

SDRCC News Letter Number 4 / 2008



Well the new season has started with good weather for TC round 1 although the off-roaders had snow over the Easter weekend for their first round.

Issue number 4 and we have a full race report from TC round 1 plus off-road round 1. I'm still waiting for more people to contribute so if you have anything please forward it to my e-mail address george_haining@dril-Quip.com

Work Weekend 5th & 6th of April please come down a help out even if it just for a couple of hours. We are planning to hire a cherry picker to blast and paint the rostrum plus fix the fence and paint the track.





If you were at our first touring car meeting you will know that everyone was using last years 19T motors due to the fact the BRCA still have not released the brushless motor list for pro-stock racing. The Lipo list is out however and myself and Pauline were using the Trinity Pro Lipo battery. Pauline used just one battery all day and commented on the smooth power delivery to the motor. I used a Lipo for the FTQ rounds and then switched back to Sub-c cells for the finals. The car felt faster on Sub-c however the lap times only showed a 0.2 second difference on the best laps. I felt the car had less punch coming out of the slower corners due in part to the current limit of the Lipo cells. One thing to note was that the motors were lasting the whole day with out needing maintenance just like they used to run a couple of years back so for the average club racer these batteries are good news!

Touring Car Setup Guide:

As anyone benefited from this series and has anyone bought the book below. Please let me know otherwise I'll wind this one up for now.



Remember to Enter for the Much More UK GP this year!



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Weekend Race Report

Myself and Pauline went down to the track as usual on Saturday afternoon to start setting up but unfortunately the wind was too high for the pit tent to be put up. Sunday morning dawned a beautiful day and the wind had gone, hopefully the forecasters have got it right and we would have a nice day before the storm was due to hit on Sunday evening. Anyway the first people started to turn up at 08:30 and would you believe it Bruce Noble was the second car to appear, he must have thought the clocks had changed! So we started putting up the pit tent, please remember to help out doing this if you use the facility and that way it's fair on everyone.

The first cars hit the track just after 09.15 although a small computer problem prevented practice times being recorded. This issue was fixed by Dom once he had arrived later (Dom had been up all night watching a local big car rally). We are pleased to say we had about 20 new members join the club Sunday although we expect the membership numbers to be as high as 50 this year. Once all the drivers had booked in the first heat started at 10:40, we had 2 heats of pro-stock and 1 modified. The track used was track 3 and the 2 heats of pro-stock had 8 cars in each which made for busy racing. We will split this up more at the next race meeting to say 2 x 5 + 1 x 6 which should help the mixed abilities more. We planned to have 3 rounds of FTQ followed by 3 finals for everyone with 100 pts being awarded for both so 200 pts were available for each class on the day. This year 6 rounds would count out of 9 and everyone completing 6 rounds was going to get a trophy at the AGM.

So heat 1 pro-stock got underway and the first person past the post was our new member Alex Robertson with a 17/300.37 from Pauline with a 17/307.69. This was a great drive from Alex since he is only 6 years old (watch out everyone). Ben was in third with a 16/304.73 and then Chris with a 15 lapper. Next up was heat 2, also pro-stock, first past the post and not bettered all day was Bruce Noble with a 20/306.44 closely followed by me (George) 20/307.92 and Bryan Duffus in 3rd with a 19/311.79. I was quite pleased with this result since I was using a Lipo battery for qualifying and Pauline used one all day long. These batteries seem to be a little down on punch but are kinder on the motors and you can run with one pack all day. Next up was heat 3 modified which had 5 drivers line up however only one car finished the whole 5 minutes posting a 13/336. The race meeting was run quite quickly since rain was thought to be not to fare away and in fact we had done all 3 rounds of FTQ by 12:45. Please see our web page for all the details via the link below:

http://www.sdrcc.co.uk/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=151

I have cut and pasted the results from the web page for qualifying and finals below:

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Overall Qualifying Results

Heat Index	Heats Round 1 Qualifying		Heats Round 2 Qualifying		Heats Round 3 Qualifying	
	Pro-Stock	Modified	Pro-Stock	Modified	Pro-Stock	Modified
	Pro-Stock Class FTQ					
Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)			
1	Bruce Noble	21/ 312.790	2			
2	George Haining	20/ 306.190	2			
3	Keiren Smart	20/ 308.840	2			
4	Bryan Duffus	20/ 313.710	3			
5	Gareth Hunt	19/ 303.140	2			
6	Alex Robertson	19/ 305.690	3			
7	Stephen Burnett	18/ 305.470	1			
8	Pauline Haining	18/ 313.880	3			
9	Marc Baynham	18/ 316.350	3			
10	John Hill	17/ 305.730	3			
11	Benjamin Bowring	16/ 304.730	1			
12	Chris Briggs	15/ 287.960	3			
13	Den Milton	15/ 316.520	2			
14	Paul Booth	14/ 313.430	1			
15	Matthew Low	8/ 317.030	2			

