

## MEV OWNER'S GROUP NEWSLETTER MARCH 2010

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 newsletter and, in true Brit fashion we *shall* mention THE WEATHER several times! This is fairly short as there has only been one show and a LOT of snow since the last one. At long last now though, we can begin to wave goodbye to the freezing, snowy winter and look forward to the searing heat wave of a summer that is sure to follow such a prolonged and freezing winter, so get your T-shirt on, your MEV out and get motoring to Detling, Stoneleigh, Newark, Curborough, Stafford, Exeter, etc. If you want to order your MOG jacket (order by end of March if you want it in time for Stoneleigh), then please go the forum or give us a call (see page 9).



The shivering Missile on our track in December for a photo shoot. You can nearly see the goose bumps on the bodywork!!

Stiggy was thrilled to receive a Christmas parcel from Santa Nigel, kept him happy for hours!



### MISSILE

Following on from our report of the Missile passing MSVA in December, we are happy to say it is now taxed and registered with a shiny new 2010 plate. We had a double dose of excitement when registering this MEV because the tax disc was FREE!!! Not often Gordon Brown gives us anything!



MISSILE (contd)

The MEV sponsored Nottingham Panthers Ice Hockey game against Newcastle took place on 16<sup>th</sup> January '10. The result was fantastic, the Panthers won with a score of 10 goals to 3. The Missile had pride of place in the Plaza before the match. Stiggy and his daughter chose and presented Man of the Match awards to both teams, for Panthers, they chose the wonderfully named Dominic D'Amour and in true mischievous Stiggy fashion, he chose Newcastle's goalie as M.O.M. (well he did save lots of shots at goal, about 50!, as well as letting in 10!). We had a great time, and if you have never been to an ice hockey game we recommend you give it a try. It's family friendly, very entertaining and an all round great evening out.



**Car**  
trentfm arena

The new Missile electric sports car from Mills Extreme Vehicles was the star of the show on the plaza last weekend. Branded in Panthers' colours, after bosses watched a game, the car caught the eye of many fans on their way into the big win over Newcastle. Stuart and Charlotte Mills presented the Orchid IT Man of the Match award at the end of the game to Dominic D'Amour.

Now it is the turn of the Elite League All Stars to take centre stage when the new look All Star game staged in Sheffield next week.

January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Ice Sheffield complex sees the best of the Brits taking on the Overseas All Star. You can get tickets from 0114 2423535 (9am-5pm).

Corey Nelson is coaching the Overseas All Stars and there will be a number of familiar faces at the event such as Overseas captain Jade Galbraith. The Eye hears ticket sales have been going well for the event and the aim is to celebrate the Elite League with a party-like atmosphere.

Next up here at the TrentFM Arena we've got Hull, who caused Coventry a heap of problems last weekend, in a vital league game on February 6<sup>th</sup>, and then it will be the home leg, that's the second leg, of the Challenge Cup Semi-Final against arch-rivals Sheffield on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are now on sale for both games.

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**Bosses at MEV visited a Panthers game and liked the strip so much they branded their latest car in the same colour scheme. See front cover and centre spread tonight.**






It's NEARLY ALL hard slog at Team MEV, but Stuart and Paul grabbed the chance to go out on one of our first sunny days to have a blast in the Missile. BIG grins tell me they really enjoyed it.



## E-TRIKES

E-Trike plans (available from MEV) are proving to be very popular and there are now several builds underway. We can't wait to see some completed machines appearing. These trikes are so much fun. Small, incredibly nippy, cheap to build and run, and the smile factor is huge. Normally we don't supply the E-Trike in kit form but we have just despatched one to an all girls school in London. They will be constructing it, running it, and conducting a business and marketing model around it, incorporating extensive market research as part of their project to try to gauge how people see the future for these types of vehicles.

Peter's E-Trike looking good.



## SONIC7

The last Sonic7 kit to leave MEV in 2009 was collected on 21<sup>st</sup> December by Eric who drove over from the Netherlands to collect his white and red left hand drive version. Kit collections were pretty much at a standstill through most of January as quite sensibly, no one wanted to make the journey in the poor conditions. Congratulations to Martin from Cheshire who got the ball rolling by being the first person in 2010 to collect a Sonic7. Martin's panels looked great in distinctive red and black



## WINTER WORK

Only a couple of builders that we know of actually had to totally abandon work in winter due to their freezing garages and complete lack of any form of heating. It's hard to build a car when you can't feel your fingers. However, lots of you reported progress with your builds and others were busy dismantling and/or re-vamping parts of their cars. Several more Rockets and Sonic7's are getting close to booking their IVA tests, this is great news for future MOG gatherings.

Nigel has not only been busy on his car, he has also set up a MOG website.

Steve from Oswestry busy in the garage. That dash will look great!



Paul's road legal Rocket (Solihull) got some colour co-ordinated sides. Wow!



John making speedy progress up in the frozen north. LOVE the blue/yellow.



Andrew's eye catching black/white car is taking shape.

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## AUTOSPORT SHOW

Autosport was on at the NEC in January. This is not a kit car show but any opportunity to show the cars off is good and TEAM MEV were there. Paul and Leighton exhibited their very smart black and gold Rocket and the tR1ke.

## MAGAZINES

Since the last newsletter the CKC Car of the Year was announced in the January edition of the magazine. The Sonic7 was placed third. This means that Nigel will be sitting on Adam! We think it is a great achievement to be in the top three for two years running, we wonder if this may even be a first? This year we were up against a car costing nearly £40,000 and another costing £26,000 which we discovered is not available as a kit. As with last year, the front cover of the January 2010 magazine which featured the article placed the MEV firmly in the foreground of the front cover photo with the words "Car of the Year" typed at the end of the bonnet, and that's what I'm telling my mum! (and yes ok, as if you couldn't spot it, we have slightly played with the final result on the front cover, CKC will never notice!) Drive it like you stole it, and if they don't GIVE you 1<sup>st</sup> prize, then STEAL it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## MAGAZINES (contd)

The March CKC issue has news of the Missile entering several electric vehicle events in the coming year, which include an e.v. grand prix, a country wide convoy tour of e.v's with overnight stops, and a Brighton to London run which is growing each year. The January/February edition of Total Kit Car ran a three page article on RTR.

