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Welcome to issue 1 of the Stafford RCMCC Newsletter "Slipstream". In each issue, we will try to interest all members old and new with many hints and tips to help you enjoy your racing even more.

In this issue, we will talk about the new GT12 controls tyres, how to race to get your fastest time and the new Personal Best (PB) results on our website.

OK Let's start:

### ***GT12 controls tyres***

For some time now the people racing the GT12 cars have been concerned about the cost of tyres. The GT12's run foam tyres that wear down at a rate many times faster than the rubber tyres used on the 1/10 touring cars. Unfortunately, as newer and higher grip foams have appeared they have also increased in cost! For example, a set of four Contact "T" foam tyres will cost around £17.00 and some compounds up to £20.00 a set of four. In addition to this, as the tyres have increased in grip they have in many cases increased in wear rate compounding the concern over the cost even more.



This concern must have been echoed across the country as Contact have now produced a new control tyre. For identification purposes, this tyre has a green line running around it:

We have been testing these control tyres over the last few weeks. I have now run them in 8 heats, that's 40 minutes at racing speed, the grip is good, in fact I equaled my PB on one run. What is also encouraging is the wear rate. The fronts come at 44mm Dia and after 8 heats are now 42.90mm  
The rears come at 46mm Dia and after 8 heat are now 44.25mm  
However the massive advantage is the cost, a set of 4 is £9.98 that's over 40% cheaper than the "T" compound, even better if you take the wear rate into account.

### ***Driving for a faster time!!***

Watching some of the heats over the last few weeks one thing sticks out like a sore thumb! That is the way we race. Please remember that in the heats we are racing against the clock NOT each other! On many occasions, I have seen slower drivers refuse to let a faster car past even if they are being lapped. This silly behaviour slows both cars down and can even end in one or both cars crashing! The best way to get a faster time is to move over and let the faster car behind you through, also if you are driving the faster car you should not just barge through, but wait till the car in front has space to let you past, doing this will give both drivers a better time and help avoid crashes and damage to your cars. The club place yellow disks with red dots that indicate a good and safe place to move over to let a faster car past.

### ***Personal Best (PB) results***

Some of you will have seen on the web site or Facebook that we have a new style PB (Personal Best) time list. This shows among other things your best time and the date you set it on. We will start to display this at the club as well as online for those who don't use the website or Facebook.