



## Newsletter July 2006, Issue 7

### **Track Mule Does Nurburgring and Spa**

As some of you may know there are a few of us in the group who have MK 5 & 6 RS2000 that are used as daily drivers come track toys. We have nicknamed these "Track Mules!"

We, that's Blob (Richard) Nicola, Mark, Me (Chris) and Claire together with some non RS owning friends set off to the ring again, at the end of May, this has turned into a bit of a pilgrimage twice a year, but this time it coincided with a track day at Spa Francorchamps where Claire and I would leave behind the others and meet up with Will Orme and Steve Groves with their RS 200's.

So before we know it, it's the early hours of Wednesday morning and we are on the ferry, destination Nurburgring!

Thursday morning and the cars are being prepped and we are off the short drive to the track, spirits a little dampened because of the steady rain.

We keep looking at the sky and decide it's not going to stop so we go out for a slow sighting lap, most of us are on track day tyres so a little worried on how well they will grip in the wet!

All arriving back safe we give it an half an hour and go back out again.

Out in front I decided to see how much grip was there, under steer under hard acceleration not too bad I thought, but two corners later, lifting off for under steer, the back broke in a big way and round I went! Someone had said on a forum that the Dunlops I was running were unpredictable when cold - They were right!

We also had another spin that day and in need of a change of underwear we called it quits for the day.

Friday arrived still raining and off we go to the 'ring, but after stopping in the café on site and talking to so many people who have been out already that morning about how greasy the circuit is we decide not to go out.

Saturday again and it's been raining, but looks like it will brighten up.

A drying line starts to appear, time to go out, still nervous of the tyres not having driven on the Dunlop's in anger before and quite damp in places I get

in a good two laps and Claire takes the car out too before it starts to rain again!!

Off we go to the viewing points to see a mad man in a yellow F40 giving it some stick!!

Sunday morning it's still damp from the night's rain but the sun is out and drying fast and we all pile out to get the laps in before it rains again, but it stays dry and we have the day we had all been waiting for!

Monday arrives and its time to say goodbye to Blob, Nic, Mark and the others as they head home and we go off to Belgium to meet Will and Steve.

Tuesday is the first of the two days at Spa, Will and Steve are on track today, I will join in the track fun tomorrow, Guess what its RAINING! Will and Steve don't let that get in their way and a have a great days racing while Claire and I have good fun from the passenger seats!

Wednesday: Yes it's RAINING! I only have the track tyres and my poor little MK 6 2000 looks really out of place, surrounded by Ferraris, Porsche RS GT3, Group C cup cars and all number of other exotica.

Track briefing over with and we think it best that Claire drives first before some of these serious motors really start flying, that's not being sexist, it's not her car and as she doesn't know it as well as she knows her own, won't push it too hard!

Off we go with Claire driving and me passenger on to the full F1 circuit at Spa!

Two laps under her belt and she doing really well, it's not easy to see the track with the spray from the other cars and corners appear from nowhere!



Picking the pace up a little the back breaks into a long left hander, it then grips and sends the car into a tank slapper before we know it the Armco is racing towards us and BANG.

Well if it wasn't Claire then it was going to be me that did it!

The car is still driveable so it's back to the pits and all hands on deck to try and sort it whilst Claire goes off to pay for the Armco!!

With a big rope, lots of tank tape and plastic wrapping from the bottled water for the head lights, I went back on track...well; it did not really matter if I pranged it now as it was already broken!

First few laps Will jumped in with me as he knows the track a lot better, it was also a bit of moral support first time out but after that we had a good few hours of track time as the rain stopped and a drying line started to appear.

Would definitely like to have an other go at Spa, it's an amazing track, the 2K is very under powered for the long straights but its still good fun!

Would like to thank Will and Steve for all the help and support when it all went tits up!

The Autotrack people, again for their help, and the running of a great track day.

[www.autotrackdays.co.uk](http://www.autotrackdays.co.uk)

Martin from United Colours ---- for helping me get track mule all straight again!! The nose was 5mm up and 9mm across so it spent many hours on the Jig!



Martin only did the Jig work so the crap paint is all my own doing! -If you have an RS that needs some TLC then I am sure he can help, give him a call on 01622 832025.

CheerS

Chris

**Website** [www.rsocket.co.uk](http://www.rsocket.co.uk)

We are still looking for your cars for the Kent members' area. We have a nice little selection of these but I want MORE !!!! , please email me with photos & spec, RSOC Members' cars all are welcome and YES if you are an associate RSOC member please let us know your drive !!! (like a yellow Mk1 Escort I know of).

If any of you have photos of past shows that show the Kent group stands I would love this for the website.

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS:-**

Feel free to e-mail your committee members about any questions, points of views, suggestions or just anything you want to get off your chest & they guarantee that you will get a reply.

