

FRANKLEY TALKING



FMCC Newsletter

December 2009

What a busy month December is! We have just held our Annual General Meeting which was well attended and a very civilized affair – helped along by excellent food prepared by Teresa and Sarah Morgan.

The Committee consists of:

Chairman Glyn Morgan

Treasurer Teresa Morgan

Secretary Pauline Quarterman

Track Manager Darren Crutchley

Track Co-ordinator Dan Morgan

Liaison Officer Mark Kay

PRO & Events Secretary Scott Steele

Race Director Mark Lawrence

Health & Safety Reps. Glyn Parker & Phil Bradshaw

To be formally Accepted Doug Swingler (Race Control)

So the good news is that we have a larger Committee in place to help Club Members although we still welcome all the help we get from our regular helpers! This should also mean that I can take a bit more of a back seat although I will still be doing the behind the scenes clerical bits and pieces that need doing. I will still be at the track on race days and hopefully will be running my car too when I feel up to it. The only not-so-good news is that Club Membership fees have had to go up by just £5 per year (January to December),

practice fees will remain at the same reduced rate as last year so do come and take advantage of these!

I'm sure you will all get to know who is who at the track very quickly and we are hoping to put photos and roles up on the FMCC website soon so you can put a face to a name! We have a very busy year ahead with lots of Club events planned for everyone to enjoy.

Talking of events, we have our annual charity event looming large just after Christmas, the Answer RC Santa Challenge. This is in aid of the Children's Bone Tumour Ward at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital – something that helps put a smile on the faces of those youngsters enduring terrible ill health. We just ask that everyone attending brings a wrapped Christmas present labelled for a boy or girl and a rough idea of the age group it is suitable for. In return, we reduce the entry fee by half so it is just £5 to enter if you bring a gift!

The Chocolate Bar Challenge takes place on Friday 1st January 2010 and this year is being supported by Mark Kay who has generously offered to provide vouchers for embroidered goods and the chocolate – our sincere thanks go to Mark for this.

So now on to what has gone on over the last month at the track. Saturdays practice sessions have been greatly affected by the wet weather we have endured but we were blessed with a mainly dry day for Round 3 of the CML Winter Series – funnily enough, the only rain we had was during the final I was in..... It was cold but we were all kept warm with hot beverages and sandwiches etc by Shells Kitchen.

Again we attracted some of the top drivers and our Club members also accounted very well for themselves. Although these meetings are very busy with the number of drivers, we still managed to be finished by 3.30pm so we still had good light. This is no mean feat and Glyn has to be congratulated for keeping everything running so smoothly!

Sadly we had all our banners stolen, they were carefully removed and the only one that remains is the Frankley Model Car Club one! Thankfully, there haven't been any more incidents of damage, the Police are very good at keeping an eye on the field and the CCTV has also proved to be worth every penny we paid for it – at least we can now see who visits the track and when!

We have also now become the proud owners of 6 new cars – 3 Electric and 3 Nitro, these came about from West Midlands Police and we are extremely grateful for the £1600 they gave us to buy and maintain them. We are looking forward to a group of youngsters coming to have a go with them and this has already generated interest again from the media. There has been a great deal of interest locally following the television coverage that the BBC did so we are sure they will be put to good use.

Just a reminder that Club and BRCA Membership becomes due on January 1st and the new forms are now in Race Control and on the Frankley Model Car Club website including the Clubs Constitution. Please ensure your correct email address goes on the form as I still have several address that bounce back!

It just remains now for me on behalf of Frankley Model Car Club to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we hope to see you all on the 27th December to burn off some of the over-indulgence!

Pauline Quarterman

FMCC Secretary