



## Touring Car News Letter Issue 1 January 2007



### ***Hello and welcome***

*This is the first of what we hope will be a monthly news letter, our aim is to keep you up to date with news and developments within the touring car world. Please feel free to e-mail any national news, also any club news that you feel may be worthy of a bigger audience.*

*As well as keeping the seasoned driver informed and up to date we also would like to offer help and guidance to those new to touring car racing, interviews with drivers, manufactures, together with contributions from other key players in our sport will also be a feature of future publications.*

*As this is a fairly new project the content and direction of this news letter may change as the season progress's, please feel free to let us know your feelings on the content and any ideas that you may have, or items you would like to see included*

*Best Regards*

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## ***Winter Championships Update***

**Catch up on how the winter carpet championships are shaping up as our top touring car drivers endeavour to keep their thumbs nimble through the cold winter months**

### **CML Carpet Masters**



By John Robson

Carpet Masters, started on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, with some well known names making a showing at this 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Racing throughout the day was clean and friendly, the Race Director (John Robson), making a come back after having put his car away since August Bank Holiday, John was well pleased with his 2 overall placing in the 27t Class, thanks must go to Andrew for preparing his car.

In the 27t Finals again the Racing was very clean considering the variety of skill, this meeting was the first time some entrants had entered this level of racing, these people could be seen to be having a realyl good time.

The results of this A final was Chris Clark who qualified 3<sup>rd</sup> won both Finals, Nick Turner who qualified 1<sup>st</sup> finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, & John Robson who qualified 2<sup>nd</sup> came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Full results at [www.staffordcmcc.co.uk](http://www.staffordcmcc.co.uk)

19t Class was the class which had the most entrants, this again was a closely run class, in this event we mixed the 4 cell class into it, Michael Polson (BL) and Bob Burr (Brushed) were the 2 people who opted to give this a go, no real speed difference was noted between the 2 classes.

In qualifying Olly Jefferies just pipped local driver Andrew Robson, Olly's time was 30 5:01.86. Andrews 30, 5:01.97 less than 11/100<sup>th</sup> of a second behind. World Champion Andy Moore came to see how New team mate Olly was getting on, in the first Final Andrew managed to sneak inside Olly after Olly went a bit wide on one of the corners, the race positions remained the same, resulting in the first place going to Andrew, with Olly 2<sup>nd</sup> & Andrew Carter 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Second A final was a real brammer, I have to say this as it is true the Racing was between 2 drivers in this Final, the respect these 2 people have for each other showed, both driver drove their socks off, they showed everyone watching how disciplined they are when it come to close racing, during the whole 5 mins they only moved away from each other a couple of times the rest they were, the rest of the time they were virtually touching each other cars, going down the straight virtually side by side, around corners side by side, it was a real pleasure to watch, at the end Olly won it on 31 5:07.50 and Andrew 31 5:07,62, they virtually crossed the line side by side, that is how it was all through the 5 minutes.

Adam Meakin had been quietly following behind, letting Olly & Andrew get on with it, so in the end, both Olly & Andy were on the same points, which left the deciding factor down to grid position, so with Olly on pole he got the 1<sup>st</sup> Place result Andy 2<sup>nd</sup> & Adam 3<sup>rd</sup>, again full results can be seen on the Stafford web site.



Under the expert guidance of Ian Knight of Maritime racing the Carpet Wars is now entering its 4<sup>th</sup> successful year; this series promises to be one of the most keenly contested of the winter championships with the very popular two day Vega Cup included into the schedule.

Round one saw a full 16 heats with three heats of modified, a good field of national drivers turned up for round one including national champion Chris Grainger, Associated team driver Craig Drescher, Adam Rogers and Kevin Brunsden.

Adam Rogers took FTD with his Schumacher Mi2, second was Craig with Kevin Brunsden, Glen Doman and Chris Grainger completing the top five. In the A final it was Adam that took the overall win from Chris and Kevin, Craig's challenge faltered a little in the final but he was concentrating on set up work for the Carpet World Cup.

Ian Taylor was fastest in 27 turn stock class from local expert Richmond Rogers and Brian Shardlow. Richmond Rogers took the overall win from rising young star Elliot Boots; Nathan Morgan completed the top three

Nathan Parker took FTD in the 19 turn super stock class but it was Rob Fox from 6<sup>th</sup> on the grid that took the victory in front of Mirage driver Mark Stiles with Nathan coming home third. A none finish for Chris Kerswell in leg one of the final spoilt a good result for the west London driver. Chris Delves took the victory in the B final of this very competitive class.



## BWIS Round One

The British Indoor Winter Series can pride itself on being one of the foremost winter championships, this year the Don Valley based championship made the brave move of becoming the first major UK championship to allow the use of Lipos.

In modified Andy Moore led the field away but it was his new team mate Olly Jefferies that was to out pace Andy and the rest of the field to take FTD, a good run by Elliot Harper saw him line up behind Olly with Johnny Bowden also having a good run to leave Andy fourth, consolation for Andy was that the top four were all Hot Bodies Cyclone's. Ben Cosgrove completed the top five, Ben had his work cut out running modified and 19t for his new team X-ray.

Ben lined up second in the 19 turn class following a good FTD run by Jonathan Dronfield. Jonathan Aird with third with his X-ray.

Jimmy Madison led the field in 27 turn stock with his Top Racing Scythe; behind Jimmy was Stephen Edwards and Luke Hobson proving his late entry was well worth the effort with third.

