

MEV OWNER'S GROUP NEWSLETTER - JULY 2011

MEV NEWS UPDATE

Welcome to the June 2011 MOG newsletter.

The rather harsh winter conditions now seem a distant memory but there was plenty going on at MEV HQ. Due to the impending VAT increase we saw a surge in orders before Christmas, and some brave souls even subsequently tried to battle through the elements to get their kits home. As you know by now, the light bulb in Stuart's head popped on again and the result was the answer to the question we always get at shows "what happens if it rains?" – "you stay dry!!!!!!". The MEVX5 covered (pardon the pun!) the one area MEV had no car to answer with. Well here it is, revealed at the Newark show, which if the Exocet is anything to go by, is an extremely good omen, the MEVX5 is our first coupe. Following in the Exocet's footsteps, at £2500 (plus the dreaded!) it is a cheap kit and easy to put together, and has the added bonus of not requiring an IVA. As I write this a van is on its way from Maidstone to collect the first MEVX5 kit.



As with the Exocet, following the show a whole host of tweaking was undertaken, including new wheels, moulded light covers, changes to the rear appearance of the car, a brilliant registration plate grabbed at low cost. The MEVX5 also had a re-spray. The car looked good in white but we felt it needed a more exuberant colour.



SHOWS/EVENTS

AUTOSPORT INTERNATIONAL JANUARY 2011

This was the first show of the year and RTR exhibited an Atomic, two Rockets and a tR1ke.



STONELEIGH SHOW 1st/2nd MAY 2011

The Stoneleigh Kit Car Show took place on the first weekend of May. As usual, it was a very well attended show. We set a record by taking deposits on seventeen kits over the weekend. We have to say, reported kits sold at shows by some manufacturers belong in a Pinocchio storybook, and we were genuinely surprised to do this sort of business at a show, it normally happens in the following weeks.



STONELEIGH KIT CAR SHOW (contd)



The MEV Hostility awning proved popular to owners escaping the breeze.



.....and inside for fish and chips!



This is Andy arriving at Stoneleigh after a good drive from Somerset.



Andy made a superb trailer for his Rocket, we think this is a top job.



The search party on a beer hunt.....



Eric from Holland booking into his hotel!



Debs snapped up two Moggers on sale!

DONINGTON 6th/7th/8th MAY 2011

Sometime prior to the Stoneleigh show, a chap building an Exocet in Lincolnshire was visited by a chap from Staffordshire who went to pick up some Mazda parts he had bought on e-bay, he wanted the Mazda parts for some of his race cars, that man happened to be Jonathon Blake who runs Ma5da Racing. Jonathon subsequently visited the Stoneleigh Kit Car Show to pursue his interest in the Exocet and placed a deposit on his first car. The Ma5da Racing series is very successful and Jonathon was looking for an alternative, preferably Mazda based car, to run another series. Hence the birth of the Ma5da MX150R Championship. This championship is in its infancy, however, Jonathon doesn't hang about (on or off the track!) and he found a suitably qualified alibi in Stuart. Having returned from the Stoneleigh show, Jonathon contacted us to say they were racing at Donington the following weekend and could we bring a Race Exocet to Donington to display. Well, as anyone knows, four days notice is plenty to build a race car!!!! MEV rose to the challenge and by Friday afternoon we were heading to Donington, with one Race Exocet, one Road Exocet, one hostility trailer and our van! This was a great weekend, the Exocet led a parade lap around the Donington track. The car proved to be a hit so the next step was to get the finishing touches done and aim for a race day.



DONINGTON MAY 2011 (contd)



Set up and ready to bring Exocet to a new audience



Members of Ma5da Racing



Exocet donors in waiting!!!!



Martin drove over in his Exocet for the day.



Exocet on a lap of Donington



Jonathon Blake and Stuart at the inception of the Exocet (Ma5da MX150R) Championship



