

MEV NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2009



STONELEIGH 2009 MEV GATHERING (3RD/4TH MAY)

We are very excited about this year's Stoneleigh show as it will be the first proper gathering of the MEV clan and we would be delighted if you could join us with your finished or un-finished MEV car for our inaugural get together. We will be supplying a few beers so it would be great if you could let us know by e-mail if you are likely to attend so we can see how much space we will need. The show is open on Sunday 3rd and bank holiday Monday 4th May.

ROCKET PROGRESS

As you will no doubt know, the MEV Rocket was put through a gruelling challenge towards the end of last year, when the CKC team put it through its paces during the Car of the Year tests. As the other two contenders were located fairly close to each other in the West country it meant the Rocket had to be driven from Notts to Hereford before it even began trials. The CKC team voted it into 2nd place, which we were absolutely thrilled about, particularly as it has no actual bodywork to speak of, a bog standard 1.6 Focus engine, and is about four times cheaper than the winner (equipped with body and 2 litre turbo charged engine!!).

As far as all of us at MEV are concerned, the yellow Rocket took pride of place on the front cover of CKC emblazoned with "Car of the Year" in big print on the bonnet, and that's what I'm telling my mum!!!

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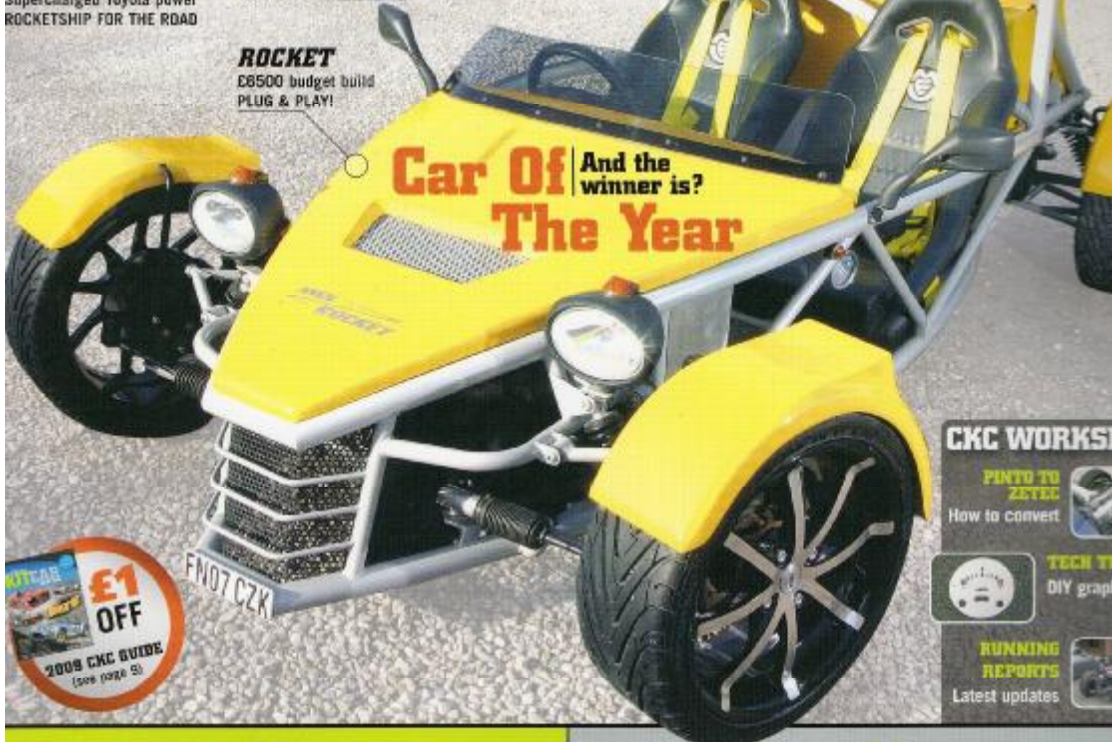
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ROCKET BUILDS

We would be delighted to hear from owners (preferably with pictures of you with your car) for our newsletter so we can show your progress and hopefully put faces with cars. We are aware at the moment of Michael and Tim building two Rockets in Northern Ireland which are both nearing completion.

Scott will be showing his magnificent chrome effect Rocket at Stoneleigh



Will, who we have always been thrilled to announce as our youngest customer (still a teenager) and who was featured for several months in CKC as one of their builders, has just SVA'd his diesel powered Rocket which we hope to see at Stoneleigh. David's car is now coming along well, with a 2 litre in his red and black Rocket, despite discovering that he had a late model ECU with 104 pins. A connection chart is now available to owners who may require it. David's Rocket can be seen by searching MEV Rocket on You Tube. Andy is progressing well down in Somerset and has a beautifully painted engine which can be seen on his You Tube clip, we were delighted to welcome Andy as a Rocket customer as he was one of the first to see it at its original Stoneleigh launch when we were flattered that he instantly knew the Rocket was going to be the next car he would buy. Matt, with his fabulous orange and silver colours, hopes to be driving to Stoneleigh which would be a brilliant achievement as he only collected his kit at Christmas.

Neil who is in Lincs, now has his Rocket on the road with the very cool plate R16 MEV. Adrian in Shropshire has a brilliant Rocket build website which has been really helpful to people building Rockets and to others thinking of buying a Rocket. Adrian's super British Racing Green and silver Rocket can be seen on www.jetpower.co.uk. Adrian's car is nearly there and hopefully will be at Stoneleigh. Adrian's a great guy and he looks after the MEV website for us for free, although I did forget to send him an invoice for a quick rack (He also knows where to go to get THE most fantastic truck stop breakfast in the entire country!).



