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BRITISH RADIO CAR ASSOCIATION

**Touring Car News Letter**  
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*Hello and welcome*

*Sorry to start off with some bad news but some of you may not be aware of the sad death of Welsh touring car racer Leighton Bate, Leighton was a prominent competitor in the BTCC and Chippenham Thrashers championship and a stalwart of the COBRA club in south Wales, our condolences to his family, close friends and fellow racers.*

*Over the Easter break the UK touring car season got underway with the first major touring car meeting of the year, this was round one of the Schumacher BTCC at Stafford, great weather made it a fantastic weekend and fitting start to what we all hope will be a classic year for the on road brigade.*

*Later this month the BRCA touring car series kicks off so look out for reports from all three classes in next month's news letter, we are also aiming to post race reports on the BRCA web within a few days of the meeting, so look out for the results and news from round one.*

*Good luck to all competitors for a good 2007 season.*

*Best Regards*

**Adrian Jefferies**  
*BRCA Touring PRO*

## Good News.....Touring Cars are Alive and Kicking.....Despite rumours to the contrary....

“There are too many classes of RC racing” .... *“Touring cars have had their day”* ...  
**“The rules have become to restrictive and it’s not fun anymore” .....**

Yeah, yeah, yeah, we have heard all this before, but the truth is numbers are strong and with new rules introduced for 2007 it seems to have put a spring back in the step of our touring car racers. One of the most pleasant surprises so far have been the numbers of drivers making the move to, or in some cases back to modified racing, five cell combined with new brushless technology is putting the smile back on the faces of drivers, 27 stock and modified numbers are good for the nationals even if 19 super stock is struggling a little.

Chris Grainger, our current national touring car championship has become a keen advocate of five cell brushless, we asked him to explain why thinks this a big step forward.....

“Have the BRCA played a blinder? it certainly seems so at this early stage of the 2007 season, I cant remember the last time I looked forward to the UK Nationals so much

I was slightly worried at the beginning of the year that if we were not careful we would kill touring cars in the UK this year with the talk of 4 cell then 5 cell, would it be to slow? would we run flat?

Well so far the testing that I have done for the first Nat says, WOW 5 cell is cool, Motors don't burn up/throw winds, brushless works without any problems, and that seems the same with all the manufactures, The cars are great to drive Lighter and more nimble, run time seems no problem and we are already lapping faster than in 06 with 6 cell!! Bring on the new season....”

So there you have it !!!

**120 drivers and a full entry for round one of the Scumacher BTCC....a dying class, I don't really think so**



# BRCA Young Guns JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Touring Car Championship  
Bedworth 15<sup>th</sup> July 07

Update April

Big thanks to Helger Racing for donating the 27 stock motors for the under 12 class, drivers will be supplied their hand out motors when they sign on. Raffle prizes are still rolling in an impressive rate and more and more companies are coming on board to support this high profile event, if not entered get your form filled in and sent off to avoid disappointment.



Hand out motor for the under 12  
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# BRCA Young Guns JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Touring Car Championship  
Bedworth 15<sup>th</sup> July 07

Calling all young guns, if you are a touring car driver and don't want to miss the best junior race meeting of the year get your entry in quickly for the 2007 BRCA junior touring car championship.

This will be your chance to shine and show your stuff in front of many of the top people in the RC business, hand out motors, a great raffle, massive media coverage and whole weekend of fun is planned.

Go to the BRCA central booking site and get your entry in now.

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The Much More Scottish Grand Prix continues to gather momentum at a brisk pace, the latest up dates from the Stonehaven club are listed below, their aim is to make this one of the best touring car meeting of the year, and so far they look well on course to achieve this, entries are still available to so get on line and get booked in at [www.sdrcc.co.uk](http://www.sdrcc.co.uk)

Mains power at the track has been upgraded

- Raffle lists are being compiled including £2000 worth of prizes from Much More UK and a Novak GTB 3.5 system plus other items
- Other sponsors include Mirage, Microtech, Racer and new motor and cell company MHP owned by Jimmy Maddison
- Marquee and tables/chairs for undercover pitting confirmed
- There are now around 80 people booked in so we urge people to get their entries in ASAP to avoid disappointment. Book in online at [www.sdrcc.co.uk](http://www.sdrcc.co.uk)
- Rob Nelson will be emailing all entrants next month to confirm details and gather any missing information
- Nice trophies for top 3 in each final on both days
- Much More will be 'talent scouting' all weekend for sponsored drivers
- Newspaper and TV will be covering the event

## Wrexham MCC Track Resurfaced.

*The outdoor track at Wrexham's model car racing facility was showing its age at the end of last season. The club decided to resurface the track and here are the results. The new surface offers vast amounts of grip and tyre wear is very low which is an improvement over the old surface. The main change in the layout of the track is the addition of a banked corner at the end of the back straight the former "Kellogg's" corner is now much easier to see and place your car on. In addition to the banked corner the famous not so straight straight, along the back of the circuit has now been straightened out so there are no more excuses for hitting the grass!*

*The inaugural meeting on the track will be round 2 of the TORC championship on April the 29Th. This is the first in a long list of National meetings for the club this year that will see the I/C cars coming to the track for the first time. Another big meeting the club will be running this year is the WELSH GP which is an annual meeting, this year taking place on the 28Th of May. Last years winners Dewi Jones and Dominic Carter will be attending to defend there crowns.*

*With the newly resurfaced track and an excellent permanent indoor track at the same venue Wrexham can maintain its position as one of the best venues in the country for model car racing.*



*If you need any information regarding the club or race nights please see the club website for more details*

## **And finally for April, two appeals...**

**Any budding journalists out there...?**

**First, I need someone who is competing or attending the 19 turn super stock nationals, it is my intension to post a brief race report and results on the BRCA web site on the Monday or Tuesday after each national, problem is I will be at the modified and 27 turn meeting. So if you have a camera and can put together a brief page of 400 words with a couple of photos please e-mail and let me know if you are interested, sorry there is no fee just the pleasure of seeing your work published on the BRCA web site, my e-mail address is [ajeff57@yahoo.com](mailto:ajeff57@yahoo.com)**

**Print and post...**

**Secondly an appeal too club organisers, you will see in this news letter a page advertising the Young Guns Junior Nationals at Bedworth, if you can print this page and post it on your club notice board, it would be great if we can get a full entry for the this meeting.**