Race Exocet at Detling



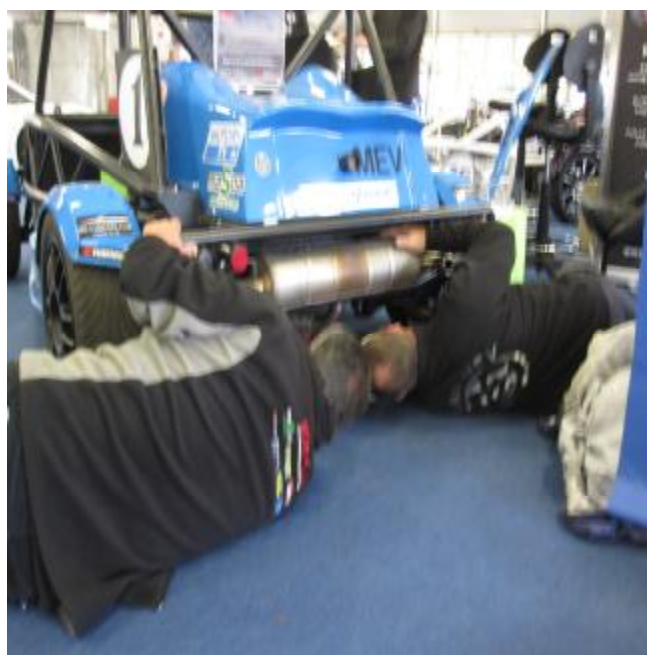
Ted had a good day out in his Exocet



Some radio controlled racing.....and some chair racing!!!



I'm sure there are some components missing from this game!



Jonathon and Stuart sorting out the finer details.

MA5DA RACING WORKSHOPS 25th MAY

Ma5da Racing were at Castle Combe on the last weekend in May. Jonathon had arranged to race the Exocet in the Nippon Challenge race on the Monday. Prior to taking the car there we took it to the Ma5da Racing workshops in Staffordshire and spent a day with their mechanics carrying out final preparations to make the car ready to race.



We'll call that done!

CASTLE COMBE 27th-30th MAY

We arrived at Castle Combe on Friday morning. Ma5da Racing were already set up having arrived there the previous day.



Tiddleywink, just before Castle Combe, I HAD to have a photo!!!! Earyl Friday morning.....



some last minute adjustments.....



CASTLE COMBE (contd)



Spot the Exocet!!!!!!!

and here is Race Exocet's first ever race, driven by Jonathon Blake in very wet conditions, up against 32 souped up Japanese cars, Jonathon began 14th on the grid and finished 9th.
A brilliant first outing.



Real men don't use windscreen wipers!!!!

NEWARK KIT CAR SHOW 18th/19th JUNE

We love the Newark show. Last year it was the chosen venue for the first showing of our MEV Exocet, and this year, it was the chosen venue for the revealing of MEV's first coupe, the MEVX5. TEAM MEV had a total of twelve cars lined up, there was plenty of choice for potential customers, and two new customers collected turn key Rockets. There was also an Exocet kit collection from the show, and we had a Race Exocet chassis on display in the foyer.



The new MEVX5



tR1ke man was spotted in the hall!



The Extremes getting refreshments after performing songs like "I built my kit car".

BLYTON 25TH JUNE

Another outing for the blue Race Exocet at a Mazda on Track event. Thanks to David for arranging this outing.

OULTON PARK 28TH JUNE

Race driver Matt Nicoll-Jones was entertaining customers at Oulton in his black Race Exocet.

CHOLMONDOLEY 16TH JULY

Paul continued RTR's mission to show a wider audience how much fun they could be having with a kit car. This show got a great plug on the previous week's Top Gear.



BRANDS HATCH 23RD JULY

Race driver Alec Livesley had his first outing in a Race Exocet at Brands in a Nippon Challenge race. The date unfortunately clashed with the AMM otherwise there would have been much more support for him on the day. However, he seemed to manage perfectly well without it, and having started in 39th place he worked his way up to finish a very respectable 10th. One Mogger who attended had this to say "in the race the car was astonishing, making up seven places by the second corner". Alec said "what a fantastic little car", and he is now gearing up to do even better in his next race at Rockingham on 21st August. Please come along and join the MEV crew in our support.

We are thrilled that Exocet is doing so well in the early stages of its race career. There are lots of improvements, tweaks, testing still to be done, but the drivers who have tried it so far are unanimous in their vote of confidence in the car. Jonathon of Ma5da Racing is intending to have two cars running in the twelve hour endurance race at Snetterton on 12th November this year.

AMM CURBOROUGH 23rd JULY

This meeting was a great success last year and enjoyed so much by everyone it seemed it would be hard to top it. But top it we did thanks to Nigel's efforts. Friday night saw heavy rain but that's no problem to moggers with an awning, some beer and party lights courtesy of Adrian. Saturday arrived and Nigel had arranged sunny weather for the day, and even the services of the catering hut which went down very well with everyone. An Exocet kit was collected during the morning and a deposit was also taken for a MEVX5. Gary and Steve with their Sonic7 and Ian in his superb looking Rocket had travelled the furthest, over 200 miles each way!

