

# Positive Camber

## The Newsletter of South Hants Model Car Club

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Another one you say, and so soon. Almost unbelievable! Well there is a reason. Having recently had the AGM and I take this moment to thank all of you who turned up to contribute. The full results of the AGM will be posted on the web site for all to read. If you need a hard copy of this then please let a committee member know and they can be forwarded to you.

The Miller Mile.

Last month we held a meeting to celebrate the life of one of our members who passed away. I have to say what a day! A great turnout and a really good day of racing for all. Over 40 people came along to race with many others who just turned up to watch and join in the celebration. We managed to raise £120 for charity and for that we thank you very much. I am sure Iain was watching over us and having a real good laugh at the antics as well as wishing he was there with us as much as we wished he was.

It is never good when someone you have known and raced with passes on but maybe we should just take on board the enthusiasm and will to enjoy what time Iain had that was so obvious when he was racing. Next time you are moaning about something maybe take a second to reflect that you are here and make the most of what you have. You only have one chance at this life so make the most of it. Life is too short not too.

So here we are again. At that time of year when racing outdoors becomes a bit of a lottery with the weather but then we are surely all hardened racers who will turn out regardless of the cold and damp?. We enjoy moaning about the wind whistling through our thermals, the drippy noses and frozen fingers. Who would want to stay in that nice warm bed when you can stand in a cold damp field with your mates and race. Go on, admit it. You love it really!. OK so if the Sunday outdoors is not for you when the weather is cold there is always the lovely dry and warm Memorial Hall on a Wednesday to look forward to. No excuses on that one. It is good to see a reasonable amount of people turning up on a

Wednesday and I am told that we are just about breaking even money wise. What this means though is that we could do with a few more to come and join in so we can actually put some money away to cover the cost of the outdoor track when we cannot race there due to bad weather over the winter. So if you are at a loose end on a Wednesday evening why not come down and join us, I am sure you will enjoy it.

There has also been some impromptu indoor Sunday meetings at the Memorial Hall as the outdoor track has been under several inches of snow recently! Nice to see some people are prepared to change at short notice and come and have some fun with us in the warm. It pays to keep your thumbs in gear ready for the warm weather. Ok you may not be able to work on your set ups but you can keep racing. Keep an eye on the Forum for these sudden changes as I know you would rather be racing than staying at home. The next "planned" indoor Sunday meet is the 21<sup>st</sup> February so make sure you put that in your diary. There may be more before that depending on the weather though.

Recently we switched a Wednesday night to a Thursday as a one off to see if anyone would be interested in still racing indoors when the Blood Donors have the hall on our normal Wednesday slot. Well enough people turned up to make it a viable option, but only just! OK so maybe it was a bit of a late decision and maybe not advertised enough but for sure we will be trying it again in the future so keep an eye on the calendar.

On the subject of indoor racing, the first championship meeting on Wednesday evening has now taken place so if you want to score some points and maybe earn a trophy or two then make sure you don't miss the rest of the series. Round 2 is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

## **F1.**

OK so F1 is IF backwards. Very appropriate actually as we have started it seems a new class for indoors which will run over into the outdoor season, for F1 type cars *if* we get enough people who want to do it. Rules are still being tested and thought about but the Reality Cup will have this as one of the classes you can run. So far there have been a few people trying it out and I know there are a few others who have just bought cars so they can join in. I have to say they do look like fun and with 2WD only allowed then they are a good way to learn about car control, especially in low grip situations indoors on rubber tyres. Some have gone the foam tyre route for indoors and they have a distinct

advantage at the moment. However I can see the rubber tyre cars catching up quite quickly as set ups improve and the right tyre combination is found. Just cannot wait to try them outdoors when the weather improves. Should be a good series to watch.

January/February.

I am writing this on January 11<sup>th</sup> so for the next few weeks the plan is this.

**January.**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January Indoors as normal at the Memorial Hall

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> should be Round 1 of the outdoor series depending on the weather.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> is blood donors so no racing.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> should be outdoors weather permitting.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> is Round 2 of the indoor series at the Memorial hall.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> will be Round 2 of the outdoor series.

**February.**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> is indoors.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> is Round 3 of the outdoor series.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> is Round 3 of the indoor series.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> is outdoors.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> is indoors.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> is a **SPECIAL INDOOR RACE** at the Memorial hall.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> is Round 4 of the indoor series.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> will be outdoors again.

We hope that all the outdoor races will take place in good weather but please check on the forum for last minute changes if the weather is bad.

Guess that is all for now. Happy New Year to all of you and see you trackside.