## ADVERTISING

A new year and a new advertising campaign. We have run some advertisements featuring all the MEV designed vehicles currently for sale. The theme running through the advertisements is modernity. Adverts have appeared already in all three kit car magazines and can also be seen on the MOG site.

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COMPLETE KIT CAR MAGAZINE MAR '10  
We will continue to drive home the point that MEV's are "DRIVING THE FUTURE"  
No replica's of 60's machines here.

## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

### SONIC7

The demonstrator Sonic7 has undergone some minor modifications. These include a tank cover to show customers what the BIVA inspector is likely to require. We have also fitted interior side panels that create a convenient air duct to the engine bay as we have fitted small grilles into the GRP just behind the front wheels. We also now offer a dash pod so you can house the Focus instruments at the centre of the dash board, thank you to Nigel.

### MISSILE:

A new petrol engined Missile is being built as we speak, the chassis is almost complete so we can expect to see this one soon (although we are getting busy with Sonic7 orders so it may be delayed) with a 2.0 Zetec engine pushing it along nicely. We are going to use the new alloy wheel colour powder coat called Hi Ho silver with black grp so it will look cool.

### ECO-EXO

This crazy new creation from our resident eccentric, or even exocentric designer is coming soon. A tandem seat reverse exoskeletal trike powered by a 400cc scooter engine is taking shape, but as we only get one chance at a first impression I am not permitted to release any pictures to the magazines or the forum until the mad professor has finished. It will be at Stoneleigh proving that TEAM MEV is "DRIVING THE FUTURE"

### ROCKET

A new gold Rocket is almost complete and will be delighting all at all the shows this year. Featuring carbon in-lays to the body work and a carbon floor, it looks great. Also now available is the tank cover to comply with the BIVA regulations, give RTR a call on 01159 780677 and ask for the GRP cover, it's smart and costs only £150 inc VAT.

### tR1ke

Some tidy mods have been made to Stiggy's original prototype in order to productionise the latest MEV product. Delivery has now commenced and the second batch is now nearing completion. The red and silver demonstrator tR1ke will be complete and running any time now so lookout for this one at all the shows this year.

### ATOMIC

Production has now started and the first few kits have been despatched. Now available with limited slip diff and various ratios to suit the application. High quality moulds have been made by Liam from Stiggy's prototype and roll bar mods have been made to comply with track day organiser's requests.

### E-TRIKE

A one piece GRP body with a built in seat is nearing completion and will be on show at Stoneleigh. New mudguards have also been made which look rather futuristic and are designed to almost cover the wheel to aid aerodynamics. Looking sharp and contemporary this body will be offered for sale soon at about £200.

### NEW LIGHTWEIGHT MEV FRONT UPRIGHT WITH IMPROVED GEOMETRY IS COMING SOON

## QUOTE CORNER

In our previous newsletters we have usually managed to get a quote from the forum from Mattsmev and we have a couple of great ones to kick off 2010.

".....my Rocket has been on the road for about 10 months and I have loved every moment of building and driving it".(January 2010)

"The forum is a very helpful resource as are MEV and RTR, all of my dealings have been a pleasure". (*HIGH PRAISE INDEED! THANK YOU MATTSMEV.* )

".....MEV owners, they are a great bunch, child friendly and up for any fun suggestion. Newark last year was the most fun I have had in a car with the engine switched off since I was 18!"

The MEV/MOG idea is that the build should be enjoyed (plenty of help on hand if needed), the cars should be enjoyed and the owners should enjoy themselves and have a **SERIOUS LAUGH (HAHA)** when we get together. Quote corner may be expanding in future newsletters.

Andy Lego: "I have had my Rocket almost a year now and the only regret was I didn't do it sooner".



## MOG JACKETS

We are preparing an order for MOG jackets so they will be ready in time for Stoneleigh. The jackets are black/grey, with the MEV logo (transfer) on the back and MEV OWNERS GROUP embroidered on the front in various transfer/stitch colours. Orders for the first batch can be placed up to the end of March '10 if you want them in time for Stoneleigh. Please go on to the MOG forum under "MEV CLOTHING RANGE" to see details of the jackets, sizes and how to place your order. Any queries please contact us or post your question on the forum.

## 2010 SHOWS

Detling	Sun 4th/Mon 5th Apr	Stafford	Sat 18th/Sun 19th Sept
Stoneleigh	Sun 2nd/Mon 3rd May	Exeter	Sat 23rd/Sun 24th Oct
Newark	Sat 19th/Sun 20th June (the marshmallow show, don't forget to bring yours!)		

## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MOG MEETING

The first Annual MOG Meeting will be held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010 at Curborough Sprint Course. We are really looking forward to this and hope lots of you will make it a "must not miss" date in your diaries. It's going to be great fun. There is camping available and you do need to register to attend. Please look on the MOG forum for details. If you have any questions please post on the forum.

## AND FINALLY

Some thanks (we'll do it like the Oscars and limit it to a maximum of 45 seconds!!), a big one to Nigel who has done and continues to do a great job overseeing the MOG forum, and thank you to everyone who posts with various topics/comments/builds etc. Also thank you to Scott who spent time working on an IVA compatible Rocket fuel tank cover.

The next newsletter will be end June. Have a brilliant 2010. See you at the shows.

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