Pete Sleight did an excellent job on the mike for the finals, it always adds to the feel of a meeting to have a dedicated commentator, good job Pete.

In 27 stock Jimmy carried over his qualifying form to take the A final win from Luke Hobson and Luke Humphrey, Jimmy showing the potential of his new ride

Ben overcame Jonathan Dronfield to take the 19 turn A final, Dominic Cater finishing third behind Jonathan.

The super quick modified final was good to watch as Andy gave chase to Olly; it would be four minutes before Andy was to get past Olly, after which he dropped out with mechanical problems. Johnny Bowden made it a Hot Bodies one two with Ben completing the top three with his X-Ray.

Good to see 2006 27t stock champ Stewart Noble going well in modified, also making the jump up with some success was Sam Smith with a brushless X-ray.

## CML Carpet Thrashnals supported by Microtech Racing



### **Round 1**

*The CML Carpet Thrashnals is now well established as one of the most popular touring championships in the west of England. For this year a modified class has been added and round one saw a great dice between Olly Jefferies and Chris Grainger, Olly was using the meeting to debut his new Hot Bodies Cyclone and showed his old team mate the way home with a comprehensive win.*

*In the 19 turn class a few of last years 27 turn front runners made the move up to the faster 19 turn class, Steve Davies, last years 27 turn winner took the victory with his Yokomo from fellow Hereford club driver Chris Bottle second, Mark Broomfield was third for Yokomo.*

*The 27 turn class is still as popular as ever and has a mixture of young drivers strutting there stuff against some older wiser heads. Gary Dyson provided the old head while Tom Watts provided a youthful challenge at round one. Mark Williams took the 27 turn victory with his Tamiya with Tom second. Pete Loveless completed the top three.*

### **Round 2**

*Chris Grainger dominated modified with his Yokomo at round two with Olly missing due to 1:12 commitments, Chris took the win from team mate John Pape.*

*Leighton Bater took the win in 19 turn super stock after qualifying behind Steve Davies, Mark Broomfield and Chris Bottle, a great result for Leighton a Thrashnals regular over the past few years.*

*Tamiya die hard's Marcus Askeil and Mark Williams battled for honours in the 27 turn class and it was Marcus that came out on top in front of Mark and Tom Watts.*

### **Round 3**

*Round 3 saw Olly return but with just a few drivers entered in modified he opted for the 19 turn class and took the victory from another modified driver in exile Merv Wignall.*

*27 turn stock saw a great battle between Microtech driver Tom Watts and Mark Williams, Tom held FTD for most of the day only to loose it in the last round to Mark. In the final Tom put pressure on Mark from the start but Mark held on to take a well deserved win from Tom, and making it a good day fro the Gloucester club Richard Davies finishing third after a difficult day.*

## *Other News*

### Final placing in the TORC series2006

#### **F1 19t**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ian Whittingham**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Robson.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Rob Fox.**

#### **F2 19t**

**1<sup>st</sup> Elliott Harper.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Darren Lee.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Wybraniec**

#### **F1 27t.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Simon Smith.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Watson.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Clark.**

#### **F2 27t**

**1<sup>st</sup> Brian Shardlow.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nigel Shaw.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thomas Daley.**

In the TORC Series for 2007 it is hoped that the Modified class will be better supported, we have opened the Modified class to include 5cell, with the 1350gm weight limit on this class.

In the 19t Class we are allowing 4 cell Modified to run alongside this class, it is hoped these 2 classes will be able to compete as 1, with points being awarded separately.

With the 4 cell class we are letting them run at the same weight limit as the 5 cell, that being 1350 grams, the motors we are allowing are either brushed (min 6t limit) or Brushless, as EB Listings.

27t Motor Class is the same as 2006, all Motors must be approved by the BRCA EB.



### **Much More Scottish Grand Prix**



*Much More are pleased to announce that they will be the title sponsor for the 2007 Scottish Grand Prix, more on this event as details are released, a great meeting that promises some top names and some great racing this year.*

*Expect a bumper filled raffle and a good social, definitely worth the trip.....ask those that went last year*

## **Other Stuff**



**Firstly congratulations to Ben Cosgrove on getting engaged to Lisa, watch out at meetings for Ben reading Radio Race Car and Lisa reading brides magazine.**

**Please feel free to send me your news for inclusion in future new letters; I will endeavour to post as much relevant news as I can.**

**As your Touring Car PRO I have a busy year planned with a few projects in the pipe line, the first is the Junior Touring Car Nationals. This is one of the most important meetings of the year and it is hoped that we can put on a real show, the development of young drivers coming through the ranks is fundamental to the future of touring cars in the UK and a big effort is being made to make this meeting special, more news in the next news letter.**

**Some of you will remember a time when a brief report on the latest touring car national would appear on the BRCA web site closely after the meeting; this is some thing that will be back for 2007. My aim is to get a short summary of each national on the BRCA touring car web site by Tuesday after the meeting, if this is something that drivers want I would like to extend it to BTCC, TORC and possibly STCC, covering the nationals is not a problem as I will be there, but I may need some contribution for the other championships if I am not present at the meeting, so come on you news hounds getting snapping and get me some reports.**

**The BRCA touring car committee have some exciting ideas and plans for 2007, so please support us and keep an eye out for changes to the web site, and to having a more informed 2007.**

### ***In Next Months News Letter***

***How the brits did at the GP Carpet World Cup in Geneva***

***More winter Championship news.***

***Info on the 2007 Juniors***

***Vega Cup race report***

***Interview With Dave Spashett***

***Adrian Jefferies***