Over in Sweden the boys are busy putting a five cylinder Volvo engine in their Rocket. Progress has been slow due to other rally jobs in their workshop.

Mike Brewer has SVA'd his Rocket. The Rocket was first featured on ITV's Pulling Power when it was filmed at the Newark Kit Car show in June 07. It was featured again on Pulling Power in '08. We are hoping that either Mike or Joe will bring the car to Stoneleigh. Paul has just been in touch. His Rocket is yellow and silver and is nearing completion and we hope he can also make it to Stoneleigh

Steve has another good website to look at. His Rocket is the only one we are aware of with a name. Molly is coming along steadily and the website will be updated in the coming months. If anyone else has named their Rocket do let us know. Steve's website is mevrocket.co.uk.

Graham, who is based north of Aberdeen and who also collected his kit in Christmas week last year may not make it to Stoneleigh,



But we hope Paul from County Durham (shown here) will make it with his black and silver Rocket.

ROCKET SALES

We are very pleased to report that over sixty Rockets have now been sold. We apologise to all those MEV builders out there who have not been mentioned in this news letter. We have mentioned those who have been in touch recently and whose progress we know about. Please do get in touch with us and keep us informed on your progress, with photos of you and your car if you can please and we will include you in the next newsletter and hope to see you at Stoneleigh.

The Evil Twin Car Company in Nottingham, run by Liam and Paul are doing extremely well with the Rocket/Zonta sales, and they are planning various marketing exercises this year in addition to the kit car scene. We are supporting them every way we can to get the Rocket and Zonta to a wider audience.

Rocket Zonta leaving MEV workshop



SONIC7

Our first Sonic7 build sailed straight through it's SVA test in December and no concerns were shown regarding the pending BIVA test that comes in April. We will have to change the rear bulkhead however as the tank needs to be separated from the driver for the BIVA test. The B is for basic and applies to kit cars.

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The motor vehicle having the identification/chassis number:
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having been examined under Section 58 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, it is hereby certified that on the date of the examination this vehicle complied with the relevant requirements prescribed under Section 54 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Make: **MEV** Design Weights:

Axle 1	300	kg
Axle 2	600	kg
Axle 3	NA	kg
Gross Weight	900	kg
Train Weight	NA	kg

Model: **SONIC7**

Class Code: **L.O.D** DVLA Model Code: **NA**

Category (passenger(M1)/goods(N1)): **PASSENGER**

Fuel Type e.g. (Petrol/Diesel/Gas Bi-Fuel): **PETROL**

CO2: **NA** IIC: **NA**

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Following the Sonic7 launch at the Stafford show we are really thrilled with its progress. Currently, two Sonic7's are being completed to go State side at the end of this month. One is for Cord in Idaho, who has ordered plain black which he intends to paint a metallic silver that I have no doubt will look absolutely stunning. Progress reports on these will be in future newsletters. He will be showing it at the prestigious SEMA show in Las Vegas in November

Nigel is doing is extremely well with his Sonic7 in his fabulous blue and white colours. Nigel has got an excellent website on the go, which he has put together very well and which is extremely useful to anyone building or thinking about building a Sonic7. We must also mention that Nigel is getting a lot of help with the build from a small plastic superhero called Sonic, and the ever supportive Neryss.



Glenn is progressing well over on the Isle of Wight with his stunning orange and black Sonic7. Glenn is a seasoned kit car builder and hopefully he will also make it in time for Stoneleigh. Glenn and his family were featured in CKC collecting their kit from the Exeter '08 show.

A green and black Sonic7 kit is now nearing completion for collection by Justin & Ali down in Sussex, and there is also an orange and black kit ready to go to South Wales, and a yellow and black one is being prepared for Ian in Taunton.

MEV E TRIKE

The MEV E-Trike plans have been selling well and we hope to see a few of them completed in the near future. MEV E-Trike racing would be a great laugh. We certainly enjoyed ourselves at the Electrathon at the Haynes Motor Museum circuit last year, when we won the lap record! CKC reported on this event and if you missed it you can see it in CKC back issues, or on You Tube. The plan sets are normally £50 but if you are a MEV car owner you can take advantage of our special offer to you of £20. We are currently in the process of upgrading the rear swing arm design and plan to introduce a more enveloping body as an option.

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R2

The R2 project has now been sold on to a great guy called Adrian in Lincs. Adrian has had heaps of experience in motor sport and worked on many projects. We are very confident that he will do the project justice. Adrian is currently having a building modified for his R2 project workshops, and we hope that he will have the car on the market in summer this year, once he has got his all singing and all dancing demonstration car completed.

FUTURE PROJECTS

R & D continues in the MEV workshops as work nears completion on an F1 electric go kart, and work has just started on the suitably extreme MEV GO-CAR, code named: SONIKART. This is a single seat R1 powered beast and weighs about the same as a fag packet. More on this soon, it may even get to Stoneleigh!

EXTRAS

Every couple of months we plan to feature a customer car build so please let us have your pictures and words as and when you can. Many thanks.

We have noted the DVLA's next auction of number plates in March, contains the number plate SON 14C, it's carrying a reserve of £400. Do we like this??!!

Other MEV stuff can be found on www.allcarclub.co.uk and www.exocars.net

DON'T FORGET STONELEIGH – PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN THE DIARY (3/4 MAY)
THERE WILL BE LOTS OF MEV OWNERS AVAILABLE TO GIVE HELP AND ADVICE TO
ANYONE THINKING OF OR BUILDING A MEV CAR.

It will
be FUN!

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