Heat Index	Heats Round 1 Qualifying		Heats Round 2 Qualifying		Heats Round 3 Qualifying	
	Pro-Stock	Modified	Pro-Stock	Modified	Pro-Stock	Modified
	Modified Class FTQ					
Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)			
1	John Simpson	21/ 303.590	3			
2	Dom Iannetta	17/ 313.370	2			
3	Daniel Rowlands	14/ 213.940	1			
4	Steve Harley	13/ 219.630	2			
5	David Scott	13/ 336.490	1			

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Results Index	Competitors	Heat Results	Final Results	Meeting Summary	Meeting Index
A. Final (Modified) Overall Result from 3 Legs					
Pos	Car	Name	Result		
1	1	John Simpson	2 [1 1]		
2	2	Dom Iannetta	4 [3 2]		
3	4	Steve Harley	5 [2 3]		
4	5	David Scott	8 [4 10]		
5	3	Daniel Rowlands	20 [10 10 10]		
A. Final (Pro-Stock) Overall Result from 3 Legs					
Pos	Car	Name	Result		
1	1	Bruce Noble	2 [8 1 1]		
2	2	George Haining	3 [1 2 2]		
3	3	Keiren Smart	5 [2 3]		
4	4	Bryan Duffus	7 [3 4 4]		
5	6	Alex Robertson	8 [5 5]		
6	7	Stephen Burnett	9 [4 6 8]		
7	5	Gareth Hunt	12 [6 6 6]		
8	8	Pauline Haining	14 [7 8 7]		
B. Final (Pro-Stock) Overall Result from 3 Legs					
Pos	Car	Name	Result		
1	1	Marc Baynham	2 [1 1]		
2	2	John Hill	4 [2 2 3]		
3	4	Chris Briggs	5 [3 10 2]		
4	3	Benjamin Bowring	8 [4 6 4]		
5	5	Den Milton	8 [10 3 5]		
6	6	Paul Booth	10 [6 4 7]		
7	7	Matthew Low	10 [5 5 6]		

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I must say I was very impressed with the standard of driving, this track is one of the biggest in the UK (if not the biggest) and controlling the cars at high speed is not easy, so it was very good to see you all racing well.

I think I should mention our new junior member Alex Robertson and his father Michael who have just come back to Scotland (his father anyway) from the Philippines. Alex is only 6 years old but as you can see above finished as the top junior on Sunday! I'm sure young Alex is going to win lots of championships in the future.

There are some great pictures taken by Dom and can be viewed on the following web site http://dom.fotopic.net/c1472414_1.html however I have cut and pasted some below. (please note you can purchase these pictures from Dom)





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Items for Sale



IB3800 (5 packs for sale) 2006 used by myself and still taking over 4,000 mah. Bruce Noble is still using these cells to good effect this year winning the indoor title at Inverurie!

Bargain at £5.00 a pack contact:
George Haining 07771914997



IB4300 SHV & WC (5 packs for sale)
These cells were new this year (2007) and have been used by me to win the SDRCC 19T championship and come 7th in the SRCA 19T championship also, you need to be able to balance these cells prior to each days racing. Once charged these cells give a voltage output which is almost like having another cell!

Bargain at £10.00 a pack contact:
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LRP Pulsar Sport, linear charge first offer of £20 secures.
Call George 07771914997

2008 Membership form is ready for download via the web so to help our membership secretary please fill it in and return it ASAP. Remember to include BRCA membership if required otherwise make sure you bring your licence with you for the first race meeting you attend.

SDRCC Membership £18 Adults
 £10 Juniors
 £28 Family

Race day fees £5 Juniors / Adults Members
 £8 Non members (max 3 visits unless BRCA member)

As of the end of March we are sitting with 28 active racing members and 2 active non members.

Off –road report:

The off-road series kicked off on the 23rd March with Snow on the ground.



However as usual nothing stop our off-road section and the meeting went ahead once the snow had melted a bit.



The race meeting was run very quickly and the 4 rounds of FTQ were completed just after 12:30 even with the late start. Despite the weather everyone had a good time however it would be good to see more of these cars coming out of the cupboard and racing! We are just racing 2wd & 4wd together at present due to numbers however even on a day like this a 2wd car too FTQ and won the A final! Once again due to number we did not put up the party tent and everyone pitted either under the main rostrum in the store or under a gazebo.



By the time you read this news letter the results should be posted on our web page and remember you still have plenty of time to start racing in this series since we have 7 events planned with 5 to count so come on dust off your old car or buy one on ebay and join us racing off-road!

Grass Cutting News:

You may or may not know that the council have decided not to cut our grass for us this year. This has lead to many phone calls however we have contacted our neighbours at the cricket club and have come to an agreement where they will cut our grass as long as we pay their expenses. In turn we have agreed to support their local events and indeed hold some display for them so a bad situation has now been turned into something really good!



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