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## **National Day 2006 - 20th August 2006**

- Entry Tickets are available for purchase; a form is available in the recent issue of Rallye News.
- Camping Tickets are also available.

All tickets can be purchased via the Ticketweb website [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk) or call them on their 24<sup>hr</sup> phone line **08700 600 100**.

Many of us are planning to camp at site within Donington and we would love to see you there we'll have a few beers and a BBQ going, even just to pop in for a **Beer & Burger**, you cant miss the Kent group thanks to the new flags. Many people will be joining us from other parts of the club as last year was a laugh.

## **Tickets for National Day 2006 on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

Just in case you haven't received your copy of Rallye News for any reason tickets are on sale via the on-line service Ticketweb.co.uk

[http://www.ticketweb.co.uk/user/?region=gb\\_midlands&query=detail&event=166052](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk/user/?region=gb_midlands&query=detail&event=166052)

£12.50 per person + booking fee + postage, details for camping to follow.

## **RS2000-16v.com Rolling Road shoot out**

A group of 16v RS2000 owners made their way to Power Engineering on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July for the [www.rs2000-16v.com](http://www.rs2000-16v.com) annual rolling road shoot out.

There where a few last minute drop outs and cancellations which resulted in the lowest turn out to date, but it was still a great day with more then a few laughs!



My journey began at 6:30am, once in my car I made a quick trip to my local Shell garage for my cars regular diet of Optimax then it was onwards to the M20, M26, M25 Clackets lanes services to meet with the rest of the guys from Kent, 4 cars in total.

Soon we where on our way and an hour later we arrived at Power Engineering to be greeted by the rest of the group.

Once all the meeting and greeting had finished the first car was soon on the rollers, the groups founder Tony Hill's mk6 RS with a 2.3L engine running throttle bodies and Emerald engine management. What a glorious sound and it made 201bhp !

My car was up 3<sup>rd</sup> and with no use of my nitrous oxide injection, made 164bhp, which is 8bhp up from last year, with the only change being a set of Kent RS2001 cams, so a text book increase as per Kent's claims.

lian Ball, Powers operator for the day, then went to do a run on N2O, but the bottle appeared to be empty, despite me having only had it filled the day before. Did I really use it all up on the way home that day.....so on with the next car.



The bacon sarnies duly arrived at somepoint and were quickly consumed, more by some than others I hasten to add, mentioning no names ay Gary? ☺

The last but one vehicle to go on the rollers was a diesel van belonging to Ian Weatherley and made a suprising amount of power!

Having deduced that I was indeed out of gas, I had my bottle re-filled by Power and we attempted 1 more run to see if I could beat Tony's 201bhp top mark.....

Well my car did not let me down, and despite a few call about cheating, she made 205bhp with 197lb/ft of torque! Top spot was mine ☺

All in all it was a great day and Im sure everyone has plans for more power in preparation for next years event. Now where did I put that credit card application form.....

Full results: More info @ [www.rs2000-16v.com](http://www.rs2000-16v.com) in the forums.

- Peter James 205/197 (Nos) 164/144 (Normal)
- Tony Hill 201/182
- Lee Rimmer 168/152
- Neil Slaughter 166/150
- Nick Parr 161/158
- Peter Jessup 161/149
- Gary Maddison 159/154
- Nick Bunting 155/142
- Chris Cox 150/145
- Steve Crowston 148/137
- James McLoughlin 143/131
- Ian Weatherley 125/236 (Van)

## **July Show Session 2006**

Hello, we're now halfway through the show session, with July and August being completely rammed full with shows for all of us to participate in. From local events at the Hop Farm (Paddock wood) to Rally day at Castle Coombe race circuit, come and see me to book your places!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As the first part of 2006 has been real quite show wise, we are planning to do the following shows and would love to have your support. The Kent Group are planning to visit the following shows in the next 2 months:

- 8<sup>th</sup> July Bristol/Swindon RSOC at Castle Coombe.
- 9<sup>th</sup> July Goodwood Festival of Speed.
- 9<sup>th</sup> July Durham/Derby RSOC group at Croft Race Circuit.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July Rally Day at Castle Coombe Race Circuit.
- 6<sup>th</sup> August Ford Fair at Silverstone Race Circuit.
- 20<sup>th</sup> August RSOC National Day

National Day info is available on the National Day website

**[http:// natday.rsownersclub.co.uk](http://natday.rsownersclub.co.uk)**

Other shows which can be visited but I've had no interest in are as follows:

- 30<sup>th</sup> July Somerset RSOC at Haynes Motor Museum.
- -3<sup>rd</sup> September Trax at Silverstone Race Circuit.
- 10<sup>th</sup> September European Ford Show in Holland.

