

FRANKLEY TALKING

FMCC Newsletter

October 2009

Hi and welcome to this issue of the Frankley Model Car Club Newsletter, it's a bit long so I hope you are sitting comfortably!

This has been a very hectic few weeks at the track, we are sure you will all appreciate all the hard work that has gone into extending the pit lane so we now have lots of elbow room! The crossover was also re-profiled so runs much better on the upside, many thanks also go to Glyn Parker who very artistically put our Club name on the grass in front of the rostrum – it really looked the part for the Byron Junior event!

Talking of the Byron event, we were blessed with great weather and some very well known Daddies and Uncles! The awards were presented by our local Member of Parliament Richard Burden and he too had a go at getting a car round the track. There were smiling faces all day and we are grateful to Jon Howells representing CML for his attendance too.

September also brought the final rounds of the £3 Challenge and our Summer Series. Many congratulations to all who attended and did well, particular thanks go to everyone for being so very sporting when I got to run the timing while Glyn was away. I may even be brave enough to have another go at it sometime and hope to be able to make fewer mistakes!

We also have to apologise to everyone who entered the Summer Series as this was supposed to be sponsored by Junction 8 Models, for several weeks before the last round, we tried in vain to make contact, we left messages on their answer-phone and emailed them to no avail. The sponsorship was supposed to be end of Series trophies, thankfully Glyn came to the rescue with some that were very acceptable. We will continue to try and get an explanation but we wont be holding our breath!

We also presented the Nigel Hurdman Memorial Trophy. We had hoped to award this to the person who gained the most 2nd places throughout the rounds, unfortunately there was a different person gaining 2nd at each round so this was impossible. We decided instead that Nigel would probably have appreciated it more to be remembered as an overall winner so the beautiful trophy was presented to Matt Lawrence. This trophy will remain property of FMCC and will be awarded annually.

Sadly, the evening of the last meeting and for the following 3 days, we suffered some damage and theft. I know that everyone who passes keeps an eye on what is going on

but I would ask you to be extra vigilant as we cannot afford to keep replacing timber. We have since installed CCTV which we hope will act as a deterrent or at least catch whoever is doing this. We have now bolted down all of the timber we can and it should now make plenty of noise should vandals appear again.

As the nights have started drawing in, we now only open the track on Saturdays – you are welcome to practice anytime though although you will not have access to the rostrum. Please ensure that you carry your Membership Card with you as the Police have been asked to increase their patrols and to remove anyone who does not have a current card.

The Frankley Team went off to the final round of the 8th 09 Series at Swindon last Sunday and I am very pleased to tell you that we won the overall Team Trophy! The top 20 rallycross drivers and top 5 truggy drivers from the Series are off to Herts this Sunday to compete for the Champion of Champions title – we wish them all well and look forward to great results! A similar inter-club series next year is eagerly awaited!

It is also approaching that time of year where we hold our AGM, this is open to all our fully paid up Members and we really would like as many people to attend as possible so, this year we are looking at a date in early December at the school over the road from the track itself. I will (in line with our constitution) notify the membership of the date as soon as I have it confirmed and who is willing to stand for re-election in time for your nominations. Do please let me know if you would like to stand, we do have several places available – all we ask is that you give what time you can to helping and don't expect any financial reward! The current Committee meet at regular intervals and have been extremely grateful for all the help and support they have had from our Club members, we would certainly welcome a few more faces and willing hands!

Now, on to news of our forthcoming events. October brings the start of the CML Winter Series, for anyone who hasn't been part of this before, let me tell you that these meetings are really well worth having a go at! We attract a great many of the top drivers in the UK so there are plenty of people to give guidance and help. Most of the team drivers are more than happy to explain their set-ups etc.

These are perhaps the busiest meetings you will attend (unless you do the Nationals) so you will need your wits about you! This may well be your introduction to a formal race so please do read through your BRCA Handbook to ensure you know the rules! Nobody may smoke in the pits, while marshalling or driving (!) You will need pit crew that hold current BRCA membership and will be expected to marshal as soon as you finish driving.

There are classes for both Buggies and Truggies - the events are capped at a maximum number of 73 buggies and 27 truggies so reserve lists do come into play at times. If you want to enter, you will need to be quick as the buggies are filling up fast and the truggies are now in danger of losing their classes if they don't confirm their intention to

run by the 11th October. Truggy drivers take heed – if we don't have enough of you to run on the 18th October, we will NOT be running them on any of the other dates!

The dates you need for your diary:

Sunday 18th October CML Winter Series Round 1

Sunday 8th November CML Winter Series Round 2

Wednesday 9th December PROVISIONAL DATE OF AGM

Sunday 13th December CML Winter Series Round 3

Sunday 27th December Santa Challenge in aid of the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital Childrens Bone Tumour Unit

Friday 1st January 2010 Chocolate Bar Challenge

Sunday 17th January CML Winter Series Round 4

Sunday 21st February CML Winter Series Round 5

Sunday 14th March CML Winter Series Round 6

All the details of the CML Series can be found on the drop down menu here:

www.frankleymodelcarclub.co.uk

I hope you have all had the chance to look at the website, it is still work in progress so do please let us have your feedback! You will find all the results from the meetings at Frankley on there and lots of photo's too.....

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.

Certainly it is going to be a busy few months and we are open as usual on 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 also have some Byron Gen 2 25% fuel available but please let me know if

you want any beforehand so I can bring it with me. £25 per bottle, I am usually at the track on Saturdays and will be at all the Winter Series.

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

Pauline Quarterman (Secretary)

aldabrook@blueyonder.co.uk

Contact can be made by telephone to Glyn Morgan: 07830 171074 / 07986799751 or to myself Pauline Quarterman 07531 768495. Email Pauline at aldabrook@blueyonder.co.uk or Glyn at themaddog@blueyonder.co.uk