bumps were serious! We all had a great day again (well apart from the odd broken shock, and the blow out on the motorway on the way there) and the Frankley Team are now in a very strong position going in to the final round at Swindon next month. We have Round 5 of our Summer Series this Sunday and have our fingers crossed for another sunny day although this is a Bank Holiday weekend!

The most important news is that we now have a lovely new website! Now I really need your input as this is being developed at the moment and we need to know exactly what you would like to see on there. This is for everyone in the Club and needs our Members to support it so please do let us have your comments – we need the feedback! The all important site is located at www.frankleymodelcarclub.co.uk

Do keep visiting ‘Shells Kitchen’ too – brilliant food all freshly cooked and a really nice lady too! You just have to try the Scooby Snack that Shell has invented for the Frankley members – it will fill you for the whole day/evening! The prices are amazingly cheap too – no need for anyone to have to nip out to the local shops for a snack anymore. This service is available on site every practice and race day and our sincere thanks go to Shell and Matt for doing this for us.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 30th August Frankley Summer Series Round 5

Sunday 6th September Frankley £3 Challenge Round

Sunday 13th September Byron Fuels UK Junior Challenge

Sunday 20th September Frankley Summer Series Round 6

Certainly it is going to be a busy month and we are open as usual Thursday evenings and Saturdays for practice sessions too!

FOR SALE:

We are also hoping to list any items that members have for sale on the Newsletters, I have had nothing put forward so far so would just like to let you know that I do have a box of brand new Kyosho spares that fit the Inferno 777 and 7.5 and may well do other models too. As it is a very large box, please let me know if you need anything and I will look them out. I also have for sale a Traxas Jato that is ready to run and also a Hong Nor Truggy.

I know Glyn Morgan usually has bits and pieces available too so he is always worth asking. I am sure he has a Truggy up for grabs at the moment, I am sure that he will be able to give you all the details.

Important reminder: please ensure you have a valid BRCA card – this covers you at any race event and you will need this to drive or to act as pit crew! If you do not have this, you will not be allowed to run at more than 3 events as you are not insured.

Finally, it just remains for me to wish you all well and remind you to come along to the practice sessions and enjoy your racing!

Do please send me any news you have, details of anything RC you have for sale or basically, any info that you feel could be shared with other Club Members!

Yours

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