***This weekend the Kent Group are attending the Rally Day held at Castle Coombe, we are planning to leave Clackett Services at 6:15 am Sharp, we may have one or two stand places left, so if you are visiting the show maybe you would like to join us on the drive down.***

If you require further details then contact me Mark Jennings on 07743862201 or email me at: [mark@rsocket.co.uk](mailto:mark@rsocket.co.uk). Everybody is welcome to show there RS's, if used as an everyday toy or a full blown concourse car. The shows are about a group of car enthusiasts who want to have a fun day out, represent Kent on a stand and enjoy the cars, atmosphere and sunshine. (Fingers crossed)

Thank you for your support, Mark



# KENT RSOC TRACK EVENING

open to all Fords enthusiasts and cars

The Kent group of The Ford RS Owners Club would like to invite you and your members to our 3rd track evening of the year.

The track evening is being held on August 16th 2006 at Brands Hatch. The event is totally run by Motorsport Vision and places can be booked through them. The cost of the event is around £90.00 for the evening. The track is usually open at around 5-5.30pm and runs until approx 8.00pm. All marshals etc are supplied by Motorsport Vision who own Brands Hatch. Bookings can be made online or on the phone, tel 0870 850 5014. These events have been very popular this year and if you are interested then book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited! Motorsport Vision usually operates an open pit lane so you are not restricted to sessions, however this is at the discretion of Motorsport Vision.

Quaife will be displaying their GT and we are hoping that in attendance will be their RS200 & RS2000 RallyCross / thunder Saloon car, fingers crossed these will be on Track.

This event is free of charge to all spectators young or old, & families are more than welcome, don't worry if you own a Ford RS or not, we are all enthusiastic about cars and motorsport. All we ask is that you buy a newsletter or some raffle tickets, the draw will take place after the track evening around 9pm with The Kentagon Bar. Previous prizes have included rolling road sessions at Sanspeeds, official BP Ford merchandise, mp3 player, related dvds & digital camera, so it must be worth £1 at least of anyone's money!

We are a club that appreciates all makes and models of cars not only Ford RS's, so whether you have an old skool car, a classic or modern car you are more than welcome, we are not all about boost gauges, anti lag and dump valves! Although we do appreciate these too!

The Kent RSOC meet on the third Wednesday of every month at the Kentagon Bar just above paddock hill bend within Brands Hatch, the evenings are getting more and more popular with a huge turn out every month, even over the winter (non show season) months a good amount of Ford owners from the classic car to the current high performance range meet up for a few hours. The only thing we ask of you is to respect the speed limit within the grounds of Brands Hatch, and that you keep the high speeds to the track and not within the circuit grounds.

Motorsport is a dangerous sport or activity ! For those of you not aware all car number plates entering the grounds are recorded and any inappropriate behaviour will result in you being banned from all of Motorsport Visions tracks. Please also note that children are also more than welcome and are permitted in the pit garages, but they must not walk around in the pit lane nor stand on the pit wall for the obvious safety reasons.

We hope to see you on August 16th.

Kent RSOC Committee (and families)

## **KENT STICKERS AND CLOTHING**

As promised we did order some of our new style clothing, so you've got no excuses now!! We have also had some more window stickers made!! These stickers are competitively priced at £5.00 per pair & look like this:-

[www.RSOCKent.co.uk](http://www.RSOCKent.co.uk)

As you can see from the picture below all pieces of clothing has the RSOC logo embroidered alongside the Kent group logo. These are mainly white with a red ST stripe across the shoulders. We have a large stock of the following items, so please become an active member of the Kent Group and purchase a jacket, polo shirt or T shirt.



- Polo Shirt £22
- Bomber Jacket £43
- Racing Jacket £40
- Ladies T Shirt £20
- Ladies Strappy Top £20

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## **RS ADVERTISER**

**\*\*\*\*\* For Sale on behalf of Mark Jennings \*\*\*\*\***

Polished Chrome Coil cover for Sierra Cosworth 4x4 £10  
Contact Mark on: 07748362201

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**\*\*\*\*\* For Sale on behalf of Stuart Coppard \*\*\*\*\***

Cherished number plate: **RS53 STU** – on retention, all fees paid - £ offers  
4 x S1 ERST original refurbished wheels – still in their boxes - £ offers  
Contact Stuart on: (01892) – 522131 or 078-151-38814

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**Lushmans** parts to clear

1 x Saff boot & spoiler £40  
1 x brand new avon zz1 225/45/zr16 £50  
4 x tsw 7 ½.15 Ventura like the bbs split rims fitted on 3doors £250  
1 x Escort Cosworth engine under tray £30  
4 x ERST S1 turbo rims £40  
1 x Escort Cosworth space saver wheel unused £30  
2 x Black RS 3 spoke steering wheels with horn push (motorsport) £60  
1 x 2wd engine bay loom £80  
1 x Escort Cosworth front diff £50  
1 x Mint 3dr original stereo + amp £50  
4 x Saff doors complete with glass + locks, in grey £40

Plus loads more just ask if I can help I will

Lush : 0790 0024 777  
Aka Steve booth the chairman

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