On track, we had a fabulous array of MEV's. Martin and Linda turned up in their gorgeous recently finished black and red Sonic7 complete with a MEV number plate. Steve arrived in his fine example of a blue and black Sonic7 powered by a Fiat Uno Turbo. Rockets abounded. Lego did even better this year, having provided lots of entertainment last year with his pirouetting, he went one better this year when he lent his Rocket to his friend who nearly managed to get it completely through the hedge into the next field. Happily car and driver were fine, Lego's car is now called Flymo (yes it is orange!). The Stiglet made history on the Friday by having her first drive of the Rocket. Sorry for not giving everyone an individual mention (I'm pleased to say there were far too many of you to do so). Thanks to Adam from CKC for doing the prize giving. Thank you to everyone who came and made it another great day out.



Friday afternoon, set up ready..... time to relax for a while



We can have this stripped before Nigel gets back from the pub!



What rain?! This is sugar, and we're not made of it!

AMM CURBOROUGH (contd)



Stiglet, Will, Stuart, and Steve and Gary who travelled over 200 miles to bring their Sonic7 to Curborough. Ten out of ten for effort.



Steve's Uno Turbo powered Sonic7



Early Saturday and a great line up of MEV's (and an Adrian with his coffee!)



Martin's gorgeous Sonic7. Martin had this to say about his day "....had a fabulous day, what a friendly bunch of people"



Scott and Jeff enjoying themselves on the track in their striking Exocet.

AMM CURBOROUGH (contd)



Adrian and Stuart



Matt's terrific Race Exocet, Stuart's MEVX5 and Julie's recently completed (yippee!!!) Exocet.



Change of track route at lunchtime, best we tell everybody!!!!



Nice view back through the Exocet roll bar



Rob collecting his Exocet kit



One completed purple and silver Exocet!

AMM CURBOROUGH (contd)



Joseph (who is building an Exocet with his dad) bagging a ride with Stuart



Matt and his Race Exocet had great fun on track



Lego's flymo after being pulled from hedge



Adam (CKC), Will, Adrian and Max checking out the video from Will's on board camera.



After the meeting..... we had some meat in! Oh and a few beers.



AMM CURBOROUGH (contd)



"The Extreme"! playing guitar



Mattsmev playing the toothbrush!



"aagh, I can feel another car breaking out of here"!!



A few more laps before finishing



Thank you Nigel. Thank you everyone who attended. We look forward to doing it all again next year.

PRESS

We are happy to say that MEV is keeping a high profile in the kit car magazines and now also in other publications. The Race Exocet was covered in Autosport (9 June 11) and also in Motorsport News (8 June 11). CKC are in the middle of their Exocet build which is being covered in their magazine on a monthly basis.



Adam and Ash collecting their kit for the CKC Exocet build

Curborough attracted Ian Hyne from Kit Car Magazine and Adam Wilkins from CKC, and also Carlton Boyce, who runs an internet motoring magazine called Driven.co.uk (webzine?!). Adam's magazine coverage of Curborough last year was excellent so we are looking forward to his report this year. Steve Hole of Total Kit Car has a weekly update on his website which always contains the latest MEV news. We were tickled by Steve's quote in TCK's July/August issue "tearing up trees is probably the best way to describe the impact being made by TEAM MEV members, Mills Extreme Vehicles and Road Track Race and they had a huge stand at Stoneleigh representing the complete range. They reported nearly twenty orders during the weekend. Yow-zer....."!!!

FORUM

The forum is fantastic. It is place of reference for those building, and a great place for you to show off your builds. It is a great place to ask questions if you get stuck with something or just want some ideas. It's also a great place for people thinking of buying a MEV to look. Have fun on the forum.

MEV BUILDERS

Andrew has done a fabulous job on his Sonic7. Well done.



MEV BUILDERS (contd)



Up in Scotland, John has not just built one, but two superb examples of MEV's.



Brian (centre) also from Scotland, collecting his Exocet kit from the Newark show.

We would like to welcome all the new Moggers who have joined us this year and say thank you to all our members who have continued to give us support. There are positively LOADS of you so we hope to see your progress on the forum and your cars at the shows. Remember help is at hand if you need it, you have a brilliant owners group so don't be afraid to make use of it. There will be another news letter in December! BRRR.



As we go to press (press the PDF button I mean) Just back from a great day at RAF Coningsby. Many thanks to Squadron Leader Ian Smith for allowing us on base for photos, a very interesting tour, and also for flying over the Newark kit car show in a Spitfire.

Mev owner's, their middle name Is Extreme!

