

# ***FRANKLEY TALKING***

## **FMCC Newsletter**

**July 2009**



**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. The first Sunday of the month saw Round 2 of our Summer Series having to be postponed due to the severe weather warning – something we did not undertake lightly. It proved to be the right decision when torrential rain hit the area all morning and through the early afternoon. This Round duly went ahead the following week when we were blessed with a warm sunny day and was very well attended too! Congratulations to all who did well and I am sure you have all seen the pictures and results up on our website!**

**<http://www.frankleymcc.com>**

**June also brought the introduction of our 30 Minute Finals on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. These are proving to be immensely popular and are terrific fun to watch too! Rules are really easy – you turn your car over, you run and get it, no Pit Crew allowed!!!! This also means you have to do your own fuel stops too..... the only exception to this rule is for the very young members – they have to run down and tap their adult person on the shoulder before fuelling can take place. There are very important lessons to be learned from these sessions – they teach you that speed isn't everything, you have to be able to get around the track without too many drama's and should improve even the most experienced drivers driving! There is no extra charge for these – you simply pay your usual practice session fee and you can take part!**

**We also had Councillor Stephen Trefor-Jones visit on two days to engrave post codes on any items presented to him. This service was also well received and Stephen was so impressed with the cars that he is now looking at buying one himself! The Club made a £50 donation to the local church by way of a special thank you.**

Most of you will also be aware by now that I am currently undergoing surgery and treatment so am not as able bodied as I usually am. This is likely to be a lengthy process and there will be times when I am not well enough to be at the track – I certainly cannot marshal for some time so am very grateful to all that have offered to stand in and help. I don't intend to miss much and can still crack the whip if need be!!!! I am still easily reached on the telephone or via email!

On this note, we also lose Glyn for what we hope will be a short time from next week, we wish him a successful surgery and a very speedy recovery – those are big boots for us to try and fill! I am sure that he will be back in the driving seat very soon and in the meantime, the Committee will do their best to ensure the smooth running of the track and any events we have planned.

So what is going on this month? Well this weekend we have Round 4 of the 8<sup>th</sup>09 Series at Deerdale and the Frankley Team will again be well represented. We hope for decent weather and wish everyone taking part a successful day – come on Team Frankley!!!!

We have track maintenance planned for the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> July, we are intending to move the surplus soil and astro-turf from the centre of the track and dig out the ditch at the far side of the track. To do the latter job, we have to cut the trees well back and any offers of help to do this prior to that week are very welcome! We will also need anyone who is capable of offering any sort of help at all that week so that the track may be open as usual on the Thursday evening and on the Saturday without too much disruption. The tea urn will be on so tea and coffee will be available for any of you who help!

We need to have the works all sorted and the track tidy for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> as this is the next round of our £3 Challenge!!!! Did you do it last time? If not, come along, a great days racing at a really cheap entry fee! These days are specifically designed for people new to racing – a really relaxed event where there is no real pressure – a perfect introduction to a 'proper' race event. Everyone is welcome, bring your partners, friends etc and let them have a go!!!!

We are delighted to welcome 'Shells Kitchen' to the Frankley Team 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 her family for doing this for us.

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

### **STOP PRESS:**

I am delighted to announce that our own Andy Taylor is now running a shop – this means that we no longer have to send people away to buy bits and pieces like Glow

Plugs etc as Andy will be on site at our race events! I know that he has a considerable stock of some items and can be reached on: [andy@westmidland-internet.co.uk](mailto:andy@westmidland-internet.co.uk)

Congratulations are also in order for our young Club member Matt Lawrence who has been offered sponsorship with a new car



this should be arriving very soon and is a Team Associated RC8B. Matt has not been driving for a year yet so this is a really terrific achievement and we look forward to seeing him competing with it at Frankley and flying the flag for us at other tracks too. This also means that his younger brother Ryan will now be running the now very well known Orange MP9!

I would also draw everyone's attention to the Frankley Model Car Club website that has recently undergone various improvements, please do look at it as it is now very regularly updated and all Club information can be found there! This can be found at: [www.frankleymcc.com](http://www.frankleymcc.com) and any forthcoming events are also listed on RC Racechat under the Frankley Model Car Club heading at [www.racechat.com](http://www.racechat.com) and we do also update the site at RC Racing which can be found at [www.rc-racing.uk.org](http://www.rc-racing.uk.org)

**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 Revo and a Jato that are ready to run and after much soul-searching, am also selling my Kyosho MP9 Buggy 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 Losi 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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